UNIVERSITY OF LOUISVILLE

DEAN, LOUIS D. BRANDEIS SCHOOL OF LAW

The Louis D. Brandeis School of Law at the University of Louisville invites applications and nominations for the position of Dean. The dean will have the responsibility to lead the law school to new levels of accomplishment and distinction. The University of Louisville and the law school are on an upward trajectory and the deanship presents a significant opportunity to lead.

The dean is the chief executive officer of the law school and reports to the executive vice president and university provost. The dean is responsible for developing the school’s educational, scholarship and service mission and for leading all law school activities. The dean represents the law school to external constituencies, advocates for and champions the law school, communicates the law school’s accomplishments and needs to internal and external constituents, expands community partnerships, and develops resources through program initiatives, internal university opportunities, and external fundraising. The dean's activities will focus on regional, national and international audiences.

The successful candidate will lead a law school of distinction with a rich tradition of effectively preparing students for the ethical practice of law in a diverse, student-centered, scholarship-focused setting. The Louis D. Brandeis School of Law maintains a time-honored commitment to public service and a responsive approach to emerging trends in legal education.

Preferred Qualifications

• J.D. degree or equivalent
• A distinguished teaching and research background and eligibility for appointment at the rank of professor with tenure
• Significant and successful administrative experience at a law school as dean, associate dean, or comparable administrative experience.
• Experience in successfully developing external relationships
• Experience that demonstrates fundraising success or potential for success
• Fiscal management experience or demonstrated financial acumen
• A demonstrated commitment to community engagement, diversity, and inclusion
• A demonstrated commitment to shared governance, collegiality, and collaboration
• A strategic thinker with outstanding communication and interpersonal skills
• A demonstrated ability to lead with professionalism and integrity and to work successfully with the legal community

The Law School

The Louis D. Brandeis School of Law has a growing national and international impact on the body of legal knowledge, ideas, and educational practices. It is widely known for giving students personalized education through individual mentoring in an atmosphere of support and inclusiveness. A strong sense of community and collegiality are core values of the law school, whose mission is training tomorrow’s leaders today.

America’s fifth oldest school of law in continuous operation, the Brandeis School of Law (http://www.law.louisville.edu) is accredited by the American Bar Association and is a member of the
Association of American Law Schools. The law school ranks in the top 100 in the U.S. News & World Report ranking. In recent years it has been ranked #1 by U.S. News & World Report as the most efficient law school in the nation and has appeared on The National Jurist’s list of the top 20 Best Value Law Schools. The law school is among the most affordable ABA-approved law schools in the United States.

Brandeis School of Law students are impressive. In 2015-16, the law students won the Robert F. Wagner National Labor and Employment Law Moot Court Competition, repeated as winners of the Kentucky Intrastate Mock Trial Competition, and took first, second, and third place in the Kentucky Student Writing Competition. The law students have a commitment to public service, exemplified by the Class of 2016, which performed more than 57 hours per student of public service. In recognition of this impressive record of service, the ABA conferred two of its most prestigious honors on Brandeis School of Law students in 2016, naming the law school recipient of the Public Service Award and the ABA Involvement Award.

Located in the heart of the University of Louisville campus, the law school is just five minutes from downtown Louisville. The law school is housed in a free-standing building with more than 82,000 square feet. The facility features a new moot court/mock trial room and encourages learning, studying, and mingling.

With world-class faculty members, highly competitive academic programs, and an emphasis on honing students’ professional skills and providing ample opportunities for experiential learning, the law school is committed to preparing lawyers for productive careers. Thirty-five faculty members are fully engaged in public service at the local, state, and national levels, and this enriches our students’ education. The curriculum is focused on developing the students’ knowledge of the basic principles of public and private law and providing opportunities to delve more deeply into advanced principles in certain key areas, skills of legal analysis and written communication, legal research and other fundamentals that are necessary to pass the Bar exam and to achieve effective participation in the legal profession.

The law school is named for U.S. Supreme Court Justice Louis Dembitz Brandeis, a native son of Louisville with a lifelong passion and vision for legal education and a commitment to public service and social justice. Known as the “people’s attorney” for setting the expectation that all lawyers should provide service to the public, Justice Brandeis generously donated his books, his papers, his financial support, and his time to the school which today proudly bears his name and carries on his legacy.

A stated commitment to community engagement and public service is woven throughout the degree program, and student success is evidenced by excellent bar passage rates, employment, and positive feedback from alumni. The law school is a leader in community engagement, for example, through its partnership with the historic Central High School. Brandeis School of Law graduates rank among the nation’s most successful in obtaining employment that either requires or prefers a J.D. degree (http://www.louisville.edu/law/about/accreditation/aba-required-disclosures/employment-summary-for-2015-graduates).

