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## Pro Bono Collaborative Salutes Mandell

The Pro Bono Collaborative's 5th Annual Cocktail Reception this Thursday will include a special tribute to its generous benefactor Mark Mandell, Esq.



**BRISTOL, R.I., May 27, 2014** – The Pro Bono Collaborative will pay tribute Thursday to prominent Rhode Island attorney Mark Mandell, Esq., a transformative supporter of the program.

The tribute will take place as part of the **Pro Bono Collaborative's 5th Annual Cocktail Reception**, to be held this **Thursday, May 29, 2014, from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m.**, at One Citizens Plaza Rotunda in downtown Providence, R.I.

The event gathers prominent members of the bench and bar with students, faculty, alumni from Roger Williams University School of Law, as well as community leaders, to celebrate and support this one-of-a-kind model for increasing pro bono legal assistance to low-income communities. More than 180 guests will be attending this year's event, including U.S. Senator Sheldon Whitehouse (D-R.I.) and Providence Mayor Angel Taveras.

The Pro Bono Collaborative (PBC), which is headquartered at RWU Law, mobilizes Rhode Island law firms, law students and community organizations in a unique three-way partnership that provides desperately needed legal assistance for underserved residents of the state. In 2013, the PBC has worked with 14 law firms, more than 24 community-based organizations and 52 law students, meeting specific needs with targeted legal expertise.



Through their work on PBC projects, our students assist community-based organizations and those they serve, including the homeless; at-risk youth; immigrant children; low-income families with severely disabled children; and individuals in need of expungement counseling. Past projects have assisted Southeast Asian youth, Liberian refugees and victims of domestic violence.

This year, special tribute will be paid to attorney **Mark Mandell of the Providence law firm of Mandell, Schwartz & Boisclair, Ltd.**, for his leadership in supporting the Pro Bono Collaborative. Mandell is also the departing chairman of RWU Law's Board of Directors

With a legal career that spans four decades – including stints as president of the Association of Trial Lawyers of America and the Rhode Island Bar Association – and an impressive array of million-dollar-plus verdicts and settlements populating his résumé, Mandell is one of Rhode Island's top legal practitioners. Mandell and his wife and law partner, Yvette Boisclair, Esq., generously provided financial support that ensured the survival and success of the school's Pro Bono Collaborative.

*Regular tickets to the event are \$75; public interest/recent RWU Law Alumni tickets are \$35. To register or purchase tickets, click [here](#).*