

Dean Loyola Law School Los Angeles

Loyola Law School Los Angeles (ABA and AALS, 1937) invites applications and nominations for dean of the Law School. The Law School is well-positioned due to the successful efforts and management skills of its most recent deans: it has been able to attract and retain outstanding, remarkably productive, teacher/scholars; to create new centers, clinics and programs; and to pursue diligently its commitment to service. The Law School campus, designed by internationally acclaimed architect Frank Gehry, is fully built, thus resources have been invested in the Law School's human capital and in furtherance of its mission of academic excellence, outstanding teaching and commitment to social justice.

The institutional and academic life of the Law School is rich, vibrant and diverse. Between 2001 and 2007, Loyola's full-time faculty published about 400 works, including more than 80 books and over 300 law review articles. It recently has added a Tax LLM program (ranked as one of the top ten in the country), an LLM program in American Law and International Legal Practice at the University of Bologna, the Center for Interdisciplinary and Comparative Jurisprudence, a Civil Justice Program and a Sports Law Institute. Its Disability Rights Legal Center, Center for Juvenile Law and Policy and Center for Ethical Advocacy reflect the Law School's deep commitment to social justice, as does the mandatory pro bono service requirement.

The faculty consists of 53 tenured and tenure track professors, 33% of whom are women and 11 are people of color. The Law School also has 19 full-time, non-tenure track clinical faculty. The Law School has a highly qualified, diverse student body of approximately 1,200 day and evening students, approximately 40% of whom are people of color. Women constitute approximately half of the student body. Student participation in advocacy programs has been extremely successful. In recent years Loyola's trial advocacy program has ranked among the best in the country. Loyola's Byrne Trial Advocacy team has won 13 of the last 16 regional tournaments and six national championships in the past six years. Additionally, Loyola Law School has received national recognition for the quality of its classroom experience.

The Law School looks forward to a new dean to continue the positive momentum at the Law School. Although the school's endowment has doubled over the last eight years, the new dean will continue to seek external funding to enable the Law School to actualize its mission. Additionally, the dean will be expected to continue to cultivate a rich academic life and to enhance the Law School's reputation for excellent scholarship, teaching, collegiality and diversity.

The Law School has its own separate campus, located near downtown Los Angeles. It is part of Loyola Marymount University, a Jesuit institution. The dean reports to the University provost. The preferred start date is July 1, 2009. Salary is commensurate with experience.

QUALIFICATIONS: Candidates should have a JD or equivalent post graduate degree in a law-related area, be a recognized scholar and teacher, and have high level managerial skills. The ideal candidate will have extensive administrative experience, demonstrated commitment to scholarship, excellent teaching, social justice and diversity, and strong fundraising and interpersonal skills. Distinguished candidates from private practice or the government sector who merit a tenured appointment on a law faculty are encouraged to apply. We welcome and encourage applications from members of traditionally underrepresented groups.

APPLICATIONS: Nominations and applications are being accepted immediately and review will occur on a continuing basis beginning May 2, 2008. Applicants should submit a cover letter, a statement of interest that addresses the identified qualifications, curriculum vitae and five references with contact information. Electronic submissions are very strongly encouraged. Additional information about the Law School may be found at www.lls.edu. Applications and nominations should be sent to:

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