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RWU Law has a tradition of celebrating the accomplishments of graduating classes in a ceremony that begins with the wail of bagpipes, a long line of graduates, faculty, and staff processing past very proud family and friends <http://law.rwu.edu/blog/commencement-2012-v10> and the opportunity to hear from leading judges and lawyers in a Commencement Address. In recent years the speakers have included Morris Dees, founder of the [Southern Poverty Law Center](#), legendary federal judge Jack Weinstein, and Chief Justice of the Wisconsin Supreme Court Shirley Abrahamson.

This year is no exception, as the Address will be given by trail-blazing New York Judge Judith Kaye. Kaye served with distinction as the Chief Judge of the New York Court of Appeals (the same seat held by Benjamin Cardozo). She is currently Of Counsel to the leading firm Skadden. Also receiving Honorary Degrees at Commencement 2014 are Robert Barge, the long-serving head of Rhode Island Legal Services, and Robert Krause, a deeply respected member of the Rhode Island Superior Court.

Commencement 2014 will be special for another reason: it marks the end of our year celebrating our 20th anniversary. To mark this important event we are having representatives from all previous classes commence with the faculty and graduates in the terrific class of 2014. It promises to be an especially memorable day for all concerned.

