

## MEMORANDUM

To: The Law School Community

From: Richard Revesz

Date: July 6, 2011

Re: Sujit Choudhry

I am delighted to announce the exciting news that Sujit Choudhry has accepted our tenured offer and will join the Law School as a permanent member of our faculty in Fall 2011. Sujit is currently the Scholl Professor of Law and Associate Dean at University of Toronto Law School, where he teaches courses in constitutional law, comparative constitutional law, constitutional design for divided societies, contemporary issues in federalism, transnational legal problems, and health law.

Sujit is widely considered to be one of the world's most renowned public-law scholars working in the area of comparative constitutional law and comparative constitutional development. He is an expert in the Canadian, South African, and Indian political and constitutional-law systems, as well as in U.S. constitutional doctrine and history, and his scholarship imparts an impressive breadth and depth across a wide range of subjects. His early articles are routinely cited as among the leading work on the foundational questions in the field of comparative constitutional law, and he continues to produce cutting-edge scholarship that is redefining the field, including most recently, highly-original work on the institutional settings of political conflict. He has edited two of the most important collections in the field, *Constitutional Design for Divided Societies: Integration or Accommodation* (Oxford, 2008) and *The Migration of Constitutional Ideas* (Cambridge, 2006), among many other articles and book chapters.

Sujit's work is also highly interdisciplinary, and he has held cross-appointments in the Department of Health Policy, Management and Evaluation (Faculty of Medicine), the Department of Political Science (Faculty of Arts & Sciences), and the School of Public Policy & Governance at the University of Toronto. Last fall, he was one of four Canadians to receive the Trudeau award, the Canadian equivalent of the MacArthur awards, and is a member of the editorial or advisory boards at the *International Journal of Constitutional Law*, *Cambridge Studies in Constitutional Law*, and *Constitutional Court Review*, South Africa. He has litigated as counsel of record a number of major cases before the Supreme Court of Canada, including the recent *Khadr* cases involving a Canadian citizen detained in Guantanamo.

Sujit received his B.Sc. degree, with great distinction, from McGill University in 1992; he then received a Rhodes Scholarship and graduated with 1<sup>st</sup> Class Honors from University College, Oxford, with a B.A. in Law, in 1994; he received his LL.B. with honors from the University of

Toronto Faculty of Law in 1996, clerked at the Supreme Court of Canada, and then received an LL.M. from Harvard Law School in 1998. He joined the University of Toronto faculty in 1999, and was a Global Visiting Professor of Law here in Fall 2008.

Please join me in welcoming Sujit to the Law School community.