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H. Ryan

Thanks for your help.
I will be out of the office today, but will check for messages, and will
be back in the office Monday. If you have a block of time available, you
and Ryan (enclosed)
ri to me today? We would like to include it with the block of notes.

Ryan, Santoro, and Ryan (enclosed)
by mid-week. Also, if you have a block of time, would you

We need as much lead time as possible to be ready for a news conference
we need to read the materials, and please phone or fax the changes to me.

Westside returns to the office Monday and his schedule permits, please
release, (via editorial background, and block of key people, if Justice
 announce for the Roger Williams University School of Law news

Announcement. Here are the editorial materials we plan for the accredit

Yes

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February 10, 1995
R. W. U. LAW SCHOOL NEWS MATERIALS

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is a former chair of the A.B.A. Accreditation Committee. Ryan, vice president and dean of the School of Law, said there is no difference in students or graduates between provisional and full legal-practice credentials and top-flight students.

School to take the bar exam. Graduates from the School of Law require graduation from an A.B.A.-accredited law school to take the bar exam.

including Rhode Island, require graduation from an A.B.A.-accredited law school to take the bar exam in all states. Forty-two states have established that the University has created.

I PROVIDES EXPERT, THIRD-PARTY ATTENTION OF THE QUALITY OF THE PROGRAM AND PROVISIONAL ACCREDITATION UNDER THE A.B.A.'S RULES, PAPINO SAID. THIS IS THE EarliestDate that the School of Law is Eligible for Provisional Accreditation under the A.B.A.'s Rules.

Rhulp K. Papino, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, endorsed his first class in August 1993, according to an announcement today by Provost R.L. (Papino, A.B.A. has granted Provisional Accreditation to the Roger Williams University School of Law, which

Roger Williams University Law School Races to Provisional Accreditation

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Feb. 16 — The American Bar Association (A.B.A.) has granted

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Graduate law program.

preservation, business administration, and engineering in addition to the post-graduate programs in liberal arts and sciences, architecture, historic.

Roger Williams University is a private, nonsegregated university offering

and administrative officer of his School of Law in Southampton, Call.

University of the Pacific, Stockton, Call, and before that, other academic

since September, 1993, Ryan has been executive vice president of the

John E. Ryan, vice president and dean of the University’s School of Law,

named president of the University.

School of Law from its founding in 1992 until August, 1993, when he was

He served as vice president and dean of the Roger Williams University

member of the board of the establishment of four other law schools.

Sanctoro had been associate dean, faculty

Sanctoro founded in 1991, Sanctoro recommended that the University

Anthony J. Sanctoro, president, Roger Williams University, as a consultant

the law school advisory board.

determine the feasibility of establishing the School of Law, and now chairs

Rhode Island. He chaired the Law School Study Committee that

The Honorable Joseph R. Weisberger, acting chief justice, Supreme Court of

established the School of Law and earning professional accreditation quickly.

Pappito said the efforts of those people were essential to the University’s

square-foot law school building and other capital improvements.

bond issue in Rhode Island ($43 million) to finance construction of the $35,000

experience and knowledge of Wall Street to direct the largest-ever higher-education

As chairman of the Board of Trustees, Pappito used this corporate-finance

R.W.U. Law School Accredited 2/2
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... class outers is third (and final) year. we will have supplemented that law school and I teach courses in our areas of legal expertise. When our first law school. and i teach courses in our areas of legal expertise. When our first law school. and i teach courses in our areas of legal expertise. When our first in addition, Tony Santoro, president of the University and Founding dean of the practice. All required courses and most electives are taught by full-time faculty. whom had taught at A.B.A.-accredited law schools or established successful law programs. You cannot have the first two without funding, and you cannot have Dean Ryan: because accreditation is based on three factors: faculty, facilities, and why is the board of trustees support so crucial?

Today, without that support, we would not have an accredited law school faculty. Without that support, we would not have an accredited law school. Developing the time required to provide a first-rate facility and to recruit a first-rate trustees. The chairman and members were committed to raising the money and law. The primary interest was 100 percent support from the board of John E. Ryan, vice president and dean, Roger Williams University school of... how was the roger williams university school of law able to earn

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EDITORIAL BACKGROUND
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Center for Education and Law, University College, our continuing education downtown Providence property, the Roger Williams University Metropolitan
President Santora: No. The School of Law will share a recently purchased
ONLY MAJOR FACILITY FOR THE LAW SCHOOL
IS THE SCHOOL OF LAW BUILDING ON THE BRISTOL CAMPUSES TO BE THE UNIVERSITIES
years.

provides barrister training for the entire British Commonwealth as it has for 800
advocacy course in London with the Ins of Court School of Law, which
Dean Ryan: Beginning in the summer of 1995, we will provide a cooperative-
WHAT IS THE INTERNATIONAL PRACTICAL EXPERIENCE PROGRAM REFERRED TO?
and the community, "We're serious. We are going to do this the right way.
compliment, documented by the Law School building itself, said to the faculty
compliment to raise the funds necessary to provide those requirements. That
entire Board studied the A.B.A. requirements for accreditation, and made the
the School of Law, Ralph Pappito, chairman of the Board of Trustees, and the
Anthony I. Santora, president, Roger Williams University, and founding dean of
classroom, study, and food-service areas.

includes: a law library with more than 150,000 volumes and the latest in
135,000 square-foot building — Brand new and dedicated to the School of Law. It
unsurprisingly advanced for a new law school; we began classes in the fall of 1993 in a
research, and local and international practical experience. Our faculty are
a.B.A. guidelines, skills training in oral and written communication and legal
Our programs encompass a rigorous legal curriculum that meets all
full-time faculty with a cadre of highly experienced adjunct faculty members.

