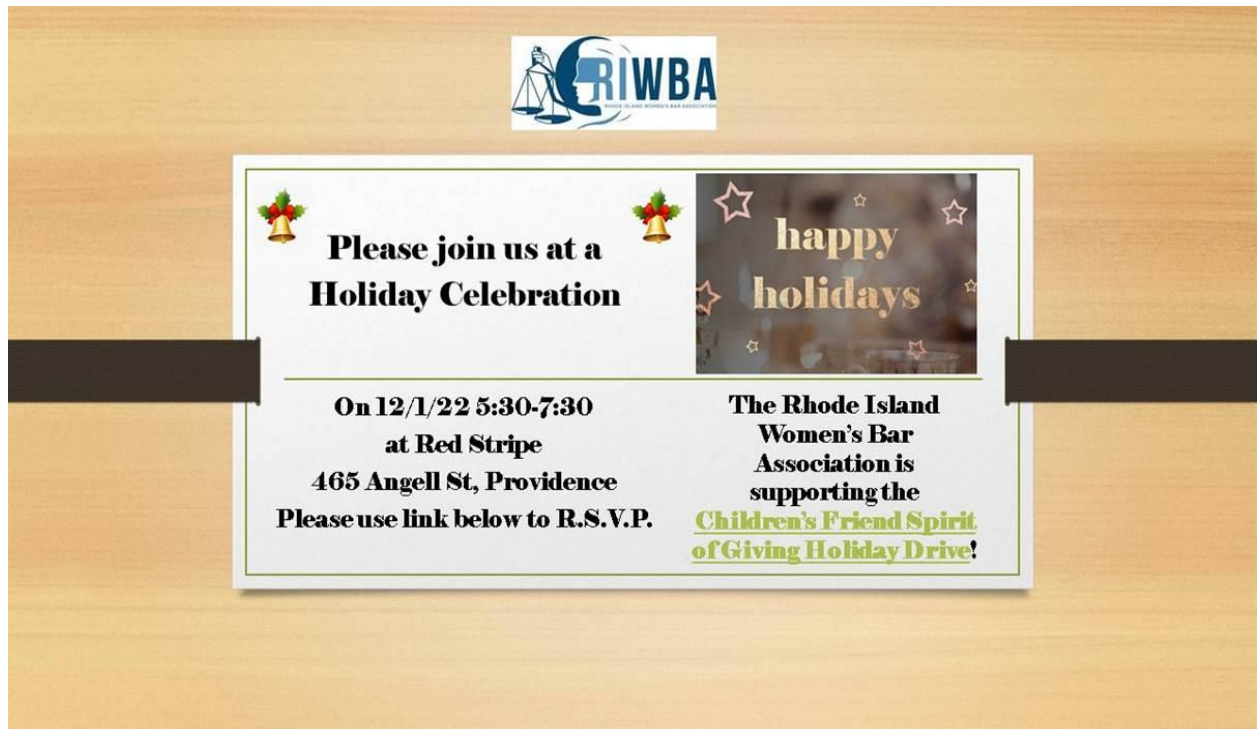


RHODE ISLAND WOMEN'S BAR ASSOCIATION **DECEMBER NEWSLETTER**

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Save the Date! RIWBA Holiday Party: December 1, 2022 from 5:30 - 7:30 pm at [Red Stripe](#) in Providence. [RSVP Here!](#)



RIWBA Holiday Gift Drive: For the 9th year in a row, the Rhode Island Women's Bar Association is supporting the Children's Friend Spirit of Giving Holiday Drive! Founded in 1834, Children's Friend is Rhode Island's oldest child welfare organization and a leading provider of child welfare, family support, mental health, and child development services. You can learn more about this great organization at <http://www.cfsri.org>.

This year, we have signed up to help two families, with a total of 10 children. If you are interested in donating items, please click on the below link to the Google Doc with our families' wish lists. Put your name and email address next to the items you would like to donate, and Kelly McGee will email you the guidelines and drop-off information. This year's donations need to be dropped off by Monday, December 5, so please only commit if you can meet that deadline. [Family Wish List](#)

Please email Kelly McGee at kelly.mcgee@lifespan.org with any questions.

RIWBA Cocktails and Conversation: Come join fellow members for this event at [Kimi's](#) (373 Washington St., Providence) on **Wednesday, December 14 at 5:30**. RSVP not needed. For any questions about the event, email Etie-Lee Schaub at etieschaub@gmail.com

Making the Connection: Leveraging Your Digital Presence to Build Your Professional Brand: Why is digital engagement important? Engaged connections are four times more likely to refer friends and family to your business, five times more likely to forgive a negative experience, and more likely to continue doing business with you. On **January 10 (12:00 pm - 1:30 pm)**, join us for a “lunch and learn” Zoom session about how to use your digital presence as a relationship marketing tool to help build awareness about your services, potentially grow your client base, and increase your network of connections. Our guest presenter is Dennise M. Kowalczyk, a digital engagement strategist and owner of CTD Creative Consulting. The topics she will touch on will be the following: Creating a professional brand, crafting an introduction pitch, leveraging your LinkedIn profile, and how to build your connections through networking. One lucky attendee will receive a free consultation on their LinkedIn profile after the session!

