

MEMORANDUM

To: The Law School Community

From: Richard Revesz

Date: February 29, 2008

Re: Kenji Yoshino

I am thrilled to announce the terrific news that Professor Kenji Yoshino has accepted our tenured offer and will join us as a permanent member of our faculty in Fall 2008. Kenji, who was a Visiting Professor at the Law School last year and is visiting again this Spring, is currently the Guido Calabresi Professor of Law and the former Deputy Dean of Intellectual Life at the Yale Law School. He will hold a chair in constitutional law when he joins us.

Kenji is a leading scholar in the areas of constitutional law, anti-discrimination law, and law and literature. His highly regarded work on assimilation takes aim at how current anti-discrimination law fails to protect individuals against coerced conformity. Kenji has developed a theory of civil rights law that not only seeks to protect individuals from discrimination, but which also seeks to advance their human flourishing. His recent award-winning book, *Covering: The Hidden Assault on Our Civil Rights* (Random House, 2006), skillfully melds memoir and argument to explore the intersection of personal identity, politics and law. He is currently at work on a book on Shakespeare and the law.

Kenji served as a law clerk to Judge Guido Calabresi in 1996-97 and received a J.D. from Yale Law School in 1996, where he was Articles Editor of the *Yale Law Journal*. He earned a M.Sc. from Oxford University in 1993, where he was a Rhodes Scholar, and a B.A. summa cum laude from Harvard University in 1991. He has been a celebrated teacher at Yale since joining that faculty in 1998 (as well as here during his visits), and has repeatedly been nominated for or won the teaching awards there.