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## *Regents Communication*

### ACTION REQUEST

**Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement**

**Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir**

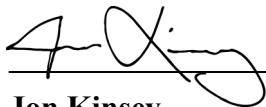
**Catharine A. MacKinnon, J.D., Ph.D.**, Elizabeth A. Long Professor of Law and professor of law in the Law School, retired from active faculty status on December 31, 2024.

Catharine MacKinnon received her B.A. degree in 1969 from Smith College, a J.D. in 1977 from Yale Law School, and a Ph.D. in political science in 1987 from Yale University. From 1982-1985, she was an associate professor at the University of Minnesota Law School, and from 1988-1990, she was a professor of law at Osgoode Hall. She has taught at Yale, the University of Chicago, the University of California at Los Angeles, the University of Minnesota, Harvard, York (Osgoode Hall), and Stanford. She has also received numerous honorary degrees. She joined the University of Michigan Law School as a professor in 1990.

Professor MacKinnon's fields of concentration include constitutional law (especially sex equality and speech), political theory, and international law. She is the foremost American scholar of feminist legal theory. Her influential book, *Sexual Harassment of Working Women*, defined the cause of action for sexual harassment as employment discrimination. She has written extensively on political theory and legal matters affecting women in such works as *Feminism Unmodified*, *Toward a Feminist Theory of the State* and *Only Words*. In addition to her scholarly work, Professor MacKinnon has participated extensively in national and international path-breaking litigation concerning sex equality under international law principles, including a lawsuit brought by survivors of the war in Croatia and Bosnia-Herzegovina.

The Regents now salute this distinguished teacher and scholar by naming **Catharine A. MacKinnon, Elizabeth A. Long Professor Emerita of Law and professor emerita of law**.

**Requested by:**



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