

Director of Clinical Education and Experiential Learning

UMass Law is committed to graduating justice-centered lawyers prepared to practice responsibly and creatively. The School already has a well-developed skills and practice curriculum, including three semesters of Legal Skills and two required upper division practice courses, including a vibrant internship/externship program and a number of different practicum and coordinated placement options. The Law School's two in-house clinics – Immigration and Community Development -- were developed to meet critical needs in the surrounding community. Our strong relationship with local legal services offices has permitted us to offer rich educational opportunities through external clinics, focused on general legal services work and serving the needs of the Mashpee-Wampanoag community on the Cape. Because the Law School requires 30 hours of pro bono service of every student and because almost a quarter of each incoming class is admitted into our Public Interest Law Fellowship program, there is much energy for using the law to increase access to justice and to improving the quality of justice. Because UMass Law is dedicated to creating access to legal education to groups underrepresented in the profession, our student body has a contextualized appreciation for the disparities in access to justice, the difference the law can make, and the importance of understanding how the law operates in the real world for real people.

The Director of Clinical Education and Experiential Learning will play a central role in helping us to coordinate, sequence, and integrate these opportunities to build a new model of experiential education that is integrated, sequenced, and fiscally compatible with our mission of creating access to legal education. As the only public law school in Massachusetts, UMass Law is poised to become a leader in stewarding justice in the state, and the Director of Clinical Education and Experiential Learning will be an integral player of that growth.

The Director of Clinical Education and Experiential Learning is responsible for the administration, budget and management of in-house clinical education programs and of externship programs at the Law School. The Director will supervise and oversee the development of new internship programs, increase judicial internship opportunities and institute programs for summer and/or semesters in practice. The Director will expand and provide coordinated leadership for all of the Law School's work-integrated learning experiences including opportunities for every student to participate in clinics and externships, as well as in competitions and mandatory pro bono activities and in simulation courses in lawyering and dispute resolution skills.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS: Juris Doctorate. Licensed in Massachusetts, or must become licensed in Massachusetts within one year of hire.

EXPERIENCE:

Minimum of 5 years' combined law practice and law clinic experience.
Minimum of 3 years' experience in law clinical education.

OTHER:

Strong commitment to social justice.
Ability to articulate and communicate the vision of the Law School's clinical program within the Law School, to the Massachusetts and national legal communities, and to the broader educational community.

KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS & ABILITIES REQUIRED:

Excellent interpersonal, communication, and collaboration skills.
Significant experience with and ability to relate to a diverse law school community.
Strong leadership, program planning and organizational skills.
Demonstrated problem solving, conflict resolution, crisis management skills.

PREFERRED QUALIFICATIONS:

Commitment to explore new models of experiential education.
Commitment to expand clinic/experiential offerings in criminal, juvenile, and education law.
Well-established scholarship record and agenda.

To apply please submit a letter of interest, current resume at www.umassd.edu/hr.

The review of applications will begin September 1 and continue until the position is filled. The Appointments Committee will be interviewing candidates at the AALS Recruitment Conference and on campus. If you will be at the conference on October 17-19, please note your availability.

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