

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES
UNIVERSITY OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
UDC RESOLUTION NO. 2019 -**

SUBJECT: Tenure Approval for Renee M. Hutchins, the David A. Clarke School of Law

WHEREAS, the UDC David A. Clarke School of Law (“UDC-DACSL”) Faculty Evaluation and Retention Committee (FERC) appointed a subcommittee to prepare a report and make a recommendation to FERC regarding the tenure application of Professor Hutchins; and

WHEREAS, the tenure standard at UDC-DACSL states that “[a]ll members of the faculty have as their primary responsibilities teaching and contributing to the growth and understanding of the law,” and participating in and conducting “other school of law activities...necessary to the successful functioning and harmony of the institution...and other activities...which significantly relate to and advance a faculty member’s academic skills, including working in his or her special field”; and

WHEREAS, the FERC subcommittee conducted a review of Professor Hutchins’ teaching, scholarship and service to the legal profession, highlights of which are set forth on **Appendix A** attached hereto, and concluded that Professor Hutchins is a gifted teacher whose work reflects all the attributes of good teaching, that her scholarly and other writings satisfy the criteria for tenure, and that she would be a true asset to UDC-DACSL and to the legal profession; and

WHEREAS, the FERC subcommittee, upon consideration of the Standards for Promotion and Tenure and the Faculty Handbook, concluded that Professor Hutchins’ teaching, scholarship and service met all applicable standards for tenure and recommended to the full committee that it should recommend to the Acting Dean that Professor Hutchins be awarded tenure with the rank of Professor of Law; and

WHEREAS, the FERC considered the subcommittee’s report and voted to adopt the recommendation of the subcommittee and asked the Acting Dean to seek an award of continuous tenure for Professor Hutchins and;

WHEREAS, Acting Dean John Brittain evaluated Professor Hutchins’ teaching, scholarship, and service, and concurred in writing with FERC recommendation; and

WHEREAS, the President has affirmed the recommendation of tenure for Professor Hutchins and forwarded the recommendation for tenure to the Board of Trustees; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the University of the District of Columbia approves the award of tenure to Renee M. Hutchins, as Professor of Law at the UDC David A. Clarke School of Law.

Submitted by the Academic and Student Affairs Committee:

February 13, 2019

Approved by the Board of Trustees:

February 26, 2019

Christopher Bell
Chairperson of the Board



FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

TO: The Board of Trustees
FROM: Managing Director of Finance *David A. Franklin*
DATE: February 26, 2019
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Conclusion

There is no fiscal impact associated with the granting of tenure to Professor Renee Hutchins to the academic rank of Professor of Law in the David A. Clarke School of Law of the University of the District of Columbia (UDC). The Faculty Evaluation and Retention Committee (FERC) conducted a review and prepared a report making a recommendation to the dean regarding the tenure application of Professor Hutchins.

Background

The FERC subcommittee conducted a review of Professor Hutchins' teaching, scholarship and service to the legal profession and concluded that Professor Hutchins is a gifted teacher whose work reflects all the attributes of good teaching, and that her scholarly and other writings satisfy the criteria for tenure. Further, Professor Hutchins will be a true asset to the School of Law, and continues to be to the legal profession.

John Brittain, Acting Dean of the David A. Clarke School of Law and the President have affirmed a recommendation of tenure for Professor Hutchins to the rank of Professor of Law. The President has forwarded the recommendation to the Board of Trustees.

Financial Impact

There are no anticipated risks at this time. Under this appointment, should Professor Hutchins leave the Dean position and move to the faculty of the School of Law, there is an obligation to fund a faculty position for her.

This request is approved based upon the information provided.

Renée McDonald Hutchins
Biographical Sketch

Renée McDonald Hutchins is the Dean and a Professor of Law at the University of the District of Columbia's David A. Clarke School of Law.

Dean Hutchins teaches and writes in the areas of criminal procedure, appellate advocacy, and criminal justice policy and is a leading expert on Fourth Amendment law and issues of race and policing. Her scholarly interests focus particularly on the intersection of constitutional law and social science, and the practical dimensions of policing, adjudicative processes, and privacy. Her work has been published in the *UCLA Law Review*, the *NYU Journal of Legislation & Public Policy*, and the *Search and Seizure Law Report*, among others. Her work, *Tied Up in Knots: GPS and the Fourth Amendment*, was cited by a number of federal courts including the U.S. Courts of Appeals for the Fourth and D.C. Circuits. She is the co-author of the textbook *LEARNING CRIMINAL PROCEDURE* (West Academic 2014) (with Ric Simmons), and the author of the book *DEVELOPING PROFESSIONAL SKILLS: CRIMINAL PROCEDURE* (West Academic 2017). She is also a contributing author to the anthology *POLICING THE BLACK MAN: ARREST, PROSECUTION, AND IMPRISONMENT* (Penguin Random House 2017) (Angela J. Davis, Ed.). Most recently, Hutchins became a co-author for the forthcoming sixth edition of the textbook *Essential Lawyering Skills: Interviewing, Counseling, Negotiation, and Persuasive Fact Analysis* (with Richard Neumann and Stefan Krieger).

Prior to joining UDC Law, Hutchins was a member of the faculty at the University of Maryland Carey School of Law. At Maryland Carey, Hutchins founded the Appellate and Post-Conviction Advocacy Clinic, where she worked with law students to represent clients contesting the lawfulness of their convictions in the Maryland courts. In addition to many successful court challenges, Hutchins and her students also obtained conditional commutations of clients' life sentences from two Maryland governors. Prior to joining the faculty at the University of Maryland, she was part of the Lawyering Program faculty at New York University School of Law.

Professor Hutchins brings a variety of legal experiences to the classroom, having served as a federal prosecutor in the Northern Criminal Enforcement Section of the Tax Division at the United States Department of Justice, and as a Special Assistant U.S. Attorney in the District of Columbia. Professor Hutchins also practiced as a criminal defense attorney with the Southern Center for Human Rights in Atlanta and with the Office of the Appellate Defender in New York City.

Hutchins, a native of New York City, received her J.D. from Yale Law School, and her B.A., *cum laude*, in mathematics from Spelman College. Immediately following graduation from law school, she served as a law clerk to Judge Nathaniel R. Jones on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit.