

2007 NALP Directory of Law Schools

Name of Law School: **Roger Williams University School of Law**

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I. DESCRIPTION OF LAW SCHOOL DEGREE PROGRAMS

A. Enrollment: 2006-2007 Academic Year

No. course hours required to graduate: **90**
Comments:

No. J.D. Students Enrolled	
Full-time	533
Evening	60
Part-time	0
Other	0
TOTAL	593

Composition of Enrollment (please enter numbers, not percentages)													
'06-'07 Year	Class Size	Men	Women	Black		Asian/Pacific Islander		Hispanic		Amer. Ind/Alaskan		Disabled	
				Men	Women	Men	Women	Men	Women	Men	Women	Men	Women
1st Yr.	200	110	90	3	1	3	4	5	1	0	0	1	0
2nd Yr.	179	88	91	2	5	4	4	3	5	0	1	0	0
3rd Yr.	184	92	92	5	3	4	5	3	3	0	1	0	0
4th Yr.	30	17	13	0	0	1	2	0	1	0	0	0	0
Total	593	307	286	10	9	12	15	11	10	0	2	1	0

Do you offer LL.M. degrees? **N** Is the LL.M. grading system equivalent to the JD system? **N**

Do you offer joint degree programs? **Y**

See online for complete listing of LL.M. and joint degree fields of study. Refer to "Explanation of grading system" section on next page for additional grading information.

B. Admissions Profile for Fall 2006 Entering Class (J.D. candidates only)

1677 Applications received **22%** In-state enrollments
204 Size of entering class **78%** Out-of-state enrollments
111 No. undergraduate colleges represented **2%** Foreign countries represented (incl. those in U.S. with both temporary and permanent visas)
31 No. states represented (incl. D.C.)

	Grade Point Average			Law School Admission Test			
	25%	50%	75%	25%	50%	75%	
Full-time	3.0	3.2	3.5	Full-time	151	153	156
Part-time				Part-time			
Overall	3.0	3.2	3.5	Overall	151	153	156

In determining GPA and LSAT averages, are all students included? **Y**

If not, what percentage is not included and why?

C. J.D. Program 2007-2008 Academic Year (if dates are known; if not use 2006-2007 dates)

	Semester begin date	Semester end date	Date finals end
Fall	08/20/2007	12/01/2007	12/21/2007
Spring	01/07/2008	04/22/2008	05/14/2008

Semester break dates: from **12/21/2007** to **01/06/2008**; Spring break dates: from **03/10/2008** to **03/15/2008**

Clinical Courses/Programs Offered	Enrollment Based On
Criminal Defense Clinic Community Justice & Legal Assistance Clinic 12 Public Interest Externships Each Semester Mediation Clinic 12 Judicial Externships Each Semester	

Special training and certification programs:

Moot Court Program: Is moot court a required program? **N**

Please describe program, including when students participate, how board members are selected, etc.

The Moot Court Board sponsors a broad range of appellate advocacy programs. This society organizes and administers the intrascholastic competition from which students are selected to compete in interscholastic tournaments with other regional and national law schools. The Board participates in the National Moot Court Competition.

Law Journals/Reviews	No. of students	Selection criteria			
		Grades	Write-on	Interview	Other
The Roger Williams University Law Review	41				

See further description online.

List student organizations (including minority/diversity organizations):

Alternative Dispute Resolution Association
 American Civil Liberties Union
 Association of Public Interest Law
 Delta Theta Phi (International Legal Fraternity)
 Federalist Society
 Maritime Law Society
 Student Bar Association
 International Law Society
 Phi Alpha Delta (International Legal Fraternity)
 Women's Law Association
 Latino Law Students Association
 Student Animal Legal Defense Fund
 Older Wiser Law Students (OWLS)
 Society for Technology and Bioethics

American Bar Association (Student Division)
 Association of Trial Lawyers of America
 Christian Law Society
 The Docket (Student Publication)
 Justinian (Italian) Law Society
 Sports & Entertainment Law Society
 Trial Team
 Multi-Cultural Law Students Association
 The Alliance (GLBT)
 Black Law Students Association
 Society for Technology Law and Bioethics
 Asian Pacific American Law Students Association
 Environmental Law Society

D. Explanation of Grading System

Letter grades	Other grade system?	Numerical equivalents (e.g., A=4 or 90)	Comment
A+		n/a	Faculty members teaching Civ. Pro. I & II, Contracts I & II, Crim. Law, Legal Methods I & II, Property and Torts I & II MUST distribute grades for the course in such a way that the mean/average grade falls within the range of 2.33 to 2.67. Faculty members teaching Con. Law I & II, Crim. Pro., Evid., or Prof. Resp. are REQUIRED to distribute grades for the course in such a way that the mean/average grade falls within the range of 2.50 to 3.00. There is no official grade normalization policy for elective courses, but past grading history reflects that courses with 20 or more students fall within the range of 2.60 to 3.20.
A		4.00	
A-		3.67	
B+		3.33	
B		3.00	
B-		2.67	
C+		2.33	
C		2.00	
C-		1.67	
D		1.00	
F		00.00	

Minimum grade required to attain*:					Median GPA*	Minimum grade required for graduation*
Top 10%	Top 25%	Top 33%	Top 50%	Top 75%		
3.28	3.10	3.01	2.83	2.54	2.83	2.00

* based on May 2006 graduation class

Do you have a pass/fail option? **N** If so, please describe:

Are students ranked in their class? **Y** If so, how often? **End of every semester**
 Will the school verify student grades? **N** Please describe school's policy:

Upon a student's written request, grades will be released in the form of an official transcript.

