The Peter A. Allard School of Law at the University of British Columbia seeks to appoint a one year maternity leave replacement Lecturer, for its Indigenous Community Legal Clinic (ICLC).

Term: August 15, 2019 to August 14, 2020. This is a 0.60FTE position, expected to work at the ICLC 3 days a week, during the ICLC’s operating hours of 8:30AM to 4:30PM, Monday-Friday.

The ICLC Lecturer is a limited term 12-month maternity leave opportunity, and is not eligible for renewal or re-appointment.

THE INDIGENOUS COMMUNITY LEGAL CLINIC

The Indigenous Community Legal Clinic, Peter A. Allard School of Law, is located in Vancouver’s Downtown Eastside community on the traditional, ancestral and unceded territories of the Musqueam, Squamish, and Tsleil-Waututh Nations and has served Allard Law’s students and the community for twenty-five years. The ICLC’s chief purpose is educational: to provide law students with an opportunity to use their substantive understanding of law in a clinical setting. This clinical setting allows students to gain practice skills along with a deeper understanding of professional ethics and professional responsibility. A very important second objective of the program is public service providing access to justice for an underserved population. The ICLC offers to the Indigenous community information, referral and on-site and remote access to legal services. The ICLC seeks to provide comprehensive legal services, including cases involving criminal, civil, family, administrative, Aboriginal law, and wills and estates.

Students (10 per term) are enrolled to work in the ICLC and in the accompanying graded course component, taught by the Academic Director, each term of the academic year (including during Summer Session). The ICLC is currently supported by the Academic and Legal Services Directors, the Clinic Lecturer, and by two full-time Legal Assistants/ Advocates.

THE POSITION

The successful applicant will support students' experiential education in the ICLC program. Specific oversee and expectations will include:

- Supervise all aspects of student work on client files, including maintaining knowledge about files;
- Address ethical and file management issues;
- Provide legal advice to assist students to prepare for negotiations and mediation;
- Provide teaching assistance to the Academic Director as required during the academic year, including the Summer session.

The ICLC Lecturer will fill the role of part-time supervising lawyer of the ICLC, provide legal services to qualified Indigenous persons, and provide supervision to students in assisting those persons. These duties are carried out under the direction of the ICLC's Academic Director and Allard Law’s Director of Experiential Learning. The ICLC Lecturer is responsible to train, supervise, and provide litigation support to student clinicians, as part of their experiential education. This includes
direct supervision on files and courtroom litigation. The ICLC Lecturer assists with the day-to-day operations of the ICLC under the direction of the Academic Director, who has primary responsibility for administration of the ICLC.

Under the direction of the Academic Director, the Clinic Lecturer works with ICLC staff to supervise ICLC students in the provision of legal assistance. This can include attending court for litigation purposes and drafting various documents for clients, including for client’s legal matters with respect to a number of areas of law, including cases involving civil, family, administrative, Aboriginal law, and wills and estates. Supervision of criminal law files is not required.

QUALIFICATIONS

Applicants for the position should have experience litigating civil and family law matters within B.C. under the Civil Resolution Tribunal Act, Small Claims Act, Provincial Court Small Claim Rules, Family Law Act and Child, Family and Child, Family, and Community Services Act, be admitted or admissible to the Law Society of British Columbia, have no practice restrictions, and meet the Law Society of British Columbia’s criteria for the supervision of articling students. Applicants with experience practicing administrative, Aboriginal law, and/or wills and estates, in addition to civil and family law will be considered as highly desirable. In addition, they should have a strong academic record, experience or interest in teaching law students, and experience or interest in the principles of sound clinical education.

All applicants should be familiar with and sensitive to the special needs of the Indigenous community served by the ICLC. A preference will be given to candidates who have extensive knowledge of, and previous success working with, Indigenous communities and/or organizations. Compensation will depend on qualifications and experience. The anticipated start date for this position is 15 August 2019, for a one-year period, with the precise start date to be established through negotiation with the successful candidate.

WHO WE ARE

The Peter A. Allard School of Law, one of Canada’s leading law schools, is committed to excellence in legal education and research. As part of an outstanding public university, situated on traditional, ancestral and unceded Musqueam lands in one of the most open, diverse and beautiful places in the world, we offer an inspiring environment that combines rigorous professional legal education with an awareness of the role of law in society and a commitment to the rule of law and access to justice. Further information about the Allard School of Law can be found at: http://www.allard.ubc.ca.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

Applicants should submit electronically: a cover letter summarizing qualifications and interest in the position; a detailed curriculum vitae; the names of three references; and, teaching evaluations (if available), by August 5, 2019, to receive fullest consideration. The committee will be reviewing applications as they arrive; early applications are encouraged. Applications should be submitted to:

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For further information on the position or the Indigenous Community Legal Clinic, please contact Allard Law's Director of Experiential Learning, Nikos Harris at nharris@allard.ubc.ca.

The University of British Columbia hires on the basis of merit and is committed to employment equity. The Allard School of Law is strongly committed to diversity within its community and especially welcomes applications from visible minority group members, women, Aboriginal persons, persons with disabilities, members of sexual minority groups, and others who may contribute to further diversification of ideas. All qualified candidates are encouraged to apply; however, Canadians and permanent residents will be given priority.