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Visiting Lecturer - Immigration Clinic

University of Washington: Academic Personnel: School of Law

Location

Seattle, WA

Open Date

Apr 29, 2020

Description

IMMIGRATION CLINIC – VISITING LECTURER

The University of Washington School of Law seeks applications for a Full-time Lecturer on a 9-month basis during the 2020-21 academic year. The Immigration Clinic provides legal representation to indigent immigrants and refugees, while also providing students with invaluable hands-on lawyering experience. In addition to direct representation, students engage in policy advocacy, community outreach, and community education.

Faculty and students in the clinic represent immigrants in removal proceedings, detained immigrants with final orders of removal who are being held indefinitely in government custody, and minors in removal proceedings to apply for Special Immigrant Juvenile Status (SIJS), including related representation before family courts.

Faculty and students represent immigrants before USCIA, the Board of Immigration Appeals (BIA), Federal District Courts and the 9th Cir. Court of Appeals. The immigration clinic has a great collaborative working relationship with the Northwest Immigrant Rights Project (NWIRP), the state's primary provider of immigration legal services to low-income immigrants and refugees.

The Immigration Clinic is one of UW's eleven (11) in house clinics. The clinical team includes 15 full-time faculty, 2 staff attorneys, 2 fellows, and 3 administrators. The immigration clinic visitor will teach the seminar component of the clinic, supervise clinical students and together with students and community stakeholders, shape the docket.

Candidates should have extensive experience advocating on behalf of immigrants and asylum seekers. The Clinical Instructor will be responsible for:

- Forming relationships and pursuing collaborative projects with community organizations, service providers, and advocacy groups, among others.
- Supervising and mentoring law students and expanding the clinic's strategic litigation and advocacy docket.
- Manage the operational and administrative tasks involved in case and community project work.
- Supervising clinical students on cases and projects and teaching students a broad range of lawyering skills including research and writing, legal and policy analysis, problem-solving, and oral advocacy.
- Working in conjunction with the Associate Dean for Experiential Education to ensure the quality of student work product.

Qualifications

Basic Qualifications

JD and 3 or more years of related legal practice. Admission to a state bar and experience in Immigration Court.

Additional Qualifications

- Experience advancing immigrants' rights and a strong understanding of its intersectionality with other areas of law, including criminal law, constitutional law, and administrative law.
- Excellent interpersonal skills, oral and written communication skills, and organizational skills are required.
- Experience in immigration removal and asylum practice is strongly preferred.
- Clinical teaching experience is preferred.

Application Instructions

Applications should include

1. A detailed cover letter describing qualifications for the position, including academic preparation and experience
2. Curriculum vitae
3. The names and contact information of 3 individuals who can provide a reference. (Please do not send letters of recommendation at this time; the School of Law will contact references as needed)


Please submit applications electronically through Interfolio. The position will remain open until filled. Appointment to commence on September 16, 2020. Please send queries about this position to Associate Dean Christine Cimini.

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Application Process Already have an account?

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