

# Job Vacancy Junior Attorney

Applications are invited from suitably qualified persons for the post of **Junior Attorney** at the Eugene Dupuch Law School, Legal Aid Clinic, Nassau, The Bahamas. The Eugene Dupuch Law School is a regional institution that is administered by the Council of Legal Education.

The Junior Attorney will perform the duties of a full-time Attorney-at-law in the Legal Aid Clinic (LAC), including representing clients of the LAC before all Courts and Tribunals in The Bahamas.

### MINIMUM EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE

- Bachelor of Laws degree.
- The Legal Education Certificate or equivalent.
- Attorney-at law with at least one (1) year practical and professional experience in civil and criminal litigation and in good standing at The Bahamas Bar.
- Knowledge of at least five (5) of the following areas:
  - a) Criminal Law
  - b) Contract Law
  - c) Family Law
  - d) Tort
  - e) Trust and Equity
  - f) Personal Injury
  - g) Probate
  - h) Land Law
  - i) Law of Conveyancing
  - j) Real Property Law

#### Knowledge

- 1. Practical knowledge of the law and various legal systems.
- 2. Sound knowledge of laws of the Commonwealth Caribbean with specialization in any of the courses mandated by the CLE Professional Law School Regulations.
- 3. Sound knowledge of the operations of a law firm.

#### Skills

- 1. Demonstrated computer literacy and proficiency in the use of Microsoft Office Suite with an emphasis on Word, Outlook, Power Point and SharePoint.
- 2. Proficient in the use of legal databases such as Lexis Nexis. and ICT technologies to support the practice of law.
- 3. Excellent communication (oral and written) and presentation skills. An adept communicator and public speaker.
- 4. Excellent negotiation skills and a quick thinker.
- 5. Excellent and demonstrated leadership and supervisory skills.
- 6. Excellent analytical, problem solving, and decision-making skills
- 7. Excellent interpersonal skills, with the ability to relate effectively to persons at all levels.
- 8. Very good customer service skills in order to anticipate the needs of others and handle requests proactively and effectively.
- 9. Good conflict management skills.
- 10. Strong organisational skills in order to manage priorities in a dynamic and fast-paced environment and meet deadlines.
- 11. Ability to facilitate seminars.
- 12. Ability to collaborate and network to help drive the mission of the institution.

13. Ability to work independently as well as within teams.

#### **Attitudes**

- 1. Exercises a very high level of confidentiality at all times.
- 2. Exercises diplomacy and tact in general and specifically when dealing with clients of the LAC.
- 3. Courteous and sensitive to the needs of clients.
- 4. Has a professional demeanour.
- 5. Is willing to support the operationalisation of the strategic priorities of the institution.
- 6. Pays keen attention to detail and accuracy in work.

#### **Technical**

- 1. Performs the duties of a full-time attorney-at-law at the Legal Aid Clinic including representing clients in court in accord with professional best practices.
- 2. Contributes to the development of legal resources for faculty and students including, templates, and legal information.
- 3. Contributes to the institutional life of the Law School, the legal profession, and public affairs.
- 4. Attends external seminars, conferences, and other continuing education events.

### **Supervisory**

- 1. Contributes to the development of the organizational strategy of the Clinic, networks with strategic partners and undertake activities to raise the Clinic's profile.
- 2. Assists the Director generally with the administration of the Clinic's practice.
- 3. Assists with the creation of policies for institutional development in keeping with the LAC's Operational Plan.
- 4. Participates in public outreach initiatives of the LAC.
- 5. Supervises all Clinic staff in the absence of the Director and Tutor.
- 6. May deputize for the Director and Tutor in their absence.

## **Professional**

- 1. Identifies or discusses and commits to professional development opportunities.
- 2. Participates positively in performance management conversations and experiences.
- 3. Maintains professional conduct based on the EDLS' core values, policies, and procedures.
- 4. Promotes healthy working relationships with co-workers and external stakeholders.

#### Other duties

- 1. Attends and supports meetings and official events of the Law School.
- 2. Performs other job-related duties that may be required to support the strategies of the department's Operational Plan or as assigned by the Director.

### **Reporting Relationships**

Reports directly to the Director, Legal Aid Clinic.

#### **The Application**

A letter of application, curriculum vitae and supporting documents, a police certificate of good character, and signed references from three (3) referees should be emailed to HR@edls.edu.bs.

The Eugene Dupuch Law School recognises the time and effort it takes to apply for a position and thanks all applicants for their interest. However, only short-listed applications will be acknowledged.