



**David A. Logan**  
Dean and Professor of Law

### A MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN

The 2007-08 academic year is off to a great start, with our best-credentialed entering class enjoying the benefits of our new small section program, while our upper-level students learn from excellent full-time and adjunct faculty, one that mixes theory and practice in just the right measure. Because we are the only law school in the state, our top-shelf adjunct faculty includes leading jurists in the

region, like Chief Justice of the RI Supreme Court Frank Williams and Bruce Selya from the First Circuit.



**Frank Williams**  
Rhode Island Supreme Court



**Bruce Selya**  
First Circuit Court of Appeals

RWU is also a faculty of excellent scholars, as proven by a comprehensive study of faculty productivity recently completed by Associate Dean Michael Yelnosky. RWU faculty is the fifth most productive faculty in New England, trailing Yale, Harvard and Boston University (and we are just behind Boston College), and ahead of University of Connecticut and Northeastern. Among the schools outside of the US News "Top 100," RWU comes in second. <http://law.rwu.edu/facultyproductivity>

These are remarkable achievements for a young law school and our productivity rankings may rise even higher next year when we can include articles by some of our terrific faculty that have been accepted (but not yet published) by top journals.

I would be remiss if I did not mention the successes of six of my colleagues who recently received tenure (Nancy Cook, Anne Lawton, George Nnona and Emily Sack) or were promoted to Full Professor (Diana Hassel and Gail Winson). As has so often been the case in recent years, the talents of our new hires, join a strong senior faculty.

Visit the **DEANS BLOG**: <http://blogs.rwu.edu/law/dean>  
for our most current events and news!

### ROGER WILLIAMS UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW ANNOUNCES NEW ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR

The School of Law has appointed Courtney Megan Cahill as an associate professor of law. Professor Cahill joins the School of Law from the University of Toledo College of Law. She has also been a visiting professor at the University of Michigan Law School and the Washington and Lee University School of Law.

Professor Cahill is an established scholar. Her articles examining contemporary issues of law and sexuality draw upon her deep knowledge of the portrayal of law and sexuality in classical and early modern texts. Those articles have appeared in *Northwestern University Law Review* and the *Washington and Lee Law Review*. She is also an excellent teacher and will offer Sexual Orientation, Family Law and Property at Roger Williams.

Professor Cahill has a Bachelor of Arts degree from Barnard College, *summa cum laude*, a Ph.D. in Comparative Literature from Princeton University, and a J.D. from Yale Law School, where she won the Colby Townsend Prize, and served as Chief Essays Editor of the *Yale Law Journal* and a Coker Teaching Fellow. After graduating from Yale she clerked for the Honorable Harold Baer, Jr., of the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York.



## PARTRIDGE SNOW & HAHN LLP HOSTS THE THIRD ANNUAL LAW FIRM RECEPTION

The Rhode Island firm of Partridge Snow & Hahn LLP hosted a reception for members of the Roger Williams University School of Law Honors Program and the *Law Review*.

The Law Firm Reception tradition began three years ago. Hinckley Allen & Snyder hosted the first, followed by Edwards Angell Palmer & Dodge.

The Law Firm Reception is truly a unique event. It joins members of the host law firm, partners of other major Rhode Island law firms and top students from the School of Law. This event allows students the opportunity to meet and speak with the leading lawyers from the top Rhode Island law firms.

“We are pleased to continue the tradition of RI law firms hosting premier law students from Roger Williams University School of Law,” said David M. Gilden, managing partner of Partridge Snow & Hahn LLP. “This is an opportunity for us to encourage these students to stay in our state and pursue their legal careers in our local communities.”



*From Left to Right: David M. Gilden, managing partner of Partridge Snow & Hahn LLP, Assistant Dean of Career Services, Anthony L. Bastone, II, Dean David A. Logan*



### SENATOR WHITEHOUSE VISITS SCHOOL OF LAW

U.S. Senator Sheldon Whitehouse visited the Roger Williams University School of Law to present “*Why We Need an Independent Department of Justice*” on September 17, 2007. The public lecture focused on his work on the Senate Judiciary Committee investigating White House interference with the independence of the Department of Justice. Roger Williams Law professors David Zlotnick, a former Assistant U.S. Attorney, and Jared Goldstein, who worked in the Office of Solicitor General and the Environmental and Natural Resources Division at the Department of Justice, served as commentators.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### School of Law Alumni Reunion

Saturday, October 13, 2007

**Class of 1997 Tenth-Year**  
**Class of 2002 Fifth-Year**

**Please join us for dinner, drinks, and good times.**

Jacky's Galaxie • 383 Metacom Avenue • Bristol, R.I.

**Tour of the School of Law:** 5:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

**Reception with Faculty & Staff:** 6:00 p.m. - 6:45 p.m.

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**Dinner:** 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

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**Ticket Price:** \$25 per person

Tickets include one complimentary drink ticket at Jacky's Galaxie.

Registrations are required to the Office of Alumni, Programs, & Events at lawevents@rwu.edu or call 401-254-4659 by Thursday, October 4, 2007.

### Fourth Annual Legal Career Options Day

Friday, November 16, 2007

For additional information, please contact the Office of Career Services at (401) 254-4650.

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### Legal Dilemmas in a Dangerous World: Law, Terrorism and National Security Conference

Friday, November 9, 2007

The appalling attacks of September 11, 2001 highlighted a series of dilemmas in law enforcement and national security.

The experienced scholars and practitioners participating in this event will seek ways to resolve these challenging questions while reframing the issues presented.

Registration: 8:00 a.m.

Welcome: 8:30 a.m.

R.I. MCLE credits – 8 credits (2 ethics)

Registration fee - \$100

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