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In its March 2014 issue, The National Jurist ranks Roger Williams University School of Law among the nation’s “best schools for public interest law.”

RWU Law Ranked Among “Best Public Interest Law Schools”

Having greatly enhanced its affordability and experiential learning opportunities, Roger Williams University School of Law is now ranked among the “best schools for public interest law,” according to the March 2014 issue of The National Jurist, a nationwide magazine for law students.

In the ranking of the nation’s 25 top public interest law schools, RWU Law placed at 21, in a list that includes New York University, Georgetown and Yale schools of law.

“Law schools are continuing to improve offerings and services for public service-focused students by offering increased clinical and experiential opportunities, faculty involvement and loan repayment,” National Jurist reported. “Many schools have developed public service offices to provide access to faculty, clinics, externships and programs.”
The rankings arrive as RWU Law expands its commitment to offering students a rigorous, marketable legal education that enables graduates to emerge job-ready and prepared to thrive in their early careers, even in today’s challenging legal employment market. To address affordability, RWU Law has introduced an Affordable Excellence program, reducing tuition by nearly 18 percent for the 2014-15 academic year.

Among other efforts during this academic year alone, the School launched a new Community Economic Development Clinic in which students provide business-related legal services to nonprofits and community-based businesses; inaugurated its expanded Feinstein Center for Pro Bono and Experiential Education; and instituted an explicit guarantee that every qualified student will be afforded a substantial clinical experience.

*The National Jurist’s* methodology based rankings on primarily objective factors, measuring the clinical, externship and simulation slots available per student and weighting those experiences according to the value that recent graduates place on them based on surveys conducted by the National Association for Law Placement.

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