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Job Description

University of Richmond – Dean, School of Law

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The University of Richmond seeks a dynamic and distinguished academic leader with a track record of notable contributions in the legal field to serve as its next Dean of Richmond Law. The current dean, who has led Richmond Law with distinction for 14 years, will be stepping down in Summer 2026. The new Dean will build on Richmond Law's record of success and momentum and advance Richmond Law to the next level of excellence.

Richmond Law is a vital part of the [University of Richmond](#) and is one of the few law schools affiliated with a top liberal arts institution. Richmond's learning and research environment is enriched by the connections across its five schools. The University is defined by its small class sizes and a culture of

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mentorship, interdisciplinarity, and collaboration. Consistently recognized among the nation's most beautiful campuses, the University has nearly 4,000 students (3,200 undergraduates) and an endowment of \$3.2 billion, ranking it 25th in the nation among all colleges and universities measured by endowment per student. The University is also embarking on an ambitious fundraising campaign to support its strategic priorities.

Richmond Law is a private institution with approximately 45 full-time faculty and 420 students. Relatively small in size, Richmond Law has enjoyed remarkable success attracting first-rate faculty and increasing its faculty profile; recruiting and supporting a stable class size of between 120-150 students while steadily raising entering student credentials; and building innovative programs and infrastructure to support its educational mission. All of this has been fueled by a collaborative and dedicated team of faculty and staff and a deeply supportive university.

As Richmond Law has raised its national scholarly profile, the school has remained committed to providing a hands-on, student-centered educational experience that produces lawyers ready to meet current challenges. Inhabiting an award-winning, newly-renovated building on the beautiful campus of the University of Richmond, Richmond Law is a vibrant and growing institution with an energetic and dedicated alumni base that has regional and national impact in the legal profession and beyond.

Reporting to the Provost and working closely with the President of the University of Richmond, the next Dean of Richmond Law will serve as the Law School's visionary leader and champion, as well chief academic and administrative officer, with overall responsibility for its academic programs and faculty governance processes, departments, operating budget, marketing and communications, alumni relations, fundraising, and more. The new Dean will be a part of the Academic Cabinet and work with the other school deans as well as with Administrators across the University of Richmond to establish strategic priorities and set policy.

Richmond Law seeks a Dean with the vision, creativity, drive, and stature to build on these successes. The Dean will continue to foster and build an excellent educational experience, raise the school's national profile, recruit and cultivate excellent faculty and staff, engage and catalyze alumni, and ensure the school can innovate and succeed in the shifting educational landscape—all while developing a vision for Richmond Law's role in the future of legal education. The Dean will be an excellent and transparent communicator, a successful teacher and mentor, a proven manager and administrator who cultivates talent, a skilled relationship builder who promotes fundraising and external partnerships, and will have a demonstrated commitment to inclusion and belonging. Candidates must have a J.D. degree or its equivalent and the scholarly achievements necessary to satisfy the requirements of a tenured law professor at Richmond Law.

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The University of Richmond has retained WittKieffer, a global executive search firm, to assist in this search.

All applications, nominations and inquiries are invited. Applications should include, as separate documents, a CV or resume and a letter of interest addressing the themes in the [leadership profile](#). For fullest consideration, candidate materials should be received by October 14, 2025.

Application materials should be submitted through WittKieffer's [candidate portal](#).

Nominations and inquiries can be directed to:

Werner Boel, LL.M. and Ashlee Musser

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