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Amanda Noascono
Assistant Dean of Law Admissions; Chief of Administration

A DePaul Law graduate, Amanda Noascono returned to the College of Law as assistant dean of admissions in 2017 and was appointed chief of administration in 2021. Amanda is a current HLC team chair and peer reviewer and, in addition to DePaul Law, she has been on the administrative leadership team at Northern Illinois University College of Law, North Park University and Rosalind Franklin University of Medicine and Science. She has been a member of the Law School Admission Council Finance and Legal Affairs Committee, Midwest Association of Pre-Law Advisors, Illinois Association of College Admission Counseling, Illinois Medical School Admissions Consortium and the National Asian Pacific American Bar Association. Amanda frequently presents at university campuses and prospective law student forums across the country and has taught pre-law students in college.

Education
BA, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign; JD, DePaul University



Bruce Ottley
Professor of Law

Bruce L. Ottley is a professor of law at DePaul University, where he has taught since 1978. He served as associate dean of the College of Law for nine years, acting dean in 2006 and interim dean during the 2014-2015 academic year.

Professor Ottley's areas of teaching include torts, civil procedure, remedies and products liability. He is the co-author of *Illinois Tort Law* (4th ed., LexisNexis 2011 with annual supplements), *Product Liability Law in Illinois* (4th ed., Law Bulletin Publishing 2009), *Understanding Products Liability Law* (2d ed., LexisNexis 2013), and *Arson Law and Prosecution* (Carolina Academic Press 2009). He also worked with the Administrative Office of the Illinois Courts for 20 years conducting seminars on tort law for Illinois judges.

Prior to joining DePaul, Professor Ottley was a member of the University of Papua New Guinea Faculty of Law from 1972 to 1977. While in Papua New Guinea, he also practiced law and was a judge of the National Capitol District Court from 1976 to 1977.

Education
BA, University of Missouri-Kansas City; JD and MA, University of Iowa; LLM, Columbia University

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Geoffrey Rapp
Dean; Professor of Law

Geoffrey Rapp joined DePaul Law as its fourteenth dean in July 2025. Prior to joining DePaul, he was the Harold A. Anderson Professor of Law and Values and senior associate dean for academic affairs at the University of Toledo College of Law, where he was a 21-year faculty member. He received both the university's Outstanding Faculty Research and Scholarship Award (2016) and the law school's Beth A. Eisler Award for First-Year Teaching (2023).

Dean Rapp teaches and writes in the area of torts, corporate law and the sports industry. He has published articles in journals including the North Carolina Law Review, Washington University Law Review, Georgia Law Review, Washington & Lee Law Review, BYU Law Review and the Boston University Law Review. He wrote a torts casebook published by Wolters Kluwer (now Aspen Publishing) in 2020. In 2011, Dean Rapp testified before the U.S. Congress on the topic of Dodd-Frank whistleblower bounties.

Dean Rapp earned an AB in economics from Harvard College, where he was elected to Phi Beta Kappa, an MSS from the United States Army War College and a JD from Yale University. While in law school, he served as a notes editor of the Yale Law Journal and as a teaching fellow and head teaching fellow in the Departments of Economics and Computer Science. Before entering law teaching, he clerked for Judge Cornelia Kennedy of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit and worked in private practice.

Dean Rapp has been frequently interviewed and quoted by local, national and international media, including National Public Radio's Morning Edition, CBS Sports, The New York Times, USA Today, The San Francisco Chronicle, The LA Times, The New York Post, Business Week, Forbes, The Guardian (UK), The Toronto Star, Toronto's National Post, BBC Radio, The Washington Post, The Christian Science Monitor, Scout.com, The Toledo Blade and The Washington Times.

He has served on seven ABA site visit teams, three times as chair and three times as both a site team member and the AALS reporter. He was the chair of the AALS Section on Associate Deans for Academic Affairs and Research in 2019, and he served on the LSAC's Assessments Committee from 2022 to 2025 and on its Finance and Legal Affairs Committee from 2017 to 2019.

Dean Rapp is licensed to practice law in Illinois and New York.

Education
JD, Yale University; MSS, US Army War College; AB, magna cum laude, Harvard College