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The University of Dayton has named Andrew Strauss, a highly regarded international law expert, as the next dean of the School of Law.

Strauss, currently professor of law and associate dean for faculty research and strategic initiatives at the Widener University School of Law, will begin July 1. He will take over for Paul McGreal who announced last year he would step down June 30, at the end of his term.

"I look forward to working with the faculty and administration to build upon Dayton's many excellent programs, enhance diversity, raise needed resources, and build support among students, alumni and outside constituencies for the law school and its mission," Strauss said. "Dayton's Catholic and Marianist tradition, with its emphasis on social justice, educating the whole person and grounding legal study in a framework of spiritual meaning, meshes well with my values."

Strauss' scholarship focuses on international jurisdiction, public international law, international economic law, international transactions, international organizations and global warming litigation. The New York Times Magazine featured his ideas on global warming lawsuits in its "Year in Ideas" edition. He helped write the textbook, International Law and World Order, and helped edit Climate Change Geoengineering: Philosophical Perspectives, Legal Issues, and Governance Frameworks. His articles have appeared in journals such as Foreign Affairs, the Harvard International Law Journal and the Stanford Journal of International Law.
"Andy's significant scholarship on global democracy fits closely with our globalization initiatives and the development of our Human Rights Center. His scholarship in the area of climate change aligns well with the mission of our Hanley Sustainability Institute," said Paul Benson, interim provost of the University of Dayton. "Andy’s teaching and scholarship reflect a commitment to social justice and global peace-building that resonates with our Catholic and Marianist educational mission."

National and international media often seek Strauss' expertise; he has published op-eds in and offered commentary for the *International Herald Tribune*, *The Nation*, the *Financial Times* and Public Radio International's Marketplace.

As associate dean at Widener, Strauss led initiatives that include increased emphasis on legal writing skills and technology in the classroom. He spearheaded the reorganization and growth of Widener's international and graduate programs. Also while at Widener, Strauss was a visiting lecturer at the European Peace University in Schlaining, Austria, and director of the Geneva/Lausanne International Law Institute and the Nairobi International Law Institute.

Strauss is internationally active in many civic and professional organizations. He has conducted human rights missions to Asian countries and consulted for Human Rights Watch, Human Rights First, Consultants Working Group of the Climate Legacy Initiative, the International Advisors Group of the One World Trust and the Advisory Council of the Center for U.N. Reform Education.

Strauss, who earned his bachelor's degree from Princeton University's Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs and law degree from New York University, practiced international banking and finance law with two New York City law firms before joining Widener's faculty in 1990.

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