

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
UNIVERSITY OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**

**UDC Resolution No. 2014 - 34**

**SUBJECT: Appointment of Professor Robert L. Burgdorf as Professor Emeritus**

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to 8 DCMR § 1412.1, the title of Professor Emeritus may be conferred by the Board of Trustees upon a retired member of the faculty who has rendered distinguished service to the University; and

**WHEREAS**, the Provost and the Dean of the School of Law have recommended that emeritus status be conferred upon Professor Robert Burgdorf in recognition of his range of contributions to the academic pursuits of the University, and to the community of the District; and

**WHEREAS**, Professor Burgdorf's more than twenty-five-year tenure on the faculty of the University of District of Columbia's David A. Clarke School of Law and its predecessor institution, the District of Columbia School of Law, was marked by distinguished contributions to the discipline of law and to the University as a researcher, author, professor, leader, and social activist, exemplified by (1) ground-breaking research, publications, teaching, legislative advocacy, and law reform activities related to the rights of people with disabilities and the Americans with Disabilities Act, of which he was the original author; (2) designing and inaugurating the School of Law's courses in Constitutional Law, teaching them for ten years, and producing scholarly writings addressing constitutional issues and doctrines; (3) co-founding, with Visiting Professor David A. Clarke, the School of Law's highly respected Legislation Clinic, which he directed for over twenty years; and (4) leadership and service in a variety of civic and professional activities, for which he was accorded numerous honors and awards, including a commendation from the Congressional Task Force on the Rights and Empowerment of Americans with Disabilities, and a National Leadership Award of the National Council on Disability "[i]n appreciation of outstanding contributions to the improvement of disability policy in the United States";

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that in recognition of Professor Burgdorf's long and committed service to the University, the City, and his profession in the areas of teaching, research, and service, the Board of Trustees hereby confers upon Professor Robert L. Burgdorf the title and position of Professor Emeritus, with all the rights, privileges, and responsibilities pertaining thereto.

Submitted by the Academic Affairs Committee

August 21, 2014

Approved by the Board of Trustees

September 16, 2014



Elaine A. Crider  
Chairperson of the Board