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As [announced in December](#), Jennifer Collins, Judge James Noel Dean and Professor in the Dedman School of Law, has accepted an offer to become the next President of Rhodes College in Memphis, Tennessee on July 1, 2022. Her presence and contributions to our campus will be missed, and I want to commend Jennifer for outstanding leadership over the Dedman School of Law.

Today, I am pleased to announce the search committee for our next Dean of the Dedman School of Law:

- Matthew B. Myers, Dean, Cox School of Business; Tolleson Chair in Business Leadership; David B. Miller Endowed Professor (Search Committee Chair)
- Sky Arbuckle, Dedman School of Law student; President of Black Law Student Association
- Kim Askew, Partner, DLA Piper
- M. Scott Barnard, Partner, Akin, Gump, Strauss, Hauer & Feld, LLP
- Michael M. Boone, Partner, Hayes & Boone, LLP; SMU Board of Trustees member; Dedman School of Law Executive Board Member
- Christa Brown-Sanford, Partner and Deputy Chair of the Intellectual Property Department, Baker Botts; SMU Board of Trustees member; Dedman School of Law Executive Board member

- Erika S. Fadel, Assistant Dean for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion, Dedman School of Law
- David C. Haley, President (retired) HBK Capital Management; SMU Board of Trustee member; and Dedman School of Law Executive Board member
- Christopher H. Hanna, Alan D. Feld Endowed Professor of Law and Altshuler Distinguished Teaching Professor
- Greg Ivy, Associate Dean for Library and Technology and Senior Lecturer, Dedman School of Law
- Mike Lynn, Chairman and Founding Partner of Lynn, Pinker, Hurst & Schwegmann
- Mary Spector, Associate Dean for Clinics, Director of the Civil/Consumer Clinic, and Professor of Law
- David Taylor, Robert G. Storey Distinguished Faculty Fellow, Director of the Tsai Center for Law Science and Innovation, and Professor of Law
- Paula Voyles, Assistant Vice President for School and Project Development, Development and External Affairs
- Michael Vuong, Dedman School of Law student; Asian Pacific American Law Student Association, President
- Amy Ware, Ware Law Firm; Dedman School of Law Executive Board member
- Steve Yeager, Assistant Dean for Student Affairs & Faculty Supervisor, Corporate Counsel Externship Program, Dedman School of Law

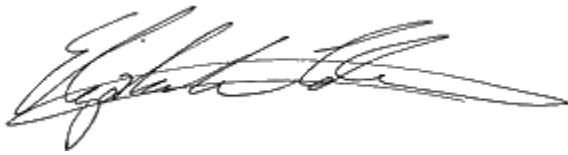
As you can see, we have assembled an outstanding team to guide the search for this critical role. My thanks to the search committee members for their service and to Matt Myers, Dean of the Cox School of Business, for agreeing to chair this committee.

Mr. Chuck O'Boyle, Managing Director of C. V. O'Boyle, a national academic search firm, will be assisting with the process. Previously a practicing attorney in New York and Atlanta, Chuck has specialized in recruiting senior

administrators for colleges and universities since 2002, and has a particular expertise in serving law schools.

The committee has its kickoff meeting on January 20, and Mr. O'Boyle has a full day of meetings with key law school stakeholders to accelerate the development of a position description so that we can meet our goal of filling this position by early summer. We will continue to provide regular updates through the weekly newsletter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Elizabeth G. Loba', written in a cursive style.

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