

**Remarks of Elizabeth A. Rivera Cruz '20  
Student Senate President  
Columbia Law School Graduation  
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**Introduction of Dean Gillian Lester, Lucy G. Moses Professor of Law:**

Thank you, Udoka. My name is Elizabeth Rivera Cruz, and as this year's outgoing Student Senate president, it is my great honor to introduce Dean Gillian Lester.

Dean Lester is the 15th Dean of Columbia Law School and the Lucy G. Moses Professor of Law. She has held visiting appointments at various different law schools, but we all know Columbia is her favorite.

Since her appointment in 2015, we have seen the amazing changes Dean Lester has guided at the Law School, including dramatically increasing the generosity of student financial aid, increased support for students interested in public service and judicial clerkships, as well as expanded clinics and externship offerings.

Dean Lester has shown us time and time again what it looks like to effectively and compassionately lead under unpredictable circumstances. Thank you, Dean Lester, for your unwavering support of the Columbia Law School community. Introducing one of my favorite administrators, Dean Lester.