It is with great pleasure that I announce the appointment of John E. Ryan, a nationally-known educator who chairs the American Bar Association (ABA) Accreditation Commission, as Vice President and Dean of the Roger Williams University School of Law, effective immediately.

Dean Ryan was most recently executive vice president of the University of the Pacific in Stockton, California. Previously, he was chief administrative and academic officer of the University's McGeorge School of Law in Sacramento, where he served as dean. He led a 165-member faculty and managed a $70 million annual operating budget while successfully completing a $3.5 million campaign for scholarships and library enhancements, and a $1.8 million faculty office expansion.

Two criteria were paramount in the selection of the new Dean -- first, that he or she possess national stature as a legal educator, and second, that the successful candidate be well-versed in ABA accreditation matters. Dean Ryan meets both criteria exceptionally well.

Dean Ryan holds a Master of Laws degree from the University of Illinois College of Law, a Doctor of Jurisprudence degree from McGeorge School of Law, and a Bachelor of Arts degree in political science and history from the University of California at San Francisco. He has been admitted to practice before the Supreme Court of the United States and the State Bar of California.

In addition to his exemplary record as acting dean, associate dean, and professor of law since 1971, Dean Ryan is well-respected in national legal circles for his leadership of the ABA accreditation committee and for his commitment to improving access and opportunity in legal education.

Please join me in welcoming him to the Roger Williams University community.

Sincerely,

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THE UNIVERSITY COMMUNITY
NEW VICE PRESIDENT AND DEAN
ROGER WILLIAMS UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW

September 7, 1995

To: President Anthos

From: Roger Williams

MEMORANDUM

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