



## **Rhode Island Bar Association Holly Hitchcock Award for Non-Attorney Legal Professional**

The Rhode Island Bar Association *Holly Hitchcock Award for a Non-Attorney Legal Professional* is awarded biennially at the Annual Meeting in June to a non-attorney who has provided valuable service and contributions to the legal profession over a significant period of time. The award is named for the late Holly Hitchcock who was hired by the Rhode Island Supreme Court as the Executive Director of Judicial Education and then additionally, Executive Director of the Mandatory Continuing Legal Education Commission for 29 years until retirement in 2016. She was an active member of the National Continuing Legal Education Regulators Association, speaking and facilitating at the national meetings. Holly also had a successful, private family and divorce mediation practice for many years and received the Chief Justice Frank J. Williams Award for Excellence in Promoting Mediation and Peaceful Conflict Resolution by the Center for Mediation and Collaboration Rhode Island, in 2019. This award allows our legal community to recognize paralegals, judicial staff, legal organization support staff, law firm support staff, law school support staff, non-lawyer mediators, non-lawyer translators, private non-lawyer professionals, and community organizers for all their hard work and contributions to the legal profession.

### **Award Selection Criteria**

#### **Selection by, but not limited to:**

- Exceptional service and support to the legal profession
- Dedication to the betterment of the profession
- Commitment of time and expertise to the service of the legal profession
- Promotion of high standards of professionalism
- Contributions to the effective functioning of legal services

*The Holly Hitchcock Award Committee welcomes nominations for candidates of diverse backgrounds and from underrepresented identity groups.*