Clinical Faculty Appointment: Director of the International Human Rights Clinic

Stanford Law School invites applications for the position on its clinical faculty of Director of its International Human Rights Clinic (IHRC). The appointment will begin in the 2022-2023 academic year.

The IHRC is one of ten clinical programs making up the Mills Legal Clinic at Stanford Law School. The IHRC will provide students opportunities to work as lawyers, on behalf of the clinic’s clients, on human rights projects such as investigation, advocacy, and litigation. We anticipate that the IHRC’s work will mirror the approach of practicing human rights attorneys, employ a range of lawyering methods, and reflect a thoughtful engagement with best practices of international human rights lawyering.

The IHRC Director will have the opportunity to develop a vision for the direction of the clinic, and the particular matters to be handled by the IHRC will be determined by the Clinic Director. Decisions about the overall direction of the IHRC’s work will be made in consultation with the Law School’s Director of Clinical Education and the Law School’s clinical faculty.

All of the clinics at Stanford Law School operate on a full-time basis, with the expectation that each clinic is offered full-time in two out of three quarters that make up the academic year. Students enrolled in the IHRC (typically 8-10 students) will devote a full quarter (approximately 12 weeks) to the work of the Clinic on a full-time basis (i.e., enrolled in no other classes). At the director’s discretion, some students may continue on as Advanced Clinic students, depending on the circumstances.

Duties of the Director of the IHRC include:

- Developing the clinic’s operating plan;
- Directly supervising Stanford law students;
- Identifying and developing clients;
- Managing all projects and clients;
- Developing the curriculum for the IHRC;
- Hiring, supervising and collaborating with a Clinical Supervising Attorney;
- Supervising and collaborating with Clinic support staff;
• Teaching the clinical seminar during the two quarters each academic year that the clinic is working with sets of new students;
• Collaborating with clinical and other faculty at the Law School;
• Attending conferences and interacting with faculty at other institutions;
• Participating in faculty governance at the Law School (depending on the status of the appointment, as discussed below);
• Participating with other clinical faculty in the governance of the Mills Legal Clinic; and
• Acting as liaison with the public and the Law School community.

We expect that the appointment as Director of the IHRC will be accompanied, depending on experience, by either an appointment as a Professor of Law within the Law School’s clinical-tenure structure or by an appointment on track to clinical tenure.

We seek candidates with the following qualifications:

• Distinguished practice experience for at least five years as an international human rights lawyer;
• Demonstrated excellence in clinical teaching (or the supervision of law students) or demonstrated potential for such excellence in teaching or supervision;
• Strong commitment to clinical education;
• An academic record that demonstrates the capacity to be an active participant in the Law School’s academic community as well as the international human rights and clinical education communities;
• Membership in the California State Bar, or a willingness to take the examination necessary for admission as soon as possible (prior to supervision of students);
• Excellent writing and analytic skills;
• Experience and ability to direct complex projects;
• Ability to work in a self-directed and entrepreneurial environment; and
• A track record of working well in a collegial environment.

Interested applicants should send a cover letter and resume (with at least three references) to Jayashri Srikantiah, Associate Dean of Clinical Education, Stanford Law School, via the following email address: millsclinic@law.stanford.edu.

Applications will be accepted until the position is filled but applicants are strongly encouraged to submit their materials by December 3, 2021.

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