

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

### **HOW TO GET INVOLVED THIS MONTH:**

#### **RIWBA Month of Giving**

Each week for the month of February, the RIWBA will share information with our membership by email and on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), and [Twitter](#) to spread the word about the great work that so many non-profit organizations here in Rhode Island are engaged in, and how you can get involved. At the end of the month, we'll compile a list and feature all the organizations in the next newsletter so that our members can see all of those opportunities in one place. Keep any eye out for our weekly lists!

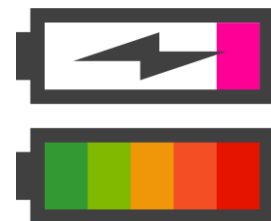
### **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

#### **FEBRUARY**

- **Thursday, February 21, 2019.** Looking for a night out in freezing February? Why not dine out for the Women's Fund of Rhode Island? From 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 pm, at Ten Rocks Tapas and Restaurant in Pawtucket, you can support the Women's Fund and have a great meal at the same time. Ten Rocks will donate 20% of the evening's proceeds to the Women's Fund. Please RSVP by February 18 [here](#).
- **Wednesday, February 27, 2019.** The Women's Fund of Rhode Island is holding a Cocktails and Conversations discussing the topic of Reproductive Freedoms. The panel of women will talk about the wins and challenges facing ongoing advocacy work in this area. [Click here](#) to learn more and register.

#### **MARCH**

- **Thursday, March 14, 2019.** Need a boost this winter? Join RIWBA board member Cassandra Feeney as she co-hosts a CLE entitled "*Re- Charge: Keep Your Battery at 100%.*" This event will be held during the lunch hour from 12:45 p.m. to 1:45 p.m. at the Rhode Island Law Center in Cranston. Relax while learning about Various stress management tools and receive **1.0 ethics credit!** Read more and register [here](#).



### **SAVE THE DATE:**

- **Wednesday, April 10, 2019.** Save the date for the [Crossroads 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Women Helping Women!](#) event held at the Providence Biltmore. Proceeds from this event benefit the Women's Shelter and other programs for women at Crossroads.

- **Thursday, April 11, 2019.** Save the date for Roger William University School of Law's First Women Event at RWU Law School.

## REMINDERS/ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Thank you to our members who attended our first *Coffee and Conversation of 2019*, which featured the topic of lawyering and parenting. There were great discussions among good company! We also collected donations to benefit **Project Undercover**, Rhode Island's only state-wide diaper bank! Thanks to our members for the continued generosity. To learn more about this great organization, click [here](#).



- Thank you to our members for your donations to the **Children's Friend Holiday Drive**. Your generosity helped to make this holiday special for the parents and kids. Please see attached PDF containing thank you notes from four of the families!
- Rhode Island Lawyer's Weekly is conducting a new event this year: RI Excellence in the Law and it is seeking nominations for RI lawyers who deserve to be celebrated. Please visit their link to nominate someone.

- **Join a RIWBA Committee!** Want to get involved with RIWBA but not sure where to start? Join a committee! This month, we're featuring the **Community Engagement Committee**! Contact [Kelly McGee](#) for details on how to get involved.

## MEMBER NEWS:

- Congratulations to Board Treasurer **Kelly Kincaid**, who was recently [elected Secretary of the Board of Directors for the Women's Fund of Rhode Island!](#)
- A big congratulations to member **Alexandra Pezzello** on her recent elevation to [Partner at Partridge Snow & Hahn!](#)
- **New firm? New role? 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](#) and we'll include it in a future edition!

## ARTICLES AND RESOURCES OF INTEREST:

- **Check out the intersection between race, gender, and economics in the State of Rhode Island.** Women's Fund of Rhode Island, in partnership with The Economic Progress Institute provide a glimpse into the realities of life for women in Rhode Island in their recently published infographic, "[Rhode Island Women of Color 2018: A Snapshot](#)".
- **More Minority Women Are Becoming Law School Deans.** Great [news from academia](#): at least 19 minority women are currently serving as dean or interim dean of a law school, with two more assuming deanship in 2019! (*Law.com*)
- **A Solution to Address Homelessness?** Fort Lauderdale launches Florida's [first homeless community court](#), in an effort to break the endless cycle of homeless people from streets to courts to jail. Assistance is provided to obtain identification, and individuals cited for misdemeanors with no convictions for violence will be connected with services and given community service, instead of jail time. Could this idea be adopted elsewhere? (*Sun Sentinel*)
- **What did Big Law female partnership promotions look like at the end of 2018?** Check out [Bloomberg Law's](#) analysis of the landscape of female partnerships in Big Law. (*Bloomberg Law*)

## EMPLOYMENT:

- Rhode Island Legal Services, Inc. is hiring a **Staff Attorney** for its Newport Office. Please see the **attached flyer** for details of the position, required qualifications, and directions on how to apply!
- The City of Providence is hiring an **Assistant City Solicitor**! To learn more about this position, including salary information, qualifications, and how to apply, check out the job posting [here](#).

- Morrison Mahoney LLP seeks an **Associate** for its Worker's Compensation group in Providence. To learn about this position, check out the job posting on the firm's website [here](#).
- Barton Gilman LLP seeks to add a **Litigation Associate**. Associate must possess a commitment to exceptional client service, strong academic credentials, and excellent writing, research, and advocacy skills. Associate will have the opportunity to learn from accomplished, well-respected trial attorneys, interact meaningfully with clients, and fully participate in all phases of litigation. Qualified candidates must be admitted to practice in Rhode Island and Massachusetts. Barton Gilman is dedicated to creating an environment of inclusion and diversity. Please submit cover letter and resume for consideration to Angela L. Carr, Esq. at [acarr@bglaw.com](mailto:acarr@bglaw.com).
- Partridge Snow and Hahn LLP is looking for **Litigation Associate** and a **Labor and Employment/Litigation Associate** for its Providence office. Click [here](#) and [here](#) to read about the positions, minimum qualifications, and to apply online.
- 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 RIWBA Member **Erica Pistorino**, an **Associate at LaPlante Sowa Goldman**.

### Where is your favorite place in the world?

Nantucket, MA! That place becomes pure magic in the summer.

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

A week of Hello Fresh deliveries and if you make your way to the freezer you'd find Daily Harvest. I love food delivery services.

### What was the best concert/play you ever attended?

Billy Joel's concert at Fenway Park. It was such an idyllic place to see an accomplished artist.



**What is the last book you read?**

The Witch Elm by Tana French. French is one of my favorite mystery authors, and she never disappoints with her suspenseful stories and elegant prose.

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

For the past five years I have practiced transactional law which has included contract negotiation and drafting, handling commercial and residential real estate transactions, effectuating corporate formation and related matters, and administering probate proceedings. I enjoy the variety of work and the contribution I make to my clients' continued growth and achievements.

**NEXT MONTH'S ISSUE:**

Have something you would like to see in the next newsletter? Let us know by **Thursday, February 28** 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***