



Job Description

Job Title: Director, International Women's Human Rights Clinic (Assistant, Associate or Full Professor, Law School)
Job ID: 3890
Location: CUNY School of Law
Full/Part Time: Full-Time
Regular/Temporary: Regular

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GENERAL DUTIES

Performs teaching, research, professional, and guidance duties at the CUNY School of Law in area(s) of expertise as noted below. Teaching responsibilities may include supervision of students in legal practice or other law-related activity. Shares responsibility for committee and department assignments, performing administrative, supervisory, and other functions as may be assigned.

FLSA

Exempt

CAMPUS SPECIFIC INFORMATION

The City University of New York (CUNY) School of Law seeks applicants with a demonstrated commitment to our social justice mission for a tenured or tenure-track position to direct our groundbreaking International Women's Human Rights Clinic (IWHR). IWHR is one of 7 programs in CUNY's renowned clinical program.

IWHR was founded to provide students with a direct experience of social change lawyering from a gender perspective. For 18 years, it has provided legal support for women's human rights activists internationally and nationally using strategies informed by intersectional and multicultural gender critiques. Working from the ground up, IWHR and its interns have engaged in litigation and advocacy in many settings and earned the confidence of movement activists as well as the esteem of the United Nations, human rights experts, and non-governmental organizations. IWHR has made a significant mark through participation in UN negotiations, shadow-reporting, law-changing amicus briefs in international courts and national courts, and NGO Tribunals, in such areas as violence against women, reproductive and sexual rights, and economic and social rights. IWHR also carries a docket of Alien Tort Claims Act cases, largely on behalf of immigrant domestic workers. We envision the new director building upon this legacy, while bringing new vision and pedagogical skill to shape the future work of IWHR in response to evolving challenges and the needs of students and movement partners.

The Law School seeks a person who has both a track record in gender advocacy and a deep and creative understanding of the subordination of women, gender, and its intersections in diverse contexts. Our ideal candidate will have an established or developing national and international reputation amongst women's human rights and other human rights activists, including sexual rights activists, and a willingness to nurture relationships and engage in relevant consultations and meetings beyond the specific work of the Clinic. The candidate will have a history of working in movement, grassroots and activist contexts from client-centered and multicultural perspectives, with the ability to work effectively with both students and clients/partners. We also seek a person who thinks deeply about practice models and strategies that promote social justice and who will bring pedagogical insight to the shaping of the IWHR agenda, to enable interns to both build their legal skills and engage directly in various forms of advocacy. Finally, we seek a person who will work collaboratively with colleagues and participate in the design of programs to educate the next generation of public interest lawyers.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

For Law School Assistant, Associate, or Full Professor:

A J.D., L.L.B., or Ph.D. in a law-related discipline required. Also required is demonstrated or promised evidence of significant success as a faculty member, interest in productive scholarship, legal work, or law-related work, and the ability to teach successfully and to cooperate with others for the good of the institution.

OTHER QUALIFICATIONS

A minimum of five years of post-law school work experience required and ten years of such experience preferred. Demonstrated background in gender studies and advocacy involving cutting-edge change lawyering and capacity to bring evolving vision to the program required. Experience in client representation and collaboration with international and domestic partners before international bodies and/or in international and domestic courts required. A commitment to innovative scholarship and engagement with the scholarly community surrounding women's international justice issues required.

Clinical teaching or supervisory experience involving research, persuasive legal writing, social change lawyering as well as litigation and advocacy skills are strongly preferred. Capacity to travel and to assist in grant writing to support the unique expenses involved in a clinic with an international focus preferred. Capacity to further develop the infra-structure and funding of IWHR to enhance the opportunities for our students and experience with media and various forms of public education are preferred

COMPENSATION

Commensurate with experience.

BENEFITS

CUNY offers a comprehensive benefits package to employees and eligible dependents based on job title and classification. Employees are also offered pension and Tax-Deferred Savings Plans. Part-time employees must meet a weekly or semester work hour criteria to be eligible for health benefits. Health benefits are also extended to retirees who meet the eligibility criteria.

HOW TO APPLY

Go to www.cuny.edu, click on Careers at CUNY, click on Careers at CUNYFirst.

For position inquiries contact:

Rosa Navarra
 Coordinator of Faculty Recruitment
facultyappointments@mail.law.cuny.edu

CLOSING DATE

Open until filled, with review of resumes to begin January 26, 2011.

EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

The City University of New York is an Equal Opportunity Employer which complies with all applicable laws and regulations, and encourages inclusive excellence in its employment practices.

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