By design, the school’s relatively small size is an advantage for students and faculty, enabling greater coordination, collaboration and community than is possible at larger institutions. As of fall 2015, total enrollment was 314, including a 115 member entering class with a median LSAT score of 154 and a median undergraduate GPA of 3.39. (http://www.louisville.edu/law/about/accreditation/aba-required-disclosures/standard-509-report-2015.)
Experiential learning opportunities include the award-winning Robert and Sue Ackerson Law Clinic, the Entrepreneurship Law Clinic, The CASE Project Clinic (Collaboration and Advocacy for Safety and Empowerment) as well as externships, public service placements, law reviews, and a variety of moot court competitions. Among popular co-curricular initiatives, the acclaimed Samuel L. Greenebaum Public Service Program instills in law students the value of public service and the spirit of community, which are hallmarks of Justice Brandeis’ legacy.

Its urban location and the flexible, part-time degree program facilitate access for those who may otherwise not have the opportunity to pursue a law degree. Diversity outreach efforts and programming also support its access mission, as do working partnerships with underserved areas of Metro Louisville. In 1994, the law school became one of the first in the United States to adopt a public service requirement for graduation.

Over the last 20 years, law school faculty members have substantially increased their national and international impact in legal scholarship by every measure, including the quality and quantity of publications, speaking invitations to premier symposia and conferences, appointments to endowed chairs, international faculty exchanges and fellowships, and professional awards and prestigious recognition. High-quality teaching and high-quality scholarship have developed in tandem as complementary and interwoven aspects of the educational mission.

The University

Profile

The University of Louisville is one of fewer than sixty universities in the nation designated by the Carnegie Foundation as both a Community Engaged University and a university with "very high research activity." The university offers graduate, professional, baccalaureate, and associate degrees, as well as certificates, in over 170 fields of study through 12 schools and colleges. The student body exceeds 22,000, and faculty and staff number approximately 7,000. More than 130,000 alumni reside in the United States and abroad. The operating budget is $1.2 billion, the endowment is $797 million, and sponsored research is $183 million. The University of Louisville is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools and is a member of the Atlantic Coast Conference.

The University of Louisville attracts the nation’s best and brightest minds to its friendly, park-like campuses in the heart of Kentucky’s largest city. The university has continued its upward trajectory, resulting in increased graduation rates, multiple national and international academic accolades, and the development of numerous state-of-the-art research facilities. The University of Louisville recently completed a billion-dollar “Charting Our Course” capital campaign – designed to fund student scholarships, infrastructure improvements, and research opportunities – one of only 52 universities ever to reach a $1 billion fundraising goal.

Mission Statement

The University of Louisville pursues excellence and inclusiveness in its work to educate and serve its community through 1) teaching diverse undergraduate, graduate, and professional students in order to develop engaged citizens, leaders, and scholars, 2) practicing and applying research, scholarship and creative activity, and 3) providing engaged service and outreach that improve the quality of life for local
and global communities. The university is committed to achieving preeminence as a nationally recognized metropolitan research university.

**Academic Excellence**

Since 2003, 104 University of Louisville students (including 4 law students) have won Fulbright awards, ranking the university among the top 20 public universities in the nation for Fulbright winners. The university nurtures a challenging intellectual climate and a respect for diversity. Students have a wide range of study options with many nationally ranked programs. The University of Louisville’s location in a metropolitan area of more than one million people provides students many opportunities to apply the critical thinking skills they hone in the classroom to relevant, hands-on experiences in the community.

**Research**

The University of Louisville’s drive to become a premier metropolitan research university is highlighted by its $1.3 billion investment in campus and facility developments since 2001. The Micro/Nano Technology Service Center – one of the nation’s only “clean rooms” to develop leading-edge technology – and a library system ranked among the top 100 for research capabilities in North America are two examples of the University’s cutting-edge facilities designed to enhance the academic experience.

As one of the fastest growing research institutions in the nation, University of Louisville faculty frequently make headlines for milestone advances, including:

- The world’s first successful implantation of a fully implantable artificial heart.
- FirstBuild – a partnership with General Electric (GE) that creates the country’s first microfactory where GE engineers team up with students to invent the next generation of kitchen appliances.
- The nation’s first successful hand transplant.
- The world’s only 100 percent effective, FDA-approved cervical cancer vaccine – Gardasil.
- The world’s first FDA-approved clinical trial using adult cardiac stem cells to regenerate damaged heart muscles.
- Pioneering the use of loco-motor training, enabling paralyzed spinal cord patients to stand and walk again.

**Community Leader**

The University of Louisville’s commitment to community service is second to none. The university’s engagement, outreach and partnerships recently earned it a renewed Carnegie Community Engagement designation, a distinction held by fewer than 200 institutions nationwide. In one year alone, University of Louisville students, faculty, and staff contributed more than $25.1 million to charitable organizations through volunteerism and direct donations.

Among the university’s many outreach programs is the Signature Partnership, working with community organizations and businesses to improve the social, cultural, educational, health care, and economic development services in underserved areas of Louisville.
Campus Life

Students enjoy a new $38 million, 128,000 square-foot student recreation center, many new housing choices, and access to more than 30 dining options on campus or in the surrounding neighborhood. The university just broke ground on a $39 million renovation of its Student Activity Center.

