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LINDA SHERYL GREENE is Dean and MSU Foundation Professor of Law at the Michigan State University College of Law. Her teaching and academic scholarship focus on Constitutional Law, Civil Procedure, Legislation, Civil Rights, and Sports Law. She received her B.A. in Health Education from California State University-Long Beach, her J.D. from the University of California-Berkeley, and a Certificate in Public International Law from The Hague Academy of International Law. She is a member of the California Bar. The American Law Institute elected her to membership in 1991 and inducted her as a life member in 2016.

Previously, she was the Evjue Bascom Professor of Law at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. At Wisconsin, she also served as Associate Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs with responsibility for faculty strategic hiring programs, including STEM women, minority faculty, dual career couples, and interdisciplinary cluster hires. She was also the inaugural Vice Chancellor for Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion at the University of California San Diego.

Before her teaching career, Dean Greene was an attorney at the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund in New York City and a deputy city attorney in Los Angeles who advised 34 departments on civil rights and constitutional policy. She was the first African-American woman to teach at Temple University Law School in 1978 and next joined the faculty at the University of Oregon Law School in 1981, where she was a tenured associate professor. In 1984, Harvard Law School invited her to become the first African-American woman to teach at the law school. Thereafter, she was a visiting professor at Georgetown University Law Center, continuing there as an adjunct while she served for three years as a counsel to the U.S. Senate Judiciary Committee. At Judiciary, she specialized in the confirmation of federal court jurisdiction, proposed constitutional amendments, and civil rights legislation across the board.

Her sport interests stem from her middle-distance track and field experience (800 meters, 400 meters, cross-country) during college and law school. Between 1992 and 2001, Dean Greene was the United States Olympic Committee Legislation Committee Chair, its Audit

Committee Vice Chair, and co-author of its diversity and inclusion policies. She was a member of the University of Wisconsin Athletic Board from 1990-1995, serving on the Finance, Personnel, and Equity and Strategic Planning Committees. She is a co-founder of the Black Women in Sports Foundation and the author of articles and op-eds that explore the intersection of sport, race, and gender equality.

Her recent scholarship reflects the breadth of her experience. Her recent work includes: “Critical Race Theory: Origins, Permutations, and Current Queries” 2021 *Wisconsin Law Review* 259-268 (2021); “Up Against the Wall: Congressional Retention of the Spending Power in Times of ‘Emergency,’” in 51 *Loyola University Law Journal* 431-483 (2020); “Talking About Black Lives Matter and #MeToo” (with Lolita Buckner Innis and Bridget J. Crawford), in 34 *Wisconsin Journal of Gender, Law, and Society* Winter 1-68 (2019); and “A Tale of Two Justices: Brandeis, Marshall, and Federal Court Diversity,” 2017 *Wisconsin Law Review* 401- 427 (2017); *Mirror, Mirror on the Wall: Gender, Olympic Competition, and the Persistence of the Feminine Ideal*, in 31 *Wisconsin Journal of Law, Gender, and Society* 57-102 (2016); “African American Women on the World Stage: The Fourth World Conference on Women in Beijing China, 1995,” in *Black Women and International Law: Deliberate Interactions, Movements and Actions* 147-167 (ed. Jeremy I. Levitt 2015); “The Battle for Brown,” in 67 *Arkansas Law Review* 131-157 (2015); “Before and After Michael Brown: Towards an End to Structural and Actual Violence,” in 47 *Washington Journal of Law and Policy* 1-62 (2015).

Dean Greene’s forthcoming book is *Toward an Inclusive Constitutional Democracy: The Dissenting Opinions of Thurgood Marshall* (2023, Carolina Press with Wendy Scott) on the jurisprudential legacy of Thurgood Marshall.

She has provided media, political, and legal analysis for thirty-three years for a variety of media: Wisconsin Public Television; Wisconsin Public Radio; *The Isthmus* newspaper; Minnesota Public Radio; National Public Radio; the *Miami Herald*; and *The New York Times*, where she has written opinion pieces since 1992.