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## Dean, Bora Laskin Faculty of Law

Lakehead University is conducting an extensive search for Dean of the Bora Laskin Faculty of Law, to take office by July 2019, and invites expressions of interest, applications and nominations.

Lakehead is a comprehensive university with a reputation for innovative programs and cutting-edge research that offers a variety of degree and diploma programs at the undergraduate, graduate and doctoral levels. With campuses located in Thunder Bay and Orillia, Ontario, the University has almost 10,000 full-time equivalent students and 2,000 faculty and staff. Maclean's 2018 University Rankings have, once again, included Lakehead among the country's Top 10 universities in its category. In 2018, for the fourth consecutive year, ReSearch Infosource ranked Lakehead first among Canada's undergraduate universities. Located at the head of Lake Superior, Lakehead's Thunder Bay campus is one of the most beautiful in Canada, with many of its programs complemented by fieldwork and a focus on northern socio-economic issues. Further information is available at [www.lakeheadu.ca](http://www.lakeheadu.ca).

Located in Thunder Bay, the Bora Laskin Faculty of Law is a regional, unique law school with a focus on Northern Ontario that graduated its first class in 2016. Its Integrated Practice Curriculum has made the Faculty the first Canadian law school to provide real world legal skills as part of the J.D. program, allowing graduates to be called to the bar in Ontario without needing to article. Three mandates are embraced within the Faculty's curriculum: Aboriginal and Indigenous Law, Natural Resources and Environmental Law, and Sole/Small Town Practice with the Integrated Practice Curriculum. Committed to making a difference, providing access to justice, and leading the way for northern communities, the Faculty is home to an innovative curriculum, distinguished learner-centered legal professionals, and the opportunity to serve its community through Lakehead University Community Legal Services.

*Lakehead University recognizes that the Thunder Bay campus is on the traditional land of the Fort William First Nation, signatory to the Robinson-Superior Treaty of 1850.*

Reporting to the Provost and Vice-President (Academic), the Dean, Bora Laskin Faculty of Law will be responsible for all academic, administrative and external activities of the law school. The Dean would ideally be a legal educator and scholar with experience that is relevant to Indigenous, northern and rural legal issues and interests as well as familiarity with the Indigenous peoples of the region. In addition to possessing a Law degree at the graduate level, candidates should have an open and collegial style, outstanding management, communication and interpersonal skills, a creative approach to problem solving, the ability to inspire staff, faculty and students, and the capacity to build and sustain positive work relationships with academic and other administrative units. The ability to promote and serve as an internal and external advocate for the Faculty of Law's mission, goals and ongoing accomplishments will be essential.

Lakehead University is committed to creating a diverse and inclusive environment and welcomes applications from all qualified individuals from equity seeking groups. In accordance with a key mandate of the Bora Laskin Faculty of Law, priority in hiring will be given to qualified Indigenous persons who self-identify as such in the application process.

The Search Committee will begin considering potential candidates immediately and will continue until the position is successfully filled. Applications should include a letter of interest that includes a teaching and research statement, a curriculum vitae and the names of three references (who will not be contacted without consent of the applicant), and may be submitted in confidence, electronically, to the University's executive search consultants:

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