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ROGER WILLIAMS UNIVERSITY
SCHOOL OF LAW



COMMENCEMENT

MAY 13, 2016
BRISTOL, RHODE ISLAND



COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES • MAY 13, 2016
CLASS OF TWO THOUSAND AND SIXTEEN

DEAN MICHAEL J. YELNOSKY — PRESIDING

PROCESSIONAL	<i>Pipes and Drums</i> by The Rhode Island Highlanders Pipe Band
NATIONAL ANTHEM	Members of the Roger Williams University Chorus
INTRODUCTION	Michael J. Yelnosky Dean & Professor of Law
PRESIDENT'S REMARKS	Donald J. Farish, Ph.D., J.D. Roger Williams University
DIRECTORS' GREETINGS	The Honorable William E. Smith RWU Trustee & Chair, RWU Law Board of Directors Chief Judge, U.S. District Court for the District of Rhode Island
ALUMNI WELCOME	Kimberly Ahern, Esq. '06 President, Law Alumni Association Special Assistant Attorney General, Rhode Island Office of the Attorney General

CONFERRING OF THE HONORARY DEGREES

Presented by:

The Honorable Netti C. Vogel	The Honorable Haiganush R. Bedrosian
Associate Justice	Chief Justice, <i>Retired</i>
Rhode Island Superior Court	Rhode Island Family Court

Presented by:

The Honorable William E. Smith	The Honorable Michael A. Silverstein
Chief Judge	Associate Justice
U.S. District Court for the District of Rhode Island	Rhode Island Superior Court

Presented by:

Bruce I. Kogan	Anthony J. Santoro
Professor of Law	President Emeritus, Dean Emeritus and Professor of Law
RWU Law	Roger Williams University

Presented by:

The Honorable Ronald A. Cass	Thomas E. Perez
President	United States Secretary of Labor
Cass & Associates, PC	

ADDRESS	Thomas E. Perez
VALEDICTORY ADDRESS	Judah H. Rome
PRESENTATION OF GRADUATING CLASS	Dean Michael J. Yelnosky
CONFERRING OF DEGREES	Donald J. Farish, Ph.D., J.D.
RECESSIONAL	<i>Pipes and Drums</i> by the Rhode Island Highlanders Pipe Band

The audience is requested to remain seated during the recessional.
*For the comfort of some of our families and guests, a live video feed is available
in the School of Law Appellate Courtroom, second floor. Seating is limited.*

SCHOOL OF LAW HONORARY DEGREE RECIPIENT



THOMAS E. PEREZ

Doctor of Laws, Honoris Causa

United States Secretary of Labor

B.A. Brown University

M.P.P. Harvard University

J.D. Harvard Law School

Thomas E. Perez has dedicated his career to making good on the promise of opportunity for all. A civil rights lawyer by training, Secretary Perez leads the U.S. Department of Labor in its mission of giving all Americans the chance to get ahead and stay ahead, while addressing inequality and creating shared prosperity.

Under Secretary Perez's leadership, priorities for the department include ensuring a fair day's pay for a fair day's work through continued efforts to raise the minimum wage, expanding overtime protections, and being smarter and more strategic in the department's enforcement of federal law. Secretary Perez has made job training and workforce development a focal point of his tenure. Additionally, he has kept up the drumbeat to expand access to paid leave and ensure that people with disabilities and veterans have access to employment opportunities and other supports to help them succeed.

In his earlier career, Secretary Perez served as Assistant Attorney General for the Civil Rights Division at the U.S. Department of Justice, and as director of the Office of Civil Rights at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Perez also tackled civil rights, criminal justice and constitutional issues as a special counselor for Sen. Ted Kennedy.

The son of Dominican immigrants, Secretary Perez was born and raised in Buffalo, N.Y. He lives in Maryland with his wife, Ann Marie Staudenmaier, and their three children. An avid runner and athlete, he coaches his children's basketball and baseball teams, and credits his unrelenting optimism to being a lifelong Buffalo Bills fan.

