MEMORANDUM

To: The Dalhousie University community

From: Frank Harvey, Provost and Vice-President Academic

Date: Thursday, June 3, 2021

Re: Reappointment of Dean of Law

I am very pleased to announce the reappointment of Camille Cameron, Q.C., for a second five-year term as Dean of the Schulich School of Law.

When Dean Cameron began her tenure in 2015, one of her immediate goals was to build cohesion and trust, beginning with a robust, transparent strategic planning process. Foundational to the strategic planning process was internal and external consultation that provided opportunities for voices and perspectives from across the Schulich School of Law, the university, and law school alumni. The result was the establishment of six strategic priorities, providing direction to Schulich Law for enhanced student learning, supporting the faculty’s public policy research and expertise, deepening diversity, expanding research opportunities, increasing career opportunities for students and graduates, and reinforcing a sense of belonging and commitment to service.

Once Schulich Law’s strategic directions were established, Dean Cameron and her colleagues immediately began the work. Dean Cameron has been intentional about diversity in faculty hiring, dedicating positions for diverse candidates. She has also focused on meaningful responses to the Truth and Reconciliation Commission recommendations and strong support for the law school’s Indigenous Blacks and Mi’kmaq Initiative. She has formed a strong team and has built support in Schulich Law and beyond through her open-minded, thoughtful, and action-oriented leadership. Dean Cameron values a robust and diverse legal education that recognizes the evolving needs of lawyers, the legal profession and society. She exemplifies academic and administrative leadership by ensuring Schulich Law’s priorities and initiatives are intentional in their reflection of the Law School’s Strategic Directions.

Dean Cameron’s leadership has had a tremendous impact on every facet of the Law School. This includes growth in paid internship and career development opportunities for students; the establishment of initio, Schulich Law’s technology and innovation law clinic; dedicated resources for increasing research capacity and profile; building rich and meaningful relationships with alumni, donors and community partners, while underpinning it all with an emphasis on communication and advancement.

**Key goals for a second term**

Dean Cameron intends to work with the Schulich Law community to ensure that all processes and programs continue to contribute to advancing diversity and inclusion goals. Equity, diversity and
inclusion will be a central theme in Schulich Law’s next strategic plan, aligning with Dalhousie’s new institutional strategic plan, Third Century Promise.

In her next term, Dean Cameron will work with colleagues to identify specific strategies to support Schulich Law’s Graduate Program and students by engaging with graduate students, the Associate Dean of Graduate Studies, the Faculty of Graduate Studies and the Office of Advancement.

She will also continue to strengthen orientation for new faculty and staff, extending activities over several years and taking a focused and strategic approach to their professional development. Building research capacity and profile is also a key goal, including introducing specific targets to raise funds to support research.

I have no doubt that Dean Cameron will take on these and other challenges with her usual enthusiasm and thoughtful approach – I am excited to see what the next five years holds for the Law School.

Please join me in warmly congratulating Camille Cameron on her reappointment as Dean.

Sincerely,

Frank Harvey
Provost and Vice-President Academic