


April 29, 2026

TO: Members of the Board of Trustees
FROM: Dr. Radenka Maric 
RE: Naming Recommendation for the Chase-Bear-Dyer Family Classroom

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board of Trustees authorizes naming the classroom located in Room 110 on the first floor in Cheryl A. Chase Hall on the campus of the UConn School of Law as the "Chase-Bear-Dyer Family Classroom."

BACKGROUND:

Cheryl A. Chase Hall (Chase Hall) was named by the Board of Trustees in recognition of a major gift from the Chase Family in June 2005. Chase Hall houses the Law School Dean's Office, several administrative and faculty offices, and two large classrooms, one on each of the first and second floors. The classroom in Room 110 comprises 1,376 square feet on the first floor of Chase Hall.

Ms. Cheryl Chase is a well-known and highly respected businesswoman and graduate of the UConn School of Law, Class of 1978. She is a principal, co-president and general counsel of Chase Enterprises, based in Hartford. She is vice-chair of the Board of Directors at UConn Health and chairs the Clinical Affairs Subcommittee. She is a former trustee of the UConn School of Law Foundation and a former member of the Law School Advisory Council. The Honorable Stuart Bear practiced law for many years in New Haven before joining the Connecticut bench as a Superior Court judge. He was later appointed to the Connecticut Appellate Court, from which he retired and continued to serve as a Judge Trial Referee. Ms. Chase's daughter, Mrs. Dara Chase Dyer, is a graduate of the UConn School of Law School, Class of 2010. The Chase family has a longstanding history of philanthropic support for the University of Connecticut, with contributions focusing on the School of Law and UConn Health.

The Chase family has pledged a gift amount consistent with the amount recommended under the University's *Named Gift Guidelines*.

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