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In 1989, Bell resigned from the Harvard Law School to become dean at the University of Oregon Law School. There, he resigned in protest when the law school faculty refused to offer a faculty position to an Asian American candidate. Bell has been a visiting professor at the New York University Law School since 1991. In addition to his teaching duties, he lectures and appears frequently on popular radio and television programs.