



TO: THE NYU LAW SCHOOL COMMUNITY

FROM: NYU President John Sexton and Provost David McLaughlin

RE: NYU Law School Deanship

Almost eleven years ago we were pleased to name Ricky Revesz as John's successor as Dean of the School of Law. Now, Ricky has advised us of his intention to step down, effective May 31, 2013. The intervening years have seen remarkable progress, in no small part due to the dedication and talent Ricky brought to his assignment. We want to express our gratitude and that of the entire University community to him for his outstanding leadership.

It is difficult to capture fully the extraordinary accomplishments of Ricky's tenure, a period of advancement that has seen the Law School strengthened across many significant dimensions. Among the most notable, he has:

- » recruited an astonishing 45 new full-time faculty members, including leading professors from Chicago, Columbia, Harvard, Stanford, and Yale; increased the size of the faculty by more than 30%, building the faculty groups in many important academic areas to be the best in the nation; and, over the last five years, successfully retained every member of the full-time academic faculty who received offers from other schools;
- » introduced distinctive innovations in the Law School curriculum, including the new Jacobson Program in Law and Business, which strengthened the Law School's ties to the Stern School of Business, and a major set of curricular enhancements, in particular for the third year, designed to ensure that NYU Law School graduates are equipped to compete in the twenty-first century legal marketplace;
- » built on the Law School's historic commitment to public interest law, increased the number of clinics from 17 to 36, and expanded funding opportunities that enable many more students to pursue public interest work by doubling the size of the Root-Tilden-Kern Program, significantly redesigning and enhancing the Loan Repayment Assistance Program, and guaranteeing summer funding to all first- and second-year students working in public service settings;

- » undertaken substantial measures to improve opportunities for students from socio-economically disadvantaged backgrounds, increase the diversity of the legal profession, and improve the provision of legal services to disadvantaged communities by significantly expanding the AnBryce Scholarship Program and establishing the Bickel & Brewer Program; and
- » launched 12 new centers to bring together faculty, students, and research staff to work on issues of pressing legal and public policy relevance, and developed Wilf Hall, a LEED Platinum building, and 22 Washington Square North, a LEED Silver building, to give them suitable homes.

Ricky built upon the Hauser Global Law School Program's original model of bringing leading foreign faculty and students to New York by launching a second generation of initiatives that takes NYU Law School to the world. In addition to partnering with the National University of Singapore to establish an LL.M. program in Singapore, he recently launched new NYU Law-designed and managed study-abroad programs for third-year students in Buenos Aires, Paris, and Shanghai.

Ricky also has proven to be a remarkable fundraiser, working tirelessly to secure the long-term success of the institution he loves so much. He has raised \$520 million during his ten years at the helm of the Law School, and under his leadership, the NYU Law Fund has more than doubled. As a result of these efforts, he has enabled us to compete successfully with the top law schools in the country, which have a far broader base of resources.

He has done all of this while continuing to teach Environmental Law every year, designing and teaching a new clinical course on regulatory policy; publishing three books and nine major articles; serving as a strong mentor, and in some cases co-author, to students interested in pursuing academic careers, for whom he launched the Furman Academic Scholarship Program; and building a strong relationship with the student body by interacting with groups of students regularly in formal and informal settings.

Ricky also has been an exceptional institutional citizen of the University, chairing the University IT Task Force, serving on dean search committees, and most recently, leading one of the University's new signature initiatives to create an interdisciplinary institute on cities and the urban environment, an effort that he will continue to move forward. The new institute, which will bring together the social sciences, natural sciences, and humanities as well as the professional schools, represents an ambitious venture that will

transform the way NYU approaches research and teaching concerning cities. Ricky has worked on the development of this institute for almost two years, and is committed to building a robust and rigorous program to influence and inform international research and policy debates on the future of the urban environment. Ricky, as Lawrence King Professor of Law and Dean Emeritus, will remain a tenured member of the Law School's faculty and will continue to teach, and to serve as faculty director of the Law School's Institute for Policy Integrity.

We are committed to a smooth transition to new leadership at the Law School. The University will follow the same search process used in the last two dean searches, in 1987 and 2001. The 10-person search committee will include five members of the Law School faculty, who will be elected by the faculty through the same voting protocol used in the last two search processes. (Faculty members will receive a memo shortly explaining those voting procedures in more detail.) We will appoint one of the elected faculty members as the chair. For the remaining five positions, we will select one dean from another school at NYU; the Chair of the Law School Foundation Board of Trustees, Anthony Welters, will select two trustees; the two faculty Vice Deans will select one Law School administrator; and the President of the Student Bar Association will serve as the elected representative of the student body. The Committee will be tasked with recommending to us a diverse group of three to five unranked candidates, including at least two individuals who are not currently members of the NYU Law School faculty, and to give us an assessment of their qualities. We will meet with the committee as soon as it is formed to discuss its charge.

We know that you will join us in extending deep gratitude to Ricky for a job extraordinarily well done.