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One of the great things about being the only law school in a state is that it facilitates a close relationship between the bench and bar. Beginning on the first day of law school, when the Chief Justice of the state Supreme Court administers an oath of professionalism, through the courses taught by leading judges on our Adjunct Faculty (federal judges Selya and Smith; state judges Flaherty, Healy, Fortunato, Procaccini, and Williams), to the externships in the chambers of federal judges (Selya, Thompson, Lisi, Smith, McConnell, and Almond) and state judges (Suttell, Goldberg, Flaherty, Indeglia, Ericson, Procaccini, Rodgers, Rubine, Savage, Stern, Stone, and Silverstein), to the tradition of the RI Supreme Court judging the final round of our Clark Moot Court Competition, the insights of judges are woven into the very fabric of our students’ lives.

This close connection continues after graduation, too, as many of our top grads land coveted clerkships in Rhode Island and, increasingly, beyond (Alabama, Arizona, Connecticut, Delaware, Florida, Massachusetts, Maryland, Maine, Michigan, New Jersey, New York, Nevada, Pennsylvania, Virginia, Vermont, Washington, and even the Virgin Islands!).

A whopping eight of the eleven clerkship slots on the RI Supreme Court this year are held by RWU law grads, and a constantly growing number of current students and grads already have commitments from the Court in subsequent years. Below is some visual proof that we have strong ties to the RI Superior Court, too: a pic of RI Chief Justice Paul Suttell and his colleague Carol Bourcier-Fargnoli, with the Law Clerks for the RI Law Clerk Department which includes our alums Basannya Babumba, Timothy Grimes, Eric Hogberg, Stephen Nelson, Mariana Ormonde, Erin Paquette, Adam Riser and Lindsay Vick.