



DEAN OF THE COLLEGE OF LAW

The University of North Texas at Dallas (UNT) invites nominations and applications for exceptional legal leaders to serve as the next Dean of its College of Law. UNT is a relatively new university overall, and the College of Law is even newer, having just graduated its first class in 2017, after having just achieved provisional accreditation from the American Bar Association (ABA) in time for that first graduation.

THE COLLEGE OF LAW

The UNT Dallas College of Law offers a top-quality and uniquely innovative legal education at a very affordable tuition. The College of Law utilizes the instructional best practices, offers engaged, experiential and collaborative learning, and provides ongoing formative and summative assessment for students. The College of Law's presence in dynamic downtown Dallas provides students ready access to the courts, and to outstanding lawyers, judges, government officials, and other legal professionals. The College of Law admits a wide range of students who have the potential to be successful lawyers and who are as diverse as the communities they will serve. The mission of UNT Dallas College of Law is to promote justice and advance human potential through the enterprise of legal education, and this mission is carried out through five key goals: Access, Preparation, Value, Innovation, and Community. For more information about the College of Law, see: <https://lawschool.untssystem.edu/about>.

Academics and Curriculum at the College of Law

The College of Law designed its educational program to act on the best and latest thinking in legal education. As such, it has incorporated many innovations into its course content, instructional methods, and co-curricular activities to reflect its core beliefs about legal education and the legal profession. The College of Law's program of legal education strives across all years and courses to develop attorneys with the full range of skills, aptitudes, and values necessary to succeed as effective legal professionals. The College of Law gives students formative and summative feedback on a regular basis to help them grow and understand their strengths and their areas for improvement, all the time linking legal education to the effective practice and profession of law.

History, Accreditation, and Enrollment

UNT Dallas College of Law received legislative authorization in 2009, hired its first Dean in January 2012, and its first Associate Dean for Academic Affairs in September 2012. The College of Law enrolled its first students in the fall of 2014, and currently enrolls 422 students, split between 247 full-time (day) and 175 part-time (evening) students. Faculty are fully committed to both day and evening students.

The College of Law received provisional accreditation effective June 3, 2017, from the American Bar Association's Council of the Section of Legal Education and Admissions to the Bar. Graduates of a provisionally approved law school are considered by the ABA to be graduates of an ABA-approved law school and are eligible to sit for most state bar exams, including in the State of Texas. Provisional approval is expected to last for three to five years.

Location, Facilities and New Plans

The College of Law is currently located in downtown Dallas, in the same building with the UNT System offices. The College of Law's space in the building is roomy, modern, highly functional, and bright, as a

result of a \$29 million renovation project in 2013 designed to prepare facilities specifically for the College of Law. The College of Law plans to expand and move most of its operations diagonally across the street into the Municipal Building by June of 2019. After the move, however, the College of law will retain its library and some offices in its current location, making UNT Dallas College of Law a two-building campus.

OPPORTUNITIES, CHALLENGES, AND CHARACTERISTICS FOR THE NEXT DEAN

The next Dean of the UNT Dallas College of Law should be a dynamic and engaging legal leader, fully supportive of the College of Law's mission and educational innovations, with ideas and openness to further improvement in legal education and betterment of its students' careers. Experience with ABA accreditation is highly desirable, as is experience with fundraising, expansion of academic programs, and management of fiscal resources for a school of law. A juris doctor from an accredited law school or other earned doctorate degree is required. Substantial experience in legal teaching and legal practice is desired. Other academic, judicial, government, nonprofit, or service experience may also be considered if substantively related to legal education or legal practice. The position is expected to carry the rank of full professor and to be tenured.

The Dean will report directly to UNTD's Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs, Dr. Betty H. Stewart, and will also interact closely with UNTD's President Bob Mong. The Dean will serve as the chief academic and administrative officer of the College of Law, overseeing the day-to-day operations of the College of Law while providing visionary leadership and promoting academic excellence and achievement within the faculty, staff, and students.

The key opportunities and challenges facing the next Dean will likely include continuing support for the College of Law's special mission, achieving full accreditation, fundraising and friend-raising, and providing solid academic and administrative leadership for the new school.

PROCEDURE FOR NOMINATIONS AND APPLICATIONS:

Inquiries, nominations, and applications are invited. For full information about this opportunity, see: <http://www.academic-search.com/sites/default/files/UNTDDeanLawProfile.pdf> Applications received by January 10, 2018, will be given full consideration. Applicants should send a letter that addresses the minimum and preferred qualifications; a curriculum vitae; and the names, addresses, phone numbers, and email addresses of five references. All submissions will be treated in confidence and should be sent electronically (MS Word format preferred) to UNTDDeanLaw@academic-search.com. The committee is assisted by Dr. Wanda Durrett Bigham, Senior Consultant, who can be reached at wdb@academic-search.com or by calling 334-425-6865, and William F. Howard, Esq., Senior Consultant, who can be reached at wfh@academic-search.com or by calling 202-263-7489.

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