The university is a major player in the downtown arts scene, too, helping bring fine arts programming to create a more vibrant city center. The Cressman Center for the Visual Arts is one result of this effort. It features a glass hot shop, cold working, metal, and woodworking studios and three galleries open daily to the public.

Alumni

The greatest way the university is making its mark is through the contributions of its alumni. They become engaged citizens such as current U.S. Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell; renowned jazz trombonist and producer Delfeayo Marsalis; former Sirius/XM Radio and National Public Radio personality Bob Edwards; best-selling author Sue Grafton; founder and president of the National Center for Family Literacy, Sharon Darling; and law school alumni, journalist Howard Fineman and retired U.S. Senator Christopher Dodd.

Extraordinary Achievements

Since 2002, extraordinary achievements have been realized as evidenced by these increases:

- Freshman ACT score (average) from 23.2 to 25.5
- Six-year graduation rate from 33.0% to 52.9%
- Baccalaureate degrees awarded from 1,848 to 2,704
- Doctoral degrees awarded from 90 to 149
- Startup companies from 6 to 89
- Patents issued from 72 to 1,843
- Research expenditures from $80.9 million to $189.5 million
- Endowed chairs and professorships from 87 to 160
- Endowment from $479 million to $797 million

Schools and Colleges

- College of Arts & Sciences
- College of Business
- School of Dentistry
- College of Education & Human Development
- J. B. Speed School of Engineering
- School of Interdisciplinary & Graduate Studies
- Louis D. Brandeis School of Law
- School of Music
- School of Medicine
- School of Nursing
- School of Public Health & Information Sciences
- Raymond A. Kent School of Social Work
• Universities Libraries

Student Scholarships

The University of Louisville ranks among the nation’s leaders in producing prestigious student scholarships and fellowships recipients, including: Fulbright Scholars; Rhodes Scholars; Truman Scholars; and Boren Scholars.

Athletics

The University of Louisville sponsors 23 varsity athletic programs (10 for men, 13 for women.) The Cardinals have won three team NCAA national championships (men’s basketball 1980, 1986, and 2013) and ten individual NCAA national titles (four men’s swimming, four men’s track and field, two women’s track and field.) The University of Louisville is the newest member of the Atlantic Coast Conference, considered one of the nation’s most elite and competitive leagues.

Athletic Facilities

• Papa John’s Cardinal Stadium – Expanded in 2010 to accommodate 55,000 fans, complete with state-of-the-art features, including a total of 63 luxury suites and two separate expansive clubs. Plans have recently been announced for further expansion of Papa John’s Cardinal Stadium.

• KFC Yum! Center – Home to the Cardinals’ men’s and women’s basketball teams, the spectacular 22,000-seat facility opened in 2010 on the riverfront in the heart of downtown Louisville and was ranked among the top 10 in the nation and top 25 in the world as an entertainment venue.

• Dr. Mark and Cindy Lynn Soccer Stadium – The 5,300 seat stadium, which opened in 2014, includes an adjacent training center complete with a warm-up area, player lounges, equipment rooms, and a classroom.

Economic Impact

The university is a change agent, a catalyst for innovation and economic strength in Louisville and the surrounding region—from infrastructure improvements to educating and graduating the next generation of Kentucky taxpayers. A recent economic report shows how much impact the University of Louisville is having on the regional and state economies, including:

• $1.80 billion total impact on the state in 2014 – nearly 1% of the state’s GDP

• Employment of nearly 7,000 faculty and staff, plus an estimated 9,100 additional jobs created from direct and indirect effects of the university, generating $136 million in total state and local taxes

• The University of Louisville’s reputation as a world class research university has attracted more than $391 million in non-state extramural funding since 1999.

• 10 current and new construction projects proposed for the Belknap campus would create an estimated 5,211 jobs for the local economy

• The university is an excellent steward of state funds; for every dollar of state funding received in 2014, the university attracted an additional $4.27
Green School Statistics

The University of Louisville’s is committed to achieve climate neutrality by 2050. The short-term goal is to derive at least 20% of power from renewable energy sources by 2020. The university has made major investments to support this commitment. A $46.2 million project involving 88 buildings and 6.2 million square feet will directly save the university $4.4 million every year and reduce its annual carbon dioxide emissions alone by over 46,000 tons. Ten campus buildings have earned Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) certification, and five more are seeking LEED certification. The university’s commitment to “green” initiatives has received regional and national recognition while making a significant impact on the environment and health of the community. Accolades include:

- Achieved a new STARS Gold rating in 2016
- Achieved Tree Campus USA status from the Arbor Day Foundation for every year since 2010.
- In 2015, Purposeful Networks recognized University of Louisville with a Gold Level Student Actions Award
- Ranked 43rd in Sierra Club’s 2016 Cool Schools list
- Named one of the Top 25 Healthiest Colleges in the nation in 2015 by the healthy living website, Greatist.com.
- The Kentucky Department for Environmental Protection recognized the university’s “green” initiatives with its Resource Caretaker Award.

All correspondence relating to the position of the Dean of the Louis D. Brandeis School of Law at the University of Louisville should be submitted by November 1, 2016 to the University’s executive recruitment consultant:

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