

April 29, 2026

TO: Members of the Board of Trustees

FROM: Dr. Radenka Maric *Radenka Maric*

RE: Renaming of the Judi and Gary Gladstein Distinguished Chair in Human Rights

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board of Trustees authorize renaming the "Judi and Gary Gladstein Distinguished Chair in Human Rights", previously approved by the Board of Trustees on August 2, 2005, as the "Gladstein Family Distinguished Chair in Human Rights."

BACKGROUND:

The Gladsteins have a long history of philanthropy and involvement with the University of Connecticut and have provided funds for the human rights programs since its inception. In 2023, the Trustees honored the family with renaming this Institute the Gladstein Family Human Rights Institute. Mr. Gladstein is also a former member of the UConn Foundation Board of Directors (1998-2008). He received a BA in Economics from the University of Connecticut's College of Liberal Arts and Sciences in 1966.

In 2005, Judi and Gary Gladstein established the Judi and Gary Gladstein Distinguished Chair in Human Rights to support the University by providing financial support for an endowed faculty position in the University's College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. The donor has requested the name change to the "Gladstein Family Distinguished Chair in Human Rights" to reflect the family's ongoing philanthropy to the University. The individual appointed to this endowed faculty position will continue to be an internationally recognized researcher, scholar, and teacher and would have made significant contributions to the field of human rights.

On April 22, 2026, the Institutional Advancement Committee recommended approval to the full Board.