

Beasley School of Law Dean Gets a Big Promotion



Summary: JoAnne Epps, the Beasley School of Law Dean, was promoted by Temple University's President to the No. 2 position.

A change has been made in Temple University's administration. President Neil Theobald promoted JoAnne Epps, [Beasley School of Law's](#) Dean, to the executive vice president and provost position. She will now serve as the university's leader for academic excellence and oversee staff over all 17 academic schools and colleges.

Theobald said, "JoAnne is a proven innovator, collaborator, and cultivator of robust partnerships in North Philadelphia and worldwide. She has earned national honors as an advocate for diversity and social justice. Her qualifications would impress anyone, but it is her character that truly sets JoAnne apart."

Epps joined the faculty at Temple University in 1985, becoming the associate dean of academic affairs at the Law School by 1989. By 2008, she was named the dean of the law school. She is now considered one of the most influential leaders in the legal education.

Epps started working for the University as a cashier when she was 16. She went on to earn a Bachelor's degree from Trinity College and a J.D. from [Yale Law School](#). She worked as the assistant U.S. attorney for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania and as deputy city attorney for Los Angeles before returning to Temple University.

She replaces Hai Lung-Dai, who was appointed to the position in February. Gregory N. Mandel has been named the interim dean of Beasley School of Law until a permanent replacement can be found.

Do you have any thoughts of who the new dean of Beasley School of Law will be? Tell your ideas in the comments below.

To learn more about Temple University, read [Temple's Beasley School of Law Granted Charter for Order of the Coif](#).

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