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Women In Robes a Huge Success!

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Women in Robes is a **Women's Law Society's** annual event that brings together the students of Roger Williams University School of Law and the Rhode Island Judiciary.

This year's Women in Robes took place on October 22, at DeWolf Tavern, here in Bristol. With attendance growing each year, this was one of our most successful events yet, with a total of 90 attendees. This included judges from the **Rhode Island Family Court, Rhode Island Superior Court, Rhode Island Worker's Compensation Court**, and the **U.S. Court of Appeals for the First Circuit**. In addition to the esteemed members of the Judiciary, we also had many members of the law school's faculty and members of the **Rhode Island Women's Bar Association** Executive board.



One reason I believe that this event is so successful is that it provides students with an opportunity to network and meet members of the Rhode Island Judiciary in an intimate atmosphere that not many events can offer. It brings students, judges, faculty and attorneys together for a night of good food and great conversations about law school, future careers, professional advice -- or, in my personal experience this year, a more humorous discussion regarding a recent SNL skit skewering the Democratic Debate!

This event brings many different members of the law community together, and lets flourishing relationships begin. Whether it is great dinner conversation, meeting a new mentor, or even getting a summer internship, the students always take away something valuable.



In addition, I'd like to highlight a very important individual recognized this year at Women in Robes: **Family Court Chief Judge Haiganush R. Bedrosian**. Chief Judge Bedrosian was the first woman to serve on the Family Court bench, where she has presided since 1980. In 2010, she became the first woman to lead that court when she was named Chief Judge. After more than 30 years on the bench, Chief Judge Bedrosian has announced her plans to retire in January 2016. Congratulations Chief Judge Bedrosian, and thank you for all that you have done for Rhode Island.

I would also like to reiterate my thanks to the Rhode Island Judiciary. Without your continued support this event would not be possible. And so on behalf of the Women's Law Society, thank you all. Thanks also to Dean Yelnosky, Chelsie Horne and the entire Roger Williams School of Law faculty for your continued support in encouraging these opportunities for the students.

I am ecstatic about the success that this event has reached, and am looking forward to its growing success in the future. See you all next year!