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Felix Wu Appointed Vice Dean



Felix Wu, Professor of Law and Faculty Director of the Cardozo Data Law Initiative (CDLI), has been named Vice Dean of Cardozo School of Law.

"I am thrilled that Professor Wu has agreed to take on this demanding and critical role," Dean Melanie Leslie said. "He is a distinguished scholar and teacher who has had a tremendous impact on our students and programs. I am confident that he will excel in this position, and I look forward to partnering with him to lead the law school into the future."

Wu joined the Cardozo faculty in 2009 after having had associate positions at Covington & Burling in San Francisco and Fish & Richardson in Boston. In 2006-2007, Wu clerked for Judge Sandra L. Lynch of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the First Circuit. He holds a J.D. and Ph.D. from the University of California at Berkeley and earned his undergraduate degree in computer science summa cum laude from Harvard University. He is also a member of the Order of the Coif and Phi Beta Kappa.

Wu's doctorate studies in computer science are foundational to his information law scholarship, which spans issues including freedom of speech, Internet intermediary liability, privacy law, and intellectual property law.

As Faculty Director of the CDLI, Wu oversees Cardozo's data and privacy law program, designed to prepare law students for legal careers in data privacy, cybersecurity, and information governance.

"Cardozo is a special place and a special community that has nurtured me throughout my academic career. I look forward to doing my part to help the institution thrive in the coming years," Wu said.

Wu succeeds Michael Burstein, who played a critical role during the pandemic moving the law school to remote classes while keeping a sharp focus on supporting students and professors through a tense and challenging crisis.

Said Dean Leslie, "Michael Burstein's strategic approach to the vice dean position resulted in many important improvements to the law school. His leadership during the pandemic was marked by great compassion and creativity. We owe him a debt of gratitude. His tenure will be marked by his unyielding dedication, clear focus and strong moral compass."