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**David A. Logan**  
Dean and  
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## A MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN

The solar calendar tells us it is harvest time, but the academic calendar tells us it that we are in the season for sowing and growing. This year is especially exciting, as the entering class is the largest and best-credentialed in the history of the School of Law. In addition, the students come from a dizzying array of colleges (146) and states (35—with five hailing from Hawaii!). I am also pleased to report that this is our most racially and ethnically diverse class ever.

These students, as well as the terrific returning classes, will be taught by a truly remarkable collection of teacher/scholars, who are carrying the reputation of the School of Law far and wide. In just the past few months my colleagues have published pieces in the primary law reviews of Boston University (Peter Margulies), Northwestern (Emily Sack), Southern Methodist (David Zlotnick), Tulane (Ed Eberle), and University of California-Davis (Colleen Murphy), not to mention the many faculty who contributed to the 10<sup>th</sup>

anniversary edition of our own Law Review. The best teacher award, voted by the class of 2004, went to a great colleague, Major John Shelburne, who is now serving with his Marine JAG unit in Baghdad.

Under the leadership of Kristen Fletcher, the Director of our Marine Affairs Institute, we organized and sponsored (along with the University of Rhode Island Department of Marine Affairs and Rhode Island Sea Grant) our fifth Marine Law Symposium. Environmental law experts from around the country came to Bristol to discuss important studies by the United States Commission on Ocean Policy and the Pew Ocean Commission. We were pleased that current students and alumni were able to attend the exciting workshops.

Finally, I am delighted to announce that after 17 years of practice in Rhode Island, Eric Archer has joined our staff as a development officer. Eric and dedicated members of our Law Alumni Association Board are busy organizing a major effort to increase participation in the School of Law Annual Fund. Great things are happening on Mount Hope Bay.

## Office of Career Services: Charting a New & Dynamic Course

*"Change has been achieved only when the illusion that the past will return is gone."* —Anonymous.

By Anthony Bastone

Assistant Dean of Career Services



My strong interest in coming to Roger Williams University Ralph R. Papitto School of Law is simple. I want to build one of the best Legal Career Services Office's in the country. This academic year marks my twenty-sixth anniversary in legal education, having served at five other law schools as Assistant Dean and Director (most recently at the University of Colorado), and I bring experience and dedication to this post.

The Office of Career Services will serve as a vortex of activity, providing comprehensive service to students, alumni, and legal employers. The office will assist students with a variety of career-related issues. Personalized and group career counseling will be available to assist students/alumni with decisions about career direction, employers, and/or alternatives to conventional legal careers. Workshops and symposia will be held on resume preparation, cover letters, interviewing skills, and job search strategies throughout the academic year. The office will serve all its clients, namely, those in the top 100% of their classes.

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## Kathleen Birt Memorial Prize

The Kathleen Birt Memorial Prize was established to honor the late Kathleen Birt by recognizing a graduating student who demonstrated distinguished performance in dispute resolution courses. Kathleen taught Alternative Dispute Resolution as well as Mediation at Roger Williams for several years.

Kathleen was an attorney, mediator, and arbitrator whose practice focused on dispute resolution. She was President of Mediation Consultants, Inc. and former President of both the New England Association for Conflict Resolution and the Rhode Island Council of Family Mediators.

In Kathy's memory, the School of Law has established the Kathleen Birt Memorial Prize. The annual prize will be awarded to a graduating student who has demonstrated distinguished performance in dispute resolution courses. Donations may be sent to: Roger Williams University School of Law, Ten Metacom Ave., Bristol, RI 02809. Please make checks payable to RWU School of Law.

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Taking the Office of Career Services to a new level of professional student/alumni oriented operation, day and evening hours will be maintained throughout the academic year. Students/Alumni will have unfettered access to a growing collection of career development resources and job search aid materials as we develop and enhance our career resource library.

*Coming Soon!*

### **The First Annual Legal Career Options**

**Day, Friday, November 19, 2004.** Over 50 attorneys from the private, government, corporate, public interest, and alternative legal careers will come to Roger Williams University School of Law and engage our students in a table talk forum from 4:30 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. Reception to follow.

**The Career Resource Handbook: A Law Student's Guide.** This comprehensive, yet compact and practical resource, will give a nuts and bolts approach to the Office of Career Services and the job search process.

