Job Vacancy Notice

Job Title: Law School Chief Librarian (Law Professor - Librarian)
Job ID: 18299
Location: CUNY School of Law
Regular/Temporary: Regular

FACULTY VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

City University of New York (CUNY) School of Law seeks highly qualified candidates for the position of Law School Chief Librarian with faculty status, to commence July 1, 2018.

CUNY School of Law is a national leader in progressive legal education with a dual mission of training a diverse group of students to become excellent public interest attorneys, and providing access to the profession for members of historically underrepresented communities. As part of its mission, the School prepares students to practice "Law in the Service of Human Needs." The Chief Librarian is a key participant in supporting these missions.

CUNY School of Law's innovative curriculum is recognized as a model for law schools across the nation. CUNY Law is nationally ranked number 3 for clinical programs and number 1 for public interest law, and has the distinction of having the most diverse law faculty and the second most diverse student body in the United States. The basic premise of the School's program is that theory and abstract knowledge cannot be separated from practice, lawyering skills, including legal research, and professional experience. Therefore, the curriculum integrates practical experience, professional responsibility, and lawyering skills with doctrinal study at every level, resulting in a sequenced and integrated practice-based curriculum culminating for every student in a clinic or internship before graduation. To further its access mission, the School also incorporates academic skills-based instruction across the curriculum for the benefit of diverse learners and non-traditional students.

Further supporting its dual mission, in 2015, the law school launched a part-time evening program. Further, beginning in 2015, the law school received approval for dual degree programs in law and forensic psychology (JD/MA), inspection and oversight (JD/MPA), and international affairs (JD/MIA) with highly respected graduate programs of the City University of New York.

CUNY School of Law's unique legal research program is integrated throughout the curriculum and includes a required, 2-credit, letter-graded Legal Research course for first-year students, an Advanced Legal Research elective course, and frequent guest-lectures in upper-division doctrinal classes and clinics. The School of Law's law librarians are all tenured or tenure-track members of the faculty who are actively engaged in teaching, scholarship, and service and who have salary parity with the rest of the law faculty.

Primary areas of responsibility of the Chief Librarian include strategic planning; preparing budgets; teaching; supervising Law Library faculty and staff; working closely with the Dean and senior administrators to effectuate the School's mission and goals; overseeing research and reference services; active engagement with other faculty; directing the collection development process, including the appropriate balance of print and digital resources; ensuring compliance with relevant accreditation standards of the American Bar Association and the Association of American Law Schools; optimizing the use of Law Library space; participating in School and University-wide governance; developing and managing the Library's webpage and a robust, accessible repository for resources for students, public interest practitioners, and progressive thought leaders; and engaging in research and scholarly writing.
Candidates for the position of Chief Librarian should offer a clear and forward-looking vision of the role of the Law Library in supporting professional and mission-centered legal education and public interest practice, offer leadership in enhancing the library’s service to students, faculty, staff, and the broader community, and playing an integral role in promoting and providing access to the scholarship of the faculty and other public interest scholars. Candidates should be able to think deeply about the use of, and access to, legal information and technology; how the evolving landscape of legal education impacts library services; innovative ways to serve curricular and research needs on rapidly emerging legal issues; and the effective delivery of legal research instruction, including for diverse learners and non-traditional students.

This position requires the candidate to be available during flexible hours to support the day and evening programs, and to counsel and provide academic mentoring to students. This will include weekend and evening hours.

CUNY Law School is centrally located at 2 Court Square in Long Island City, Queens, New York. The law school has direct access to multiple New York City subway and bus lines, is convenient to regional commuter railroads, and is easily accessed by local highways. Its location, in a vibrant neighborhood one subway stop from Manhattan, puts the law school at the heart of the nation's public interest community in the most diverse city in the country.

QUALIFICATIONS

J.D., L.L.B., or Ph.D. in a law-related discipline plus an M.L.S. degree. Also required are demonstrated or promised evidence of significant success as a faculty member; interest in productive scholarship; ability to teach successfully; and ability to cooperate with others for the good of the institution.

Strongly preferred qualifications include teaching experience, an established scholarly record, and previous supervisory and management experience in a law library and/or governmental or public interest organization.

COMPENSATION

CUNY offers faculty a competitive compensation and benefits package covering health insurance, pension and retirement benefits, paid parental leave, and savings programs. We also provide mentoring and support for research, scholarship, and publication as part of our commitment to ongoing faculty professional development.

HOW TO APPLY

From our job posting system, select "Apply Now", create or log in to a user account, and provide the requested information. If you are viewing this posting from outside our system, access the employment page on our web site and search for this vacancy using the Job ID or Title.

Interested candidates should submit a CV/resume and a letter of interest that describes the candidate’s vision of the future role of the law library in supporting public interest legal education.

CLOSING DATE

Open until filled with review of resumes to begin March 5, 2018.

JOB SEARCH CATEGORY

CUNY Job Posting: Faculty

EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

CUNY encourages people with disabilities, minorities, veterans and women to apply. At CUNY, Italian Americans are also included among our protected groups. Applicants and employees will not be discriminated against on the basis of any legally protected category, including sexual orientation or gender identity. EEO/AA/Vet/Disability Employer.