

**Dean, School of Law
University of Pittsburgh
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania**

The University of Pittsburgh seeks an exceptional individual to become the 20th Dean of its School of Law. The next Dean should be an innovative thinker and approachable leader who welcomes the opportunity to articulate a vision for the growth of the law school that builds on its long history of excellence.

The School of Law is located on the main campus of the University of Pittsburgh, one of the nation's top public research universities, close to state and federal courts, major corporate headquarters, and local, national, and international law firms. The University is one of the anchor institutions of Pittsburgh, a city that has enjoyed a remarkable transformation and continues to reinvent itself as a world-class center of education, medicine, and technology.

Recent years have seen dramatic growth in the law school curriculum, enhanced by programs such as the Center for International Legal Education, the Center for Bioethics and Health Law, the Innovation Practice Institute, and the Institute for Cyber Law, Policy, and Security. While continuing to offer the traditional core courses, the school has expanded its curriculum to reflect the increasing importance of statutory and regulatory law, as well as specialized areas of the law, including intellectual property and international/comparative law. In addition, current course offerings take into account the interdisciplinary nature of law practice today. Examples include Land, Race, and Property Rights; Crime, Law and Society in *The Wire*; and the Health Law Clinic (featuring a medical-legal partnership).

Pitt Law's diverse, collegial, and internationally accomplished faculty currently includes 37 full-time and over 100 adjunct professors. Supported by a strong and collaborative staff, the faculty consistently excels as both scholars and teachers. Top law reviews frequently publish their scholarship, and over half of the faculty have authored leading casebooks, treatises, or trade books with major university presses such as Michigan, NYU, Oxford, and University of Chicago. Pitt Law is also proud to say that the scholar who wants to teach is a hallmark of its program. Sixteen law faculty members have received the Chancellor's Distinguished Teaching Award since its inception in 1984.

The Pitt Law student body consists of approximately 450 students from more than 150 colleges and universities across the nation. The school offers the Juris Doctor (JD) degree as well as a number of joint degree programs with other Pitt schools. In addition, Pitt Law offers a Master of Studies in Law (MSL) degree for non-lawyers, a Master of Laws (LLM) degree for foreign-trained lawyers, and a Doctor of Juridical Science (SJD) advanced degree. In all of these programs, Pitt Law's essential mission is to help meet the demands of a rapidly changing legal and professional environment.

Pitt Law's alumni serve as judges, U.S. senators, attorneys general, law school Deans, corporate CEOs, and public interest leaders. A strong network of 8,000 alumni affords excellent career prospects for Pitt Law's graduates in private practice, judicial clerkships, academia, business, government, and public interest.

Reporting to Provost Patricia Beeson and working closely with Chancellor Patrick Gallagher, the Dean is the School of Law's chief academic, advancement, and administrative officer, with overall responsibility for its academic programs, operating budget, personnel management, strategic planning, public relations, and fundraising. The Dean is also the School of Law's principal representative to the University, alumni, and the legal community.

The position requires an individual who can lead effectively and manage a large and complex school in a multi-campus research university. Candidates must have credentials appropriate for a tenured appointment at the rank of professor. Leadership experience with responsibility for strategic management of personnel, programs, and resources is strongly desired. Willingness to engage in institutional advancement is critical; demonstrated experience is preferable. The ideal candidate will provide strategic vision to inspire and lead Pitt Law to a new level of national prominence, leveraging the strengths of Pitt Law's faculty and programs, as well as the innovative interdisciplinary programs across Pitt's campuses.

The University of Pittsburgh comprises five campuses. The 132-acre main campus is located in the city of Pittsburgh, a few miles from the city's downtown business district. The University's four regional campuses are located in Western Pennsylvania in Bradford, Greensburg, Johnstown, and Titusville. The University employs nearly 5,300 faculty and approximately 7,000 staff. Pitt has an endowment of over \$3.5 billion and has more than 300,000 living alumni worldwide. Under Chancellor Gallagher's leadership, the University of Pittsburgh recently launched [The Plan for Pitt](#), the University's strategic plan, which focuses on creating internal and external collaborations and partnerships to deliver impact; harnessing information in pursuit of grand challenges; and shaping a more entrepreneurial, innovative and inclusive culture. The Plan builds on Pitt's rich history of community support and global impact, its exceptional research strength, and its strong academic programs that prepare students for productive and meaningful lives.

Applications, Nominations and Inquiries

A full position description is available at <https://provost.pitt.edu/initiatives/searches/school-law-Dean-search> All correspondence, including applications, nominations and inquiries should be emailed to the Dean Search Committee c/o Korn Ferry at PittLaw@kornferry.com.

A complete application will include a letter of interest and a current CV. Candidate materials will be reviewed on an ongoing basis up to the application deadline of December 18, 2017. All correspondence will be held in strict confidence. The anticipated start date is July 1, 2018.

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