

JOHN SEXTON TRIBUTE

Good evening everyone. I'm so sorry that I'm not able to be with you in person today but I'm delighted to be a part of this ceremony. I want to say thank you, thank you so much, to the editors of the NYU Annual Survey of American Law for letting me pay tribute to my good friend, John Sexton. This year's volume of the Survey is dedicated to John, and that honor couldn't go to a finer person, or someone who actually has more influence and clout on the University.

For more than fifteen years, John's devotion to NYU has been constant and clear. He cares about the school, the city where it resides, and the students who attend this world-class institution. As dean of the law school, John helped build NYU School of Law into one of the most prestigious institutions in the country. And he did it in such a low-key manner, hardly anybody noticed! And while many university presidents find the day-to-day challenge of running a top tier school to be quite enough, John continues to teach undergraduate and graduate classes.

But what I find most impressive about this remarkable man is that he is equally dedicated to improving the world around him. As you know, John created the Global Law School Initiative to foster a greater understanding of the connection between domestic concerns and U.S. foreign policy, and we have never needed that more. Through the Global Law School Initiative, John has inspired his students and the NYU faculty to think creatively about the world, and to explore its challenges from every possible angle. This initiative is vitally important in today's post September 11th world, and I know that my husband and I, as well as so many others, appreciate John's vision and devotion to making this happen.

John's also established greater incentives for students to enter public service and I'm personally grateful for that because I'm lucky enough to have some of them on my staff. So it's a real pleasure to say congratulations, John. You deserve this honor and recognition. Your work at NYU will inspire generations to come. And besides, you're fun to have around, so we just want you to stay, oh, for another millennium or two. Thanks, my friend, God speed.

HILLARY CLINTON
United States Senator

