Queen’s University is appointing Mark Walters as Dean of the Faculty of Law for a five-year term effective July 1, 2019, following a comprehensive search process chaired by Interim Provost and Vice-Principal (Academic) Tom Harris.

Dr. Walters presently holds the prestigious F.R. Scott Chair in Public and Constitutional Law at McGill University where he researches and publishes in the areas of public and constitutional law, legal history, and legal theory. He is also a leading scholar on the rights of Indigenous peoples, with a special focus on treaty relations between the Crown and Indigenous nations. His work in this area has been cited by Canadian courts, including the Supreme Court of Canada, as well as courts in Australia and New Zealand.

Prior to joining McGill, Dr. Walters was a faculty member at Queen’s for 17 years, serving as the first Associate Dean (Graduate Studies and Research) where he led the launch of the Queen’s doctoral program in law. He co-chaired the faculty’s strategic planning committee and wrote a detailed history of the Queen’s Faculty of Law as part of the faculty’s 50th anniversary celebrations. Before his tenure at Queen’s, Dr. Walters taught at Oxford University after practicing law in the area of Aboriginal title and treaty rights.

Dr. Walters has a Bachelor of Arts (Political Science) from Western University and is a graduate of Queen’s Law. He attended Oxford University on a Commonwealth Scholarship where he pursued graduate studies in law, completing his doctorate before being called to the Ontario Bar.

Dr. Walters has held a number of research and visiting fellowships, including the Jules and Gabrielle Léger Fellowship (SSHRC), the Sir Neil MacCormick Fellowship (University of Edinburgh), the Herbert Smith Fellowship (Cambridge University) and the H.L.A. Hart Fellowship (Oxford University). He is the recipient of the Canadian Association of Law Teachers’ Award for Academic Excellence (2006) and the Queen’s Award for Excellence in Graduate Supervision (2012).

The Principal and the Provost extend their gratitude to Professor Bill Flanagan for his exceptional tenure as dean, and to the following individuals on Principal’s Advisory Committee for their thoughtful advice and perspective.
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