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A Constitutional Convention for Rhode Island?

Janikies Theatre, Unistructure, Bryant University, 1150 Douglas Pike, Smithfield, Rhode Island 02917

AGENDA

Symposium Leader- **Professor Diana Hassel**, Professor of Law and Associate Dean for Academic Affairs,
Roger Williams University School of Law

8:30 a.m. **Registration**

9:00 a.m. **Introduction to the Rhode Island Constitutional Convention Process**
John Marion, Executive Director, Common Cause Rhode Island

9:30 a.m. **State Constitutional Conventions: The National Perspective**

Professor Robert Williams, Distinguished Professor of Law and Associate Director of the
Center for State Constitutional Studies, Rutgers University School of Law-Camden

Professor G. Alan Tarr, Distinguished Professor of Political Science and Director of the
Center for State Constitutional Studies at Rutgers University-Camden

10:30 a.m. **The Case For and Against a Constitutional Convention in Rhode Island.**

Moderator: **Gary Sasse**, Founding Director of the Hassenfeld Institute, Bryant University

Justice Robert Flanders Jr., former Associate Justice of the Rhode Island Supreme Court,
Partner at Hinckley Allen

Steven Brown, Executive Director, Rhode Island ACLU

Professor Jared Goldstein, Professor of Law, Roger Williams University School of Law

11:30 a.m. **Break and Lunch**

12:00 p.m. **Question & Answer with all speakers including Professors Robert Williams and G.
Alan Tarr**

Moderator: **Professor Diana Hassel**, Professor of Law and Associate Dean for Academic
Affairs, Roger Williams University School of Law

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