

Roger Williams University
SCHOOL OF LAW

Virtual Symposium

Justice for All: Transformative Gender Law

Roger Williams University School of Law | Ten Metacom Avenue | Bristol, Rhode Island

Friday, November 3, 2023 (Zoom Webinar)

9:30 AM – 3:15 PM EST

The phrase “Justice for All” dates to the founding of our country as a foundational principle of American law. But it has become increasingly clear that many groups of people are often left out of the “All” category, and the phrase “Justice for All” is often fiction. The legal system regularly excludes people for reasons that have nothing to do with the merits of their case, and legal actors regularly work to uphold these exclusions rather than committing to expand access. A person’s race, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, religion, citizenship, ability, age, and/or socioeconomic status are just a few of the factors that lock them out of receiving equal treatment in our justice system. People in these groups have limited access to lawyers, legal services, and legal education, which undermines the principle of justice that is the essence of the U.S. Constitution.

The Roger William *Law Review*’s newest journal, *Justice for All*, proudly presents a symposium focusing on the transformation in gender law over the past century. Speakers will consider how gender identity or expression, sex, or sexual orientation intersect with the law. The event will focus on how that transformation has occurred and how further transformation may be possible in the courtroom and the classroom.

9:30AM-10:00AM **Welcome**

Dean Gregory W. Bowman, Roger Williams University School of Law

Introduction to the Symposium

Dr. Safie Sagna, Director of Diversity and Outreach,
Roger Williams University School of Law

10:00AM-11:30 AM **Panel 1: Transformations in Title IX Jurisprudence**

Title IX is one of the most transformative pieces of legislation of the past 50 years. It has had such an impact that it is rarely considered in its fullness— primarily its impact on athletics, education funding, opportunities, and sexual assault. This panel brings theory and practice together to reflect on the deep impact of this statute in our legal system and American life.

Janet Halley, Eli Goldston Professor of Law at Harvard Law School

Lynette Labinger- Lead Litigator in Landmark Title IX case, *Cohen v. Brown*

Jennifer Stanley, Associate Dean and Title IX Coordinator at Roger Williams University

Susan Ware, Feminist Historian and Author

Moderator: TBD

11:00AM-11:15AM **Break**

11:15AM-12:45PM **Keynote Speaker**

Zakiya Thomas, President & CEO, ERA Coalition/Fund for Women's Equality

Moderator: Emily Sack, Professor of Law, Roger Williams University School of Law

12:45PM-2:00PM **Lunch Break**

2:00PM-3:15PM **Panel 2: Transformation in Transgender Rights**

This panel will focus on the transformation in the law in regards to transgender rights and the effects on transgender individuals. There will be a brief discussion on the projection into the future.

Lauren E. Hill, Chief legal Counsel for the Rhode Island Commission for Human Rights

Professor Danielle Weatherby, Professor at the University of Arkansas School of Law

John Ward, Lecturer at Boston University School of Law

Meet the Moderators

- Nicole P. Dyszlewski, Roger Williams University School of Law, Director of Special Programs, Academic Affairs
- Samuel Filiaggi, 2L at Roger Williams University School of Law, student moderator
- Emily Sack, Professor of Law, Roger Williams University School of Law

This program has been approved for five (5) Rhode Island CLE Credit Hours.