

April 29, 2026

TO: Members of the Board of Trustees

FROM: Pamir Alpay, Ph.D.  
Interim Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

RE: Reappointment of Professor Peter Siegelman, Ph.D. as the Phillip I. Blumberg Professor of Law in the School of Law



RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board of Trustees approve the reappointment of Professor Peter Siegelman, Ph.D. as the Phillip I. Blumberg Professor of Law in the School of Law for the period August 23, 2026, through August 22, 2031.

RESOLUTION:

"Be it resolved that the University of Connecticut Board of Trustees reappoint Professor Peter Siegelman, Ph.D. as the Phillip I. Blumberg Professor of Law in the School of Law for the period August 23, 2026, through August 22, 2031."

BACKGROUND:

The Philip Blumberg Professorship was endowed by Dean Emeritus Philip Blumberg to advance the scholarly mission of the Law School. Dean Blumberg, who served in that role from 1974 to 1984, was responsible for the profound changes in the Law School that led to its present stature. He attracted the first group of faculty with national reputations and accomplished the acquisition and move of the Law School to its beautiful campus in the West End of Hartford. The School of Law enthusiastically supports the reappointment of Professor Peter Siegelman as the Phillip I. Blumberg Professor of Law.

The recommendation to reappoint Professor Wilf was made following a recommendation from Dean Eboni S. Nelson. Dean Nelson appointed a five-person committee that was comprised of one endowed professor and four named professors, all of whom are full professors in the School of Law. Following consideration of Professor Wilf's materials, the committee unanimously recommended to Dean Nelson that Professor Siegelman be reappointed as the Phillip I. Blumberg Professor of Law. Dean Nelson strongly supports the committee's recommendation.

Professor Siegelman has held this endowed professorship since 2015. An internationally recognized economist with expertise in employment discrimination, insurance law and economics, and contracts, his scholarly contributions since his reappointment in 2020 include eleven peer-reviewed articles and book chapters covering economics, employment law, and civil procedure. Professor Siegelman's recent work *No Adjudication*, published in the *Journal of Empirical Legal Studies*, presents empirical findings about the near disappearance of adjudication in federal civil cases, documenting that judges decide the merits in fewer than 40 percent of filed cases, which has important implications for access to justice and the rule of law. Through his work, Professor Siegelman challenges conventional wisdom and introduces new frameworks for analyzing legal and societal issues ranging from sex-differentiated physical fitness testing for police officers to insuring against human-caused risks. He also translates his scholarly insights into accessible public discourse by contributing to op-eds on various issues such as immigration court efficiency and other pressing policy issues.

Professor Siegelman has taken an active role in elevating the stature of the Insurance Law Center at the School of Law. Through his service as Acting Director and co-organizer of the Insurance Law Workshop, he has provided invaluable leadership and mentorship that have greatly contributed to the Center's progress and success.