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Judge Nancy Gertner is a renowned jurist, lawyer and teacher whose accomplishments have been recognized by numerous organizations and academic institutions. Stepping down in September from the position she has held since 1994 as U.S. District Court Judge for the District of Massachusetts, Judge Gertner will join the Harvard Law School faculty as Professor of Practice.

A native of New York City and graduate of Barnard College and Yale Law School, Judge Gertner very quickly established herself as a talented, hard-working and creative professional. Judge Gertner was only 29 years old when she was recruited to defend Susan Saxe, an antiwar activist charged with robbery and murder. That case was just the first of many matters, civil as well as criminal, which cemented Judge Gertner's reputation as a smart and accomplished advocate whose dedication to the pursuit of justice and fairness has become legendary.

Nominated to the bench by President Clinton, Judge Gertner brought to the Court a formidable intelligence, a commitment to listening to all parties and giving each a fair hearing, and an insistence on clarity – in her oral decisions as well as her written opinions – that leaves no question about either her reasoning or the result.

Throughout her career, Judge Gertner has found time to teach at the law schools of Boston University, Boston College, Harvard University and Yale University. She also has participated in international programs to train judges and lawyers and to address critical issues involving the judicial system and human rights.

Tufts Health Plan Speaker Series

Judge Nancy Gertner (retired)

“Unconventional Leadership: What It Takes to Effect Change and Secure Justice”

October 26, 2011

3:30 - 5:00 p.m.

**Wilder Pavilion
Adamian Academic Center**

There is no one path to leadership. Success in business and the professions takes many forms and more often than not entails risk-taking and a willingness to push the proverbial envelope. It also presupposes a strong moral compass and the fortitude to hold true to a set of core beliefs. Throughout her distinguished career as a criminal defense lawyer, civil rights activist, federal court judge and teacher, Judge Nancy Gertner has never been afraid to speak up and to reach for the extraordinary while remaining true to her ideals of fairness and justice.

Please join us to hear about Judge Gertner's path to leadership and the lessons that it offers to all who would succeed in a world of increasing complexity and conflict.

A question and answer period will follow the presentation and Judge Gertner's book, "In Defense of Women: Memoirs of an Unrepentant Advocate" will be available for purchase.

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