

June 23, 2020

TO: Members of the Board of Trustees

FROM: Carl W. Lejuez, Ph.D. 
Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

RE: Reappointment of Peter Siegelman, PhD, as the Phillip I. Blumberg Professor of Law

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board of Trustees approve the reappointment of Peter Siegelman, PhD, as the Phillip I. Blumberg Professor of Law for a five-year term.

BACKGROUND:

The Philip Blumberg Professorship was endowed by Dean Emeritus Philip Blumberg to advance the scholarly mission of the Law School. Dean Blumberg, who served in that role from 1974 to 1984, was responsible for the profound changes in the school that led to its present stature. He attracted the first group of faculty with national reputations, and accomplished the acquisition and move of the law school to its beautiful campus in the West End of Hartford. Based on the criteria included in the Endowed Chair Appointment and Renewal Process, Dean Timothy Fisher is presenting the recommendation of a committee in the School of Law that Peter Siegelman, PhD, as the Phillip I. Blumberg Professor of Law for a further five-year term.

During the past five years, while serving as the Phillip I. Blumberg Professor of Law, Professor Siegelman has published nine articles and book chapters, and a co-edited book. This includes two empirical pieces on neglected but important aspects of civil procedure which appeared in Cornell (2020) and U.C. Davis (2019) law reviews (joint with Miguel de Figueiredo and Alexandra Lahav). During this period he has continued to work in insurance law and economics. Work in this area has included a co-edited research handbook that surveys the field, and some shorter surveys and syntheses that have appeared as book chapters. Professor Siegelman also been active in law and economics as a peer-reviewer for several leading journals, a tenure reviewer, and as a conference organizer and frequent presenter. His current research includes a forthcoming article on “third party moral hazard” in insurance, as well as works in progress on the problems posed by physical fitness testing in employment discrimination and the application of game theory to criminal procedure.