



**Rhode Island Bar Association
Strategic Plan
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Vision: The RIBA is serves the interests of the public and profession by ensuring the highest standards of professional competence and the integrity of the justice system.

Goal One: To Serve RIBA members

We will do this by:

1. Facilitating professional competence through affordable educational and informational activities
2. Helping members navigate changes in technology and the economics of practice
3. Cultivating an ethos of work-life balance
4. Recognizing the particular needs of young lawyers and other demographic segments with the skills and resources to be successful
5. Ensuring a constructive relationship between the bench and the bar
6. Educating the public about the value of lawyers and an independent judiciary
7. Offering premiere members benefits

Goal Two: To Serve the Justice System and the Profession

We will do this by:

1. Advocating on issues that impact the administration of justice, practice, self-regulation and independence of the profession
2. Collaborating with the bench on issues of mutual interest
3. Developing diversity

Goal Three: To Serve the Public Interest

We will do this by:

1. Facilitating the delivery of pro bono and modest means legal services
2. Advocating on behalf of access to justice
3. Administering the Victim's Compensation Fund
4. Educating the public about the law and the justice system through law-related education

Goal Four: To continue as a thriving, respected, effective unified bar in service to the public and the profession

We will do this by:

1. Effective communicating with our members
2. Being attentive to best practices in governance
3. Using our resources effectively
4. Staying abreast of changes in practice and the profession
5. Developing pathways to leadership

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Action Items for Consideration:

Members

- 1.1 Add Nuts 'N Bolts CLE program
- 1.1 Develop e-resources for various practice areas (forms, links)
- 1.3 Offer skills and life style-based programming such as financial management
- 1.4 Young lawyer Mentoring
- 1.4 Business development and networking activities
- 1.4 Outreach to law students at Roger Williams School of Law
- 1.5 Identify ways to integrate judges into all aspects of bar activities

Justice System and Profession

- 2.1 Take a more active role in judicial selection
- 2.2 Invigorate Bench-Bar Committee
 - Access to Justice issues
- 2.2 Engage in systematic outreach

Public

- 3.1 Promote the 50 hour pro bono goal
- 3.1 Develop opportunities for collaboration
- 3.4 Enhance support for exister LRE initiatives

Organization

- 4.1 Develop a strategic communications plan
- 4.2 Review and revamp committee structure
- 4.4 Analyze demographic trends in the profession