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Harvard Law School Dean Martha Minow to Step Down at the Conclusion of the Academic Year

Martha Minow—the legal scholar and human rights expert who has served as dean of Harvard Law School since 2009 and has led the diversification of its faculty, staff, and student body, significant growth in its clinics and research programs, and record fundraising—announced in January that she will step down as dean at the end of the 2016-17 academic year. She will remain on the faculty and return to active participation in public dialogue and legal policy.

Minow, the Morgan and Helen Chu Dean and Professor of Law, took the helm of the Law School in the wake of the global financial crisis and has steered the school through the resulting economic challenges to a period of program and faculty growth, a strengthened commitment to public service, and campus renewal with the construction of the WCC building and creation of the campus courtyard. She has continued to teach, write, and advise students throughout her tenure as dean.

“I have had the remarkable fortune to ‘grow up’ in the law over the past 36 years since joining the School as an assistant professor in 1981, and yet not until I became dean did I come fully to understand the scope, depth, and constant creativity of this wondrous place,” Minow said in a letter to the Law School community. “Committed to rigorous analysis, open discussion, building knowledge, and advancing justice, Harvard Law School supports phenomenal students en route to lives of leadership across private and public institutions of law, business, government, nonprofits and NGOs, and the arts. Coming to the deanship at a time of significant challenge and change in the global economy, the legal profession, and the world, I



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Martha Minow, Morgan and Helen Chu Dean and Professor of Law

have been privileged to work with so many of you to move forward on all fronts nonetheless — transforming our campus, launching new clinics and expanding our public service commitments, developing new research programs, and recruiting and supporting incredibly strong faculty, staff, and students who are more diverse on many dimensions than in any time in our history.”

“Throughout her long and distinguished career, and especially during the past eight years as Dean, Martha Minow has devoted herself to making Harvard Law School stronger and better, more inclusive and more intently focused on the quest for fairness, equality, opportunity, and respect for the rule of law,” said President Drew Faust. “She

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DEAN MINOW *continued from page 1* has embraced her life's work with a generative mind and a generous heart, personifying the power of legal education, scholarship, and practice to bend the arc toward justice. She has affirmed Harvard Law School as an institution and a community firm in its dedication to free inquiry and reasoned debate, open to people remarkably diverse in their backgrounds and points of view but joined in recognizing the centrality of law to free and just societies. Her impact reaches across the University as a whole, through an animating curiosity and a powerful intellect that point all of us toward new connections and possibilities."

In January, President Faust launched a search for a new dean and appointed an advisory committee of senior law school faculty to help with the search. Alumni interested in sharing their thoughts about the search can write to Faust, in confidence, at hlsdeansearch@harvard.edu or by letter to Massachusetts Hall.

Under Minow's leadership, Harvard Law School has further developed and strengthened one of the most wide-ranging, interdisciplinary, and innovative teaching programs in legal education. Pursuing stronger connections and envisioning new synergies with other parts of the university and with the broader profession, Dean Minow created new opportunities to better prepare law students to understand the perspectives and needs of their clients and communities around the world, with special attention to improving access to justice and to entrepreneurial enterprise. She has supported

new clinics and educational programs in such areas as criminal law and policy, immigration, and the needs of military veterans, and expanded business-related offerings with a focus on experiential learning, financial literacy, and entrepreneurship.

In tandem with curricular and clinical program development, Minow has overseen the development of a wide range of research and academic programs, many of them cross-disciplinary, to address aspects of law and policy, legal theory, or emergent social issues with important legal dimensions.

With a devotion to public service and a close eye on emerging changes in the profession, Minow has increased financial aid, dramatically expanded the loan repayment program for students seeking lower-paying public service jobs, and established new fellowship programs such as the innovative Public Service Venture Fund, which provides seed funding or salary support to graduating students who aim to pursue public service careers in start-up ventures, in government, or in the nonprofit sector.

"Working with President Faust, Provost Garber, and fellow Harvard deans has been a gift; working with exceptional colleagues across the School has been a daily joy," Minow said. "With the rest of this community, I will welcome with delight our upcoming bicentennial year as a time for celebration and also a time to envision anew the commitments and opportunities of law, justice, scholarship, and legal education in and beyond Harvard Law School."

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Morgan Chu '76, Partner, Irell & Manella LLP, with Dean Martha Minow at the Law School's Fall 2016 Reunion Celebration.

