

IN THE COUNTY LEGISLATURE OF JACKSON COUNTY, MISSOURI

A RESOLUTION recognizing Ellen Yankiver Suni, Dean of the University of Missouri – Kansas City School of Law, for her contributions and service to the legal profession in Jackson County.

RESOLUTION NO. 19459, April 17, 2017

INTRODUCED BY Tony Miller, Scott Burnett, Alfred Jordan, Garry J. Baker, Crystal Williams, Dennis Waits, Dan Tarwater III, Greg Grounds, and Theresa Galvin, County Legislators

WHEREAS, Ellen Yankiver Suni, Dean and Professor of Law at the University of Missouri – Kansas City (UMKC) School of Law, is leaving her position as dean May 2, 2017, to return to a faculty position; and,

WHEREAS, Dean Suni holds a juris doctor degree from Boston University and a bachelor of arts degree from City College of New York; and,

WHEREAS, Dean Suni has served on the faculty of UMKC for over 36 years and her thirteen year tenure as Dean of the School of Law makes her one of the longest serving deans in the country; and,

WHEREAS, Dean Suni is a prominent expert on the topic of professional responsibility in the legal profession and is the author of numerous scholarly articles and programs on the issue; and,

WHEREAS, Dean Suni is an active participant in statewide and local organizations and is known for speaking on issues that help practicing lawyers understand and use the law more effectively; and,

WHEREAS, Dean Suni is the recipient of many awards and recognitions, including her selection as a member of the inaugural class of Legal Leaders of Kansas City, the Missouri Lawyer's Media Women's Justice Award, the Outstanding Lawyer of the Year Award by the Association for Women Lawyers of Greater Kansas City, and the Spurgeon Smithson Award from the Missouri Bar Foundation; and,

WHEREAS, Dean Suni is a member of the Missouri Supreme Court Committee on the Future of the Legal Profession and co-chaired a conference related to Law Schools, Technology, and Access to Justice; and,

WHEREAS, students at the UMKC Law School and attorneys throughout Missouri hold Dean Suni in the highest regard and will miss her advice and contributions to the legal profession in Jackson County as dean; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the County Legislature of Jackson County, Missouri, that the Legislature recognizes the extraordinary achievements of Dean Ellen Yankiver Suni, and extends its best wishes in all of her future endeavors.

Effective Date: This Resolution shall be effective immediately upon its passage by a majority of the Legislature.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


Chief Deputy County Counselor


County Counselor

Certificate of Passage

I hereby certify that the attached resolution, Resolution No. 19459 of April 17, 2017, was duly passed on April 17, 2017 by the Jackson County Legislature. The votes thereon were as follows:

Yeas 9

Nays 0

Abstaining 0

Absent 0

4.24.17
Date


Mary Jo Spino, Clerk of Legislature