SCHOOL OF LAW HONORARY DEGREE RECIPIENT



THE HONORABLE HAIGANUSH R. BEDROSIAN

Doctor of Laws, Honoris Causa

Chief Judge, Rhode Island Family Court, *Retired*

B.A. Brown University

J.D. Suffolk University Law School

Judge Haiganush R. Bedrosian is the first woman to serve as Chief Judge of the Rhode Island Family Court. She was appointed to that position in 2010 by Governor Donald Carcieri, after logging some three decades on the court as its first female associate justice, a position she was appointed to by Governor J. Joseph Garrahy in 1980.

The daughter of Armenian immigrants, Judge Bedrosian attended Cranston High School East and, after completing her undergraduate studies at Brown, worked for six years as an elementary school teacher. After earning her J.D. at Suffolk, she served as law clerk to the late Justice Thomas J. Paolino of the Rhode Island Supreme Court.

In the early 1970s, she served stints as assistant general counsel to the Providence & Worcester Railroad Co., and as a prosecutor with the Rhode Island Attorney General's office, before entering private practice. Specializing her practice in family law, she was often appointed to represent youth charged with delinquency offenses or to act as guardian *ad litem* to children in the custody of the Rhode Island Department of Children, Youth & Families (DCYF).

During her tenure as Chief Judge, Judge Bedrosian broadened the Family Court's mediation program in domestic and state DCYF matters, while also expanding its Family Treatment Drug Court. In 2013, she hosted a major conference on sex trafficking and exploitation of children in the child-welfare system, attended by more than 400 professionals from across disciplines. With "a sense of satisfaction and many accomplishments," Judge Bedrosian retired from the bench on January 8, 2016.

SCHOOL OF LAW HONORARY DEGREE RECIPIENT



THE HONORABLE MICHAEL A. SILVERSTEIN

Doctor of Laws, Honoris Causa

Associate Justice, Rhode Island Superior Court

B.A. Brown University

J.D. Boston University School of Law

Spanning more than 50 years, Judge Michael A. Silverstein's illustrious career has seen him preside over some of Rhode Island's most prominent cases – from the landmark lead paint case, the longest civil jury trial in the state's history; to the notorious Curt Schilling/38 Studios case, which last December earned him a spot among the Ocean State's "15 Who Made a Difference in 2015" in local media.

A lifelong Rhode Islander, Silverstein co-founded the law firm of Tobin Silverstein in Woonsocket, R.I., after earning his J.D. in 1959; in 1984, he merged with a Providence firm to form Hinckley, Allen, Tobin & Silverstein, where he specialized in corporate insolvency, representing banks and other financial institutions.

In 1991, Silverstein was appointed as special advisor to Governor Bruce Sundlun during the state's infamous banking crisis. In this capacity, he helped create DEPCO (the Depositors Economic Protection Corporation) and draft insolvency legislation for financial institutions. In 1994, Sundlun appointed Silverstein to the Superior Court; in 2001, he was designated as head of the court's new business calendar. While serving as a member of the Roger Williams College Board of Trustees in the early 1990s, Judge Silverstein played a pivotal role in promoting the establishment of RWU Law.

Still active today in his 80s, Judge Silverstein attributes his youthful energy to his ongoing work on the business calendar (both his "occupation and favorite hobby"); spending time with his wife Phyllis – especially at their home in Kennebunkport, Maine – and occasional indulgences in Ben & Jerry's ice cream.

SCHOOL OF LAW HONORARY DEGREE RECIPIENT



ANTHONY J. SANTORO

Doctor of Laws, Honoris Causa

**Professor of Law; Founding Dean, RWU Law;
President Emeritus, Roger Williams University**

B.A. Boston College

J.D. Georgetown University

LL.M. Georgetown University

Professor of Law Anthony J. Santoro is the founding Dean (1992-1993) of Roger Williams University School of Law, and President Emeritus (1993-2000) of Roger Williams University.

In the early 1990s, when he was tapped to conduct a feasibility study for establishing a law school in Rhode Island, Santoro had already been instrumental in establishing two others: the University of Bridgeport School of Law (now Quinnipiac), and Western New England College School of Law. In addition, as Dean of the Widener University School of Law, he had engineered a major expansion from Delaware into Pennsylvania. A native of Melrose, Mass., former resident of Fall River, Mass., and spouse of a native Rhode Islander, Santoro also knew the lay of the land locally.

