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Newsroom: Logan Honored for Diversity, Equal Justice

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Rhode Island for Community and Justice will honor RWU Law's Professor David Logan next week at its 63rd Annual Community and Justice Awards, for his "dedication to equal justice and for making Rhode Island a more inclusive state for all."

In a news release, RICJ noted that "Professor David Logan, Dean of the School of Law from 2003 to 2014, has dedicated his professional career to promoting civil rights, diversity and law in the public interest." On a local level, he has "transformed the law school through his focus on diversifying the student body, faculty and administration; expanding community through the Immigration Clinic and Business Start-up Clinic and promoting public interest law. David continues to advocate for social justice, most recently calling attention to the need to diversify the ranks of the judges in our state. His leadership is building a better Rhode Island justice system for all."

On a national level, Logan "has been recognized by the NAACP for his efforts toward diversity in higher education and was the recipient of the American Association of Law School's Deborah L. Rhode Award for his efforts to increase public service opportunities in law school. Professor Logan serves as a frequent commentator on legal issues and has appeared on various television and radio programs, including 'Nightline' and 'All Things Considered.' We are honored to present him with the 2015 Community & Justice Award for his outstanding and tireless contributions to social justice."
At the awards event, RICJ will also honor the CCPRA (Comprehensive Community-Police Relationship Act) Community-Police Team at the event, which focuses on people and organizations that have displayed.

RICJ noted in a statement, "In 2007, the first version of the Comprehensive Community-Police Relationship Act (CCPRA) was introduced. Originally called the Racial Profiling bill, it took eight more years, lots of teamwork and a new name to finally pass the bill in 2015. During 2013-2015, an ad hoc group of community leaders and law enforcement worked tirelessly to reach a landmark compromise allowing its passage. A first in the nation, the new law protects community from racial profiling in stops and searches, while protecting officers' safety and ability to fight crime."

For further information, or to register for the event, please click here or contact RICJ at 401.467.1717 or via email at ricj@ricj.org.