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Newton, MA – Boston College Law School is pleased to announce the creation of a new position, Associate Dean for Global Initiatives. This position was created to enhance the School's existing global initiatives and international curriculum by providing a more coordinated and strategic approach to global engagement.

The associate dean will be responsible for all of BC Law's global initiatives, including the LL.M., London Program, visiting scholars, and Renmin Program. In addition, the associate dean will help coordinate various School and University projects, including the Center for Human Rights and International Justice and the Immigration and Asylum Project, oversee the International Legal Studies Colloquium and the revised Law and Justice in the Americas Program, establish new partnerships for placements and exchanges, and lead the development of new international projects.

"Global awareness and engagement are now essential parts of the professional and educational formation of new lawyers," said BC Law Dean Rougeau. "To be a successful practitioner today requires not only knowledge about US law, but also a sophisticated understanding of international law and the laws of other countries. I am very pleased to announce that Frank Garcia has agreed to serve as our initial associate dean."

Professor Garcia has been a member of the BC Law faculty for more than a decade. Garcia runs the Law and Justice in the Americas Program, advises the *International & Comparative Law Review*, and was a co-organizer of last year's BCLR/ICLR symposium "Filling Power Vacuums in the New World Order." His areas of interest have to do with the intersections of international economic law, social justice and globalization.

"In my view, this position is all about identifying possibilities and helping them happen," said Garcia. "In my research and external work on global issues I am constantly struck by the opportunity and the need to keep 'global' and 'justice' together in the same conversation, which is a contribution BC is uniquely positioned to make. I look forward to determining what global engagement can mean for all our students, faculty and staff in the months ahead to keep this momentum building."

As part of the restructuring of international programs and initiatives, the School has also hired Susan Simone Kang as Associate Director of Graduate Legal Education. Kang will be responsible for managing the operations of the LL.M. program, helping LL.M. students select appropriate program tracks, and advising on pre and post-graduate options. Additionally, this position will oversee other global initiatives, including study abroad and exchange programs, as well as coordinating the visiting scholars program.

Previously, Kang was the program director for the LL.M. in International Law at the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy at Tufts University. Prior to joining Tufts, she practiced for nine years in international law and obtained her LLM from the Fletcher School as well as her JD with a specialization in international law from Cornell Law School.

