Florida State University (FSU) seeks a new Dean of the College of Law who will partner with the Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs and the College’s faculty to lead the institution in its continued pursuit of academic excellence. The skills sought are visionary and collaborative leadership coupled with strong administrative and interpersonal skills. The College of Law works closely with FSU’s other colleges and the University’s senior administration to advance the University’s academic mission and Florida State’s goal of being a “Top 25” ranked public university.

The College of Law
The College of Law’s academic programs and faculty are among the best in the nation. The law faculty delivers a sophisticated program of study that prepares students to enter the worlds of law, business, and government at the highest level. U.S. News & World Report (2015) ranks the College of Law as the 50th best law school in the nation. Florida State’s environmental program is ranked as the nation’s 17th best. In 2014, readers of the influential Brian Leiter’s Law School Reports blog voted the faculty the nation’s 35th best. National Jurist magazine consistently ranks the school as one of the nation’s top “Best Value” law schools, based on employment rate, bar passage, tuition, and student indebtedness. Additionally, Hispanic Business magazine (2014) ranked the law school as the nation’s number two law school for Hispanics.

The College of Law has been proactive in meeting the needs of the changing legal market and in affording students access to a wide array of classroom and outside-the-classroom education. The College has one of the country’s most extensive externship programs, offering over 100 placements in Florida and elsewhere. Students also obtain hands-on legal experience in the College’s three “live client” clinics, the newest of which is the Business Law Clinic. The College offers J.D. certificate programs in International Law, Environmental Law, and Business Law. It has an accelerated J.D. program (“3+3”) for students at several universities. In addition to the J.D. program, the College of Law offers an LL.M. in American Law for foreign lawyers, an LL.M. in Environmental Law and Policy, and a Juris Master program. The College is in the process of establishing an LL.M. in Business Law. For more information regarding the FSU College of Law, please visit http://www.law.fsu.edu/.

The Position
The new Dean will serve as the chief academic officer and chief administrator of the College of Law and will report to the Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs. He/she will provide open leadership that is effective in preserving and enhancing the College of Law’s commitment to high-quality scholarship, student-centered legal education, and support for the legal system. The Dean will be responsible for strategic, operational, and financial matters, while being inclusive and supportive of broad diversity. The Dean will be responsible for anchoring the College of Law’s relationships with alumni, the legal profession, the academy, and the larger public. Fundraising will be an ongoing priority for the Dean. This will involve establishing forward-looking development initiatives while promoting the achievements of the College’s faculty and students. The Dean will pursue a bold vision for the future with a goal of enhancing the reputation of the College of Law.

Florida State University
As one of the nation’s most elite research universities, and one of the largest and oldest of the 12 institutions of higher learning in the State University System of Florida, Florida State University offers a distinctive academic environment that serves more than 41,000 students. The University is supported by approximately 12,000 employees and an annual operating budget of $1.7 billion. Florida State offers a welcoming campus environment and capitalizes on its prime location in the heart of the state capital.
Combining traditional strengths in the arts and humanities with internationally recognized leadership in the sciences, Florida State provides unmatched opportunities for students and faculty through challenging academics, cultural discovery, and community interaction. Florida State's 16 colleges and Graduate School offer more than 314 undergraduate, masters, specialist, doctoral, and professional degrees, including medicine and law. In addition to its academic programs, Florida State possesses a rich history of educational offerings at sites around the world, as well as success in athletics. Additional information about Florida State, including its history and programs, can be found at http://www.fsu.edu.

Qualifications
The successful candidate will possess academic and professional credentials sufficient to engender respect from the academy, the state university system, and the community at large. Ideally, the Dean will display both a successful record as a faculty member and evidence of leadership experience in higher education. The new Dean must be adept at supervision and at working with faculty, staff, a diverse student body, community partners, alumni, and donors. In addition, the successful candidate will possess:

Required Qualifications
- Juris Doctorate or equivalent from an accredited institution
- Academic and professional experience that will enhance the reputation of the College of Law and enjoy the support of the University, faculty, students, alumni, and the judicial system
- Academic and professional experience commensurate with appointment at the rank of tenured full professor

Preferred Qualifications
- Outstanding academic and professional credentials
- Proven/demonstrated fundraising skills
- The capacity for administrative and intellectual leadership
- A track record of consensus building
- Excellent communication skills
- A deep appreciation for the legal profession and for legal scholarship
- Outstanding interpersonal skills and the ability to articulate and advocate for the needs of the College
- Administrative experience that includes academic planning, program review, strategic planning, program development, budgeting, fiscal/personnel management, and problem solving in similar organizations
- The ability to promote professional development activities related to academic leadership, classroom instruction, instructional technology, and support staff development
- The breadth and depth required to oversee the program and to help ensure that relevant accreditation standards are maintained

Applications/Nominations
The Search Committee will begin reviewing applications immediately and will continue to accept applications and nominations until the position is filled. Applicants must submit a current curriculum vitae and a cover letter describing relevant experience and interest in the position. Submission of materials via e-mail is strongly encouraged. Nominations should include the contact information of the nominee. All nominations and applications will be handled in confidence.

In accordance with the State of Florida’s open records laws, all applications and letters of interest will be made public. Application materials should be submitted to:
FSU is an Equal Opportunity/Access/Affirmative Action/Pro Disabled & Veteran Employer. FSU’s Equal Opportunity Statement can be viewed at:
http://www.hr.fsu.edu/PDF/Publications/diversity/EEO_Statement.pdf