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Marine law attorney Julia Wyman has been named director of RWU Law's Marine Affairs Institute and the Rhode Island Sea Grant Legal Program.



BRISTOL, R.I., Sept. 24, 2015: Experienced marine law attorney Julia Wyman has been named director of the Marine Affairs Institute at Roger Williams University School of Law and director of the Rhode Island Sea Grant Legal Program.

"It's great to be here," said Wyman, who was previously staff attorney for the MAI/RISGLP for four years and interim director for a year. She most recently served as ocean and environmental counsel for U.S. Senator Sheldon Whitehouse. "I look forward to working with RWU Law and building on our strong Marine Affairs Institute."

"Julia is becoming a true leader in her field," said RWU Law Dean Michael J. Yelnosky. "She brings a deep understanding of the MAI and the various constituencies it serves, great working relationships with our partners at URI and Rhode Island Sea Grant, and great relationships with many of our current students and alumni."

Dennis Nixon, director of Rhode Island Sea Grant, agreed. "She is an experienced attorney and educator with a deep understanding of the important issues we face in the marine and coastal environment of Rhode Island," he said. "We are confident that the Rhode Island Sea Grant Legal Program will continue to

grow and prosper under her leadership. As a colleague, she will be a highly valued member of the Sea Grant leadership team."

Wyman recently authored a chapter, "Climate Change Adaptation Strategies in New England," for the textbook, *Climate Change Impacts on Ocean and Coastal Law: U.S. and International Perspectives* (Oxford University Press). In 2012, she was awarded the Robert W. Knecht Award for Professional Promise by the Coastal Society, a national organization providing an interdisciplinary forum for information exchange on coastal issues.

Earlier in her career, Wyman served as policy analyst for the Coastal States Organization in Washington, D.C., an organization that represents the interests of the governors of the 35 coastal states, commonwealths, and territories. Wyman earned her J.D. from University of Maine School of Law.