E. Academic Awards

Graduation Honors:	% of class receiving	GPA required (if calculated)	# of students
Order of the Coif			
Summa cum laude	0	3.75	0
Magna cum laude	6%	3.50	11
Cum laude	13%	3.25	23
Other			

Pre-Graduation Academic Awards (including Dean's List)

Name of award	Number awarded	Selection process
CALI Awards Honors Program	58 32	Highest grades in required courses Prior to admission & end of year

F. Areas of Practice and Employment for Most Recent Graduating Class

Areas of Practice	% of employed students with job in area	Employment locations	% of students who are in region
Private practice	48.1	New England (CT, ME, MA, NH, RI, VT)	70.5
Business/Industry	17.6	Middle Atlantic (NJ, NY, PA)	17.1
Government	7.6	East North Central (IL, IN, MI, OH, WI)	0.8
Judicial clerkship	12.2	West North Central (IA, KS, MN, MO, NE, ND, SD)	0.8
Military	2.2	South Atlantic (DE, DC, FL, GA, MD, NC, SC, VA, WV)	5.4
Public Interest Org.	9.2	East South Central (AL, KY, MS, TN)	0.8
Academic	3.1	West South Central (AR, LA, OK, TX)	0
Job category not identified	0	Mountain (AZ, CO, ID, MT, NV, NM, UT, WY)	1.6
Include both legal and non-legal positions.		Pacific (AK, CA, HI, OR, WA)	3.1
		Non-US	0

Jurisdictions (states, cities, etc.) employing largest # of graduates (up to 10):

Rhode Island
Massachusetts

II. CAREER COUNSELING AND EMPLOYMENT SERVICES

A. On-Campus Interviews (OCI)

1. Reservations:

Week when invitations are mailed to employers: March 12, 2007

OCI requests accepted by:

- Mail beginning date 03/12/2007
- Phone beginning date 03/12/2007
- Email beginning date 03/12/2007 to careerservices@law.rwu.edu
- Online beginning date _____ URL _____

Please specify any changes to OCI procedures or policies that will be in effect for the first time during Fall 2007:

OCI date assignment procedure:

- first come, first served random
- early/late rotation out-of-state employer by geographic location

Comments:

OCI fee? none

OCI date confirmation will be sent to employers ASAP

If requested, our school will coordinate OCI dates with:

N/A

2. Required Employer Forms (please describe)

Two copies each of NALP form and firm resume are due within two weeks of OCI date confirmation.

3. OCI Dates for

August from _____ to _____
 Fall from 09/18/2007 to 11/09/2007
 Spring from _____ to _____

"Flyback" dates _____

Is video conferencing available? Y

Comments:

4. Student Resume Selection Process

Are employers permitted to prescreen? Y

If no, explain system:

5. Pre-OCI Material Distribution

OCI drop date: 09/06/2007

Date student materials sent to employer 09/07/2007

Date interview schedule sent to employer 09/14/2007

Postage/express mail fee? _____

Comments:

Do you provide resume collection or direct mail option for employers not participating in OCI? Y

Are all OCIs conducted in campus buildings? Y If no, describe alternatives and reservation procedure:

B. Other Interview Programs

If you participate in cooperative/consortia/other interview programs, please provide information about participating schools, dates, locations, etc.

1. Cooperative/Consortia, Regional and Other Programs

Each November the Office of Career Services sponsors LEGAL CAREER OPTIONS DAY. This event is co-sponsored by the Rhode Island Bar Association and features networking opportunities with over sixty attorneys representing legal careers in the following areas: academic, alternative careers, corporate, government/public interest, judiciary, and law firms.

Prior to the Fall On-Campus Interview Program, the Office of Career Services sponsors a MOCK INTERVIEW PROGRAM in which students have the opportunity to hone their interviewing skills in real-life interviews conducted by attorneys who are members of the Young Lawyers Division of the Rhode Island Bar Association.

Roger Williams University School of Law is a member of the Northeast Law School Consortium which holds career fairs in Washington D.C. and Philadelphia each fall.

The School of Law is one of approximately 20 law schools that is invited to participate in the PUBLIC INTEREST LEGAL CAREER FAIR hosted by New York University School of Law and held each February at NYU.

