



Wayne State University is pleased to announce that nominations and applications are being accepted for the next Dean of the Law School. With a productive and internationally recognized faculty, a diverse and talented student body, and deep roots in the Michigan legal community, the Law School is a leader in public interest law, international law and business law. Faculty scholars have both practical experience and a passion for teaching, and our eight clinical programs offer students a chance to represent real clients and learn the practice of law in the courtroom as well as the classroom. The Law School continues to excel in advancing legal education, social justice, and economic development in a changing urban environment. Wayne State University seeks a Dean to lead those endeavors.

The Position

The Dean reports to the Provost of the University and is responsible for the administrative and academic leadership of the Law School. Candidates must hold a J.D. or LL.B degree from an ABA accredited law school, and be eligible for legal residence in the United States. The successful candidate will exhibit many of the following characteristics:

- A record of excellence in scholarship and teaching
- A vision of legal education in the changing marketplace
- Familiarity with and commitment to a law school's academic mission
- Proven ability in academic leadership and administration
- Capacity for successful fundraising and development
- A commitment to fostering an atmosphere of mutual respect
- Demonstrated commitment to diversity with the law school community
- Thoughtfulness and sound judgment
- Energy and love of a challenge
- Ability to work well with faculty, staff, alumni and university administration
- Ability to promote the law school and its mission
- Ability to lead strategic planning, budgeting, and human resources

The Law School

The Law School seeks a Dean who will take full advantage of, and build upon, its many assets, which include:

- A strong and continuing tradition of leadership in the Michigan legal community, with alumni including Distinguished Jurist in Residence and retired Michigan Supreme Court Justice Marilyn Kelly, the Chair of the U.S. House Judiciary Committee (Rep. John Conyers, Jr.), several judges on the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan, and many state court judges, prosecuting attorneys, public officials, and partners in major law firms. More of Michigan's judges and top lawyers are graduates of Wayne Law than of any other school.
- A well-established and growing array of "hands-on" curricular offerings, including eight clinics (Legal Assistance for People with Cancer; Transnational Environmental Law Clinic; Patent Procurement Clinic; Business and Community Law Clinic; Asylum and Immigration Law Clinic; Civil Rights and Civil Liberties Clinic; Criminal Appellate Practice; and the Free Legal Aid Clinic), a vast array of internships with local governments and nonprofit entities each year, and courses taught by sitting judges and practicing lawyers in subjects such as advocacy, evidence, and professional responsibility.
- The Damon J. Keith Center for Civil Rights, an institution dedicated to training the next generation of civil rights leaders and promoting the educational, economic and political empowerment of under-represented communities in urban areas.
- The Program on Entrepreneurship and Business Law (PEBL), a new initiative that helps aspiring business professionals participate in the economic revival of Detroit. PEBL prepares Wayne Law students to represent entrepreneurs or to become entrepreneurs, and links our Business and Community Law Clinic and Patent Procurement Clinic with numerous internships, externships and co-curricular activities.
- The Program on International Legal Studies, which builds on the strength of our international law faculty with student placements in fully-funded international internships and a renowned international law speaker series.
- An up-to-date classroom building which houses faculty and student services offices, small classrooms, student organizations, a moot courtroom and the 250-seat Spencer M. Partrich Auditorium.
- The Arthur Neef Law Library, a comprehensive academic research center that fully supports contemporary and historical legal research in an environment conducive to scholarship, teaching and learning.

The University and the City

Wayne State University holds the Carnegie Foundation's top ranking of Research University (very high research activity). Enrollment is nearly 29,000 students, and the University offers more than 370 academic programs within the 13 schools and colleges. Graduate and professional enrollment is nearly 9,300, and total research and development expenditures totaled nearly \$259 million in fiscal year 2011. National Science Foundation ranking data places Wayne State 52nd among public universities and 80th among all universities in the United States.

Located in the heart of Detroit's University Cultural Center, the main campus encompasses 203 acres, linking 100 education and research buildings. Five extension centers in the metropolitan area provide a wide selection of academic courses. Expansion of on campus housing in recent years has led to approximately 2,700 students living on campus with many more living in the thriving Midtown area. Wayne State enrolls students from 48 states and 60 foreign nations.

The University, in partnership with the University of Michigan and Michigan State University, has a key role in Michigan's University Research Corridor Initiative, and is closely involved with Tech Town, the area's business incubator.

The Process

While applications and nominations will be accepted until a new Dean is selected, interested parties are encouraged to submit their materials to our consultant at the address below by January 30 to receive optimal consideration. A preferred starting date for the new Dean is July 1, 2014.

Applications and nominations for the position should be sent to:

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Wayne State University is an equal opportunity employer. The Search Committee encourages application or nomination of candidates from diverse backgrounds.

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