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Dear Colleagues:

Together with Chancellor Gallagher, I am pleased to announce that Professor Amy J. Wildermuth has accepted my offer to become the next Dean of the University of Pittsburgh School of Law beginning July 1, 2018. Professor Wildermuth succeeds William M. Carter, Jr., who has served as Dean since 2012.

Professor Wildermuth is currently a Professor of Law in the S.J. Quinney College of Law and Associate Vice President for Faculty and Academic Affairs at the University of Utah. She is also the University's first Chief Sustainability Officer. She will bring to the School of Law the collaborative, results-driven leadership style that she has developed during her years of academic leadership.

Professor Wildermuth earned both a Juris Doctorate and a Master of Science in Environmental Engineering from the University of Illinois. Before joining the law faculty at the University of Utah, Professor Wildermuth served as a law clerk to Justice John Paul Stevens of the Supreme Court of the United States. She also clerked for Judge Harry T. Edwards of the D.C. Circuit and Judge Guido Calabresi of the Second Circuit.

Respected for her scholarship in the areas of civil procedure, administrative law, environmental law, and U.S. Supreme Court practice, Professor Wildermuth's work has been published in law journals such as the *Northwestern Law Review*, the *Emory Law Journal*, and the *Minnesota Law Review*, among others. In addition to her academic work, Professor Wildermuth has represented several parties as *amicus curiae* in cases before the U.S. Supreme Court.

Professor Wildermuth is also an award-winning teacher who has taught many courses over her career, including Civil Procedure, Property, Federal Courts, Administrative Law, Environmental Law, Wildlife Law, and U.S. Supreme Court Practice. The University of Utah's S. J. Quinney College of Law recognized her contributions with its Early Career Faculty Award, its Faculty Service Award, and the Peter W. Billings Excellence in Teaching Award.

Her record of leadership demonstrates a commitment to supporting and advancing excellence throughout the University and positions Professor Wildermuth exceptionally well to lead the School of Law during a time of rapid change in the discipline. During her seven years as Associate Vice President, Professor Wildermuth has overseen all aspects of faculty affairs and development, and has assisted with the administration, leadership, and governance of the University. In her role as Chief Sustainability Officer, Professor Wildermuth coordinates Utah's sustainability efforts, and has taken on unique projects, such as several innovative community discount programs for solar and electric vehicles, as well as a first-of-its-kind university purchase of offsite renewable energy.

I know that Professor Wildermuth understands the opportunities to move Pitt Law forward by both harnessing traditional strengths and building upon the assets of the larger University. She is unequivocally committed to enhancing legal education and will draw upon her

administrative, research, and practice experience to lead the School of Law in its next chapter.

Please join me in welcoming Professor Wildermuth as the next Dean of the University of Pittsburgh School of Law. I have great confidence that her leadership will advance the School of Law and help the University of Pittsburgh reach new heights of excellence.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Patricia E. Beeson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Patricia E. Beeson