

DEAN, FACULTY OF LAW

The University of Toronto is conducting an extensive international search for the position of Dean of the Faculty of Law, and invites expressions of interest, nominations, and applications for the position. The appointment will be effective January 1, 2021, or as soon thereafter as possible.

Preeminent among Canadian law schools and one of the best in the world, the Faculty of Law continues to build on its illustrious history to meet the challenges of the evolving legal profession. More than 50 full-time and 65 adjunct and distinguished visiting faculty members from the world's leading law schools come together with approximately 800 academically gifted and engaged JD and graduate students to form a dynamic, diverse, and inclusive intellectual community. The Faculty of Law is committed to ensuring that its law school is accessible to, and inclusive of, talented students from all segments of society to advance its vision of a law school and legal profession that fully reflect the diversity of its society. The Faculty's challenging academic programs are supplemented by its many public interest clinics and programs, and it enjoys close links to its alumni and a high level of interaction with the rest of the University. For further information, please see www.law.utoronto.ca.

The Dean of the Faculty of Law will be an accomplished and visionary scholar, educator, communicator, and leader, with a history of exemplary administration that reflects a commitment to excellence, equity, and diversity; a capacity to build and lead collaborative and inclusive teams; the ability to initiate and lead change in legal education and preparation for professional practice; and a record of impactful relationships with a range of internal and external partners. As the strategic leader of the Faculty, the Dean will work collaboratively to articulate its vision and develop, implement, and adapt ideas and strategies to meet the changing needs of students, faculty, staff, and its external communities. With an understanding of current and future issues, trends, and forces that will impact legal education and practice, the Dean will further strengthen the Faculty's academic programs, enhance its endeavours and reputation, and participate in realizing the aspirations of the University of Toronto's academic plan, Towards 2030. The Dean will also have the necessary skills, qualities, and interests to be an effective fundraiser. Reporting to the Vice-President and Provost, the Dean will form part of the senior leadership of the University of Toronto.

The Search Committee will begin considering potential candidates immediately and will continue until the role is successfully filled. Applications including a curriculum vitae, a letter of introduction, and the names of three references (who will not be contacted without the consent of the candidate) should be submitted electronically, in confidence, to the University's search consultants: Laverne Smith & Associates Inc. UTLaw@lavernesmith.com

The University of Toronto is consistently ranked among the top 25 universities in the world for innovation, teaching, and research impact. U of T was recently ranked 12th in the world for graduate employability, and U of T's alumni include distinguished researchers, teachers, decision-makers, prominent politicians, global business leaders, and eminent philanthropists. The University supports a renowned commercialization program through a network of entrepreneurial accelerators, and is located in Toronto, one of the most diverse, vibrant, and inviting cities in the world. U of T is also recognized as one of Canada's Top 100 Employers and one of Canada's Best Diversity Employers.

The University of Toronto is strongly committed to diversity within its community and especially welcomes applications from racialized persons / persons of colour, women, Indigenous Aboriginal People of North America, persons with disabilities, LGBTQ persons, and others who may contribute to the further diversification of ideas. In accordance with the AODA, accommodation will be provided to individuals with disabilities throughout the recruitment process. Please note that all qualified candidates are encouraged to apply, but applications from Canadians and permanent residents will be given priority.