

September 28, 2005

Chairwoman Leslie E. Bains
Members of the Board of Trustees
American University Board of Trustees
4400 Massachusetts Avenue, NW
Washington, D.C. 20016

Dear Chairwoman Bains and Distinguished Members of the Board:

Thank you for your willingness to meet with me as well as other leaders of the American University student community. On behalf of the Washington College of Law Student Bar Association, I appreciate the opportunity to communicate the law school student body's position on this important matter.

On Tuesday, September 27, 2005, the Student Bar Association Senate unanimously passed the enclosed resolution, to which I have affixed my signature, thereby also expressing my support of the measure. As you will see, the language is nearly identical to the resolution that the Washington College of Law faculty unanimously passed on Monday, September 26, 2005. In transmitting to you the enclosed resolution, I state with conviction that the Washington College of Law expresses - in one unified voice - its lack of confidence in President Benjamin Ladner's ability to lead our institution effectively.

While I regret the circumstances under which we are meeting, please know that I appreciate your providing me and my fellow student leaders the opportunity to discuss the current situation. Thank you for your time and consideration of the enclosed resolution.

Respectfully submitted,

Adam J. Cohen
President

Enclosure

**Resolution Expressing the Washington College of Law Student Bar Association's
Lack of Confidence in Benjamin Ladner's Ability to Effectively Lead American University**

We, the Student Bar Association of the Washington College of Law, believe that the president of a university must act at all times in accordance with the highest professional and ethical standards. We have been shocked to learn of President Benjamin Ladner's extravagant and unethical expenditures of American University funds. His conduct is contrary to the educational mission of our school and endangers the long-standing commitment of our alumni. It is imperative that this intolerable situation be resolved immediately through the termination of Benjamin Ladner's presidency of American University.

In light of these developments, we, the Student Bar Association of the Washington College of Law, unanimously vote "no confidence" in President Ladner's ability to provide the ethical and effective leadership to which our university is entitled.

Respectfully Submitted,

Adam J. Cohen
President, Student Bar Association
American University Washington College of Law

Approved by the Senate on September 27, 2005
Final Vote: 17 yeas, 0 nays, 0 abstentions