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**Job Title** Dean of the J. David Rosenberg College of Law  
**Department** Rosenberg College of Law  
**Institution** University of Kentucky  
Lexington, Kentucky

**Date Posted** Sep. 5, 2025

**Application Deadline** November 2, 2025  
**Position Start Date** Available immediately

**Job Categories** Dean

**Academic Field(s)** Law - General

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The University of Kentucky (UK) seeks a strategic and collaborative leader with a distinguished scholarly profile to serve as the next dean of the J. David Rosenberg College of Law (Rosenberg College of Law).

UK is a leading land-grant and public Research 1 university located in the beautiful Bluegrass region of Central Kentucky. Counted among the highest level of Carnegie Research institutions, the university is continuing its rise as one of the nation's premier public research universities with expectations of growing significantly in stature across all dimensions of the institution's mission — teaching, research, service and care.

The Rosenberg College of Law was founded in 1908. Its mission is to be an outstanding public law school by preparing skilled lawyers and leaders to serve the country and the Commonwealth, produce widely recognized legal scholarship and contribute to the advancement of justice. The Rosenberg College of Law takes this responsibility seriously and fulfills its mission by engaging communities across Kentucky to serve our state and the profession by enhancing public understanding of law, engaging in law reform, delivering continuing legal education and providing legal services to the indigent.

The dean will develop a vision for the Rosenberg College of Law and provide leadership in matters related to planning, curriculum, research and scholarship as well as the college's budget. The dean will also engage with faculty, students, alumni, the legal community and state and federal government officials to advance the goals of the Rosenberg College of Law and the university. The successful candidate must possess a J.D. and/or terminal degree in their field of study of law and must qualify for appointment at the rank of tenured, full professor in the Rosenberg College of Law. The candidate must also possess a significant record of leadership in a professional setting, including, but not limited to, higher education, government, public interest or business. They will also demonstrate a commitment and ability to advance the university's goal of bringing many people into one community. Preference will be given to candidates who possess leadership experience in the legal academy and a sustained record of excellence in research and scholarship, service and teaching commensurate with a comprehensive research university. Additionally, the ideal candidate will demonstrate a readiness to advance the Rosenberg College of Law through fundraising and building external partnerships. More information can be found at [www.wittkieffer.com](http://www.wittkieffer.com).

WittKieffer is assisting the University of Kentucky in this search. For fullest consideration, candidate materials should be received by **November 2, 2025** and submitted through WittKieffer's [candidate portal](#). Candidates will also need to apply through the employment website at the University of Kentucky. The posting can be found by searching for requisition #FE04597, or via the [quick link](#).

Nominations and inquiries can be directed to:

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