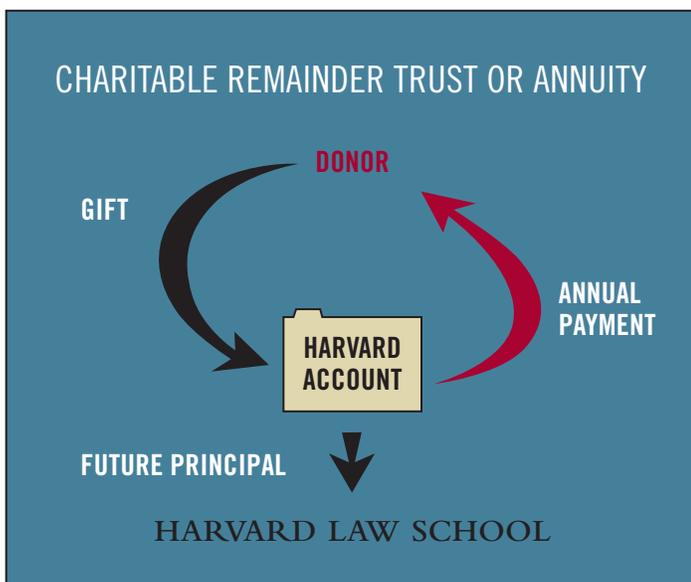
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Panelists Kenneth I. Chenault '76, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer for the American Express Company; Roger W. Ferguson, Jr. '79, President and CEO of TIAA; Debra L. Lee '80, Chairman and CEO of BET Networks; and Kenneth C. Frazier '78, Chairman and CEO of Merck & Company, Inc., shared a laugh with Moderator Professor David B. Wilkins '80 during the CEO Roundtable Discussion.

Celebration of Black Alumni

On September 16–18, 2016, more than 800 alumni returned to Harvard Law School for the fourth Celebration of Black Alumni (CBA), “Turning Vision into Action.” The event brought together generations of black alumni to reconnect with old friends, network with new ones, and take part in discussions about challenges and opportunities in local, national and global communities.

The weekend kicked off with a mentoring event hosted by the Black Law Students Association (BLSA). Former U.S. Attorney General Loretta Lynch '84 was the

keynote speaker at Saturday’s luncheon, where judges and justices were also honored. Bryan Stevenson '85, founder and executive director of the Equal Justice Initiative, gave a stirring keynote talk at Friday’s luncheon, which also featured recognition of the founding members of BLSA and the *Harvard BlackLetter Law Journal*. After a gala dinner on Saturday, the weekend concluded with a farewell brunch on Sunday morning.

It was a weekend of engagement, reconnection, and excitement that crossed generations.

Fall 2016 Reunion Celebration

More than 600 alumni and friends returned to Harvard Law School on October 28–30, 2016, to celebrate their reunions. The event brought classmates and friends from the Classes of 1956, 1961, 1966, 1971, 1976, 1981, and the Emeritus Club together again to reconnect and take part in compelling discussions on everything from medical ethics and cyberlaw to innovation and criminal justice.

The program featured keynote speaker David Gergen '67, a professor of public service at Harvard Kennedy School and an Emmy Award-winning journalist on elections and politics; Supreme Court Associate Justice

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Scott Blake Harris '76, Stew Cogan '76, Deborah Coleman '76, and Dan Polster '76 spend some time together Saturday morning of Reunion weekend.

Celebration of Latino Alumni

The third Celebration of Latino Alumni, “Latino Leadership: Embracing the Challenge,” was held on campus March 2-5, 2017. Generations of Latino alumni returned to the Law School for a purpose-driven call to engagement. Participants enjoyed opportunities to share experiences, learn from one another, and network.

Over 200 alumni and friends attended panel discussions and presentations, as well as a mentoring event organized by the student group La Alianza. Friday’s luncheon featured a conversation with Representative Joaquin Castro ’00, U.S. Congressman, Texas’ 20th District, and The Honorable Julián Castro ’00, former Secretary of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban

Development. There were several keynote presentations by alumni, and Latino judges and justices were honored at Saturday’s luncheon. The weekend concluded with a gala dinner and salsa party on Saturday evening followed by a farewell brunch on Sunday.

In all, alumni enjoyed four days of engagement and reconnection with HLS.



CLA attendees take a class photo at the third Celebration of Latino Alumni in March.

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Anthony Kennedy ’61; former Supreme Court Associate Justice David Souter ’66; Professor Laurence Tribe ’66; and Dean Martha Minow, among many others.

It was an inspiring three days of reflection and learning.



James E. Bowers ’70, Senior Counsel, Day Pitney LLP, Harvard Law School Association (HLSA) Vice President at Large, and Chair, HLSA Awards Committee, pictured with Kathleen M. Sullivan ’81, Partner, Quinn Emanuel Urquhart & Sullivan LLP and HLSA award recipient, and Peter C. Krause ’74 President, HLSA Executive Committee.

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