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Regina M. Pisa Reelected Chair of Simmons College Board of Trustees

BOSTON (February 14, 2017) – The Simmons College Board of Trustees has unanimously reelected Regina M. Pisa as chair. Pisa has served as chair of the Board since 2014, and with this vote will remain in the role through May 2020. Pisa is Chairman Emeritus of Goodwin, a leading Global 50 law firm.

As chair, Pisa will lead the Board of Trustees as it positions the College to meet the complex challenges for higher education in the 21st century, and sets the strategic framework to continue the College's trajectory towards national prominence.

"This is great news for our College," said Simmons College President Helen Drinan. "Regina Pisa has proven herself to be an exemplary leader and a forceful advocate for providing young women the opportunity for transformative learning that links passion with lifelong purpose. We are grateful for her service to Simmons, and we know her vision and leadership will be guiding lights for us as we advance the highest priorities for our institution."

The first woman to lead an AmLaw 100 law firm in the United States, Pisa has served as Goodwin's chairman from 1998 – 2014, and prior to that as its managing partner. Under her leadership, Goodwin grew from 300 lawyers in Boston, to more than 1,000 lawyers serving clients from locations in the United States, Europe and Asia. Among her many other awards, *The American Lawyer* recently recognized Pisa's innovative leadership style and vision for big ideas, naming her one of the "Top 50 Big Law Innovators of the Past 50 Years." Later this month, Mass Mentoring Partnership (MMP) is honoring Pisa for being a Four Pillars of MMP's first 25 years at its anniversary gala in Boston.

Recognized as a pioneer in advancing leadership for women in the legal and business communities, Pisa has used the power and visibility of her position to dismantle gender and cultural stereotypes, and to facilitate mentorship, business development training and work/life balance for women at Goodwin and in the legal industry.

As Chair of the Simmons Board, Pisa has helped lead such key initiatives such as the unique public-private partnership between Simmons and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, which led to a new, state-of-the-art, \$13.5 million athletics complex for public use at Daly Field in Brighton. Also under her leadership, the College has revamped the undergraduate curriculum to emphasize leadership development, and currently is undertaking a campus-wide academic redesign project that highlights Simmons's signature strengths and promotes interdisciplinary collaboration.

Simmons College (www.simmons.edu) is a nationally recognized private university located in the heart of Boston, and is the preeminent authority on women's leadership. Founded in 1899, Simmons is the only undergraduate women's college in Boston, and maintains a history of visionary thinking and a focus on social responsibility. The college offers world-class coeducational graduate programs in nursing and health sciences, including physical therapy and nutrition; liberal arts; life sciences; library and information science; business management; and social work. Follow Simmons on Twitter at [@SimmonsCollege](https://twitter.com/SimmonsCollege) and [@SimmonsNews](https://twitter.com/SimmonsNews).