The School of Law also participates in the PATENT LAW INTERVIEW PROGRAM hosted by Loyola University Chicago School of Law and held each summer in Chicago.

2. Diversity Interview Programs

Please see Diversity & Professional Development Programs (Section II E) below.

C. Job Postings for Students/Alumni — please describe your job posting procedure for students and alumni: **Employers may submit employment opportunities to the Office of Career Services by completing our online Job Notice Form at <http://law.rwu.edu/sites/careerservices/employers>. Alternatively, employers may request that the Office of Career Services fax them a hard copy of the Job Notice Form. All jobs are posted on the Office of Career Services' website for six weeks unless a different deadline is provided or the position is filled. Positions are also posted free of charge in THE BRIDGELAW, the Office of Career Services' monthly alumni job bulletin.**

D. First-Year Students — describe any special regulations pertaining to the recruiting of first-year students in addition to the NALP guidelines. For example, are first-year students eligible for spring OCI? When are job notices posted during second semester?

In the fall, first year students may interview on-campus with the Rhode Island State Government Internship Program and may also attend the School of Law's annual Legal Career Options Day (held each November) where they have the opportunity to speak with over 60 legal employers in different areas of practice. In the spring, first year students may participate in spring on-campus interviewing, as well as the Public Interest Legal Career Fair held at the New York University School of Law.

E. Diversity & Professional Development Programs — please describe:

The School of Law's Director of Diversity & Outreach facilitates the Mentoring Program between student members of the Multi-Cultural Law Students Association and the Thurgood Marshall Law Society of Rhode Island. The Office of Career Services and the Office of Diversity & Outreach collaborate to sponsor and promote activities and trainings designed to improve students' professional development including annual career fairs, workshops on professional development topics, and networking events. For a complete listing of the School of Law's diversity initiatives, please visit us online at <http://law.rwu.edu/about/studentlife/diversity.aspx>.

F. Pro Bono Programs/Opportunities — please describe:

THE FEINSTEIN INSTITUTE FOR LEGAL SERVICE

Roger Williams University School of Law is committed to the idea that lawyers should serve the community. Introducing students to public service through the curriculum sets the stage for a lifetime of commitment. This mission is realized through the Feinstein Institute for Legal Service, established by a generous grant from the Feinstein Foundation. The Feinstein Institute for Legal Service provides hands-on learning experiences through the Public Interest and Judicial Externship Program and the Public Service Program. It also supports and encourages public interest activities through a generous summer stipend program, a public interest scholarship program, a public interest speakers series, and through unique law school-community partnerships. In 2006, the Feinstein Institute launched its newest project, the Pro Bono Collaborative. The PBC is an innovative, grant-funded program partnering law firms with community organizations and law students to provide pro bono assistance to underrepresented communities in Rhode Island.

As part of the School of Law's commitment to public service, all students are required to perform 20 hours of uncompensated law-related public service in order to graduate.

G. Non-discrimination Policy — please provide your school's non-discrimination policy:

It is the policy of Roger Williams University not to discriminate on the basis of sex, handicap, disability, race, color, religion, age, national or ethnic origin, marital status, or sexual orientation in its educational programs, admissions policies, employment policies, financial aid, or other school-administered programs.

H. Narrative

Only 14 years old, the School of Law at Roger Williams University has already made its mark in the professional, educational, and legal communities. As the only law school in the state of Rhode Island, the Roger Williams University School of Law holds a unique position as the state's legal education and training center and hub of the state's legal community, running programs for the bench and bar.

The School of Law's strong student body is taught in a modern building on a beautiful waterfront campus. Our 2006 entering class is comprised of 204 students selected from over 1677 total applicants. The fact that applications are up over 125% since 2000 is proof positive that Roger Williams University School of Law is truly a law school on the move. Further, the School of Law offers an Honors Program for students who have demonstrated exceptional ability and achievement before entering law school. The 2006 entering class of honors students had a median LSAT score of 161 and a median undergraduate grade point average of 3.3.

Our outstanding faculty of distinguished instructors, noted scholars, and accomplished lawyers trains our students to uphold the responsibilities of the legal profession. At Roger Williams University School of Law, rigorous academic discussion, a strong sense of community among faculty and students, the practice of lawyering skills, experiences with the bench and bar, and service to the community combine to form a foundation that nurtures intellectual curiosity and practical achievement. To underscore our belief in the role of the "citizen lawyer" in our communities, the School of Law requires that all students complete 20 hours of uncompensated legal service before graduation.

I. Other Notes

MARINE AFFAIRS INSTITUTE

Reflecting the complexity of ocean resource management, the Marine Affairs Institute offers Roger Williams University School of Law students the opportunity to learn about and conduct research on issues in ocean and coastal law and attend marine science, law, and policy programs. Opportunities include researching maritime law for a Supreme Court brief, attending the Marine Law Symposium with national policy experts, and exploring leadership with marine lawyers. The Marine Affairs Institute works with the University of Rhode Island and other marine programs to develop innovative ocean and coastal laws and policies.