Kaplan University Announces Concord Law School Interim Dean

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LOS ANGELES--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Kaplan University, a leading provider of online postsecondary education, announced today the appointment of Stephen Burnett as interim dean of Concord Law School. The announcement was made by Kaplan University President Wade Dyke, D.Phil.

"Dean Burnett brings a wealth of diverse experience to this position and strong technical background," Dyke said. "His enthusiasm and creative ideas are ideal for helping Concord take the next step as the leader in distance learning for law school."

Burnett has been with Concord since 2005 and also holds the post of Vice President for Auxiliary Businesses for Kaplan Legal Education. In this role, he has developed collaborations with Loyola University of Chicago School of Law to bring both their Master of Jurisprudence (MJ) and Master of Laws (LLM) degree programs in Health Law online and with Southwestern Law School to bring their Entertainment and Media Law Master of Laws (LLM) degree program online. He has also been instrumental in launching a Small Business Practice LLM program at Concord.

Prior to beginning his Concord career, Burnett served as associate dean of Information Technology at Seattle University School of Law. While there, he helped revolutionize the school's use of technology, including creating the country's first completely electronic legal writing program. His background also includes leadership positions at West Publishing Company, the largest legal publisher in the world; and at George Mason University School of Law, where he helped attain ABA approval for the school.

Burnett earned his J.D. from the University of Connecticut School of Law, a Master of Library Science degree from Southern Connecticut State College and a B.A. from the University of California, Los Angeles.

"I look forward to sharing in the leadership of what is the standard in online legal education," Burnett said. "The more people that see the rigorous curriculum we offer, and the high quality of our programs and platform, the more they will understand the benefits of distance learning. With the continued effort of the tremendous Concord team and the support of a talented Kaplan University leadership group, I think we can do great things."

Dean Burnett fills the position vacated by Barry Currier, J.D., who served for five years until his departure in 2010. The search for a permanent dean is underway.

About Concord Law School

Concord Law School of Kaplan University is the nation's premier provider of online law degrees. Since opening its virtual doors in 1998, Concord has helped more than 1,200 graduates obtain their Juris Doctor (JD) or Executive Juris DoctorSM (EJD) degree. Concord is accredited by the Accrediting Commission of the Distance Education and Training Council, a nationally recognized accrediting agency.

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