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The Dayton Daily News has named University of Dayton School of Law Dean Lisa Kloppenberg one of its Top Ten Women for making a significant impact on life in the Miami Valley.

The Dayton Daily News will honor the winners Dec. 1 at a dinner in the Benjamin & Marian Schuster Performing Arts Center in downtown Dayton.

"The Dayton Daily News is proud to honor Miami Valley's Ten Top Women," said Alex Taylor, Cox Media Group vice president. "These women represent the very best our region has to offer, and their stories provide us all with great lessons and inspiration. With this recognition, we offer them our deepest respect and congratulations."

As dean, Kloppenberg championed curricular reform, bringing national recognition for the way the school rethought legal education.

During her tenure, Kloppenberg also led successful efforts to diversify the faculty; re-ignite a greater spirit of service in students, who are performing pro bono hours in record numbers; and boost job placement rates. She is one of just 40 female law school deans, according to the Association of American Law Schools. When appointed, she was one of the youngest deans in the country and the first female to lead an Ohio law school.

"Dean Kloppenberg has enhanced the reputation of the School of Law in an incredible way, and has strengthened our connections to the local and regional legal communities," said Joseph Saliba, provost. "On the curricular front, she is truly innovative, creative — and world-class. Other renowned law schools are now following our lead. She's hired a number of incredibly talented young faculty from very prestigious universities who are making a positive impact in the lives of our law students. Most importantly, she appreciates and lives the University's Catholic, Marianist charism."


In 2005, the school's legal writing program was ranked in the top 20 in the nation by U.S. News & World Report. In 2006, the new curriculum, which offers a track in appropriate dispute resolution, received an award for excellence from the International Institute for Conflict Prevention and Resolution.

In 2007, the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching invited the University of Dayton and just a handful of other universities — including Harvard, Stanford and Georgetown — to examine how American law schools prepare lawyers and make reform recommendations.

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