


September 27, 2017

TO: Members of the Board of Trustees

FROM: Jeremy Teitelbaum, Interim Provost 

RE: Appointment of Professor Brendan Maher to the Connecticut Mutual Chair in Insurance Law in the School of Law

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board of Trustees approve the appointment of Professor Brendan Maher to the Connecticut Mutual Chair in Insurance Law in the School of Law.

BACKGROUND:

The Connecticut Mutual Chair in Insurance Law was established in 1997 by generous gifts from the Connecticut Mutual Life Foundation. It is the linchpin of the Connecticut Insurance Law Center.

Professor Maher joined the School of Law in 2013, and he was promoted to Professor of Law in 2015. In 2015, Professor Maher was appointed the Director of the independently endowed Insurance Law Center. A graduate of Stanford University and Harvard Law School, Professor Maher is the faculty advisor for the peer-reviewed Connecticut Insurance Law Journal and a nationally recognized expert in the regulation of insurance, pensions, and health care. He is a leading authority on the meaning of both the Employee Retirement Income Security Act and the Affordable Care Act. Professor Maher also teaches and studies the procedural and evidentiary aspects of civil litigation in federal courts.

This professorship, a five-year term, will be sufficient to provide a \$5,000 supplement to whatever summer stipend Professor Maher is awarded as part of the annual summer research competition now conducted at the Law School. Funds distributed yearly from the endowment support summer research and travel as well as activities of the chair and also summer research and travel for other related activities. There is no additional funding necessary.

Professor Tom Baker was the first appointment to this chair in 1997. Professor Patricia McCoy was appointed chair in 2010. Professor Maher's appointment will extend through August 1, 2022.