

Megan Carpenter Named Dean of UNH Law

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A nationally known expert in intellectual property with a focus in entrepreneurship and the arts, Carpenter was selected as the next dean after an extensive national search. She will be the first woman to lead the school since its founding in 1973.

“Dean Carpenter brings a wealth of experience that will help UNH Law continue to grow on the national stage,” said UNH Provost Nancy Targett. “Her work creating innovative academic programs, including experiential learning initiatives, certificate programs and interdisciplinary projects with colleges throughout the Texas A&M University System will open new directions for UNH Law. Her expertise, energy and enthusiasm will invigorate our faculty and staff, and ensure we are continuing to provide the best possible law education and experience for our students.”

Carpenter has received multiple awards for her dedication to students, her skills in program development and her service to the university and community. She developed and ran two law clinics to support entrepreneurship and innovation in the community, and was awarded Texas A&M’s distinguished achievement award for her devotion to graduate mentoring. Carpenter is chair of the academic committee of the International Trademark Association, the preeminent organization of trademark professionals. Prior to working in higher education, she practiced law at Kirkpatrick & Lockhart (now K&L Gates) where she represented technology, multimedia, and sports and entertainment clients.

“I am honored to join the UNH community as dean of the law school,” said Carpenter. “With its worldwide reputation for excellence in intellectual property, its forward-thinking approach to legal education and its role as part of a public research university, UNH Law is uniquely poised to excel in a changing legal environment. I look forward to working with faculty, staff, students, alumni and the broader university community to develop innovative and interdisciplinary programs that further the law

school's mission to empower students in a global environment and to serve the public with integrity and excellence.”

Carpenter regularly writes and publishes in the area of intellectual property and entrepreneurship. She has written multiple book chapters and edited “Evolving Economies: The Role of Law in Entrepreneurship and Innovation.” Her work has been published in the Fordham Law Review, Hastings Law Journal, Vanderbilt Journal of Entertainment and Technology Law, Nevada Law Journal, Louisville Law Review, The Trademark Reporter and the Yale Journal of Human Rights and Development.

Carpenter earned a bachelor's and master's degree in foreign languages from West Virginia University, her J.D. from West Virginia University College of Law and her LL.M. from the National University of Galway.

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WHY DOES INSURANCE COVERAGE MATTER?

Individuals risk experiencing unexpected and high medical costs and often forgo necessary care when they lack health insurance. More than 3 in 4 uninsured adults said they or their family delayed or went without health care because of cost reasons in 2019.⁴

INSURANCE COVERAGE IN NEW HAMPSHIRE

The uninsured rate in NH has been consistent in recent years, approximately 6% from 2015 through 2019, down from almost 11% in 2013.⁴ Nationally, the uninsured rate was approximately 9% in 2019. New Hampshire's rate of 6.3% in 2019 is higher than its 2018 rate of 5.7%, while these are not significant

FOCUS ON HEALTH POLICY RISING COSTS AND MARKET INSTABILITY

The cost of health insurance, in terms of premiums and deductibles, increased significantly between 2017 and 2019. This is due in part to the reality that the underlying costs to provide health care are high, and New Hampshire is a small state. The insurance industry attributes rising premiums to many factors, including:

- ongoing uncertainty about the future of the Affordable Care Act;
- the elimination of the individual mandate penalty by Congress in December 2017;
- lack of funding for cost sharing reductions;

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