Dean, Faculty of Law

Queen's University invites nominations, applications, and expressions of interest for the position of Dean, Faculty of Law with the appointment ideally beginning July 2019. This is an exciting opportunity to lead a law school that is growing, innovating, and driving legal studies in new and exciting directions.

Queen's has a long-standing reputation for academic excellence, impactful research, student experience and leadership, and engaged alumni. Queen's balances excellence in undergraduate studies with well-established and innovative graduate programs within a dynamic learning environment for more than 24,000 undergraduate and graduate students. Deeply committed to academic and research excellence, Queen's will bolster the vibrancy of its teaching and learning with 200 new faculty over a five-year period. Queen's University is located in the heart of scenic Kingston, midway between Montreal and Toronto, and close to Ottawa, the nation's capital, and within a one hour driving distance of the U.S. border. Queen's University is situated on the territory of the Haudenosaunee and Anishinaabek. For additional information about Queen's, please visit www.queensu.ca.

Queen's Law is one of Canada's best law schools, with an international reputation for academic leadership, excellence in research and teaching, and a strong sense of community among students, faculty, and alumni. Its faculty members are world-class researchers who remain equally committed to innovation and excellence in the classroom. Queen's Law programs include a Juris Doctor (JD) degree that offers a variety of experiential and international learning opportunities, LLM and PhD degrees, a new online undergraduate Certificate in Law, and in 2019, a Graduate Diploma in Legal Services Management. The Faculty has 630 undergraduate and graduate students, more than 80 faculty and staff, and 6,500 accomplished and loyal alumni. Additional information about Queen's Law is available at https://law.queensu.ca/.

Reporting to the Provost and Vice-Principal (Academic), the Dean is the Faculty of Law’s senior academic officer, providing strategic direction, academic planning leadership, and administrative oversight to achieve the highest possible standards in legal education and research. The Dean will successfully manage the financial, administrative, and human resources of the Faculty, and promote and enhance the reputation and achievements of Queen’s Law both internally and externally. Committed to the success and development of students, faculty, and staff, the Dean will work collegially and collaboratively with academic, legal, alumni, and public sector partners to further enhance the stature and resources of the Faculty.

The Dean will be a visionary and innovative leader with strong achievements in legal research, teaching, scholarly activities, and service, and demonstrated leadership capabilities in a university setting. Candidates will possess an open and collegial style, outstanding management, communication, and interpersonal skills, entrepreneurial abilities, and a creative approach to problem solving. The new Dean will be able to inspire faculty, staff, and students, build diverse, inclusive, and collaborative teams, and relate to a range of internal and external partners. An interest in or experience with fundraising will be an important asset in this role.

The University invites applications from all qualified individuals. Queen's is committed to employment equity and diversity in the workplace and welcomes applications from women, racialized persons/visible minorities, Indigenous peoples/Aboriginal peoples, persons with disabilities, and LGBTQ+ persons.

The Search Committee will begin consideration of candidates immediately and will continue until the position is successfully filled. Applications, including curriculum vitae, a letter of introduction, and the names of three references (who will not be contacted without consent of the applicant) should be submitted electronically, in confidence, to the University’s executive search consultants:

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