After thirteen and half years of dedicated service, Ed Cooper has stepped down from his post as associate dean for academic affairs.

Dean Jeffrey S. Lehman has appointed Professor Kent Syverud to the post. Cooper resumed teaching duties as Syverud became associate dean January 1.

Dean Lehman said, "The position of associate dean for academic affairs is a complex, often thankless job, requiring almost infinite resources of tact, creativity, and patience, as well as a pretty thick skin. The Law School benefited enormously from Ed Cooper's long and devoted service in this position. His calm, unflappable nature, his supremely good judgment, and his gentle wit have been a source of strength for the Law School during three different deanships, and we are all profoundly grateful to him."

An expert in civil procedure, Syverud is also well-known as an exceedingly civil individual. He will bring to the role his deep concern for students, staff, his fellow faculty, and the Law School itself. Said Lehman, "I count myself extraordinarily fortunate that Kent Syverud has agreed to serve as associate dean for the next two years. A high priority of my deanship is to make sure that we are providing our students with the finest professional education available, and no member of the faculty is more devoted to our students than Kent is. He has the universal respect of his colleagues, and I look forward to a successful and rewarding collaboration with him."