His study concluded that "a law school would enhance the legal culture of Rhode Island and provide opportunities for research and continuing legal education which are not now available in this state." When he was later appointed as the school's first Dean, he lobbied hard for a dedicated physical facility, and almost singlehandedly recruited the entire founding faculty. By opening day, he was the President of Roger Williams University.

More than two decades later, Santoro remains a popular teacher and now namesake of the alumni-endowed Professor Anthony J. Santoro Business Law Lecture Series. As the *Roger Williams Law Review* noted in 2014, "His long tenure here suggests that the last law school established by Dean Santoro was arguably his finest, and the state-of-the-art facility he envisioned some twenty years ago stands as a testament to his efforts."

SCHOOL OF LAW DEGREE CANDIDATES • JURIS DOCTOR

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*graduation date, December 2015

◆graduation date, July 2016

**graduation date, December 2016

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SUMMA CUM LAUDE

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Thomas Joseph Travers

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Amanda A. Garganese
Jorge A. Ghazal
Kelley Elizabeth Nobriga
Edward D. Pare III
David Thomas Peterson, Esq.
John J. Ryan-Henry
Brendan Patrick Sullivan
Zachary Hal Valentine

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Brett Vincent Beaubien
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ROGER WILLIAMS UNIVERSITY
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MOOT COURT

The Moot Court Board promotes the development of the art of appellate advocacy and brief writing. Those selected as the best appellate advocates in the intrascholastic competition are awarded the Clark Prize for Excellence in Advocacy. The Board also sponsors interscholastic teams that compete against representatives from law schools across the nation.

Moot Court Board 2015-2016

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The 23rd Annual Judge John R. Brown Admiralty Moot Competition

Team 1

Brett Vincent Beaubien
William C. Burnham
Casey M. Charkowick
Adam Joseph Pike

Team 2

Austyn Carolin '17
Brett Hargaden '17
Jamison Jedziniak '17

Faculty Advisor:

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Coach:

Adjunct Professor Robert Falvey '98

18th Annual Herbert Wechsler National Criminal Law Moot Court Competition

Amanda Jacober '17
Lindsay Langella '17

Coach:

Tolulope Kevin Olasanoye '12

The 28th Annual National Environmental Law Moot Court Competition

Zachary Bourdony '17
Audrey Elzerman '17
Alexandra Lister '17

Coach:

Adjunct Professor Christopher D'Ovidio

The 66th Annual National Moot Court Competition

Brian Charles Almeida
Mikéla A. Almeida

Coach:

John D. Meara '11

Touro Law Center's 3rd Annual National Moot Court Competition in Law & Religion

Nicholas Barone '17
Aileen G. Konanez
Daniel Thomas Sagan

Coach:

Lisa Dinerman

2016 Thurgood Marshall Moot Court Competition

David Revens '17
Linda Tappa '17

Coach:

Dean Michael J. Yelnosky

TRIAL TEAM

The following students were selected to participate in interscholastic trial team competitions:

2016 American Association for Justice Trial Advocacy Competition

Team 1

Jasmine Dobosiewicz
Brittani Mulholland '17
Brent Semple '17
Michael Thomas '17

Team 2

Jamie Fitzgerald '17
Lindsay Langella '17
Alexander Nichols '17
Matthew Thomas '17

Coach:

Professor David Coombs

2016 Texas Young Lawyers Association National Trial Competition

Team 1

Jamie Fitzgerald '17
Lindsay Langella '17

Team 2

Alexander Nichols '17
Matthew Thomas '17

Coach:

Professor David Coombs

CLIENT SKILLS

The following students were selected to participate in interscholastic client skills competitions:

2015 American Bar Association Negotiation Competition

Matthew Martinez '17
Tatiana Rugel '17

Coach:

Aaron Greenlee '11

SELECTED HONORS EARNED
BY MEMBERS OF THE CLASS OF 2016

HONORS PROGRAM

For students who have demonstrated exceptional academic ability and achievement before coming to law school and exceptional academic achievement in their first year, the School of Law offers an Honors Program, which consists of a special course of study. The following students have successfully completed the requirements of the Honors Program:

Brian Charles Almeida	Michael Richard Ferron	Judah H. Rome
William C. Burnham	Jorge A. Ghazal	John J. Ryan-Henry
Jonathan Linwood Cabot	Rita Evelyn Nerney	Brendan Patrick Sullivan
Erik Charles Edson	Edward D. Pare III	Thomas Joseph Travers
Stefano Vittorio Famiglietti	David Thomas Peterson, Esq.	

