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Global Practice Forum: “The Role of Lawyers in the Globalization of the Law”

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Newton, MA--a standing-room only crowd welcomed Thomas F. (Tim) Cullen, Jr., a Jones Day partner and practice leader of that Firm's Global Disputes Practice, to the Law School on January 28, to deliver the BC Law Global Practice Forum's 2014 inaugural lecture.

Cullen's lecture "The Role of Lawyers in the Globalization of the Law" took place in Room 120 of the school's East Wing building.

"We're very pleased to welcome Tim to the law school to discuss a very important topic," said Frank Garcia, BC Law's Associate Dean for Global Initiatives. "As the leader of the international efforts for Jones Day, Tim's vision for practicing law in the coming decades should help provide a roadmap for our students who are looking to understand how globalization is shaping the future of the legal profession."

As practice leader, Cullen is responsible for overseeing the representation of clients served by the 25 offices of Jones Day located outside the United States. During his lecture, Cullen will advance the proposition that the "rule of law" is often in the hands of global practitioners who, through international arbitration and other fora, are themselves establishing as a practical matter norms of conduct that states and sovereigns have been unwilling or unable to establish.

BC Law's Global Practice Forum is a lecture series meant to highlight the school's focus on global initiatives. The school recently launched its Global Practice Program (GPP), a new initiative that includes BC Law's long-running London Program, the International Human Rights Semester in Practice, Immigration Externship Program, and the new Sorbonne JD/LLM Program, a collaborative effort with the Sorbonne Law School of the Université Paris 1 Panthéon Sorbonne, one of the oldest and most prestigious universities in the world. Only a handful of U.S. schools have a joint degree program with the Sorbonne, putting participating students into

a select group of global practitioners. BC Law plans to add new international practice partnerships and opportunities to the GPP in the coming months, including programs in Australia and Latin America.

"Ever since BC hosted a panel on the globalization of the legal profession in 2008, we have been very interested in learning from practice leaders such as Tim about where the practice may be going in the years ahead, so we can remain at the forefront of legal education's response to the global dynamics affecting us all," Garcia said. "Our mission as an institution is to help ensure that the words "global" and "justice" are always together in any conversation about the future of the profession."

Cullen joined Jones Day in 1974. He is a *magna cum laude* graduate of Harvard College and Harvard Law School. He served as an Editor of The Harvard Law Review and then clerked for Judge Harrison Winter of the Fourth Circuit. His mentor at Jones Day was Erwin Griswold, the former Solicitor General.

Cullen has two sons who are graduates of Boston College.