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Mississippi College School of Law

SEARCH FOR A DEAN





Mississippi College (MC) invites applications and nominations for the position of dean of the School of Law (MC Law).

Applications should be received by to December 9, 2021.

THE ROLE OF THE DEAN

The dean must enthusiastically embrace the university's historic mission and possess the personal qualities to inspire the faculty, students, and alumni to advance the academic program and reputation of MC Law.

The dean of MC Law provides the vision to sustain and lead the school to prominence in teaching, scholarship, and service. The dean is responsible for strategic leadership, academic excellence, and administration of MC Law. The dean reports to the Provost and Executive Vice President and is a member of the University Dean's Council. The successful candidate will be a thoughtful, entrepreneurial, creative, and collaborative leader who sees opportunity in the challenges facing legal education. Ideally, the dean should possess experience leading an organization, managing budget resources, and raising funds to advance the organization. The dean should understand ABA Standards and Rules of Procedure to stay in compliance, and also understand the guidelines to be licensed as an attorney, especially for admission to the Mississippi Bar.

Specific responsibilities are to ensure that the academic needs of students are met; recruit faculty, and recommend faculty appointments, reappointments, and promotions; and oversee curriculum development in shared governance with the faculty; support alumni relations, and cultivate external funding sources; construct and manage budgets for MC Law; see to the general administration of the law school; and interface effectively with the university, professionals in legal education, members of the bar and the state judiciary, and civic communities.

DESIRED QUALIFICATIONS

MC Law's new dean should hold the Doctor of Jurisprudence from an accredited law school, have a record of outstanding scholarly or other professional accomplishments commensurate with appointment to the rank of professor, and have practiced law. Candidates should demonstrate the capacity to lead a program of legal education, cultivate external funding, and in keeping with the mission of Mississippi College, be a committed Christian and a person of integrity.

The ideal candidate will be skilled and qualified to do the following:

- understand and support the mission and goals of Mississippi College and MC Law
- understand enrollment challenges and have a commitment to a robust recruiting program
- empower faculty and delegate tasks to responsible staff
- cultivate and maintain relationships with MC Law alumni focus on development and fundraising
- cultivate and maintain relationships with the local bench and bar as well as the national legal community
- understand the regional culture and its needs
- demonstrate a commitment to diversity
- understand the student career services office and support job placements
- ensure support for student success and bar success
- be accessible to students, faculty, staff, and alumni

MC School of Law

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The Mississippi College School of Law, popularly known as MC Law, is one of seven schools within the university known as Mississippi College. The university is accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools to award the Juris Doctor degree and the LL.M. Located in Jackson, MC Law is accredited by the American Bar Association and is a member of the Association of American Law Schools and the International Association of Law Schools.

MC Law began educating future attorneys in 1930 as the Jackson School of Law, a night school for working professionals who wished to become attorneys.

In 1975, the law school became a part of Mississippi College, the oldest university in the state. Combining a practical legal education with Christian principles, the law school has since become a premier legal center for the South.

The Law School enrolled 365 full-time students in the fall of 2021 and employs 28 full-time faculty members, an associate dean, an assistant dean, librarians, and a dedicated support staff. Because of MC Law's location in the capital city of Jackson, teaching in the Law School is augmented by a number of distinguished adjunct professors from the legal community. MC Law has earned a substantial reputation for legal scholarship and community service.





Mississippi College

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Mississippi College is a Christian, coeducational institution with its main campus in Clinton and School of Law headquartered in the heart of the state's capital city of Jackson. America's second oldest Baptist college, MC serves nearly 5,000 students from 42 states and 43 nations. Mississippi College's academic strengths are strongly linked to small classes on the Clinton campus. MC's 15:1 faculty/student ratio helps learning to succeed year-round. Students at the Christian university point to the modest size of classes and an abundance of outstanding professors who know their names. Mississippi College offers more than 80 areas of undergraduate study and over 50 areas of graduate study. Academic degrees include Christian Studies, nursing, business, the sciences, and humanities. Add social sciences, law, education, and the arts to the list, and it reflects an array of programs serving student needs in the 21st Century. Steeped in a 195-year tradition of academic programs delivered in a wholesome spiritual environment, the university consists of School of Christian Studies and the Arts and School

of Business, School of Education, School of Humanities and Social Sciences, School of Law, School of Science and Mathematics, School of Nursing, and School of Graduate Studies.

The university hosts 17 NCAA sports teams competing in the Gulf South Conference. Spiritually, and in terms of athletics and academics, Mississippi College appeals to a diverse and growing student body. MC's global outreach extends to its popular London Semester program as well as 14 study abroad opportunities to prepare students for careers and meaningful service in a fast-changing world.





Jackson, Mississippi

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MC Law is located in downtown Jackson, which is Mississippi's capital city and the heart of the state's legal community. The Jackson metro area offers unparalleled access to the legal community, where 48% of the attorneys in Mississippi are located.

The State Capitol, Mississippi Supreme Court, federal courts, and many of Mississippi's most respected law firms are within walking distance of the MC Law campus.

MC Law offers unlimited student opportunities for part-time work, clerkships, and hands-on externships with law firms, public interest organizations, government agencies, and leading companies. Unlike students at more isolated law schools, MC Law students gain in-depth, practical experience in the legal field long before they graduate.

The law school's strategic location also puts students in the right place to interact with lawyers, judges, and other legal experts, many of whom visit

the campus as speakers or teach classes as adjunct professors. The Mississippi legal community has embraced MC Law; the support of these legal professionals helps MC Law students become superior lawyers.

Home to 450,000 residents, the capital city combines the amenities of a large city with the warmth and welcome of a small town. Jackson is home to numerous museums, music venues, restaurants, and shopping areas. If a longer getaway is in order, Jackson is located halfway between Memphis, Tennessee, and New Orleans, Louisiana.

The MC Law campus is a showplace in the center of downtown Jackson and a legal center for all of Mississippi. MC Law recently completed a \$9 million construction and renovation project that included the latest advancements in classroom and courtroom technology. The School of Law operates with an \$8 million annual budget and is debt-free.



MC Law

APPLICATION PROCESS

To apply, submit a letter of interest addressing the qualifications, comprehensive curriculum vitae, and five references' names and contact information. Materials should be submitted electronically to the chair of the School of Law Dean Search Committee at lawdean@mc.edu.

Dr. Jonathan Randle

Chair, School of Law Dean Search Committee
Professor, English and Philosophy
Dean, School of Humanities & Social Sciences
Mississippi College

Applications and nominations will be kept confidential until permission is received to proceed otherwise.

Although the Committee will continue to accept applications until the position is filled, to be given full consideration, applications should be received by to December 9, 2021.

The anticipated date of appointment is June 1, 2022. Review of applications will begin immediately and continue until the position is filled.



Mississippi College is a Baptist university and is an Equal Opportunity Employer in accordance with Title VII and applicable exemptions. This position is a sensitive one and is subject to a criminal background check and drug screen.

MISSION

Mississippi College School of Law seeks to provide a superior legal education within the context of a Christian institution.

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