THE CLARK PRIZE FOR EXCELLENCE IN APPELLATE ADVOCACY

Those students who capture first place in the written and oral intrascholastic moot court competition share an award donated by former Distinguished Visiting Professor Esther F. Clark. Members of the graduating class who received this award during the course of their studies are:

Brett Vincent Beaubien
Winner of the Clark Competition

John J. Ryan-Henry
Finalist

Edward D. Pare III
Best Brief

PROFESSOR CLARK ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP

Distinguished Visiting Professor Esther F. Clark and her husband, John Clark, established this scholarship to recognize outstanding academic performance by a rising second year student.

Erin Patricia DeLancey

GARY L. BAHR MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

This award is in memory of Professor Gary L. Bahr, the first associate dean and member of the founding faculty of the School of Law. The award is made annually to the first year student with the highest combined average in Contracts and Torts.

Ashley Blake Kocian, Esq.

SELECTED HONORS EARNED
BY MEMBERS OF THE CLASS OF 2016

KATHLEEN M. BIRT MEMORIAL DISPUTE RESOLUTION PRIZE

This prize is awarded to graduating students who have demonstrated the most distinguished performance in dispute resolution courses.

Ashley Blake Kocian, Esq.

**CLINICAL LEGAL EDUCATION ASSOCIATION
OUTSTANDING STUDENT AWARD**

This national award recognizes a student who has excelled in a clinical course in law school.

Kasey Elizabeth Doeing

DEAN'S ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

This award is presented by the Dean to a graduating student who improved his or her grades the most from the first year.

Jennifer Marie Iarocci

**ROBERTS, CARROLL, FELDSTEIN & PEIRCE EXCELLENCE IN
TRIAL ADVOCACY SCHOLARSHIP**

This award is presented for excellence in Trial Advocacy and is awarded for outstanding advocacy at the National Trial Competition and the American Association for Justice Student Trial Advocacy Competition.

Jasmine Dobosiewicz

**ASSOCIATION OF CORPORATE COUNSEL-NORTHEAST CHAPTER
LAW STUDENT ETHICS AWARD (ACC-NE)**

This award is given to a student who has demonstrated outstanding commitment to ethics in a clinical program.

Aileen G. Konanez

**ROGER WILLIAMS UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW
ALUMNI ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP**

Casey M. Charkowick
Kelley Elizabeth Nobriga

THURGOOD MARSHALL MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Celine Dorothy Rivera

SELECTED HONORS EARNED BY MEMBERS OF THE CLASS OF 2016

Each semester the student receiving the highest grade in each course is selected to receive a Center for Computer Assisted Legal Instruction (CALI) award certificate. Members of the graduating class who received this award for classes during the course of their studies are:

