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We were delighted to learn that Providence Mayor David Cicilline has appointed RWU Law’s Jorge Elorza, an Associate Professor of Law, to the Housing Court. The Mayor lauded Jorge’s commitment to helping the poor among us find justice in the complex legal system. This will enable him to continue to blend his academic interest in housing issues (he teaches the survey course on Property and an elective on Housing Law and Policy) with the real world of how the law actually works in practice, a boon to both his students and litigants. Below is our press release and links to earlier blog items on Prof. Elorza’s unique path to our faculty and how he is having a positive impact on all of Rhode Island.

Congratulations Jorge!

“RWU LAW PROFESSOR APPOINTED TO HOUSING COURT”

“Bristol, R.I., March 18, 2010: Roger Williams University School of Law Professor Jorge O. Elorza has been appointed as a judge on the Providence Housing Court by Mayor David N. Cicilline. In announcing the appointment, Mayor Cicilline described Elorza as a brilliant attorney and legal scholar with a “deep commitment to helping low-income families navigate the legal system.””

“I am pleased to appoint someone with Jorge Elorza’s strong credentials, breadth of experience and sharp legal mind to the Housing Court,” said Mayor Cicilline. “Jorge’s extraordinary legal skills and his deep understanding of the challenges facing those in need make him uniquely qualified to adjudicate cases that impact the quality of life for families in our neighborhoods.””

“The three-member Housing Court is responsible for hearing and determining all actions concerning violations of housing laws, building codes and zoning ordinances. The Mayor’s selection of Elorza requires confirmation by the City Council. ”

Professor Jorge Elorza: Making an impact in Rhode Island
Professor Jorge Elorza’s Story