


December 11, 2024

TO: Members of the Board of Trustees  
FROM: Dr. Radenka Maric   
RE: Naming Recommendation for the Stuart F. Smith Reading Room

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board of Trustees authorizes the naming of the Reading Room located in William F. Starr Hall on the campus of the UConn School of Law as the “Stuart F. Smith Reading Room.”

BACKGROUND:

The Reading Room at UConn School of Law comprises 3,195 square feet on the second floor of Starr Hall. It is used throughout the year for a variety of large and small law school events including conferences, receptions, and student career programs. Before the Thomas J. Meskill Law Library was constructed and opened in the early 1990s, the Reading Room served as the library for the Law School.

Stuart Smith is a graduate of the UConn School of Law, Class of 1980. He is a strategic advisor at Centerview Partners based in New York and has had a long and successful career in the investment banking industry following a short stint as a lawyer. Mr. Smith has been engaged with the Law School for many years and has been a generous supporter funding a variety of initiatives.

Mr. Smith’s pledge is consistent with the University’s *Named Gift Guidelines*.

On November 26, 2024, the Institutional Advancement Committee recommended approval to the full Board.