

Elma I. LeDoux, MD, named associate dean for admissions and student affairs at School of Medicine

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Elma I. LeDoux, MD, professor of medicine and Tulane alumna, has accepted the role of associate dean for admissions and student affairs at Tulane School of Medicine. (Photo by Paula Burch-Celentano)

The School of Medicine announced last week that Elma Ireland LeDoux, MD, professor of medicine and Tulane alumna, has accepted the role of associate dean for admissions and student affairs. She takes over the responsibilities of Senior

Associate Dean Marc Kahn, who, after almost 20 years of service to the university, is leaving Tulane to become the dean of University of Nevada Las Vegas School of Medicine.

LeDoux is a lifelong New Orleanian who graduated from the School of Medicine in 1981 and completed a residency in internal medicine and a fellowship in cardiovascular disease, also at Tulane. She joined the full-time faculty of the Department of Medicine in 1996, and since that time has served as an exemplary clinician-educator. Currently she serves as medical director of the Standardized Patient Program, [course director for clinical diagnosis](#), content coordinator for Phase 2 Cardiovascular Disease and director of the Phase 2 Cardiovascular Disease Module.

She also serves as an EKG instructor and teaches in physiology and Foundations in Medicine. She recently joined the new Program in Medical Ethics and Human Values and is an active faculty member helping to develop curriculum for the master's program that will start this summer.

LeDoux is a highly regarded student advocate. She volunteers time to support the medical student community in many ways: as a faculty coordinator for the Faubourg Learning Community, a faculty adviser to the Ozanam Inn student-led clinic, as faculty sponsor for both the Tulane History of Medicine Society and [the Gold Humanism Honor Society](#). She participates as an admissions interviewer, assists the student Camp Cardiac program and has served as the senior class faculty sponsor numerous times.

LeDoux regularly meets and provides support for students, particularly those who need mentoring in their academic performance. In all these activities, she is recognized for her commitment to ethnic and cultural diversity. She regularly attends the Tulane internal medicine inpatient service and is a beloved and exemplary teacher. She has received more teaching awards from the Owl Club than

any other faculty member, having received or been nominated for the Outstanding Internal Medicine Attending Award six times over the past 10 years while being recognized by the Owl Club with awards for her teaching at every level. LeDoux is also a member of the School of Medicine's Society of Teaching Scholars and a recipient of the Tulane President's Award for Excellence in Professional and Graduate Teaching.

LeDoux's background is particularly well-suited to enhance an already successful experience for medical students, with a strong emphasis on academics and academic progress and preparation for residency and practice. As dean for admissions and student affairs, she will bring this experience and insight to foster and support a superior student experience in a rapidly evolving educational environment.