

Michael J. Yelnosky became the dean of Roger Williams University School of Law on July 1, 2014.

Dean Yelnosky is a founding member of the RWU Law faculty. He served as Associate Dean for Academic Affairs for four years, and he was named Distinguished Service Professor in 2011. He has also taught as a visitor at Seton Hall University School of Law, Chicago-Kent College of Law/IIT, and Villanova University School of Law.

Dean Yelnosky is an expert in employment and labor law, and much of his scholarship explores alternatives or adjuncts to traditional enforcement of employment discrimination law. He is a Research Fellow with NYU Law School's Center for Labor and Employment Law. He has served as President of the Rhode Island chapter of the Labor and Employment Relations Association, and he was the neutral arbitrator in a major interest arbitration between the State of Rhode Island and the Rhode Island Brotherhood of Correctional Officers.

Another focus of Dean Yelnosky's scholarship involves the judicial selection process, both in Rhode Island and nationally. He has written several articles and hosted a major symposium about Rhode Island's merit selection system, and the major findings of his research into the role of the ABA in the federal judicial selection process were summarized in a *Washington Post* op-ed he wrote in 2013. He is regularly quoted in the local and national media on these and other topics, and he has published several op-ed pieces in the *Providence Journal*.

Dean Yelnosky graduated *cum laude* from the University of Pennsylvania School of Law and *magna cum laude* from the University of Vermont. Before he began teaching he served as a law clerk for the Honorable Edmund V. Ludwig in the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania and worked for two law firms: Mellon, Webster & Mellon; and Morgan, Lewis, & Bockius.