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**BRISTOL, R.I., Sept. 24, 2014 – The Pro Bono**

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AALS membership, an honor awarded to RWU Law in 2006, is a key measure of law school quality.

Earlier this year, the AALS contacted its member schools, requesting brief descriptions of innovative programming for possible inclusion on the organization's first-ever website. RWU Law's description of its innovative PBC program was one of three chosen to highlight.

"Your program on a partnership with law firms and community groups to help Rhode Island's poor is included under 'Innovative and Other Outstanding Programs' on our new homepage," said Professor Regina Burch, associate director of the AALS. "Congratulations and thank you for your assistance in promoting the value of legal education."

"To have been selected by the AALS from among so many fine member schools is a great honor, but not a complete surprise," said **RWU Law Dean Michael J. Yelnosky**. "The Pro Bono Collaborative is already widely recognized as a one-of-a-kind program that both responds to the needs of vulnerable people in underserved communities, and gives law students the benefits of a unique mentoring relationship established through the law firm/law school partnership."

Yelnosky noted that the Legal Services Corporation has singled out the PBC for its unique design, and that Deborah Rhode, former president of the AALS, has encouraged other law schools to replicate the program. Yelnosky extended special thanks to **Eliza Vorenberg**, director of the Pro Bono Collaborative at the Feinstein Center for Pro Bono & Experiential Education; **Suzanne Harrington-Steppen**, associate director of Pro Bono Programs; and **Laurie Barron**, executive director of the Feinstein Center for Pro Bono & Experiential Education.

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