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*President*

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Provost Charles E. Phelps  
University of Rochester  
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Rochester, New York

Dear Chuck:

I recommend that C. McCollister (Mac) Evarts '57M (MD), '64M (Res), be appointed Distinguished University Professor, affording him all the rights and privileges as a senior member of the University of Rochester faculty. I make this recommendation in recognition of Dr. Evarts long and illustrious service to the University of Rochester and in acknowledgement of his commitment to advancing the mission and relevance of the academic health center as a national resource for education, research and clinical care.

Dr. Evarts began his medical career as a graduate of the School of Medicine and Dentistry before serving his internship and residency in orthopaedic surgery at Strong Memorial Hospital. In 1964, he joined the Cleveland Clinic Foundation and over the next decade headed that institution's orthopaedic residency training program, ultimately serving as chair of its orthopaedics department.

He is widely acknowledged with introducing the "total hip replacement" to the field of American orthopaedics, completely transforming this field and improving the lives of hundreds of thousands of patients.

Dr. Evarts returned to the Medical Center in 1974 as chair of orthopaedics, Dorris H. Carlson Professor of Orthopaedics, and orthopaedist-in-chief at Strong Memorial Hospital. He deserves credit for transforming the Medical Center's orthopaedics department into a national hub of research and clinical care.

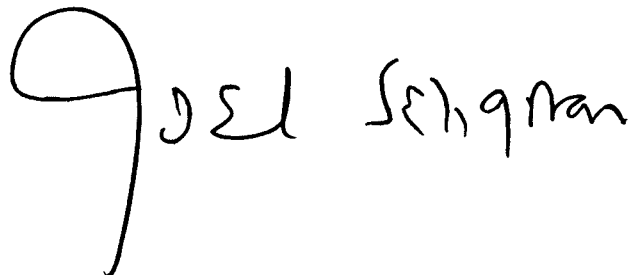
In 1987, Dr. Evarts was recruited to serve as chief executive officer, senior vice president for Health Affairs, and dean of the College of Medicine at The Pennsylvania State University and The Milton S. Hershey Medical Center. During his tenure, Dr. Evarts presided over the expansion of clinical services, the tripling of the organization's faculty and its research funding, the construction of a seven story biomedical research facility and the initiation of a new medical school curriculum that led to a steady rise in applicants from a national pool.

After serving as CEO, senior vice president and dean, Dr. Evarts became one of two named Penn State University professors participating in teaching, writing, and consulting. In 2003, Dr. Evarts was appointed CEO and senior vice president and vice provost of health Affairs for the University of Rochester Medical Center where he has served our institution with honor and dignity. He continues to be involved in numerous societies and organizations, corporate boards, including the prestigious Institute of Medicine of the National Academy of Sciences. In addition, he has played a very active role in the Association of Academic Health Centers, having served a term as its Board Chairman.

In 2005, Dr. Evarts was awarded the Albert David Kaiser Medal by the Rochester Academy of Medicine. The Kaiser medal is the Academy's highest honor and was presented to Dr. Evarts in recognition of his "long and distinguished career and pioneering work as a surgeon, mentor, educator and strategic leader." Additionally in 2005, Dr. Evarts received the prestigious John Charnley Award, the second time the honor has been bestowed on the current CEO of the University of Rochester Medical Center and Strong Health. Dr. Evarts and four other orthopaedists were recognized for this work in helping to research, develop and document proven methods for preventing blood clots, a potentially fatal complication that can arise after hip replacement surgery. Given by the Hip Society, an exclusive member organization comprised of leading orthopaedic surgeons who specialize in total hip arthroplasty, the award is named after England's Sir John Charnley, inventor of the Charnley artificial hip. The award is given each year to author(s) of a publication that outlines important clinical or basic research that advances the management of hip disorders.

Dr. Evarts is a published academic scholar, an accomplished academic administrator, a gifted and compassionate clinician-teacher and a graduate of this University. I can think of no more appropriate honor than to appoint Dr. Evarts as the University of Rochester Distinguished University Professor.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joel Seligman". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial "J".

Joel Seligman

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