

BOARD OF TRUSTEES
UNIVERSITY OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

UDC RESOLUTION NO. 2015-22

SUBJECT: UDC David A. Clarke School of Law Appointment and Tenure Approval for Ronald Mason, Jr.

WHEREAS, pursuant to 8B DCMR §§1410.2 and 1410.4, a recommendation for a faculty appointments shall be initiated by the department of instruction in which the appointment is sought and a person recommended for appointment to the faculty shall have the educational background and the professional experience needed for the position; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to 8B DCMR §1460.5, tenure decisions shall be based on the academic judgments of faculty members and administrators; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Mason brings to his position a distinguished legal career, including serving over 15 years at Tulane University in successive roles as attorney, General Counsel and Senior Vice President, and General Counsel and Corporate Secretary; and

WHEREAS, he has devoted most of his professional career to advancing higher education, with a decided emphasis on expanding equality of opportunity for minority students, including 10 years serving as President of Jackson State University and five years as President of Southern University and A & M College System, and during which time he has led two academic reorganizations; an online college; experientially infused learning; a national model P-20 partnership; nearly doubled enrollment and graduation rates; and helped develop seamless pathways from community college to the university; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Mason has committed his energies and his career to creating and expanding opportunities for under-represented groups; providing legal representation and leadership to universities and organizations and demonstrating mastery of the core lawyering competencies which the UDC David Clarke School of Law must impart to its students; and advancing justice on behalf of disenfranchised and marginalized people; and

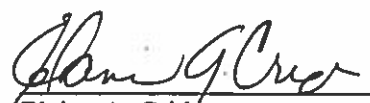
WHEREAS, the Dean, Interim President, and Acting Provost have affirmed the recommendation of an appointment as a Professor of Law and the grant of tenure for Mr. Mason and have forwarded the recommendation to the Board of Trustees;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the University of the District of Columbia approves the award of tenure to Ronald Mason, Jr., J.D., as Professor of Law in the UDC David A. Clarke School of Law consistent with the terms of his employment contract.

Submitted by the Academic and Student Affairs Committee

June 29, 2015

Approved by the Board of Trustees


Elaine A. Crider
Chairperson of the Board