**Associate Director:** To give more professional services to our students and alumni, we have hired our first Associate Director for the Office of Career Services, Lydia Hanley, an honors graduate of Bates College and the University of Florida College of Law.

**Hawklaw:** The Office of Career Services will publish its own alumni job newsletter before the end of the academic year. This publication will be available on line and accessible by email subscriptions or hard copy.

**Marketing and Recruiting:** The Office of Career Services will develop and execute a sophisticated marketing and recruiting plan to attract legal employers to hire our students and graduates in the Providence Metropolitan area, the State of Rhode Island, its contiguous states, and indeed, the nation. Currently there are approximately 900 graduates of the law school and about 80 percent remain in New England following graduation. Dean Logan, the Assistant Dean for the Office of Career Services, and the newly formed Law Student Career Services Committee, chaired by Nicole Dulude 2D, will plot this strategy.

It is my intent to provide our students and alumni with the finest and most professional services. Anything less is unacceptable.

## Portugal Programs

*By Professor David Rice*

*Director of the Portuguese-American Comparative Law Center*

Fifteenth Century Portugal, under the guiding designs of Prince Henry the Navigator, played the leading role in the European Age of Discoveries. The Americas followed African and Atlantic Islands and preceded Pacific shore discoveries and Magellan's circumnavigation. Although no longer a great maritime and colonial nation, Portugal is engaged again in explorations and discoveries in the Twenty-First Century.



So, too, is Roger Williams University and its Ralph R. Papitto School of Law. "Learning to Bridge the World", the university's theme, is well-rooted in the School of Law, starting with its 1999 creation of a Lisbon Summer Study Abroad Program as a companion to its initial London Summer Study Abroad Program. Also in 1999, the School of Law, the Luso-American Foundation in Lisbon, and the Portugal Minister of Justice, and Portugal Attorney General signed a protocol to establish the School of Law's Portuguese-American Comparative Law Center. The late Professor Gary Bahr directed and taught in the first Lisbon Summer Program hosted by the Catholic University of Portugal, Lisbon Faculty of Law. Professor David A. Rice succeeded Gary Bahr in that capacity, and was appointed in 2000 the Director of the Portuguese-American Comparative Law Center, and continues in both roles.

The Lisbon Summer Program has grown from less than ten students in its first years to its maximum capacity of twenty-two students from RWU and other law school students in 2003 and 2004. Its capacity is limited under a plan developed by Professor Dr. Vasco Pereira de Silva and Dr. Henrique Sousa Antunes of Catholic University with Professor Rice to coordinate the Roger Williams Summer Program with the Lisbon Summer Academy of the European Legal Practice Integrated Studies (ELPIS) consortium which enrolls students from numerous European law faculties. The result is a unique program in which American and European law students study together under a distinguished faculty of full-time law teachers from the Lisbon Catholic University of Portugal, various European law faculties, and Roger Williams University. Through this, American students experience law study with students educated in the civil law tradition and develop new and lasting international friendships while experiencing short-term living in a different country.

The initiatives of the Portuguese-American Comparative Law Center's include an annual Summer Institute for Catholic University of Portugal law students from its Lisbon and Porto law faculties held in Bristol. It conducts a Visiting Research Scholars program for young Portuguese law teachers and a Distinguished Lecture Series featuring prominent legal scholars. Presented lectures are published in the Center's new Occasional Papers series. In addition, the Center is developing a Portuguese legal resources library, is exploring academic collaborations with University of Coimbra, co-hosted the June 2003 Justice Across the Atlantic conference on Child Abuse and Neglect, and has fulfilled Luso-American Foundation and University of Coimbra requests to provide major conference speakers.

We are most grateful for strong and continuing support provided by the Luso-American Foundation and its President, Dr. Rui Chancerelle de Machete for our work, including collaborative programs of Portuguese law faculties, proposed major research programs co-sponsored by the Foundation and the Center, and on-going planning between Roger Williams and Portuguese law faculties for exciting new educational and exchange ventures in this new age of discoveries and learning to bridge the world.

