

BOARD OF TRUSTEES
UNIVERSITY OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
UDC RESOLUTION NO. 2012 - 12

SUBJECT: Remitted Tuition Funding for the UDC David A. Clarke School of Law

WHEREAS, pursuant to D.C. Official Code §38-1201.06(2),(C), it is the duty and responsibility of the Board of Trustees of the University of the District of Columbia to operate a public law school component in a manner that shall maintain any accreditation necessary to qualify the graduates of the School of Law to take the bar examinations of the District of Columbia and several states; and

WHEREAS, the American Bar Association standards require that the “present and anticipated financial resources of a law school shall be adequate to sustain a sound program of legal education and accomplish its mission;” and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees approved UDC Resolution No. 2006-30 authorizing the University to remit law school tuition in the amount of \$700,000 during FY 2006, FY 2007, and FY 2008 and the Board also approved UDC Resolution No. 2008-05 authorizing the University to remit Law School tuition in the amount of \$700,000 during FY 2009, FY 2010 and FY 2011, in both cases to further the mission to and meet financial aid requirements of the School of Law; and

WHEREAS, these funds are needed to meet the financial aid commitments to new and continuing law students in FY 2012, 2013, and 2014; and

WHEREAS, tuition remission is used to attract and retain mission-driven students who have options to attend much higher ranked and more prestigious law schools, and those who, because of family and other obligations cannot otherwise afford to go to law school; and

WHEREAS, nationally the law school applicant pool dropped by 11% for the class entering in 2011 and is down a further 16.7% for the class entering in 2012; and

WHEREAS, law student transfer rates are increasing nationally as top ranked schools accept less competitive students as a means to enhance tuition revenue streams and the School of Law’s transfer rate increased significantly in 2011 in keeping with the national trend; and

WHEREAS, the School of Law’s enrollment has increased by 22% since 2008 with the addition of the new ABA approved part-time program and it is expected to increase by an additional fifty students entering in Fall 2012 when all four part-time classes are enrolled for the first time; and

WHEREAS, the amount of tuition remission afforded the School of Law since 2006 has remained constant at \$700,000 per year despite the substantial increase in the student body;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees authorizes the University to remit law school tuition in the amount of \$700,000 each year during FY 2012, 2013 and 2014 to further the mission and to meet the financial aid requirements of the School of Law.

Submitted by the Budget and Finance Committee:

March 1, 2012

Approved by the Board of Trustees:

March 14, 2012



Joseph L. Askew, Jr.
Chairperson of the Board