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COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES • MAY 18, 2018
CLASS OF TWO THOUSAND AND EIGHTEEN

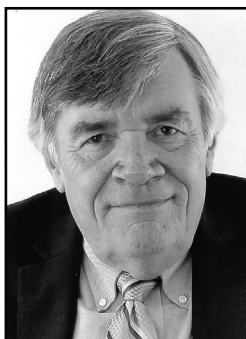
DEAN MICHAEL J. YELNOSKY — PRESIDING

PROCESSIONAL	<i>Pipes and Drums</i> by The Rhode Island Highlanders Pipe Band
NATIONAL ANTHEM	Members of the Roger Williams University Chorus
INTRODUCTION	Michael J. Yelnosky
PRESIDENT'S REMARKS	Donald J. Farish, J.D., Ph.D. Roger Williams University
DIRECTORS' GREETINGS	The Honorable William E. Smith RWU Trustee & Chair, RWU Law Board of Directors Chief Judge, U.S. District Court for the District of Rhode Island
ALUMNI WELCOME	Jillian Jagling, Esq. '09 President, Law Alumni Association Attorney, West Group Law PLLC
CONFERRING OF THE HONORARY DEGREES	
<i>Presented by:</i>	
The Honorable Francis X. Flaherty	The Honorable George E. Healy, Jr., <i>Retired</i> Associate Justice Rhode Island Supreme Court Rhode Island Workers' Compensation Court
<i>Presented by:</i>	
Pablo Rodriguez, MD.	Marielena Hincapié Clinical Associate Professor at the Alpert Medical School Executive Director National Immigration Law Center
ADDRESS	Marielena Hincapié "A Great Time to be Alive"
VALEDICTORY ADDRESS	JENNIFER E. LIST
PRESENTATION OF GRADUATING CLASS	Michael J. Yelnosky
CONFERRING OF DEGREES	Donald J. Farish, J.D., Ph.D.
RECESSIONAL	<i>Pipes and Drums</i> by the Rhode Island Highlanders Pipe Band

The audience is requested to remain seated during the recessional.

*For the comfort of some of our families and guests, a live video feed is available
in the School of Law Appellate Courtroom, second floor. Seating is limited.*

SCHOOL OF LAW HONORARY DEGREE RECIPIENT



THE HONORABLE GEORGE E. HEALY, JR.

Doctor of Laws, Honoris Causa

Chief Judge (Ret.), Rhode Island Workers' Compensation Court

B.A. Northeastern University

J.D. Suffolk University Law School

Judge George Healy has dedicated his professional life to the safety and protection of Rhode Island's workers. Not only was he a respected judge on the Workers' Compensation Court for 25 years, he was a member of the task force that created the court in 1990 and ultimately reengineered the system in 1992.

Prior to his appointment to the bench, Judge Healy was an active civil litigator and workers' compensation practitioner. He was appointed to the Workers' Compensation Court by Governor Bruce Sundlun in 1991 and was sworn in as Chief Judge on August 27, 2004, by Governor Donald Carcieri. He served as Chief Judge until his retirement on July 31, 2015.

Chief Judge Healy remains a member of the Workers' Compensation Advisory Council, comprised of Rhode Island representatives from labor, business, state government, the insurance industry and the court. The council's mission is to advise the Governor and General Assembly on matters relating to workers' compensation. He served as a member of the editorial board for the *American Medical Association's Guides to the Evaluation of Permanent Impairment*, 5th Edition, and has lectured and published numerous articles on various aspects of workers' compensation law and practice.

Chief Judge Healy has served on the Board of Directors of the Institute for Labor Studies and Research and Roger Williams University's Pro Bono Collaborative. He has also taught workers' compensation law to future lawyers as an adjunct faculty member of Roger Williams University School of Law.

Judge Healy resides in East Greenwich, R.I., with his wife Ruth. They have two sons, Paul and Timothy Healy '05, and four cherished grandchildren.

SCHOOL OF LAW HONORARY DEGREE RECIPIENT



MARIELENA HINCAPIÉ, ESQ.

