

## **Zachary Kramer Appointed Dean of Elon University School of Law: A Look at the New Leader's Vision and Priorities**

Zachary Kramer, a legal scholar and administrator with a philosophy of inclusivity and a drive to give students the best possible legal education has been named the next Dean of Elon University School of Law. Currently, the Interim Dean and Jonathan & Wendy Rose Professor of Law at Arizona State University's Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law, Kramer will formally join the Elon Law community in June.

Kramer has served the Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law for the past decade in several leadership roles and is also a prolific scholar who has written numerous articles on civil rights law and presented on the same topics at conferences across the United States. He has also mentored students and colleagues as an advisor to student organizations and a member of multiple college committees and working groups.

Kramer sees his new role as an "ambassador" for Elon Law's highly experiential approach to teaching and hopes to deepen institutional connections among alumni and within the broader legal profession. He also prioritizes inclusive excellence and breaking down barriers in the legal profession and society through partnerships with law firms and other employers, engagement with alumni, and listening to students.

Kramer is enthusiastic about joining the Elon Law community and continuing its success. Since implementing its 2.5-year, the seven-trimester curriculum in 2014, the number of annual applications for admissions has increased by 50%, and average student loan debt at graduation has decreased by nearly a third. Kramer believes universities are opportunities and is committed to serving an institution dedicated to changing students' lives.

He believes that Elon Law is the most innovative law school for experiential education and practical training and looks forward to leading the community during its next growth phase. Kramer also prioritizes inclusivity, as he believes law schools are responsible for breaking down barriers in the legal profession and society. He plans to work towards forming partnerships with law firms and other employers, engage alumni, and listen to students to cultivate a sense of belonging.

Elon University School of Law, located in downtown Greensboro, North Carolina, is known for its innovative approach to legal education. The school emphasizes hands-on learning and real-world experience and is among the top law schools in the country for low student loan debt at graduation.

The program is designed to be completed in 2.5 years, providing cost-saving benefits and enabling graduates to begin their legal careers earlier. The school's approach to education has earned it recognition from PreLaw Magazine as a top institution for practical training.

### **REFERENCES:**

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