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a master's degree in taxation in conjunction with our bachelor's in accounting; conduct first-rate graduate programs, and encourage us to consider, for example,

President Saunders: The School of Law demonstrates that we can found and
its first graduate school and the only law school in the state.

architects, art historians, botanists, clinical psychologists, and economists — and now
main campuses, satellite facilities, outstanding undergraduate programs in
25 years. From a junior college with no campus to a university with a 125-acre
parents' alumni, faculty, and friends; the strides that University has made in just
Ralph R. Pappalardo, chairman of the Board of Trustees. It underscores to students,

WHAT IS THE IMPORTANCE OF AN ACCREDITED LAW SCHOOL TO THE UNIVERSITY

Testimonial of the quality of the education that the law school provides,

is just as important — is that accreditation provides a disinterested, expert
bar in this state, or most other states. A less tangible benefit — although one that
school. So, without this accreditation, our graduates could not be admitted to the
including Rhode Island, if you have not graduated from an A.B.A.-accredited law
Dean Ryan: On a very practical level, you cannot take the bar exam in 42 states.

WHY IS ABA ACCREDITATION IMPORTANT TO LAW SCHOOLS?

Lawyer who has been admitted to the Rhode Island bar
represent clients before certain tribunals, again, under the direct supervision of a

direct supervision of licensed lawyers. Third-year law students will even

It will enable third-year students to serve as legal assistants under the
at this Providence facility. Thus is the local practical experience alluded to earlier.

By the fall of 1995, we will open the Law Clinic for third-year law students

Program, will be the other occupant.

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President Sanimoto: This is the fifth A.B. accredited law school that I have

could include environmental, tax, maritime, and securities law.
Williams University will pioneer specialization in many areas of the law, which

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President Sanimoto: You can see that did not deter us. I am hopeful that Roger

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Williams University could fill that void. Everyone said it was impractical and

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of three states with no law school. I decided to investigate whether Roger

Columbia University law professor remarked to me that Rhode Island was one

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WHAT ARE THE CHALLENGES AND REWARDS OF CREATING A LAW SCHOOL?

have (how many?) students

until the fall of 1995, when those first-year students matriculate, we expect to

program (four years for part-time students), we will not have a full complement

students are enrolled in our second-year. Since a law degree is a three-year

Dean Kynan: (how many?) full-time and (how many?) part-time

HOW MANY STUDENTS NOW ATTEND THE SCHOOL OF LAW?

counsel and service to indigent state residents.

President Sanimoto: The law clinic will also provide access to competent legal

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ethics and the professionization of the courts, the judiciary, and the entire bar.
the practice of law in the state, and provides an independent voice about the
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not only educates competent lawyers, but also establishes a tone of excellence for
Rhode Island, and chairman of the law school advisory board. A law school
the Honorable Joseph A. Weisberger, acting chief justice, Supreme Court of

WHAT IS THE IMPORTANCE OF THE LAW SCHOOL TO RHOODE ISLAND?
University School of Law, we start new traditions every day. Creating something new is akin to moving a beached whale. At Roger Williams Pioneering a new school of law that walk into a hidebound institution, where

Dean Ryan: Given the chance, I'd much rather be on the ground floor of above by Justice Weisberger are new to Rhode Island, here because this is the state's first law school, and so all the benefits described experienced most of the challenges. The feeling of satisfaction is even stronger helped found, as dean, faculty member, or A.B.A. consultant, so I have
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and professor of law at the Widener University School of Law, where he has taught in
immediately prior to joining Roger Williams University, Santoro was dean
July, 1992. He was promoted to the presidency in August, 1993.
Santoro joined the University as vice president and dean, School of Law, in

Roger Williams University
President
Anthony J. Santoro


and has served as a director of the Meeting Street School.

Public Library. He is also a trustee of the Rhode Island Public Expenditure Council,
Corporation, the Greater Providence Chamber of Commerce, and the Providence
He is a member of the board of the Providence Industrial Development
Bryant College, Roger Williams University.
Honorary degrees from New England Institute of Technology, Suffolk University,
College and attended Boston University and Suffolk Law School. He has received
College holds a bachelor's degree in accounting and finance from Bryant
He was chairman of two other corporations he founded: Notex Inc. and GTI Corp.
voice and data in modern offices, computer centers, and other facilities. Previously,
manufacturer of modular wiring systems and armored cable that distribute power.
Papitto is chairman of the board of the board of APC Cable Systems, Inc., a publicly traded

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...been admitted to practice before the Supreme Court of the United States and the
...California Supreme Court at San Francisco. He has
...science and history from the California State University at San Francisco. He has
...has a master of laws degree from the University of Illinois College of
...law. He holds a master of laws degree from the University of Illinois College of
...served on other A.B.A. committees.

...He is a past chair of the Accreditation Committee of the A.B.A. and has
...the Accreditation Committee of the A.B.A. when he was chief academic and administrative officer of
...joined the University in September 1993, from the University of the

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Vice President and Dean

John T. Ryan

...graduated from the Georgetown University Law Center, Washington, D.C.
...Sanorrow earned a bachelor of arts from Boston College, Chestnut Hill, Mass.,
...School of Law. He was also an A.B.A. consultant to the St. Thomas University
...was a member of the founding faculty of the Western New England

Wilminston, Del., and Harrisburg, Pa. He had founded the Harrisburg Campus.