

RHODE ISLAND WOMEN'S BAR ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

HOW TO GET INVOLVED THIS FALL:

Renew your RIWBA membership! As a member of the Rhode Island Women's Bar Association, you'll be privy to what's happening in the Rhode Island legal community and how you, as part of that community, can make a difference. Haven't re-upped yet? Visit our website here to fill out an application and pay yearly dues.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

SEPTEMBER

Thursday, September 26, 2019. Want to hear from young people about their views on feminism? Attend the upcoming *Cocktails & Conversations: Feminist Youth Voices*, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Lincoln School in Providence, hosted by the Women's Fund of Rhode Island. A diverse group of young female identifying speakers will explore their relationship to the past, present, and future of feminist ideals and their visions for what it means to them in 2019. Learn more about this free event, and sign up to attend, [here](#).



OCTOBER

Friday, October 4, 2019. The six-week *Stress Management Series* continues, and if you are looking to gain mindfulness, decrease stress, and ground yourself in the present, this is your chance! If you haven't started attending yet, please feel free to drop in for \$10.00 to attend a single session. You can get more information in the attached flyer.

Thursday, October 10, 2019. If you're into history, you might like the upcoming lecture titled "*Only the Clothes on Her Back: Textiles, Law, and Commerce in the 19th Century US.*" The event, which will feature Professor Laura Edwards as the speaker, will be held from 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at Brown University. Get more details on the lecture [here](#).

Wednesday, October 16, 2019. It's the annual *Women in Robes* event, hosted by the Roger Williams University School of Law Women's Law Society! This year's chance to mingle with members of the Rhode Island judiciary at an intimate evening meal will be held at the Providence Marriott hotel starting at 6:00 p.m. Get all the details [here](#) or check out the attached flyer!

UPCOMING EVENTS, CONTINUED:

Thursday, October 17, 2019. Millennial RI's Adulting 101 Series is hosting an event that's great for lawyers looking to enhance their professional reputation: *Building Your Brand!* Watch this spot for more details on the event, or check out Millennial RI's [Facebook page](#).

REMINDERS/ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Thank you to all of our members who came out for our kickoff event! It was great to see all of you at Easy Entertaining for this annual gathering of RIWBA members, and we had an awesome turnout. We also want to thank all of you who so generously donated to the Newcomer Program. Can't wait to see you at our next event this fall!



MEMBER NEWS:

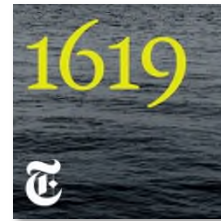
Congratulations to former RIWBA President **Sara Sweeney**, who starting this month will be joining the law firm Seyfarth Shaw as Counsel, responsible for handling Rhode Island and Connecticut litigation matters.

New firm, role, or honor? New publication? If you have an announcement to share in our newsletter, or better yet – if you'd like to brag on one of your fellow members – please email [Stephanie Michel](mailto:Stephanie.Michel) and we'll include it in a future edition!

ARTICLES AND RESOURCES OF INTEREST:

Are you interested in corporate compliance? Fordham Law School has launched an online master's program in corporate compliance. Read an article about the new program [here](#), which includes a link to Fordham's website with further information. (*Yahoo Finance*)

Need a new podcast? Check out "[1619](#)" – an audio series examining "the long shadow" cast by a ship arriving on the shore of Virginia in August 1619 with a group of Africans taken from their homes and forced into slavery. (*New York Times*)



Here's your eye roll material for the day: The leader of the Indiana State Bar's Probate, Trust, and Real Estate group recently posted a joke on the group's listserv, then a few hours later revised it and apologized for the initial version. [Click here](#) to read about the incident. (*Above the Law*)

The Paycheck Fairness Act – will it ever pass? The Act would help close the gender wage gap – why won't the Senate pass it? [Take a look at how this Act](#) would help address pay disparities and why the Senate will not move forward even though polls show overwhelming public support for it. (*Fortune*)



The U.S. Small Business Administration and its Center for Women and Enterprise have some more great resources for you!

Check out the end of this newsletter for tips for protecting your business from ransomware and information on the SBA's Surety Bond Guarantee Program!

EMPLOYMENT:

Real Estate Attorney. Cervenka Green & Ducharme LLC, a Providence-based, women-owned business law firm, seeks an experienced and business-minded Real Estate Attorney (Partner, Of Counsel or Senior Associate level) to round out our team.



We bring our knowledge and experience as former “big firm” lawyers to a boutique law firm setting, where we provide the same level of sophistication, expertise, and reliable service to our clients in a more flexible and cost-conscious manner. As a firm and individually, we value our people—our employees, our clients, our business partners and our communities.

We are looking for a candidate with significant experience (5+ years) representing clients in the following commercial real estate areas: lending, construction lending, participations, workouts, due diligence review (including title and survey), leasing, ground leasing, and acquisitions, development and dispositions. The successful candidate must work well as part of a team and enjoy a high-energy, fun and inclusive work environment. We will work with the successful candidate to accommodate any need for flexible hours and a flexible work environment.

