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## **RWU Law welcomes new Director of Business Law Programs and the Corporate Counsel Externship Program**

*David H. Gibbs, an experienced corporate lawyer and legal educator, has been named the new Director of Business Law Programs and the Corporate Counsel Externship Program.*

David H. Gibbs will become the Director of Business Law Programs and the Corporate Counsel Externship at RWU Law later this month. David has both extensive practice experience and experience teaching at two law schools.

Gibbs is a graduate of Tufts University and UC Berkeley Law. From 1978 until 2003 he was an associate and then a partner at Nixon Peabody in Boston, and from 2004 to 2013 he was a partner at Bowditch & Dewey, also in Boston. His practice focused on business law issues and included both counseling of business clients and litigation – including an emphasis on alternative dispute resolution.

Gibbs taught Negotiation and Litigating Intellectual Property Disputes as an adjunct at Suffolk University Law School from 2004 to 2009, and from 2010 to 2013 he was a full-time Practitioner in Residence at Suffolk, where he established and directed their Investor Advocacy Clinic and continued to teach Negotiation. In 2013 he formally left Bowditch and moved to California to become Associate Professor of Law at Chapman Law School. While there, he developed and implemented a required course focused on transactional practice – Practice Foundations: Transactions – which was taught by a stable of twelve practitioners in small sections to 2L and 3L students. He also taught Mediation as well as Negotiations & Leadership for Lawyers.

David Gibbs's hiring helps to maintain the great momentum of our Corporate Counsel Externship Program and to continue to build a robust program in business law.