

Michael J. Kaufman Incoming Dean and Professor of Law Santa Clara University School of Law

On July 1, 2021, Michael J. Kaufman will become Dean and Professor of Law at Santa Clara University School of Law, after serving as Dean of Loyola University Chicago School of Law for five years and Associate Dean for Academic Affairs at Loyola for 11 years. Dean Kaufman also served as Loyola University Chicago's Vice Provost for Academic Strategy and founded Loyola's innovative Weekend JD Program, Education Law and Policy Institute, and Institute for Investor Protection.

An award-winning teacher and public servant, Dean Kaufman has published dozens of books and countless law review articles in the areas of his expertise, including racial justice, education law and policy, securities regulation and litigation, civil procedure, and jurisprudence. He teaches courses and workshops on the application of design thinking to complex legal issues and organizational growth.

After graduating from Kenyon College magna cum laude, Dean Kaufman received his ID from the University of Michigan Law School where he won the Law School's American Judicature Society Award. After law school, he clerked for the Honorable Nathanial R. Jones of the United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit and then practiced securities and civil rights litigation in one of the world's largest law firms. Dean Kaufman also was elected to three terms on the Board of Education of a large, diverse school district in the Chicago area, serving as the Board's President and Vice-President. In addition, Dean Kaufman is a Public Arbitrator for securities disputes and delivers bar examination review lectures for thousands of law students throughout the country each year in the areas of civil procedure. federal jurisdiction, agency, and business organizations.