The Board of Trustees of The City University of New York and the School of Law Search Committee invite applications and nominations for the position of Dean of the CUNY School of Law.

One of the twenty units of CUNY, the School of Law’s mission is to train graduates to practice “law in the service of human needs”. To accomplish its mission, it admits one of the most diverse student bodies in the United States — serving underrepresented communities and contributing to increased access to justice. The only publicly supported law school in the City of New York with a commitment to the public interest, CUNY’s School of Law has an innovative curriculum, based on interactive learning and the simulation of law practice, that emphasizes clinical studies, as well as traditional legal instruction. It admitted its first class in September 1983. The diverse full-time law faculty of 35 is widely published in the area of national and international public service/interest issues. At its 156,000 square foot facility, the School enrolls a student body of 450, 60% of which are women; nearly 45% are members of minority groups. Nationally known for its clinical program, the School is fully accredited by the American Bar Association.

The Chancellor and the School of Law seek a dynamic, visionary, passionate, influential leader, a person of the highest personal and professional integrity, who will guide the institution to higher levels of accomplishment and reputation, work well with the faculty, inspire the School’s accomplished students, and fully engage the distinguished alumni/ae. The Dean serves as the chief academic and administrative officer of the institution and reports to the Chancellor.

Preferred qualifications for the position include:

- A commitment to the School’s mission of educating excellent public interest/public service lawyers and increasing access to the profession for historically underrepresented communities;
- Experience in working in multi-cultural, multi-ethnic communities and a capacity to engage with the rich cultural, ethnic, religious and economic pluralism of the School and the broader NYC communities;
- A strong record of success in attracting external funding and in handling the complexities of city, state, federal and private support;
- A demonstrated record of management success in a law school, not-for-profit organization, or institution of comparable scope, with proven strengths in management, strategic planning, and budgeting;
- A J.D. or L.L.B. degree, law school teaching experience, a record of scholarly achievement, and professional distinction;
- Demonstrated leadership in developing innovative programs that provide students the academic support needed for success as legal practitioners especially on behalf of underserved communities;
- Experience with and interest in developing collaborative programs with other units of the University and developing new programs at the School;
- Ability to provide inspired leadership to a distinguished and diverse faculty, in an environment of shared governance;
- A commitment to work with and support alumni/ae and others engaged in legal practices that advance justice;
- Experience as a distinguished lawyer in public interest/service practice;
- Demonstrated leadership in technological innovation in education and law practice; and,
- The capacity to promote the School’s mission and contributions to multiple local and national constituencies, including prospective students, bar associations, legal educators, public interest organizations, employers, the community, and governmental bodies.

The position is available on or before July 2006. Salary and benefits are competitive. The review of applications will begin on October 3, 2005 and will continue until the position is filled.

APPLICATIONS: Applicants should send (1) a letter expressing their interest in the position, (2) their curriculum vitae, and (3) the names of five references. References will not be contacted without the applicant’s prior permission. All inquiries, nominations and applications will be held in the strictest confidence.

NOMINATIONS: Nominators should send a letter of nomination and, if possible, the nominee’s curriculum vitae. Applications and nominations should be sent to:

Ms. Dolly Martinez
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The City University of New York
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New York, NY 10021

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Vice Chancellor for Legal Affairs/General Counsel Frederick Schaffer is advising us in this search. Inquiries and confidential requests can be directed to him at Frederick.Schaffer@mail.cuny.edu.

The City University of New York is an E0/AA/IRCA/ADA Employer. It has a strong commitment to racial, cultural, religious and ethnic diversity and actively seeks and encourages nominations and applications from men and women of all races and ethnic backgrounds.