Dean of Osgoode Hall Law School  
York University

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Osgoode Hall Law School is one of the world’s pre-eminent law schools. Founded in 1889 by the Law Society of Upper Canada, Osgoode became part of York University in 1968. The school’s motto Per Jus Ad Justitiam (“through law to justice”) reflects an outstanding record of promoting innovative thinking and initiatives that link law, equality and social justice. Osgoode’s mission is to lead in the creation of important knowledge about the law, the legal system and society by inspiring thoughtful and influential scholarship and by preparing students for positions of leadership locally and globally.

Osgoode is home to close to 1000 undergraduate students and 500 graduate students, and 60 full-time faculty members. The School offers undergraduate Juris Doctor (JD) degrees and graduate research and professional LLM and PhD degrees. For 20 years, Osgoode Professional Development has provided over 50,000 lawyers and other professionals with CLE courses in an environment unique among North American law schools. The School prides itself on its innovative curriculum and experiential education opportunities. It actively seeks to strengthen funding and other initiatives to promote student access and success. The School is highly committed to academic scholarship and research based on a broad range of practical and theoretical perspectives and methodologies.

Osgoode is one of 11 faculties at York, many of which are recognized nationally and internationally for excellence in research and education. Osgoode takes pride in having the largest law library in Canada. York is home to over 52,000 students and is committed to the highest academic quality, outstanding teaching and learning and student experience, cutting-edge research, and engagement with local, national and international communities.

The Dean reports to the Provost and Vice-President, Academic of York University and works in close conjunction with other members of York’s senior administration, including the President, the Vice-Presidents and the Deans of other Faculties. The Dean participates as a member of the University’s Senate and other administrative bodies. The Dean holds ultimate responsibility for the finalization and implementation of academic policy and plans as determined through the School’s governance processes and in consultation with faculty, students, and staff.

As the ideal candidate you are a leader with integrity who is highly respected in the academic and legal communities. You hold a law degree and a graduate degree and are a role model of success in scholarship, teaching and administration. You possess a vision for emerging trends in legal education, a strong commitment to academic scholarship and legal based inquiry, an ability to inspire innovation and excellence, and a demonstrated record of achievement in your field.
This is a tremendous opportunity to lead a highly engaged community at a globally recognized law school and build on Osgoode’s strengths of diversity, historic character, and innovation in curriculum.

To explore this opportunity, submit nominations, or to apply, please contact Nick Chambers and Spencer Covey at scovey@boyden.com.

While we thank all candidates for their interest, only those shortlisted will be contacted.

York University is an Affirmative Action (AA) employer and strongly values diversity, including gender and sexual diversity, within its community. The AA Program, which applies to Indigenous people, visible minorities, people with disabilities, and women, can be found at www.yorku.ca/acadjobs or by calling the AA office at 416-736-5713. All qualified candidates are encouraged to apply; however, Canadian citizens, permanent residents and Indigenous peoples in Canada will be given priority.

In accordance with the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA), Boyden and York University will provide accommodation to applicants with disabilities. If you are contacted regarding this position, please advise if you require accommodation.