

University of Missouri-Kansas City – Dean of the School of Law

OUR STORY

University of Missouri-Kansas City (UMKC), one of the four University of Missouri campuses, is a doctoral research-intensive public university offering traditional and interdisciplinary programs and serving approximately 14,500 students. The University is well positioned to address the demands of the times in a dynamic and diverse city that deserves and requires the benefits that accrue from a strong public university.

The University of Missouri-Kansas City has a broad and inclusive educational mission with specific emphasis in three areas: health and life sciences, visual and performing arts, and urban affairs. UMKC's unique profile includes the College of Arts and Sciences, University College, Honors College, Schools of Education, Nursing and Health Studies, Henry W. Bloch School of Management, Medicine, Law, Computing and Engineering, Biological Sciences, Dentistry, Pharmacy, and the Conservatory of Music and Dance.

The University has an institution-wide commitment to equity, diversity and inclusion and strives to create a welcoming environment where students, faculty and staff feel valued in their contributions. The successful candidate will have a genuine enthusiasm for students, the University and the Greater Kansas City region. UMKC is proud to be one of this region's premier institutions of higher education. Our people are our most valuable asset in our quest to become a model public urban research university with signature graduate and professional programs and active engagement in our city and throughout the region.

POSITION OVERVIEW

The University of Missouri-Kansas City seeks a dynamic and visionary leader for the position of Dean of the School of Law. UMKC School of Law is committed to educational excellence, outstanding scholarship, diversity, inclusiveness, and respect for people, ideas, and justice. It is dedicated to educating students to become outstanding lawyers who will serve their communities and the nation in the highest traditions of the legal profession. UMKC's juris doctor degree program is designed to prepare students for the challenges faced by 21st century lawyers, public officials, and executives. The law school offers emphases in Business and Entrepreneurship; Advocacy; Child and Family Law; Intellectual Property Law; Urban, Land Use, and Environmental Law; and International, Comparative, and Foreign Law; as well as LL.M. degrees in Taxation and Lawyering. Law students are encouraged to engage in interdisciplinary work across multiple UMKC academic units.

This position offers an opportunity for a talented, multi-skilled and committed individual to lead a vital unit of the University. The Dean is responsible for providing academic, strategic and administrative leadership for the school, articulating a vision for 21st century legal education, fundraising, and enhancing the strong relationship that exists between the School, its alumni and the various sectors of the legal, business, and government communities. The Dean serves as a senior academic leader of the University, reports to the Provost, and will work collaboratively with fellow Deans.

The Dean is expected to have: (1) a thorough understanding of both the challenges and the opportunities facing legal education today, along with creative/innovative ideas for tackling those

issues; (2) the ability to recruit and support excellent and diverse faculty, students and staff; (3) strong operational and financial skills; (4) outstanding administrative and management skills, including team building; (5) the ability to effectively communicate with a wide range of stakeholders; and (6) the ability to achieve success in both external outreach and fundraising. The successful candidate will have leadership experience that provides a foundation for success in an academic setting.

QUALIFICATIONS

The Dean will ideally possess a commitment to innovation in legal education and a broad knowledge of the legal profession. A juris doctorate is required. Candidates must have a demonstrated record of successful executive leadership and comparable credentials and/or experience sufficient to warrant the respect and confidence of the academic community. The ideal candidate will be experienced in partnering with the legal community as well as the business and civic communities at large. We expect strong experience in the critical areas of administration, fundraising, and commitment to diversity and inclusion.

SALARY AND BENEFITS

UMKC offers a competitive salary, affordable medical and dental plans (no waiting periods), 403(b) savings plan, and University-paid long-term disability and life insurance benefits.

HOW TO APPLY

Nominations and inquiries, which will be treated in confidence, are welcomed and should be sent to: umhrexecutivesearch@umsystem.edu. Applicants who wish to apply should submit a letter expressing interest in and perspectives on the position, curriculum vitae, and other materials supporting candidacy, including names and contact information for at least four references to www.umkc.edu/jobs.

References will not be contacted until advanced stages of screening, and candidates will receive prior notification. Applications will be reviewed until position is filled. Applications should be submitted by January 30, 2018 for fullest consideration.