

## MEMORANDUM

To: The Dalhousie University community

From: Frank Harvey, President and Vice-Chancellor (Acting)

Date: Tuesday, June 13, 2023

### Re: Appointment of Dean of Law

I am very pleased to announce the appointment of **Sarah Harding** as Dean of the Schulich School of Law for a five-year term beginning August 21, 2023.

Sarah is a graduate of Dalhousie's Schulich School of Law. Prior to law school she received a BA from McGill University and after Dalhousie, went on to do graduate legal work at the University of Oxford and Yale University. She has been a Professor at Chicago-Kent College of Law for the past 27 years and Associate Dean for Faculty Development and Research for six of those years. As Associate Dean, Sarah was involved in a wide range of strategic projects, from accreditation to curricular reform. Her teaching and research interests have focused primarily on the legal treatment of cultural property, particularly the cultural properties and resources of Indigenous peoples. In addition, she has taught and written in the field of comparative constitutional law.

Beyond her professional work and career as a law professor, Sarah has been true to the Weldon Tradition of unselfish public service. In the past decade she has devoted a significant amount of time and energy in leadership roles with non-profits focused on arts and education. More recently, she has started working as a pro-bono attorney with families seeking asylum.

As a Dalhousie alumna, Sarah had this to say about returning to Dalhousie as dean: "The Schulich School of Law's dedication to public service, its active approach to addressing injustices and inequities, and its long-standing strength as both a regional and national school, all draw me back."

Please join me in welcoming her back to Dalhousie.

I would like to express my gratitude to the search committee for their excellent contributions over the course of the search process, as well as members of the School of Law community for their engagement throughout.

In celebrating Sarah's appointment, we also thank Dean Camille Cameron for her impressive service as dean of the School since 2015. Dean Cameron began her appointment with a strategic planning process and with the goals of strong and effective leadership, enhanced

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student learning, expanded research capacity, reinforcing a sense of belonging and a commitment to service. Over the course of her term as dean, the Schulich School of Law has made significant inroads in these areas. Dean Cameron has also developed a reputation as a valued mentor and support to junior faculty and a champion for the School's significant investments in equity, diversity, inclusion and accessibility including faculty recruitment and new mandatory courses in Aboriginal and Indigenous Law in Context and African Nova Scotian Legal History & Issues and Critical Race Theory. Her leadership within the School of Law and as a valued colleague in senior administration will be missed.

Dean Cameron will be ending her term as dean on July 1, 2023 as scheduled. I would like to extend gratitude to Dr. Lucie Guibault, Professor of Law and Associate Dean Academic in the School of Law, who has generously agreed to serve as acting dean until Sarah's arrival in August.

Sincerely,

Frank Harvey  
Provost and Vice-President Academic