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Dean Epps has been a frequent speaker on Evidence and Advocacy, both domestically and internationally. In June of 2007 and again in October of 2008, Dean Epps traveled to London as the only law professor member of a nine-person American team which provided training to Sudanese lawyers representing victims of the Darfur crisis. The training included substantive International Criminal Law, with special focus on practice before the International Criminal Court, as well as Evidence and Advocacy. In 2005 and 2006, along with Temple Law School Professor Edward Ohlbaum, Dean Epps taught Jury Trial Advocacy to 20,000+ members of the Japanese Bar Association. These programs were offered in anticipation of the 2009 re-institution of jury trials in criminal cases in Japan.

In 2003, Dean Epps joined other international faculty to teach advocacy skills to prosecutors at the United Nation's ICTR (International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda) in Arusha, Tanzania. Professor Epps has also taught courses in advocacy in Beijing, China to Chinese lawyers enrolled in Temple's LL.M. program and to the Beijing Supreme People's Procuratorate (the Chinese Prosecutor's Office). Domestically, she was a presenter at "Trial Evidence in the Federal Courts" in New York in March 2007, "Witness Preparation" in Los Angeles, CA in April 2006, and she moderated panels on "Public Speaking" (Hawaii, 2006) and "Prosecutorial Discretion" (Philadelphia, 2007). Along with colleague David Sonenshein, Dean Epps has annually offered "Evidence for Lawyers", a six-hour review of current issues in trial evidence. She is also a long-time member of the faculty of the National Institute for Trial Advocacy and ALI-ABA.

Dean Epps is a member of the American Law Institute, and is active in professional organizations. She is an officer of the American Bar Association Section of Litigation and recently completed a term as a member of the ABA Standing Committee on Continuing Legal Education (2004-2007). In the ABA, she remains a member of both the ABA Nominating Committee (2005-present) and the Steering Committee of the Nominating Committee (2005-present). In addition, Dean Epps was recently appointed to

be a member of the ABA Standing Committee on Constitution and Bylaws (2008-2011). She has been a member of the Advisory Committee to the ALI-ABA Program Committee since 1996 and was appointed in 2006 to ALI-ABA's Litigation Advisory Panel. From 1997 to 2003 she served on ALI-ABA's Board (the ALI-ABA Committee on Continuing Professional Education). Dean Epps is also active in women's and minority organizations. She served as Vice Chair of the Pennsylvania Gender Task Force (1996-2000), a member of the Third Circuit Task Force on Equal Treatment in the Courts, a member of the Task Force's Commission on Race and Ethnicity, and as Co-Chair of the Commission's Committee on Special Issues in Criminal Justice (1996-98). From 2002 to 2005 Dean Epps was a member of the Board of Directors of Women's Way. At Temple, Dean Epps is an affiliated member of the Women's Studies Department. From 1998 to 2003 she served as a member of the Women's Studies Program Steering Committee and currently she is serving as a member of the 125th Anniversary Steering Committee. Prior to her appointment as Dean, Dean Epps was an advisor to both the Women's Law Caucus and the Black Law Students' Association.

In March 2001, Dean Epps was asked by Philadelphia Mayor John Street to serve as Chair of the Mayor's Task Force on Police Discipline, an assignment she accepted and which concluded with submission of the Task Force's final report by the end of November 2001, as requested. She is currently a member of the Pennsylvania Judicial Independence Commission, a member of the Philadelphia Bar Association's Committee to Promote Fairness in the Judiciary, and from 2004 to 2005 served as a member of the newly-formed Pennsylvania Commission for Justice Initiatives. She is currently a member of the Board of Directors of the Defender Association of Philadelphia and from 1999 to 2006 served as Board President. Always the sports enthusiast, from 1994 to 2006 Dean Epps served as Temple University's Faculty Representative to the NCAA.

Until her appointment, Dean Epps was a Professor of Law (1985-present) and Associate Dean for Academic Affairs (1989-2008). Before joining the Temple faculty in 1985, she was a Deputy City Attorney for the City of Los Angeles (1976-1980) and an Assistant U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania (1980-1985). Her primary teaching areas include Criminal Procedure, Evidence and Trial Advocacy. On occasion, she will teach Criminal Law and Interviewing, Counseling & Negotiation. Professor Epps received her B.A. degree from Trinity College in Hartford, Connecticut (1973) and her J.D. degree from Yale Law School in New Haven, Connecticut (1976).

Dean Epps has been honored by several institutions: In 1998, she received the Doris May Harris Image Award from the National Bar Association's Women Lawyers Division. That same year, she received the Alumni Service Award from her alma mater, Trinity College. In October 1999, she was inducted into the Cheltenham High School Hall of Fame. In February 2001, she was named by the Philadelphia Legal Intelligencer as one of 50 Pennsylvania Women of Influence. In November 2001, she was named by the Philadelphia Business Journal and the National Association of Women Business Owners as one of 25 Women of Distinction. In January 2002, in conjunction with the celebration of the Martin Luther King holiday, she was named by the Barristers' Association of Philadelphia (an affiliate of the National Bar Association) as one of four Women of

Distinction. In March 2002, she was selected by the Greater Philadelphia Chapter of the National Association of Women Business Owners as one of three winners of the 2002 Women Making History Award. In May 2003, she received the Gideon Award, given by Temple Law School to acknowledge dedication to the cause of Justice. In December, 2003, she was named the 2003 Outstanding Faculty Athletic Representative by the All-American Football Foundation. In March 2005 Professor Epps was presented with the 2004 Honorable Robert E. Keeton Faculty Award (presented by the National Institute for Trial Advocacy). In 2006, she received Temple University's F. Eugene Dixon, Jr. Inspiration Award. And in June 2008, she was the recipient of a Women in the Profession 2007-2008 Woman of the Year Award (presented by The Legal Intelligencer, Pennsylvania Law Weekly). Most recently, Dean Epps was honored with a 2009 Girl Scouts of Eastern Pennsylvania *Take the Lead Award* and the Philadelphia Bar Association's 2009 *Sandra Day O'Connor Award*.