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As 2011-12 winds down and 2012-13 emerges on the immediate horizon, I am happy to announce another year of distinctive co-curricular programming is in store for the RWU Law community.

First-up: a visit from another Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States. Last fall we were honored by a visit by Justice Stephen Breyer. Next September it is a visit from Justice Samuel Alito. The Justice has graciously offered to spend an entire day at RWU Law, which means that there will be many opportunities to interact with a member of the High Court, and with important and perhaps path-breaking decisions on health care, immigration, and affirmative action likely before the end of this term, hearing Justice Alito’s take will be a fascinating opportunity.

Also set for the fall are a program on climate change, sponsored by our award-winning Marine Affairs Institute. Titled “Shifting Seas: The Legal Response to Changing Ocean Conditions,” and will examine the laws that are implicated when coastal and ocean conditions change.
Experts from federal, state and municipal bodies as well as academia, industry and non-profit organizations will share their perspectives on legal issues already implicated and those on the horizon.

Finally, we plan to host the annual visit of the Rhode Island Supreme Court, continuing a decade-long tradition of coming to campus to preside over our premiere internal forensic event, the Esther Clark Moot Court Competition.

Add to all this a term with noted scholar Steve Calabresi, who is serving as our Weisberger Distinguished Visiting Professor, it is another blockbuster fall for RWU Law.