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DRAKE UNIVERSITY LAW SCHOOL

Drake University Law School seeks an exceptional leader as its next Dean. The new Dean will have the opportunity to lead and enhance traditions of excellence and public service that date back to the Law School's founding in 1865. The Law School has 420 students and 29 full-time faculty. It is part of Drake University, the largest private university in Iowa, located in the capital city of Des Moines.

The Law School prides itself in integrating professionalism and professional skills into the traditional curricula. The recently established Center for Intellectual Property joins the Constitutional Law Resource Center (one of only four such centers founded by Congress); the Agricultural Law Center; and the Center for Legislative Practice. The Neal and Bea Smith Legal Clinic houses the Law School's extensive clinical programs, the Joan and Lyle Middleton Center for Children's Rights, and a national training center for public service attorneys. Drake University is also home to the American Judicature Society, which collaborates with the Law School in a wide variety of endeavors. Facilities include electronic classrooms, a wireless network, and the architecturally recognized Dwight D. Opperman Hall and Law Library.

The Dean, a University leader and the chief academic and administrative officer of the Law School, reports directly to the Provost. The successful candidate should possess demonstrated accomplishments in legal education and scholarship; strong administrative and leadership abilities; law practice experience; ability to effectively represent the Law School to the University, alumni, and the legal community; proven interest and ability in fund-raising and development; a commitment to diversity; and a vision of legal education and the Law School in the 21st Century. Candidates also must possess credentials appropriate for a tenured appointment to the Law School faculty. For a more complete profile of the position, see www.academic-search.com/search.html. Candidates are encouraged to review the Law School's home page: www.law.drake.edu.

Applicants should submit a letter describing specifically how their background, skills and education match the needs of the Law School, a current résumé and the names and contact information (including email addresses) of at least three professional references. Applications should be submitted electronically (Adobe PDF or MS Word format) to:

DrakeLawDean@academic-search.com

To ensure full consideration, applications should be received by September 30, 2008; however, applications will continue to be received until the position is filled.

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