

Professor Arvind Gupta, UBC President and Vice-Chancellor
Remarks at the Faculty naming announcement.
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Good morning ladies and gentlemen. I am delighted to be here to celebrate such an important moment in the history of our law school.

On behalf of the University of British Columbia, it is my honour and pleasure to thank Peter Allard for his exceptional gift to the law school. We are so grateful to you for your foresight and unwavering commitment to the betterment of our society and the pursuit of justice.

UBC is an ambitious place. Our faculty push to expand the edge of what is known and our students seize challenges, both in the classroom and in working for a better world. As UBC's President, I know how important visionary philanthropy is for our university's capacity to realize its ambitions and to carry out excellence measured on a global scale. Our ability to advance knowledge and to contribute to our society and students depends on extraordinary commitments like the one we celebrate today.

It is therefore a special pleasure to recognize Peter Allard. Peter's visionary commitment to the law school is an inspiration for all. Peter, your extraordinary gift will allow UBC to offer an unparalleled student experience and nurture future leaders for generations to come. It will also fuel the law school's ability to serve as a national and global leader in legal education and research, ensuring that UBC will remain a global beacon in the continuing pursuit of justice.

The University is indeed very grateful for your vision and commitment to the law school and your decision to take this leadership step in inspiring others to commit to the law school's future.

It gives me great pleasure to announce that in recognition of Peter Allard's \$30 million gift, the largest individual donation to UBC's \$1.5 billion *start an evolution* fundraising and alumni engagement campaign, the University will rename the law school the Peter A. Allard School of Law.