Admission to the Rhode Island or Massachusetts bar is required. Top academic and transactional credentials and excellent writing, research, negotiation and communication skills also required. Please include a cover letter and resume in your application.

Are you hiring? Know someone looking for a top-notch applicant for an open legal position? Contact [Stephanie Michel](#) to add an opportunity to our Employment section.

MONTHLY MEMBER SPOTLIGHT:

The Monthly Member Spotlight is your cheat sheet to the incredible women who are your fellow RIWBA members. Keep an eye on your inbox, because you might be next!

This month, we are delighted to spotlight our newest RIWBA President **Kelly McGee**, an Associate General Counsel at Lifespan Corporation!

If we peeked into your fridge, what would we see?

Lots of fruit for my 1 year-old and 3 year-old boys, especially watermelon and blueberries, string cheese, Polar flavored sparkling water, and, right now, tomatoes, cucumbers, peppers and eggplants from my husband’s garden.

MONTHLY MEMBER SPOTLIGHT, CONTINUED:

What was your first paying job?

Cashier at a drug store when I was 16.

What would you sing at karaoke night?

“Hold On” by Wilson Phillips

Can you share something about yourself that others would be surprised to learn?

I’ve lived in 8 states in my life, 5 of them since I turned 18.

Where is your favorite place in the world?

Generally, the ocean, but specifically, St. John, USVI.

What was the best concert/play you ever attended?

Not to be cliché, but *Hamilton*. I went last month at the PPAC without ever listening to any of the soundtrack or reading about the plot (though, SPOILER: Aaron Burr), and was completely blown away!

In fifty words or fewer, describe what you want other RIWBA members to know about your practice.

I am a corporate and regulatory health care law attorney, and am an Associate General Counsel at Lifespan. I’ve been at Lifespan for 3 years this month, and previously worked at a Boston-based health law firm. I have never been in court, which my law school trial practice professors would definitely say is a good thing. I am a regulatory nerd and enjoy parsing laws and thinking about health policy.

NEXT MONTH’S ISSUE:

Have something you would like to see in the next newsletter? Let us know by **Monday, September 30th** to include it in the latest edition. And as always, thanks for reading!

Kelly Kincaid, Chantal Bromage, Stephanie Michel, and Samantha Vasques

RIWBA News and Events Committee



ATTN: RIWBA

You are cordially invited to the annual

Women in Robes

Sponsored by the Women's Law Society of Roger Williams University School of Law

Wednesday, October 16, 2019

Providence Marriott Hotel

One Orms Street

Providence, Rhode Island

We invite you to join us for an evening of engaging conversation with members of the Rhode Island Judiciary and RWU Law School community. We hope you will be able to share your experiences, as we celebrate the ever-growing role of women in the Rhode Island legal community.

6:00 p.m. ~ Reception & Cash Bar

6:30 p.m. ~ Dinner & Cash Bar

Student Tickets are \$15 per person.

Attorney Tickets are \$45 per person.

Limited seating. Buy your tickets by October 9, 2019.

Roasted Butternut Squash Ravioli or Maple Brined Statler Breast of Chicken

Please note any allergy restrictions with your response.

<i>Jessica Ryan</i>	<i>Abena Asare</i>	<i>Louisa Fredey</i>	<i>Selena Fortes</i>	<i>Tarisha Augustin</i>
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The Rhode Island Women's Bar Association
in collaboration with the
Tenth Gate WorkPlace WellBeing Program
announces the continuation of
the 8-Week Series

Practical, Everyday Tools For Stress Management

with Thomas Speare
*Director of Corporate Programs &
The WorkPlace WellBeing Program*
at Tenth Gate Yoga

WHERE

Blish & Cavanagh, LLP
30 Exchange Terrace, 3rd Floor
Providence, RI

WHEN

Fridays at 12:30pm beginning Sept. 20
for 8 weeks, and concluding on Nov. 15.

RSVP

Mary Cavanagh Dunn at mcd@blishcavlaw.com
The 8 week series is \$80.00 per person,
cash or check paid at the first class.

SPACE IS LIMITED

*For nearly two years we have been
steadily cultivating the practices
that make a difference in how to
handle the stress we are surround-
ed by.*

*It's a win-win. You get to learn how
to recognize and respond to the on-
going daily stresses, while feeling
totally refreshed after the class.*

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Portsmouth, Rhode Island



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Your Vision. Our Mission.

We Open Doors to Bonding for Small Businesses!

*Limited or no bonding experience? Difficulty qualifying for bonding?
Want to increase your bond limits?*

Come learn how to obtain contract bonds up to \$10 million!

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- The surety's underwriting focus
- The SBA's Surety Bond Guarantee Program: how it can help your small business, eligibility criteria, required documents, and the application process and fees
- Q&A

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9:00-10:30 am

Center for Women & Enterprise

132 George M. Cohan Boulevard, Providence, RI 02903

The workshop is free of charge. Registration is required because seating is limited.

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Please contact Lana Glovach at 401-528-4575 or Lana.Glovach@sba.gov with any questions you may have about this workshop.

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