



**Academic Title:** Visiting Associate Professor of Clinical Law

**Administrative Title:** Intellectual Property & Technology Law Clinic Director

**Rank:** Visiting Professor

**Discipline:** Law

**Contract Type:** Visiting, Renewable Appointment

**Proposed Start Date:** 04/1/2022

**Full-Time/Part-Time:** Full-Time

**Position Description Summary:** The George Washington University Law School seeks a Visiting Associate Professor of Clinical Law to direct, launch, teach, and supervise the Intellectual Property and Technology Law Clinic (“Clinic”). The Clinic will be the newest clinical program in the [George Washington University Law Schools Jacob Burns Community Legal Clinics](#). In the new Clinic, students will practice as intellectual property law counsel on behalf of individual inventors, entrepreneurs, authors, artists, and other clients needing IP legal assistance who would not otherwise be able to afford counsel. Students will learn to navigate the patent and trademark prosecution systems, the copyright registration process, and will also gain experience representing clients in copyright proceedings before the recently created Copyright Claims Board. The Clinic Director will manage a team that will likely include a clinical fellow and several part-time supervisors who are registered to practice before the USPTO.

This 2-year position will begin as soon as possible.

**Specific Duties and Responsibilities:** The Clinic Director will develop the curriculum and oversee certification by the appropriate administrative bodies. When the Clinic begins enrolling students in academic year 2022-2023, the Clinic Director will teach the Clinic seminar class, supervise students in their legal work, and oversee case work supervised by part-time faculty. In the summers and between semesters, the Clinic Director will be responsible for handling any pending legal matters either individually or in conjunction with the part-time supervisors.

**Minimum Qualifications:** Applicants must possess a J.D. degree from an ABA-accredited law school or an equivalent degree and have relevant experience. Applicants must have an outstanding academic record, excellent legal research and writing skills, and prior experience practicing and/or teaching IP law. Applicants must have three or more years of practice experience in at least one area of intellectual property law. Experience in all intellectual property subject areas (copyright, patent, and trademark) is not required or expected. Applicants must be active Bar members in good standing of at least one U.S. state, and must be willing and able to gain [admission to the Bar of the District of Columbia](#).

**Advertised Salary:** Salary will be commensurate with experience.

**Special Instructions to Applicants:** To apply, please submit a single Word or PDF document containing a cover letter, curriculum vitae, and lists of references to [clinicadmin@law.gwu.edu](mailto:clinicadmin@law.gwu.edu). Letters should not only summarize your qualifications but should address your specific interest in directing the Clinic, including any relevant interest in and/or experience in teaching the broad range of legal skills and doctrine that are a central part of the curriculum, as well as your intellectual property law practice experience. If an applicant has a USPTO registration number, or has practiced patent or trademark law before the USPTO, they may wish to indicate this in their application. Please address any questions to Associate Dean Laurie Kohn at [clinicadmin@law.gwu.edu](mailto:clinicadmin@law.gwu.edu). Review of applications will begin February 25, 2022, and continue until the positions are filled. Only complete applications submitted either through email or GW's online system will be considered.

**Open Until Filled:** Yes.

**Background Screening:** Successful completion of a background screening will be required as a condition of hire.

**EEO Statement:** The University and the Law School have a strong commitment to achieving diversity among faculty and staff. We are particularly interested in receiving applications from members of underrepresented groups and strongly encourage women, persons of color, and LGBTQ candidates to apply for these positions. The University is an Equal Employment Opportunity/Affirmative Action employer that does not unlawfully discriminate in any of its programs or activities on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, disability, veteran status, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, or on any other basis prohibited by applicable law.

**Applicant Documents (Required Documents)**

- 1) Cover Letter
- 2) Curriculum Vita
- 3) Contact Information for References