



UNIVERSITY OF LEEDS

CANDIDATE BRIEF

Associate Professor in Business Law

School of Law, Faculty of Social Sciences



Salary: Grade 9 (£54,421 - £63,059 p.a.)

Reference: ESLLW1191

Closing date: 8 May 2023

This role will be based on the university campus with scope for it to be undertaken in a hybrid manner. We are also open to discussing flexible working arrangements.

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Are you an outstanding individual with passion and enthusiasm about your research and teaching in the field of business law? Do you have the ambition to contribute to the further development of the School's Centre for Business Law and Practice? Do you want to be part of a thriving law school in a Russell Group University? Are you passionate about delivering world-leading research and an exceptional student experience?

The School of Law at Leeds is a successful, dynamic law school, which was ranked 4th overall in the UK for the quality of its research in REF 2021 and 1st for the impact of its research on society. We are seeking to appoint a high calibre individual with a strong research and teaching profile to complement our existing research strengths. The successful candidate will contribute to the national and international profile and standing of the School's Centre for Business Law and Practice.

The post is open to those with expertise in the field of business law broadly conceived, and we particularly welcome applicants with expertise in banking, corporate and financial law.

As a research active academic, you will be expected to maintain a strong research and publication record, and to enhance the School's research activities and research culture. You will deliver undergraduate and taught postgraduate modules in appropriate subject areas, as well as supervising dissertations and PhD candidates. You will also be expected to undertake a normal load of administrative duties within the School and work within the context of University values and policies, which are designed to promote dignity, diversity and inclusiveness.

The appointment offers considerable potential for personal initiative and fulfilment through work within a centre of research excellence and a growing law school.

With a first degree and a doctorate in law or relevant allied discipline, you will have a clear research agenda and a sustained track record of research outputs as a single or main author of refereed publications of internationally excellent quality.



What does the role entail?

As an Associate Professor in Business Law your main duties will include:

- Pursuing, leading and developing the strategic direction of research, innovation and impact at an appropriately benchmarked level, attracting research income on an individual and collaborative basis to underpin high quality research activity and programmes/projects;
- Being recognised as an authority in your field, developing and maintaining an external profile as appropriate to the discipline;
- Maintaining a high-quality record of regular and original research publications that are of nationally and internationally standing;
- Promoting the integration of your own research area with other research interests within and, as appropriate, outside the School, Faculty and University;
- Providing high quality postgraduate supervision and attracting research students to the University, and to supervise other students as appropriate;
- Undertaking research-led teaching at different levels on undergraduate and/or postgraduate taught courses, regularly collecting, and responding to, student feedback as well as being involved in the assessment of course work and examinations;
- Playing a significant role in the design, development, planning and review of modules and programmes within the subject area as required;
- Contributing significantly to the overall work of the University representing the School and Faculty on appropriate committees and groups;
- Contributing effectively to the management and administrative processes of the School, Faculty and University;
- Managing or leading major initiatives or areas of work (as either sustained or one-off projects) which facilitate School, Faculty or University performance or business;
- Being involved in the recruitment, management and development of staff and act as a mentor to more junior colleagues;
- Providing academic support for the Head of School and Faculty.

These duties provide a framework for the role and should not be regarded as a definitive list. Other reasonable duties may be required consistent with the grade of the post.

What will you bring to the role?



As an Associate Professor in Business Law you will have:

- A first degree and a doctorate in law or relevant allied discipline (this includes work to be submitted for assessment within 3 months);
- A clear research agenda that enhances and contributes to growing the national and international profile and standing of the School's Centre for Business Law and Practice;
- An international reputation, including a successful record of obtaining external research funding with the potential for obtaining further funding in the future;
- A sustained track record of research outputs as a single or main author of refereed publications of internationally excellent quality;
- An ability and willingness to contribute to teaching in one or more of the compulsory /core LLB subjects;
- Significant experience of teaching effectively at all levels within higher education, including module and programme design, review and development;
- Experience of supervising taught undergraduate or postgraduate students;
- Outstanding communication, team working, networking and profile-raising skills to operate effectively within the role; including experience of collaboration on cross-disciplinary projects;
- Proven ability to provide academic leadership, including managing resources and/or staff;
- Evidence of the ability to build trust to ensure engagement and commitment, and to treat staff fairly, with respect and dignity.

You may also have:

- Experience of supervising research students;
- Ability to build partnerships with industrial, professional and public sector organisations on interdisciplinary collaboration, knowledge exchange and funding.

How to apply

You can apply for this role online; more guidance can be found on our [How to Apply](#) information page. Applications should be submitted by **23.59** (UK time) on the advertised closing date.



Contact information

To explore the post further or for any queries you may have, please contact:

Professor Louise Ellison, Head of School

Email: l.e.ellison@leeds.ac.uk

Additional information

You will be responsible to the Dean of Faculty and report to the Head of School.

Find out more about our [School of Law](#).

Find out more about the [Faculty of Social Sciences](#).

Working at Leeds

We are a campus based community and regular interaction with campus is an expectation of all roles in line with academic and service needs and the requirements of the role. We are also open to discussing flexible working arrangements. To find out more about the benefits of working at the University and what it is like to live and work in the Leeds area visit our [Working at Leeds](#) information page.

Our University

As an international research-intensive university, we welcome students and staff from all walks of life and from across the world. We foster an inclusive environment where all can flourish and prosper, and we are proud of our strong commitment to student education. Within the School of Law we are dedicated to diversifying our community and we welcome the unique contributions that individuals can bring, and particularly encourage applications from, but not limited to Black, Asian, people who belong to a minority ethnic community; people who identify as LGBT+; and disabled people. We have identified that women and people who belong to a minority ethnic community are currently underrepresented in this role and particularly welcome applications. Candidates will always be selected based on merit and ability.

Information for disabled candidates



Information for disabled candidates, or candidates with impairments or health conditions, including requesting alternative formats, can be found on our [Accessibility](#) information page or by getting in touch with us at hr@leeds.ac.uk.

Criminal record information

Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974

A criminal record check is not required for this position. However, all applicants will be required to declare if they have any 'unspent' criminal offences, including those pending.

Any offer of appointment will be in accordance with our Criminal Records policy. You can find out more about required checks and declarations in our [Criminal Records](#) information page.