## New Faculty



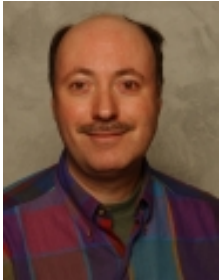
**Justice Robert G. Flanders, Jr.** serves as Distinguished Visiting Professor of Law. He earned his J.D. from Harvard Law School and an A.B. from Brown University *magna cum laude* and was

elected to *Phi Beta Kappa*. He will teach a year-long required course in Constitutional Law.



**Victor B. Flatt** serves as Distinguished Visiting Professor of Law. He earned his J.D. *cum laude* Order of the Coif from Northwestern University School of Law, and a Bachelor

of Arts degree in Chemistry and Mathematics *magna cum laude* from Vanderbilt University. He will teach Constitutional Law I, Inter-Agency Environmental Cooperation, Property, and Environmental Law.



**Steven Kropp** will serve as Visiting Professor of Law. He earned an LL.M. in Corporate Bankruptcy and Labor Law from Columbia University School of Law, his J.D. from Boston University

School of Law, and a Bachelor of Arts degree *summa cum laude* in Political Science from the University of Amherst. He will teach Contracts.

## Student Kudos



**Tara Janosh, 3L**, Sea Grant Law Fellow, and member of the Marine Affairs Joint Degree Program, was recently awarded the Marilynne

## Upcoming Events

### “Thinking Like Scientists Not Like Lawyers” Professor David Rosenberg Harvard Law School

Friday, October 8, 2004  
Room 283  
2:00-4:00 p.m.

Professor David Rosenberg will draw on experience in practice, writing, and teaching to argue that the legal profession is fast becoming socially irrelevant and irresponsible and that total revamping of legal education is essential to save it. This is not a critique of lawyers' ethics, fees, or partisan zeal. It's more basic, impugning “thinking like a lawyer.”

Professor Rosenberg entered practice in 1967 as an associate with Rabinowitz, Boudin and Standard in New York, and in 1972 formed the firm of Rosenberg, Baker and Fine in Cambridge. He joined the Harvard faculty part-time in 1971 and full-time in 1979. His practice, teaching, and writing cover diverse subjects, including constitutional law, labor law, criminal law, federal courts, torts, civil procedure, and complex litigation. His work pioneered the field of mass torts, in particular, by applying theories of law enforcement, deterrence, and insurance to develop and justify the use of probabilistically proportioned liability and such collectivized modes of adjudication as class action.

### Roger Williams Conference “Roger Williams’ Gift: Religious Liberty in America and Beyond Celebrating the Legacy of Roger Williams on the 400th Anniversary of His Birth”

Friday, October 15, 2004  
School of Law  
9:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

In recognition of the 400th anniversary of the birth of Roger Williams, you are invited to join Professor Ed Eberle and a distinguished panel of scholars who will reflect on the unique contributions of this seminal champion of religious freedom and separation of church and state and discuss these still-controversial principles in an increasingly heterogeneous world.



For additional conference details:  
<http://law.rwu.edu/About+the+School/News+and+Events/>  
To make a reservation or to register for an event, please call the Office of Alumni, Programs & Events at (401) 254-4659 or [lawevents@rwu.edu](mailto:lawevents@rwu.edu).

## New Administrative Staff

The School of Law welcomes Lydia Hanhardt, a graduate of Oberlin College (B.A.) and Columbia University (M.A.), who will assist Associate Dean Michael Yelnosky in the new position of Coordinator of Educational Enhancements. Lydia will provide administrative support for important aspects of our mission, especially the International and Honors Programs, as well as the Multicultural Law Students Association.

Graboy's Wool Scholarship from the Rhode Island Foundation. One scholarship is given annually & is named for Marilynne Graboy's Wool who was only the eighth woman admitted to the Rhode Island Bar in 1950 and who blazed the trail for women in law in southern New England. During her three-decade career, Mrs. Wool established a considerable practice in commercial law – corporate work, estate planning, secured

transactions – and raised two children. Speaking to a reporter in 1967, Mrs. Wool shared her thoughts on the legal profession, “It's good training. Lawyers think logically. And women can bring understanding and intuition to the profession.” Following Mrs. Wool's death at age 72, her brother George Graboy's established the Marilynne Graboy's Wool Scholarship Fund at The Rhode Island Foundation