Mangelin Acevedo		Kasey Elizabeth Doeing	
Legal Practice III	Fall 2014	Mediation	Spring 2015
Immigration Law Clinic	Spring 2015	Public Interest Law & Ethics	Summer 2015
		Immigration Law Clinic	Fall 2015
Brian Charles Almeida			
Contracts II	Spring 2014	Sarah Elizabeth Driscoll	
Property	Spring 2014	Trial Advocacy	Fall 2015
Evidence	Fall 2014		
Elder Law	Fall 2014	Erik Charles Edson	
Massachusetts Civil Practice	Fall 2015	Torts I	Fall 2013
Mediation	Fall 2015	Spiritual Dimensions of Lawyering	Spring 2015
		Elder Law	Fall 2015
Mikéla A. Almeida		Judicial Process & Ethics	Fall 2015
Trial Advocacy	Fall 2015		
		Stefano Vittorio Famiglietti	
Obinna Edward Anugweje		Elder Law	Fall 2014
Copyright	Fall 2014		
		Amanda A. Garganese	
Brett Vincent Beaubien		Advanced Torts	Fall 2014
Criminal Litigation: Drafting & Advocacy	Fall 2015		
		Jamie Marie Gau	
Andrew G. Blais		Criminal Litigation: Drafting & Advocacy	Fall 2014
Professional Responsibility	Spring 2015	Trial Advocacy	Spring 2015
Payment Systems	Summer 2015	Criminal Defense Clinic	Fall 2015
First Amendment	Summer 2015		
Administrative Law	Fall 2015	Jorge A. Ghazal	
		Civil Procedure	Fall 2013
Amy Ariel Brown		Legal Practice II	Spring 2014
Contracts I	Fall 2013	Legal Drafting: Contracts	Fall 2014
Legal Practice I	Fall 2013	Family Law	Fall 2014
Contracts II	Spring 2014	Mediation	Spring 2015
		Legislative Drafting & Advocacy	Fall 2015
William C. Burnham		Remedies	Fall 2015
Legal Practice I	Fall 2013	Public Interest Lawyering	Fall 2015
Privacy Law	Spring 2015		
		Alisha Anna Kristina Hennen	
Jonathan Linwood Cabot		Maritime Litigation: Whips &	Summer 2015
Payment Systems	Spring 2015	Whirls of an Admiralty Practice	
Corporate Counsel	Fall 2015		
		Thomas Campbell Johnson IV	
Casey M. Charkowick		Legal Practice III	Fall 2014
Law of the Sea	Fall 2014		
Marine Salvage	Spring 2015	Adam G. Kane	
Maritime Liens: Arrest and Property	Spring 2015	Prosecution Clinic Externship Program	Fall 2015
Erin Patricia DeLancey		Cayla Cathleen Kevlik	
Admiralty Law	Summer 2015	Business Startup Clinic	Fall 2015
Veterans Disability Appeals Field Clinic	Fall 2015		

SELECTED HONORS EARNED BY MEMBERS OF THE CLASS OF 2016

Ashley Blake Kocian, Esq.		Kaitlyn Patricia Poggi	
Legal Practice II	Spring 2014	New York Civil Practice	Spring 2015
Torts II	Spring 2014		
Criminal Procedure: Investigation	Summer 2014	Celine Dorothy Rivera	
Professional Responsibility	Summer 2014	Secured Transactions	Fall 2015
Constitutional Law I	Fall 2014		
Law Office Management	Fall 2014	Laurita Haydee Rodriguez, Esq.	
Constitutional Law II	Spring 2015	Interviewing and Counseling	Fall 2015
Wills & Trusts	Spring 2015		
Family & Divorce Mediation	Summer 2015	Judah H. Rome	
		Criminal Law	Fall 2013
		Legal Practice I	Fall 2013
		Mediation	Fall 2014
		Judicial Process	Spring 2015
		Contracts Drafting and	Fall 2015
		Transactional Lawyering	
		Federal Income Tax	Fall 2015
Cameron A. Miller			
Mental Health Law:	Spring 2015	John J. Ryan-Henry	
Multidisciplinary Approach		Land Use Planning	Fall 2015
Trial Advocacy	Fall 2015	Law of the Sea	Fall 2015
Michael Alan Muehe		Daniel Thomas Sagan	
Legal Practice II	Spring 2014	Federal Practice/Commercial Litigation	Fall 2014
Mediation	Fall 2015	Federal Practice/Federal Litigation	Spring 2015
Alfonso William Nardi Jr			
Mediation	Spring 15		
International Business Transactions	Fall 2015		
Rita Evelyn Nerney		Brendan Patrick Sullivan	
Contracts I	Fall 2013	Civil Procedure	Fall 2013
Legal Practice I	Fall 2013	Legal Practice I	Fall 2013
Conflict of Laws	Fall 2015	Legal Practice II	Spring 2014
		Constitutional Law II	Spring 2015
Kelley Elizabeth Nobriga			
Massachusetts Civil Practice	Fall 2014		
Employment Discrimination	Fall 2015		
		Christine M. Thornton	
		International Business Transactions	Fall 2015
Edward D. Pare III			
Civil Procedure II	Spring 2014		
Administrative Law	Fall 2014		
		Thomas Joseph Travers	
		Torts I	Fall 2013
Kyla Madalyn Pecchia		Legal Practice I	Fall 2013
Constitutional Law I	Fall 2014	Interviewing and Counseling	Fall 2014
Legislative Drafting & Advocacy	Fall 2014	Criminal Procedure: Investigation	Spring 2015
		Genocide & Atrocity Crimes	Spring 2015
		Death Penalty	Fall 2015
David Thomas Peterson, Esq.		Zachary Hal Valentine	
Legal Practice I	Fall 2013	Discovery: Unpacking	Spring 2015
Legal Practice II	Spring 2014	Civil Pretrial Practice	
Maritime Litigation: Whips &	Summer 2014	Securities Regulation	Fall 2015
Whirls of an Admiralty Practice			
Evidence	Fall 2014		
Law of the Sea	Fall 2014		
Maritime Practice & Procedure	Fall 2014		
Ocean & Coastal Law	Fall 2014	Lisa Charlotta Wyrsh	
		Domestic Violence	Fall 2014