Doctor of Laws, Honoris Causa

Executive Director, National Immigration Law Center

B.A. Northeastern University

J.D. Stanford Law School

As executive director of the National Immigration Law Center, Marielena Hincapié is dedicated to defending and advancing the rights of low-income immigrants in the United States. Under her leadership, the NILC has become one of the country's premier immigrants' rights organizations, strategically employing a combination of litigation, policy, communications, and alliance-building strategies to effect social change.

Ms. Hincapié's both highly respected for her legal and political strategies and is seen as a bridge-builder, both within the immigrants' rights field and across broader social justice sectors. Fully bilingual and bicultural, she serves as a resource and is often interviewed by media outlets including Univisión, Telemundo, CNN en Español, MSNBC, *The New York Times* and *The Los Angeles Times*. She lectures frequently at national and international conferences, addressing issues of migration, and works closely with emerging leaders in the social justice movement.

Ms. Hincapié began her tenure at NILC in 2000 as a staff attorney leading the organization's labor and employment program. From 2004 to 2008, she served as NILC's director of programs. Before joining NILC, Ms. Hincapié worked for the Legal Aid Society of San Francisco's Employment Law Center, where she founded the Center's Immigrant Workers' Rights Project.

The recipient of many professional awards and honors, she has also served on the American Bar Association's Commission on Immigration; is currently a member of the Welcome.US and Center for Law and Social Policy (CLASP) boards of directors; and is board chair for the Indivisible Project. Ms. Hincapié immigrated as a child from Medellín, Colombia, to Central Falls, Rhode Island. She is the youngest of 10 children.

SCHOOL OF LAW DEGREE CANDIDATES • JURIS DOCTOR

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*graduation date, December 2017; ◆graduation date, August 2018; **graduation date, December 2018

(LMCS+) Currently enrolled in Master of Science in Cyber Security with Roger Williams University

(LMMA+) Currently enrolled in Master of Marine Affairs at University of Rhode Island : (3P3) Three plus Three Program : Esq., Passed bar in February 2018

HONORS DISTINCTION

SUMMA CUM LAUDE

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Katelyn E. Kalmbach
Jennifer E. Lisi
Alexandra C. Rawson
David M. Remillard
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HONORS PROGRAM

MEMBERS OF THE CLASS OF 2018

For students who have demonstrated exceptional academic ability and achievement before coming to law school and exceptional academic achievement in their first year, the School of Law offers an Honors Program, which consists of a special course of study. The following students have successfully completed the requirements of the Honors Program:

Samantha Farley Armstrong

Andrew M. Lentz

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Tyler J. Bischoff

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The following students constitute the 2017-2018 Editorial Board and Assistant Editors of the *Roger Williams University Law Review* and are responsible for publication of Volume 23 of the Law Review.

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MOOT COURT

The Moot Court Board promotes the development of the art of appellate advocacy and brief writing. Those selected as the best appellate advocates in the intrascholastic competition are awarded the Clark Prize for Excellence in Advocacy. The Board also sponsors interscholastic teams that compete against representatives from law schools across the nation.

Moot Court Board 2017-2018

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Advisor:

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University at Buffalo Law's 19th Annual Herbert Wechsler National Criminal Law Moot Court Competition

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Coach:

Tolulope Kevin Olasanoye '12

University at Buffalo Law's 20th Annual Herbert Wechsler National Criminal Law Moot Court Competition

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Coach:

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The 68th Annual New York City Bar National Moot Court Competition

Camille Marie Ingino
Melvin Mahon '19

Coach:

John D. Meara '11

Touro Law Center's 4th Annual National Moot Court Competition in Law & Religion

Sean Joseph Clough
Molly R. Hamlin

Touro Law Center's 5th Annual National Moot Court Competition in Law & Religion

Tyler J. Bischoff
Hannah Rose Pfeiffer
Jennifer E. Lisi

Coach:

Professor Jared Goldstein

Regent Law's 17th Annual Leroy Hassell, Sr. National Constitutional Law Moot Court Competition

Kirby Simone Gordon
Michele Catherine Lau

Coach:

Tolulope Kevin Olasanoye '12

University of Texas Law's 25th Annual Judge John R. Brown Admiralty Moot Court Competition

Team 1

Manta Kainalukea Dircks

Kathleen Mary O'Brien

Jonathan Legros Michael Pierre

Team 2

Brody Karn '19

Mariah Leffingwell '19

Joseph Staph '19

Faculty Advisor:

Professor Jonathan M. Gutoff

Coach:

Adjunct Professor Robert Falvey '98

TRIAL TEAM

The following students were selected to participate
in interscholastic trial team competitions:

2017 American Association for Justice Trial Advocacy Competition

Team 1

Darrell Shae Hornback
Islindy Z. Merius
Shampagne L. Robinson, Esq.
Jacquelyn Alexa Ruiz-Henriquez

Team 2

Jovan St. George Legister
Amanda Rose Seekins, Esq.
Alyse Antone Smyth
Jamie Kathryn Spinella

Coaches:

Professor David Coombs
Professor Tanya Monestier

2017 Texas Young Lawyers Association National Trial Competition

Team 1

Amanda Rose Seekins, Esq.
Alyse Antone Smyth

Team 2

Grace Dzilenski
Jamie Kathryn Spinella

Coaches:

Professor David Coombs
Professor Tanya Monestier

SELECTED HONORS EARNED BY MEMBERS OF THE CLASS OF 2018

THE CLARK PRIZE FOR EXCELLENCE IN APPELLATE ADVOCACY

Those students who capture first place in the written and oral intrascholastic moot court competition share an award donated by former Distinguished Visiting Professor Esther F. Clark. Members of the graduating class who received this award during the course of their studies are:

Sean Joseph Clough
Winner of the Clark Competition

Grace Dzilenski
Finalist

Alexandra C. Rawson
Best Brief

PROFESSOR CLARK ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP

Distinguished Visiting Professor Esther F. Clark and her husband, John Clark, established this scholarship to recognize outstanding academic performance by a rising second year student.

Melissa Elizabeth Milich

GARY L. BAHR MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

This award is in memory of Professor Gary L. Bahr, the first associate dean and member of the founding faculty of the School of Law. The award is made annually to the first year student with the highest combined average in Contracts and Torts.

Katherine Dickson Bishop
Jennifer E. Lisi
Andrew Domenico Senerchia

KATHLEEN M. BIRT MEMORIAL DISPUTE RESOLUTION PRIZE

This prize is awarded to graduating students who have demonstrated the most distinguished performance in dispute resolution courses.

Melinda L. Thies

CLINICAL LEGAL EDUCATION ASSOCIATION OUTSTANDING STUDENT AWARD

This national award recognizes a student who has excelled in a clinical course in law school.

Sarah Lyn Candela

DEAN'S ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

This award is presented by the Dean to a graduating student who improved his or her grades the most from the first year.

Mark Biancaniello

SELECTED HONORS EARNED BY MEMBERS OF THE CLASS OF 2018

THE LEGAL METHODS FACULTY AWARD FOR BEST APPELLATE BRIEF

This award is made possible by The Lillian and Irving Topf Memorial Fund.

David M. Remillard

**ROGER WILLIAMS UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW
ALUMNI ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP**

Alyse Antone Smyth

PROFESSOR ROBERT B. KENT '01H MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Jennifer E. Lisi

MICHAEL P. McNULTY SCHOLARSHIP

Katherine A. Cooke-Caraway

SELECTED HONORS EARNED BY MEMBERS OF THE CLASS OF 2018

Each semester the student receiving the highest grade in each course is selected to receive a Center for Computer Assisted Legal Instruction (CALI) award certificate. Members of the graduating class who received this award for classes during the course of their studies are:

