

Dean, Faculty of Law McGill University

The Faculty of Law at McGill University, founded in 1848, is a global leader in legal education and scholarship. Renowned for its JD/BCL program, which integrates the study of civil and common law traditions in both English and French, the Faculty prepares graduates to navigate complex legal systems with intellectual agility. Home to top ranked, world-class research, the Faculty attracts exceptional scholars and students from around the world. With a proud tradition of globally engaged legal education, McGill Law continues to shape the future of law and justice in Québec, Canada, and internationally. The McGill Faculty of Law delivers legal teaching and legal research that are both practically grounded and ambitiously imaginative, preparing students for a broad range of careers. Within this environment, professors, staff and students learn together and challenge one another in an open-spirited and inclusive community that values curiosity, engagement, and courage.

McGill University seeks a Dean of the Faculty of Law. Reporting to the Provost and Executive Vice-President (Academic), the Dean serves as the administrative leader of the Faculty of Law and will provide vision, inspiration, and strategic direction in advancing its mission of excellence in research, teaching, and community engagement. The Dean oversees the Faculty's academic programs, research, budgeting, governance, and external engagement, while fostering a collegial and intellectually vibrant environment for students, faculty, and staff. The successful candidate will demonstrate the capacity to balance academic distinction with effective leadership, champion the Faculty's bilingual and transsystemic identity, and strengthen its national and international standing through scholarly achievement, renowned legal education, and sustained engagement with the legal profession. As the Faculty's principal ambassador and fundraiser, the Dean represents McGill Law to alumni, the legal profession, and external partners, ensuring that its research, teaching, and community engagement flourish within the broader mission of McGill University.

The ideal candidate will be a respected and accomplished academic leader and bridge builder, with a distinguished record of research, scholarship, teaching, and service at a research-intensive institution. Appointable at the rank of full professor, the successful candidate will exemplify the values of academic excellence and uphold the central mission of scholarship and education. They will demonstrate visionary yet grounded leadership, sound judgment, and a proven ability to enhance the impact of scholarship, while managing people, resources, and change effectively. The Dean will bring a deep commitment to academic excellence, equity, diversity, inclusion, and Indigeneity, along with strong communication and relationship-building skills. An inspiring and principled leader, the successful candidate will embody integrity, collegiality, and collaboration. The ability to communicate in French and English is strongly preferred.

The incoming Dean will take office in July 2026 or as mutually agreed. Consideration of candidates will commence immediately and continue until the position is filled. Inquiries and/or applications, in confidence, should be directed to Michael Williams and Andrea Patrick at Odgers at Mcgilllawdean@odgers.com. Direct applications are invited at <https://careers.odgers.com/en-ca/30784>.

Founded in 1821, McGill University has established a strong reputation for being a leader in higher education globally, distinguished by the excellence of its faculty, the dedication of its staff, the talent and quality of its students, the contributions of its 325,000 alumni, and its exceptional record in both teaching and research. McGill is the top medical-doctoral university and the most internationally diverse research-intensive public university in Canada, with approximately 30% of students from more than 150 countries. The University is home to over 40,000 students and over 12,000 employees spanning 11 faculties, 13 professional schools and over 300 programs of study. McGill's exceptional faculty and alumni- which include 12

Nobel Prize winners and 149 Rhodes scholars - are recognized for their scientific and technological breakthroughs and for examining the social, environmental, ethical and policy impacts of business practices, technology, science, and medicine; 184 are Canada Research Chairs and 209 are active Fellows of the Royal Society of Canada. McGill offers faculty, staff, and students a cohesive university-wide environment of academic excellence that is second to none, where the community is stimulated to push the boundaries of knowledge creation in every field imaginable. For more information about McGill, please visit www.mcgill.ca.

McGill University is committed to equity and diversity within its community and values academic rigour and excellence. We welcome and encourage applications from all qualified candidates including racialized persons/visible minorities, women, Indigenous persons, persons with disabilities, ethnic minorities, and persons of minority sexual orientations and gender identities with the skills and knowledge to engage productively with diverse communities.

At McGill, research that reflects diverse intellectual traditions, methodologies, and modes of dissemination and translation is valued and encouraged. Candidates are invited to demonstrate their research impact both within and across academic disciplines and in other sectors, such as government, communities, or industry.

All qualified applicants are encouraged to apply; however, in accordance with Canadian immigration requirements, Canadians and permanent residents will be given priority.

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