MAKING THE CONNECTION

Leveraging Your Digital Presence to Build
Your Professional Brand

 **JANUARY 10, 2023**
12:00 PM TO 1:30 PM
VIA ZOOM

A virtual info session
presented by
Dennise M. Kowalczyk -
Digital Engagement
Strategist



Connecting the dots to better business relationships

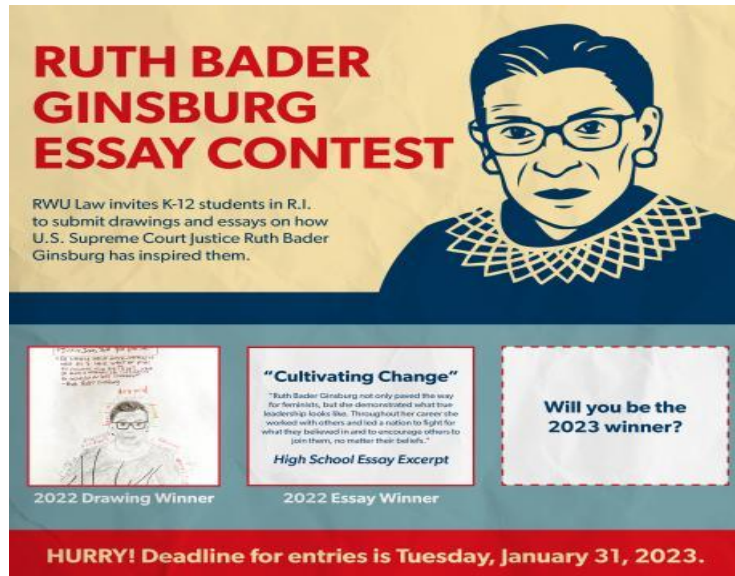


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Roger Williams University School of Law Essay/Art Contest: How has Justice Ruth Bader Ginsberg inspired me?: RWU Law invites K-12 students in Rhode Island to submit their writings and art detailing how Justice Ruth Bader Ginsberg has inspired them. [Contest Details Here](#)



RUTH BADER GINSBURG ESSAY CONTEST

RWU Law invites K-12 students in R.I. to submit drawings and essays on how U.S. Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg has inspired them.

2022 Drawing Winner

“Cultivating Change”
“Ruth Bader Ginsberg not only paved the way for feminists, but she demonstrated what true leadership looks like. Throughout her career she worked with others and had a nature to fight for what they believed in and to encourage others to join them, no matter their beliefs.”
High School Essay Excerpt

2022 Essay Winner

Will you be the 2023 winner?

HURRY! Deadline for entries is Tuesday, January 31, 2023.

Call all Volunteers! RIWBA is looking for any community locations that are in need of volunteers to help out at their organization and/or volunteers that are interested in donating their time volunteering for the community. If interested, please email Jessica Rider at jrider@whelancorrente.com

New Committee! RIWBA is excited to announce our newest committee—**“Legislation and Policy Committee.”** The main focus of the committee shall be to review and track new and pending legislation from the Rhode Island State Legislature that could have a potential impact on females within the State. This information will be used to keep RIWBA members apprised of such legislation during the legislative session and potential involvement.

Email Jennifer Sylvia, the committee chair, to get involved at JSylvia@marlawri.com.

HEALTH & WELLNESS:

Tenth Gate Yoga has weekly stress management Zoom classes every Friday: Join us every Friday at 12:30 pm! \$12 a class and can be paid via [Venmo Payment](#)

Join Zoom Meeting [Here](#)

Meeting ID: 890 1528 0587

Passcode: 997711

Weekly Zoom yoga sessions with Charlene Pratt: Virtual Zoom classes are welcome to all-levels. Each class is different and based off of the needs and abilities of those in attendance. Variations are available to make postures accessible to all. These Zoom classes are pay by donation to Charlene's Venmo. Suggested donation is \$12 per class, however, pay what you can.

Class Schedule:

Monday 12:00 pm

Tuesday 12:00 pm

Zoom Information:

Meeting ID: 322 167 5053

Passcode: joyfullyoga

Venmo: @Charlene-Pratt-1

Private zoom lessons are available as well. Email Charlene at thejubilantfrog@gmail.com or text her at 860-478-2072 for details.

You can also catch Charlene teaching in-person at Rhode Island Hot Yoga in Providence on Sundays at 8:15 am and 4:00 pm. And you can catch her virtual Yin yoga (restorative yoga) class through Rhode Island Hot Yoga on Mondays at 7:15 pm.