William P. Aiello		Steven M. Davis	
Mediation	Fall 2016	Legal Practice I	Fall 2015
Legal Practice III	Spring 2017	Legal Practice II	Spring 2016
Negotiation	Fall 2017		
Danielle Marie Angelo		Nicole Elizabeth De Nucci	
Prosecution	Fall 2017	Elder Law	Spring 2017
Samantha Farley Armstrong		John Joseph DeSimone, Jr.	
Civil Procedure II	Spring 2016	Mediation	Fall 2016
Property	Spring 2016	Manta Kainalukea Dircks	
Constitutional Law	Fall 2016	Judicial Process & Ethics	Fall 2017
Evidence	Fall 2016		
Immigration Law	Fall 2016	Ryan D. Eckerson	
National Security	Fall 2017	Constitutional Law II	Spring 2017
Aryana Paymana Badery		Shea Lyndsey Griffin	
Securities Regulation	Fall 2017	Children and Law	Spring 2017
		Immigration Clinic	Fall 2017
James C. Bass, IV		Shannon Leigh Haibon, Esq.	
Civil Procedure II	Spring 2016	Workers Compensation	Spring 2016
Marine Salvage Law	Spring 2017	Sales	Summer 2017
Professional Responsibility	Summer 2017		
Tyler J. Bischoff		Molly R. Hamlin	
Torts II	Spring 2016	Legal Practice II	Spring 2016
Criminal Law	Fall 2015	Conflicts of Law	Fall 2016
Supreme Court and Labor Law	Fall 2017	Veteran Disability Appeals Clinic	Fall 2017
		Access to Healthcare	Fall 2017
Katherine Dickson Bishop		Kelsey Anne Hayward	
Criminal Law	Fall 2015	Legal Practice II	Spring 2016
Contracts II	Spring 2016	Remedies	Fall 2016
Legal Practice II	Spring 2016	Wills & Trusts	Spring 2017
Sarah Lyn Candela		Lauren Elizabeth Higgins	
Immigration Clinic	Spring 2017	Trial Advocacy	Spring 2017
Immigration Advanced Clinic	Fall 2017		
Critical Race Theory	Fall 2017		
John Woodward Caruolo		Katelyn E. Kalmbach	
Legal Practice II	Spring 2016	Legal Practice I	Fall 2015
Constitutional Law	Fall 2016	Legal Practice II	Spring 2016
Secured Transactions	Fall 2016	Legal Practice III	Spring 2017
Banking Law	Spring 2017	Sales	Fall 2017
Corporate Counsel	Fall 2017	Karolyn Faye Keller	
		Public Interest	Summer 2016
Michael J. Chase		Carline Marie Kelly-Barnes	
Professional Responsibility	Summer 2016	Maritime Litigation: The Whips & Whirls	
		of an Admiralty Practice	Summer 2017
Katherine A. Cooke-Caraway		Samantha M. Kent	
American Jury System	Spring 2017	Advanced Torts	Fall 2016
		Intellectual Property	Fall 2017

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James William Kern Trial Advocacy	Spring 2017	Kathleen Mary O'Brien Contract Drafting & Transactional Lawyering	Fall 2017
Michele Catherine Lau Domestic Violence	Fall 2016	Kelsey Lynn O'Gorman Info Technology & Law	Spring 2017
Criminal Procedure: Investigation	Spring 2017	Regulatory Compliance	Spring 2017
Legal Practice III	Spring 2017		
Criminal Defense Clinic	Fall 2017	Kaylin M. Pelletier, Esq. Constitutional Law II	Spring 2017
Death Penalty	Fall 2017		
Jovan St. George Legister Current Issues Copyright Law	Fall 2017	Gabrielle Regina Perlmutter Trial Advocacy	Fall 2017
Jeff Michael Linares Mergers & Acquisitions	Spring 2017	Hannah Rose Pfeiffer Election Law & Campaign Finance	Fall 2016
Jennifer E. Lisi Civil Procedure I	Fall 2015	Land Use Planning	Fall 2017
Contracts I	Fall 2015	Jonathan Legros Michael Pierre Criminal Procedure Investigation	Summer 2016
Legal Practice I	Fall 2015	Discovery: Unpacking Civil Pre-Trial Process	Spring 2017
Torts I	Fall 2015		
Contracts II	Spring 2016	Clinton Renold Prospere Legal Practice II	Spring 2016
Legal Practice III	Fall 2016	Employment Discrimination	Fall 2017
Administrative Law	Fall 2016		
Criminal Procedure: Investigation	Spring 2017	Matthew Robert Puma Torts I	Fall 2015
Conflicts of Law	Fall 2017	Alexandra C. Rawson Legal Practice I	Fall 2015
Current Issues Copyright Law	Fall 2017	Mass Civil Practice	Fall 2016
Michael Paul Marinelli Jr. Legal Practice II	Spring 2016	Mediation	Spring 2017
Alyssa Marie Mason Torts II	Spring 2016	Lawyering in an Evil System	Spring 2017
James Patrick Mercurio, Esq. Criminal Procedure: Adjudication	Spring 2017	David M. Remillard Contracts I	Fall 2015
Islindy Z. Merius Critical Race Theory	Fall 2016	Legal Practice I	Fall 2015
Connor J. Mills Legal Practice I	Fall 2015	Legal Practice II	Spring 2016
Environmental Law	Fall 2016	Property	Spring 2016
Business Organizations	Fall 2017	Eder Romulo Ribeiro Jr. Mediation	Summer 2017
Health Law and Policy	Fall 2017	Brandon Peter Ruggieri Legal Practice III	Spring 2017
Natasha Montalvo Securities Regulation	Fall 2017	Contract Drafting & Transactional Lawyering	Fall 2017
Andrew B. Murphy Accounting for Lawyers	Fall 2017	Andrew William Sbordone Business Startup Clinic	Fall 2017
Benjamin Hung Nguyen Payment Systems	Fall 2017	Intellectual Property	Fall 2017

