UNM School of Law National Dean Search Under Way

Douglas M. Brown, dean of the UNM Anderson School of Management, has been appointed chair of the UNM School of Law national dean search committee. UNM Provost Chaouki T. Abdallah appointed Dean Brown shortly following the mid-October announcement that Barbara Bergman, former law school associate dean for academic affairs, would serve as interim dean through the remainder of the 2012-13 academic year, until a new dean is appointed, following a national search.

Provost Abdallah convened a meeting on Dec. 6 to share his expectations for this committee and for the potential candidates. It is expected that the position will be posted for applications in mid-December and the search will continue through the 2012-2013 academic year. Best consideration date for the UNM law school deanship will fall between mid-to-late January, with the committee performing its work through March 2013. The anticipated start date for the new UNM School of Law dean is July 1, 2013.

In the spirit of former dean searches, individuals appointed to the search committee by the chair include law school faculty, alumni, staff and students and a member of New Mexico’s judiciary.

In addition to Dean Brown, members of the committee are: Reed Benson, Keleher & McLeod Professor of Law, UNM School of Law; Camille Carey, assistant professor of law, UNM School of Law; Fred Hart, emeritus professor of law, UNM School of Law; Steven K. Homer, lecturer III, UNM School of Law; April Land, professor of law and associate dean for clinical affairs, UNM School of Law; John LaVelle, professor of law, UNM School of Law; Nathalie Martin, Frederick M. Hart Chair in Consumer & Clinical Law, UNM School of Law; Max Minzner, associate professor of Law and associate dean for faculty development, UNM School of Law; Dawinder "Dave" Sidhu, assistant professor of law, UNM School of Law; Kevin Tu, assistant professor of law, UNM School of Law; Melissa Lobato, advancement operations manager, UNM School of Law; Bonnie Stepleton, assistant dean for student services, UNM School Law; The Honorable Charles Daniels, Justice, New Mexico Supreme Court; Jessica Hernandez, general counsel, State of New Mexico; Henry Narvaez, attorney, Narvaez Law Firm; David Martinez, attorney, Martinez, Hart & Thompson PC; Steve Scholl, attorney, Dixon, Scholl & Bailey PA; Lauren Gilmore, president, UNM School of Law Student Bar Association.

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