Search for joint faculty hire in international human rights law and institutions

Duke University’s Law School and Kenan Institute for Ethics (KIE) seek to jointly appoint a clinical professor or professor of the practice (open with regard to tenure status and rank) in the field of international human rights law, policy, and institutions beginning in the Fall 2012. The position advances the University’s increasing global presence and emphasis on interdisciplinary scholarship. The person appointed to the position will be expected to engage in teaching, research, and outreach relating to international human rights law, ethics, and policy.

The appointment offers a unique opportunity to develop curricular offerings in law, policy and ethics, and to contribute to interdisciplinary scholarship in the context of a university that has deep faculty, student and institutional engagement in human rights and international law. The precise contours of the position, including resources and institutional support, will be tailored to the strengths and interests of the successful applicant. In addition to a strong record of, or demonstrated potential for, clinical teaching, scholarship, and practical engagement in international human rights law and policy, the ideal candidate will have experience developing effective programs that leverage existing resources and integrate trans-university programs.

Teaching obligations will include developing and supervising international experiential education opportunities for Duke Law students and teaching in KIE’s Ethics Certificate and Program on Civic and Global Ethics. The position may also involve developing curricular offerings that blend professional students and undergraduates in vertically integrated teams. The courses offered may include an international human rights clinic, one or more carefully structured externship courses, as well as one or more doctrinal courses that could either be integrated with the clinic and externship courses or be independent of them. It is expected that the faculty member will be responsible for teaching in both the Law and KIE programs and that the courses will, to the greatest extent possible, be open to students in both units of the university.

Research and outreach activities will operate at the intersection of legal scholarship and liberal arts education and may include scholarship that captures pedagogy relating to practice. We seek a faculty member who will critically examine topics such as expansive and limited conceptions of rights and who will engage proponents and critics of competing governance regimes. Research outputs may include some or all of the following: books, articles, policy papers and reports, institutional consultations, conferences, and training for government officials, NGOs, and scholars.

Duke University is an equal opportunity/affirmative action employer. Persons of color and women are encouraged to apply.

** Send a cover letter describing your interest in the position as well as an up-to-date curriculum vitae to:

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Applicants are encouraged to submit their materials via email to Erin Daniel at daniel@law.duke.edu.

All applications must be received no later than midnight on Monday October 31, 2011.