

Faculty Senate

Resolution to Honor Dean Claudio Grossman, Washington College of Law, American University

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Whereas Claudio Grossman has announced his intention to return to a regular faculty position after serving as dean of the Washington College of Law for more than two decades since his initial appointment in 1995;

Whereas Dean Grossman has brought profound distinction upon himself, the Washington College of Law, and American University through his dedication to promoting international human rights through his service on the United Nations Committee Against Torture, a body which he has chaired since 2008;

Whereas Dean Grossman has served in many capacities on the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights of the Organization of American States, including as its president, and served on many country missions for the commission;

Whereas Dean Grossman currently serves as the president of the Inter-American Institute of Human Rights;

Whereas Dean Grossman's work on international human rights has been recognized with many awards and honors, including an honorary doctoral degree from Fairleigh Dickinson University and commendations from the governments of Colombia, Guatemala, Peru, and The Netherlands;

Whereas as a practicing attorney, Dean Grossman has provided advice and counsel in cases and causes at the highest levels, including the International Court of Justice, and has won recognition from his peers, including a Lifetime Achievement Award from the National Hispanic Bar Association;

Whereas -Dean Grossman's leadership in legal education has been recognized on the national and international levels and he has been cited four times as one of the most influential legal educators in the United States;

Whereas Dean Grossman significantly expanded the Washington College of Law in enrollments, programs, and facilities and has led the relocation of the law school to larger and better campuses twice in his career;

Whereas the whole of American University has benefitted from his presence and leadership at this institution;

And whereas Dean Grossman's accomplishments represent a great personal triumph over the adversity he faced as a member of the Allende government in Chile when that government was overthrown, and he made a new life for himself and his family first in The Netherlands and then in the United States;

On behalf of the entire faculty, the Faculty Senate commends Dean Grossman and expresses its appreciation to him for his many contributions in his many endeavors and wishes him well as he returns to his focus as Professor and Raymond Geraldson Scholar for International and Humanitarian Law.