FEINSTEIN CENTER FOR PRO BONO & EXPERIENTIAL EDUCATION
PUBLIC INTEREST AND PRO BONO SERVICE AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

2016 PUBLIC INTEREST AWARD

The Public Interest Award is given to graduating students who have been exemplary in serving the community and promoting justice for the underrepresented.

Olabisi Maroofat Ashabi Davies

2016 PRO BONO COLLABORATIVE AWARD

The Pro Bono Collaborative Award is given to graduating students for professionalism, collaborative spirit, and exemplary commitment to serving the community and promoting justice for the underrepresented through PBC projects.

Rita Evelyn Nerney
Judah H. Rome

CLASS OF 2016 RECOGNITION FOR PRO BONO SERVICE

The following students completed one hundred hours or more of pro bono legal service:

Mikéla A. Almeida	Cayla Cathleen Kevlik
Leslie C. Barber	Aileen G. Konanez
Brett Vincent Beaubien	Denine Renée Lasch
Matthew Hayes Bernstein	Jason David MacKeen
Andrew G. Blais	Cameron A. Miller
Amy Ariel Brown	Zackary Jonas Moricas
Jonathan Linwood Cabot	Rita Evelyn Nerney
Christine Kathleen Castro	Kelley Elizabeth Nobriga
Mildred Sherman Conroy	Arwa Nooruddin Noorali
Evan D'Abrosca	Molly Ogren
Olabisi Maroofat Ashabi Davies	Monsurat Olayinka Oluwafunmilola Ottun
Erin Patricia DeLancey	Kyla Madalyn Pecchia
Ashilee Kaye Dickinson	David Thomas Peterson, Esq.
Jasmine Dobosiewicz	Alvaro M. Pirir-Zet
Sarah Elizabeth Driscoll	Kaitlyn Patricia Poggi
Erik Charles Edson	Celine Dorothy Rivera
Michael Richard Ferron	Laurita Haydee Rodriguez, Esq.
Tiffany Ann-Marie Friend	Judah H. Rome
Amanda A. Garganese	Daniel Thomas Sagan
Jamie Marie Gau	Brendan Patrick Sullivan
Jennifer Marie Iarocci	Thomas Joseph Travers
Thomas Campbell Johnson IV	Matthew Richard Williamson
Adam G. Kane	Lisa Charlotta Wyrsh

MARINE AFFAIRS INSTITUTE

Roger Williams University School of Law's Marine Affairs Institute, in partnership with Rhode Island Sea Grant and the University of Rhode Island, is a national leader in marine and maritime law and policy dedicated to preparing the next generation of marine law professionals by offering a rigorous curriculum and diverse extracurricular opportunities.

MARINE AFFAIRS ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

This award honors a graduating student who has been exemplary in the study and advancement of marine policy and law.

John J. Ryan-Henry

MARINE AFFAIRS JOINT DEGREE PROGRAM

Students interested in more extensive study of marine law and policy simultaneously earn a JD from RWU and a Master of Marine Affairs degree from the University of Rhode Island (URI). Joint degree students enhance their legal education with additional courses at URI on economic, international and policy considerations, positioning them well to address today's complex maritime, ocean and coastal legal issues.

Erin Patricia DeLancey
Alisha Anna Kristina Hennen
Molly Ogren
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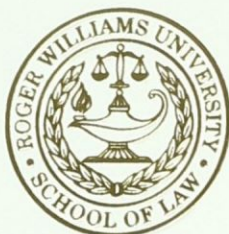
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