

Patent Clinic Adjunct Job Description / Hiring Announcement

Texas A&M University School of Law seeks applicants for an adjunct professor faculty position to supervise the work of law students in our Patent Clinic for the 2019-2020 academic year. This is a part-time, contract position. Applicants will be considered until the position is filled, but it is preferred that applications be submitted by April 15, 2019.

Adjunct professors in the Patent Clinic work directly with students to represent clients interested in securing patent protection for simple mechanical inventions. Patent Clinic students interview and counsel clients, conduct prior art searches, draft descriptions and claims, facilitate the development of drawings, and respond to any office actions. Our adjunct professors provide guidance to students, attend client meetings, review and provide feedback on work product, and help students reflect on and improve their performance. A companion seminar class is taught by a full-time faculty member that adjunct professors are welcome to attend. Our clinical offices occupy a floor in the Star-Telegram building at 7th and Throckmorton in downtown Fort Worth. Parking is provided.

Students participate in the Patent Clinic during the fall, spring terms (from August – December and January – May, respectively). In between terms, our adjunct professors monitor applications and address issues that were not or will not be addressed during a regular term. A typical workload involves 2-6 students and the same number of applications.

Successful applicants will:

- Be a registered patent practitioner in active status and good standing with the USPTO;
- Possess at least 3 years of experience prosecuting patent applications before the USPTO within the last 5 years;
- Have a J.D. from an ABA-accredited law school;
- Have excellent analytical and writing skills; and
- Demonstrate an aptitude for working with students.

The Texas A&M System is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action/Veterans/Disability Employer committed to diversity. The School of Law welcomes applications from a broad spectrum of qualified individuals who will enhance the rich diversity of its academic community and is committed to providing equal opportunity to all employees, students, applicants for employment or admission, and the public, regardless of race, color, sex, religion, national origin, age, disability, genetic information, veteran status, sexual orientation, or gender identity.

Applicants may email a résumé and cover letter to Luz Herrera, at herrera@law.tamu.edu, or at Texas A&M University School of Law, 1515 Commerce Street, Fort Worth, Texas 76102-6509. Alternatively, applicants who are current employees of Texas A&M may submit their materials online at <https://jobs.tamu.edu/internal-applicants/>.