The $1 million Furststein gift makes Roger Williams the seventh institution of higher education in the state to receive a Pennsylvanian seven-figure grant to help establish community service as a part of their curriculum.

"We are excited to provide this service," said Alan Furststein, founder of the Furststein Foundation.

To know hundreds of poor people will now have free legal services because of our gift - I'm sure my father is smiling," said Alan Furststein, founder of the Furststein Foundation. He is also the lawyer for the law firm of Furststein and Associates.

The Louis Furststein Legal Clinic is named in memory of Alan Shawn Furststein, a prominent Boston lawyer for 50 years. Upon his retirement, the elder Furststein worked with SCORE, the organization in the community which now has a legal clinic.

Through the Louis Furststein Legal Clinic, to be situated at the School of Law’s Providence Center, law students will provide pro bono service (for the public good) free legal service to individuals and organizations in the community.

In 1996, the one-million dollar donation will establish the Furststein Institute for Legal Service and the Furststein Entrepreneurship America Community Service Program.

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Year through a mandatory supervised and significant community service experience.

A legal professional responsibility class and subsequent will apply classroom learning in their third
responsible to give back to the larger community,” he added. "Second-year students will complete
prescriptions. Students will come to appreciate that it is part of the lawyer’s professional
Beginning with a professional obligation lecture during first-year orientation and subsequent

John E. Ryan, vice president and dean of the School of Law, announced the new program. "Pro bono obligations will be emphasized in the Juris Doctor curriculum," said
Through the Feinstein Institute for Legal Service, the School of Law will create a multi-year,

continued Santero.

n the beginning of their careers, we set the stage for a lifetime of commitment to public service," component of our students’ academic experience. By introducing law students to community service and requiring a significant
development. Since participation in a community service program will now be required of all

"We see this as now enabling us to fulfill that goal during the early years of the School of Law’s

Impact on professional standards.

School of Law in 1997, Santero promised that the school would have an important and positive
University President Anthony J. Santero, in making the announcement. When he founded the
"Providing pro bono publico service has long been a hallmark of the legal profession,” said

For graduation, it is believed to be among the first in the country.

Roger Williams and pro bono legal services, as part of a college community service program required

to enrich communities throughout the state every year.

This will mean over 5,000 college students will be doing projects in the Feinstein college programs
position, they will continue their service to the new community.

The effects will be far reaching. As graduates return to their native states or relocate to accept a

student and the Rhode Island community,” he added.

real Institute for Legal Service will benefit both the

Emphasizing the importance of this partnership, Chief Justice Joseph A. Woolbright of the Supreme

Court of Rhode Island, commented, "On behalf of the Rhode Island Judicial System, I express great

appreciation to Alan Sherman Pettengill for his generous endowment of a pro bono Institute at Roger

Williams University School of Law." 4

to become important partners with the bench, bar and community,” said Pettengill.

Chairman of the Board of Trustees Ralph R. Petrin noted that the Pettengill Institute for Legal

teaching secondary school students about the law, or through other outreach efforts.

attorneys in need of the law school clinic-service clinics, assisting the elderly with income taxes,

law students may accomplish this Pettengill community service experience by working as student-

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The Pettengill Institute for Legal Service
Full-time faculty members who have come to Roger Williams University from other established L.S. U.

Twenty-seven states and two foreign countries are represented in the student body. Nearly all part-

Law schools.

the three-year, full-time day program and 40 percent in the four-year, part-time evening program.

Association. Currently, there are more than 500 students enrolled, 60 percent of whom are attending

opened in 1993, the Roger Williams University School of Law, is approved by the American Bar

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The Feminist Institute for Legal Service