The Peter A. Allard School of Law at the University of British Columbia seeks applicants for a Law Clinic Professor (Adjunct Professor) for its Indigenous Community Legal Clinic (ICLC).

THE INDIGENOUS COMMUNITY LEGAL CLINIC

The Indigenous Community Legal Clinic, Peter A. Allard School of Law has served Allard Law’s students and the community for over twenty 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 access to legal services. The ICLC seeks to provide comprehensive legal services, including cases involving criminal, civil, family, administrative, and Aboriginal law.

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, two full-time Legal Assistants, and the Associate Director of the Indigenous Legal Studies Program.

THE POSITION

The Law Clinic Professor would fill the role of part-time supervising family lawyer of the ICLC, with primary duties to provide legal services to qualified Indigenous persons and supervise students to offer assistance to those persons. These duties are carried out under the direction of the ICLC’s Academic Director and Legal Services Director.

The Law Clinic Professor is responsible to train, supervise, and provide litigation support to student clinicians, including direct supervision on files and courtroom litigation, and 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 Law Clinic Professor 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 pleadings for client’s legal matters with respect to the Family Law Act and Child, Family, and Community Services Act, and other matters dealing with family law and as permitted by the Law Society of B.C.

QUALIFICATIONS

Applicants for the position should have experience litigating family law matters within B.C. under the 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. 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 and rank will depend on qualifications and experience. The anticipated start date for this position is April 15, 2018 for a one-year period subject to renewal, 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 April 1, 2018 to receive fullest consideration. Applications should be submitted to:

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For further information, please contact Patricia Barkaskas, Academic Director ICLC at barkaskas@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.