MEMBERSHIP HIGHLIGHTS:

Thank you to our members who attended the Roger Williams School of Law Women in Robes event held on November 7th! It was a great event and RIWBA had a wonderful turnout.

HONORING
THE HONORABLE NETTI C. VOGEL
Associate Justice
Rhode Island Superior Court (Ret.)



PROGRAM REMARKS
COLLEEN BROWN
Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, RWU Law
EMMA MAIA DINNERSTEIN, CLASS OF 2023
President, RWU Law Women's Law Society
THE HONORABLE MAUREEN McKENNA GOLDBERG
Senior Justice, Rhode Island Supreme Court
MICHAEL J. YELNOSKY
Professor of Law, RWU Law
THE HONORABLE NETTI C. VOGEL
Associate Justice, Rhode Island Superior Court (Ret.)

FEATURED SPEAKERS



THE HONORABLE ERIN LYNCH PRATA
Associate Justice
Rhode Island Supreme Court



THE HONORABLE MELISSA A. LONG
Associate Justice
Rhode Island Supreme Court

The Women in Robes Program will begin at 6:15 PM.
We will take a short pause to serve entrées before we hear from our featured speakers.

Thank you for supporting RWU Law Women in Robes.





Want to brag on one of your fellow members? Including yourself? Email Lindsay Lieberman at lindsaylieberman@gmail.com so that we can include those accomplishments in a future edition!

ARTICLES AND RESOURCES OF INTEREST:

'Reply all' in electronic communications can imply consent. In a formal opinion issued in early November, the American Bar Association Standing Committee on Ethics and Professional Responsibility cautioned attorneys to not copy their clients on electronic (computer and/or text) to opposing counsel. [Read Article Here](#) (*American Bar Association*)

Have a valuable article or resource for our membership? Email Amanda Valentino at avalentino7@gmail.com to add it to next month's edition!

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES:

Chief of Legal Services, Secretary of Commerce, Housing and Community Development. The State of Rhode Island is looking for an attorney to serve as the chief legal officer for a state department or agency with responsibility for directing the work of a staff engaged in providing legal advice and services; to participate in the formulating of overall policy and to draft statements of such policies; to provide legal assistance to officials as required in the execution of their responsibilities; and to do related work as required. [Apply Here](#)

Special Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division. The office is seeking an attorney to fill a position within the Criminal Division to handle the investigation and prosecution of misdemeanor and felony cases. [Apply Here](#)

Are you hiring? Know someone looking for a top-notch applicant for an open position? Email Amanda Valentino at avalentino7@gmail.com 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 **Kristen Sloan Maccini, of K Sloan Maccini Law & Mediation, LLC and Key Mediation, LLC.** Read on to learn more about **Kristen!**

Any good work from home tips?

I work from home every Friday and sometimes other days when I need to, and I'm alternately productive ...or a train wreck (oh look, laundry, dinner prep, the dog, yoga!)

What was your first paying job?

A couple of days after I turned 16 I started bussing tables at the Bay Voyage Inn in Jamestown. I was so excited to have a job and I loved working.

What is one of the kindest things someone has done for you?

After our first child was born my dear friend, (neighbor, fabulous cook who had a 1 year old herself) made and delivered a large chicken pot pie (homemade everything including crust!), which was the most delicious thing I can remember eating and provided several lovely meals for us and a guest or two.

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

Despite having grown up a boater and sailor I didn't really start competitive sailing (19 ft. racing dingy) until my 50s! Motivated by my son who raced these boats (and is in the marine industry), I learned how to crew and going 18 knots downwind might be the edge of my excitement threshold!

Where is your favorite place in the world?

There's so much more of the world I still hope to see but it's hard for me to imagine a more splendid place than the Cinque Terre in Italy. Hiking above the sea, in and out of the unique and magnificent villages, coming upon a 12th century church to explore before a lunch of a whole fresh fish and a glass of rose.

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

I started out practicing property, probate, small business in my Dad's firm in the Turks Head Bldg. in 1991. In 2013, I embraced a new focus, studying training and volunteering in the District Courts as a mediator. In 2017 I started my own firm: K Sloan Maccini Law & Mediation, LLC . Blessed and lucky to have met education, employment and small business lawyer Christine Marinello as we both were mediating matters for the RI Department of Education, in 2020 together we started Key Mediation LLC (www.keymediationllc.com) and mediate all civil matters. We share office space in NK to which we recently added a beautiful separate conference room for our mediations!

NEXT MONTH'S ISSUE:

Have something you would like to see in the next newsletter? Let us know by **December 30, 2022** to include it in the latest edition. And as always, thanks for reading!

Amanda Valentino, Cassandra Feeney, Lindsay Lieberman, Jessica Rider, and Mylene Cathcart.

RIWBA Newsletter Committee