



May 27, 2026

Dean Andy Hessick
UNC School of Law
160 Ridge Road
Chapel Hill, North Carolina 27514

Re: Your Appointment as Dean

Dear Dean Hessick,

Congratulations! We were pleased to learn that your excellent work as interim dean will continue as a result of your appointment being made permanent.

As alumni committed to defending and promoting free speech, academic freedom, and viewpoint diversity at UNC, we understand the importance of having the right leader at the helm of the School of Law. The School of Law not only trains attorneys to sustain our adversarial system of justice but also prepares graduates to advise industries, counsel elected officials who enact and enforce laws, and assist the judges who interpret the law. Some will go on to serve leadership roles in government

A successful legal education fundamentally depends on these principles. Free speech and academic freedom allow students to grapple openly with competing ideas, while viewpoint diversity sharpens their ability to analyze issues from all sides, advocate effectively in adversarial settings, and develop the intellectual rigor and professional integrity that the legal profession demands.

We are confident you are the right person to ensure that the UNC School of Law prepares its students so that judges seeking clerks, law firms hiring associates, elected officials selecting counsel, and clients choosing representation have full confidence in UNC graduates.

We look forward to the positive impact of your leadership and offer UNC AFSA's full support as you advance Carolina's commitment to *Lux Libertas*.

Sincerely,

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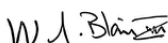
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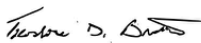
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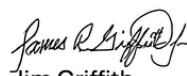
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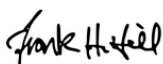
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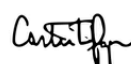
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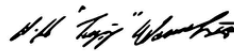
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