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Newsroom

Faculty Productivity Rankings Go Viral!

Professor Michael Yelnosky has released the fifth edition of his highly anticipated faculty productivity study, capturing a vital and objective measure of law school quality.



BRISTOL, R.I., April 24, 2012 – Several years ago, Roger Williams University School of Law's **Professor Michael Yelnosky** embarked on a study that would capture one vital and objective measure of a law school's quality: how often its faculty publish in the most prestigious law journals.

Building on a methodology used by noted University of Chicago law professor Brian Leiter to compare law schools at the top of the *U.S. News* rankings, Yelnosky focused on the other hundred schools, many of which had strong, productive faculties. The fifth edition of the study was released this week, with the University of San Diego Law School topping the list, and such prominent law schools as Case Western Reserve, Hofstra, Temple and Pepperdine – not to mention RWU Law itself – included in the top dozen picks.

For the Top 40 school rankings, click [here](http://law.rwu.edu/subpages/faculty/faculty-productivity-study/top-40-law-schools). [http://law.rwu.edu/subpages/faculty/faculty-productivity-study/top-40-law-schools]

Once again, the survey is being lauded in the legal blogosphere for adding new and objective data for measuring law school quality. On the widely read legal education blog, [Brian Leiter's Law School Reports](#), Leiter himself noted, "Rogers Williams has updated its annual study of the scholarly productivity of schools outside the 'top 50' in *U.S. [News]*. ... It's certainly a good snapshot of more regional law schools with highly productive faculties."

In compiling the survey, Yelnosky and his team tabulated the number of articles published in the top 50 law journals, divided that figure by the number of full-time, tenure-track faculty at each school, then ranked the results.

For a full explanation of the methodology employed, click [here](http://law.rwu.edu/faculty/faculty-productivity-study). [http://law.rwu.edu/faculty/faculty-productivity-study]