**Executive Summary of Program Assessment**

**Campus:** MU

**College/School:** School of Law

**Academic Unit:** School of Law

**Date Submitted:** 7/10/13

**Person Responsible for Success of Program:** Dean Gary Myers

**Person Submitted Executive Summary:**

Patricia Okker, Faculty Fellow for Program Assessment and Accreditation, Office of the Provost

**Degree Programs**

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| **Degree (e.g., BS, MA, PhD)** | **Degree Program** | **Enrollment** | | **Number of Degrees Awarded** | |
| **Most Recent Fall Semester**  **(Fall 2011)** | **5-Year Fall Semester Average** | **Most Recent Academic Year**  **(Fall 2011)** | **5-Year Average** |
| LL.M. | Dispute Resolution | 18 | 18 | 19 | 13.4 |
| JD |  | 431 | 446 | 144 | 145.6 |
| Grad Certificate | Dispute Resolution |  |  | 39 | 22.6 |

**Changes Since Last Review (2004-2005)**

* Appointment of new Dean of the Law School: Dean Gary Myers
* Ranked among the top 60 law schools in the US in terms of scholarly productivity, according to the 2012 Roger Williams University school of Law Annual Scholarly Productivity Survey and the 2012 University of St. Thomas School of Law’s Scholarly Impact by Law School Faculties.
* Center for the Study of Dispute Resolution received in 2009 the “Problem solving in Law School Curriculum” Award by the International Institute for Conflict Prevention and Resolution.
* CATALYST program launched, designed to assist first-year law students with admission index scores that fall in the bottom 25% of the school’s entering class.

**Strategies or Plans for Improving Program**

The Law School is currently working on its Strategic Plan, which focuses on the following areas:

* Preparing students for a changing legal profession
* Increasing diversity initiatives and outreach
* Promoting and supporting faculty scholarship and scholarly outreach
* Providing increasingly influential leadership in dispute resolution
* Developing new avenues of distinction through leadership
* Improving law school infrastructure and public communications
* Improving governance
* Fostering community