SELECTED HONORS EARNED BY MEMBERS OF THE CLASS OF 2018

Erica Marie Sciacca Workers Compensation	Fall 2017
Amanda Rose Seekins, Esq. Sales	Fall 2016
Andrew Domenico Senerchia Legal Practice I Contract Drafting & Transactional Lawyering Secured Transactions Corporate Counsel	Fall 2015 Fall 2016 Fall 2016 Spring 2017
Justin Sandbach Smith Legal Practice III	Fall 2016
Alyse Antone Smyth Mediation	Fall 2017
Matthew D. Strauss Evidence Professional Responsibility Secured Transactions	Fall 2016 Spring 2017 Fall 2017
Melinda L. Thies Legal Practice I Legal Practice II Legal Practice III Mediation Negotiation	Fall 2014 Spring 2015 Fall 2016 Fall 2016 Fall 2017
Jessica Elizabeth Trillo Torts II Law and Medicine	Spring 2016 Spring 2017
Quinterrion Leviell Waits Legal Practice I Trial Advocacy	Fall 2015 Fall 2017
Kelsey F. Wallace Prosecution	Summer 2017
Nicole Nanah Yancy Senior Abuse, Neglect, and Injuries Public Interest Law & Ethics Trial Advocacy	Spring 2017 Summer 2017 Fall 2017

FEINSTEIN CENTER FOR PRO BONO & EXPERIENTIAL EDUCATION
PUBLIC INTEREST AND PRO BONO SERVICE AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

2018 PUBLIC INTEREST AWARD

The Public Interest Award is given to a graduating student who has been exemplary in serving the community and promoting justice for the underrepresented.

Tianna Pittman

2018 PRO BONO COLLABORATIVE AWARD

The Pro Bono Collaborative Award is given to graduating students for professionalism, collaborative spirit, and exemplary commitment to serving the community and promoting justice for the underrepresented through PBC projects.

Jonathan Legros Michael Pierre
Alexander B. Terry

RECOGNITION FOR PRO BONO LEADERSHIP

The following graduating students are recognized for their leadership in RWU Law's pro bono programing:

Alexander B. Terry
PBC Adult Correctional Institutions (ACI) Project

Alyse Antone Smyth
Alternative Spring Break

Jovan St. George Legister
Jonathan Legros Michael Pierre
PBC Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program

RECOGNITION FOR PRO BONO SERVICE

The following graduating students completed one hundred hours or more of pro bono legal service:

Adrienne Randolph Abner	Ryan D. Eckerson	Kelsey Erin McDonald
Zachary J. Agel	Gabriella Esposito	Islindy Z. Merius
William P. Aiello	Leonel Gonzalez Jr.	Karen Michel
Samantha Farley Armstrong	Kirby Simone Gordon	Natasha Montalvo
Peter Joseph Arre	Shea Lyndsey Griffin	Kathleen Mary O'Brien
Aryana Paymana Badery	Autumn Rae Guarnaccia	Hannah Rose Pfeiffer
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MARINE AFFAIRS INSTITUTE

Roger Williams University School of Law's Marine Affairs Institute, in partnership with Rhode Island Sea Grant and the University of Rhode Island, is a national leader in marine and maritime law and policy dedicated to preparing the next generation of marine law professionals by offering a rigorous curriculum and diverse extracurricular opportunities.

MARINE AFFAIRS ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

This award honors a graduating student who has been exemplary in the study and advancement of marine policy and law.

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