The University of Victoria acknowledges and respects the Lekwungen peoples on whose traditional territory the University stands, and the Songhees, Esquimalt and WSÁNEĆ peoples whose historical relationships with the land continue to this day.

Established in 1963, the University of Victoria (UVic) has grown to be a leading research-intensive institution with internationally recognized research strengths that include climate and sustainability, health and wellness, Indigenous-led scholarship, and social justice and equity. UVic is committed to being the Canadian research university that best integrates outstanding scholarship, engaged learning and real-life involvement to contribute to a better future for people and the planet.

Since its founding in the mid-1970s, the Faculty of Law at the University of Victoria has sought to make a unique contribution to legal education in Canada, striving for innovation in the classroom, creativity, and leadership in research, with due attention to the needs of Canada’s most marginalized communities. Home to some of Canada’s most transformative and dynamic thinkers, the Faculty of Law has created a vibrant learning environment based on a commitment to social justice, humane professionalism and civic responsibility, and critical interdisciplinary policy-oriented research and teaching.

The Dean reports to the Vice-President Academic and Provost and leads the Faculty of Law, NCIL and special projects. As a member of the University’s senior leadership team the Dean will collaborate with other Deans, academic leaders, senior administrators, staff, and other key stakeholders to implement and proactively advance UVic’s Strategic Plan and objectives as well as its Strategic Research, Indigenous, and International Plans. The Dean facilitates collaboration and leadership within the Faculty of Law and is expected to play a leadership role in shaping legal education in Canada and internationally. The Dean will provide leadership for the faculty’s future strategy, building on the law school’s evolving and emerging strategic goals and objectives.

The Dean will be a visionary leader who will enhance the Faculty of Law’s commitment to furthering equity, diversity and inclusion, excellence in scholarship, teaching, and service. The successful candidate will have a graduate degree in law or a related discipline and be eligible for an appointment at the rank of Full Professor. Experience in the Canadian post-secondary sector is an asset. The successful candidate will have a strong academic track record, knowledge of program development and experience in academic leadership. The successful candidate will have exceptional interpersonal skills with the ability to inspire innovation and collaboration and meet the evolving and diverse needs of students, faculty, and staff.

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