



## **University of Denver Dean of the Sturm College of Law**

The University of Denver seeks nominations and applications for the position of Dean of the Sturm College of Law.

Founded in 1864, the University of Denver (known as DU) is the oldest independent university in the Rocky Mountain region. It has become one of the West's premier private universities, recognized for its commitment to the public good, and for its track record of training thoughtful and creative leaders for the professions, public service, and entrepreneurship. With its dedicated faculty and staff and high-achieving students, the University plays an integral role in the cultural, social, economic, and educational life of the region, and increasingly beyond. DU is situated in the heart of the Denver metro area, a vibrant and diverse urban center in the Rocky Mountain region and home to nearly 2.7 million people. Our location facilitates faculty collaboration across a number of local universities and institutions.

DU is an independent, doctoral-granting research university with high research activity and extensive global reach. *U.S. News and World Report* ranks the University of Denver among the nation's top 100 universities. The University enrolls nearly 12,000 students from all regions of the United States and 76 other countries in its distinguished undergraduate, graduate, and professional programs. With 71 percent of undergraduates participating in a university-funded study abroad program, the University of Denver is ranked No. 1 in the nation, among doctoral and research institutions, for international study experiences. The University highly values inclusive excellence, recognizing that its success is dependent on how well it values, engages and includes the rich diversity of constituents in all it does (please visit <http://www.du.edu/cme/resources/inclusive-excellence.html> to learn more) and the Sturm College of Law shares this perspective, recently appointing the first ever Associate Dean for Diversity and Inclusiveness in the U.S.

Founded in June 1893, the Sturm College of Law is now ranked 67th in the nation (up one spot from last year, 13 spots in five years, 21 spots in seven years, and 28 spots in ten years). It offers programs of national distinction--environmental and natural resources law is ranked 22nd, tax law is ranked 24th, part-time legal education 10th (up two spots from last year, and eight spots in five years), clinical experience is ranked 14th (up 11 spots in five years), Lawyering Process legal writing program was ranked #7 (up one spot from last year, and up 12 spots in five years); and there are growing strengths in intellectual property, workplace law and public interest law. All these nationally recognized programs have drawn both students and faculty to the law school community. Faculty and students are also drawn to the College of Law because of the strengths of interdisciplinary programs, including its collaborations with the Daniels College of Business, the Korbel School of International Studies, the Daniel Felix Ritchie School of Engineering & Computer Science, and other graduate programs of the university. Since the adoption of its strategic plan in 2009, the College of Law has been a leader in legal education innovation, creating the new chair in Modern Learning, the first in the country in experiential learning.

The Dean will set the standard for the intellectual engagement and accomplishments of the faculty of the Sturm College of Law, provide strategic vision and operational leadership to all aspects of the academic and scholarly program, implement and enhance the 2015 Strategic Plan, and nurture an environment and community that supports the college's faculty and students. In particular, the Dean will assure that the college continues to serve its students with academic programs of the highest quality and effectiveness, building professional and ethical character, and promoting excellence through diversity in programming, and faculty and student recruitment. Supporting the college's research mission, the Dean will promote opportunities to advance the scholarly activities of the faculty, including the opportunities that interdisciplinary approaches afford. In pursuing these responsibilities, the Dean will work collaboratively with the Chancellor and Provost and with vice chancellors, other deans and department chairs at the university to develop and carry out the broader strategy of the university.

The Dean will be an energetic, confident, and entrepreneurial and innovative leader who can build on the momentum and successes of the College of Law to date, continue to inspire the faculty and students with a sense of pride and purpose, and infuse the college and its programs with the highest quality and continue the trajectory the College of Law has been on for the past several years. He or she must have the political acumen, powers of persuasion, and compelling personal leadership style necessary to lead the activities of the college. Proven experience as a leader of people, in addition to an outstanding and successful track record as legal educator, manager, communicator, and

fundraiser are required for success. The successful candidate will possess a J.D. degree or equivalent. He or she normally will have an outstanding record of teaching, research, and service that will warrant appointment as full professor or, alternatively, a significant record as an executive leading a legal or related enterprise in a complex setting.

The Dean will make critical contributions to the continued development of a distinguished institution that has been on a strong upward trajectory. This is an exceptional opportunity for an individual with drive, skill, entrepreneurial spirit and experience to play a meaningful role in shaping the future of the Sturm College of Law and the University of Denver. The new Dean will embrace these opportunities, helping to realize the full potential of the College of Law.

The full position description is available at <http://denverlaw.ekornferry.com>. Please send all nominations, inquiries, and expressions of interest in confidence by email to Douglas Scrivner, Chair of the Dean Search Committee c/o Korn Ferry at [DenverLaw@KornFerry.com](mailto:DenverLaw@KornFerry.com).

The search is ongoing and will continue until an appointment is made. The anticipated start date is July 2016.

*The University of Denver is committed to enhancing the diversity of its faculty and staff and encourages applications from women, minorities, members of the LGBT community, people with disabilities, and veterans. The University is an equal opportunity/affirmative action employer.*