

## 2009 UNIVERSITY SYMPOSIA SERIES

### **“JUDICIAL SELECTION”**

*The average citizen knows a great deal about how members of the legislative and executive branches are selected (typically regularly-scheduled partisan elections), but often less about how judges are chosen. This panel of experts will discuss how judges are chosen across the country, comparing Rhode Island’s distinctive “merit selection process,” to the blended approach used at the federal level, to the many varying approaches in the states, including partisan judicial elections. The panel will also discuss the strengths and weaknesses of the approaches.*

*This is the second event in the 2009 University Symposia Series, sponsored by the United States District Court for the District of Rhode Island, the Federal Bench/Bar Committee of the Rhode Island Bar Association and the Roger Williams University School of Law.*

**Date:** Thursday, September 24, 2009

**Time:** 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

**Location:** United States Courthouse  
Courtroom 1, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor  
One Exchange Terrace  
Providence, Rhode Island 02903

**Moderator:** *The Honorable Mary M. Lisi, Chief Judge,  
United States District Court for the District of Rhode Island*

**Panelists:** *Professor Michael Gerhardt, University of North Carolina School of Law.*

*Alan Rudlin, Esq., Senior Partner, Hunton & Williams, Richmond, VA.*

*Professor Michael Yelnosky, Roger Williams University School of Law*

