POSITION: Tenured or Tenure-Track Director of the Center for Excellence in Advocacy

Stetson University College of Law is seeking a visionary leader to be the next Director of the Center for Excellence in Advocacy. The Center is the hub for Stetson’s advocacy programs, bringing together all aspects of Stetson’s advocacy community. The successful candidate will direct the Center, foster academic excellence and innovation throughout the Center, and maintain our national reputation for excellence in advocacy training and teaching. The successful candidate will be someone who can create a cooperative and synergistic working environment between the College of Law’s various advocacy programs.

The candidate must articulate a vision for the Center that incorporates both contemporary trends in advocacy education and training and an understanding of where advocacy education is moving. The ideal candidate should demonstrate effective, collaborative leadership, possess excellent communication and teaching skills, practice solid fiscal responsibility and management, and possess a record of scholarly and/or professional achievement and contribution. The ability to make active and original contributions to the College of Law’s mission is essential. Finally, the candidate should understand the Center’s relationship to the College of Law, the greater university, and the national advocacy community.

QUALIFICATIONS:

- J.D. from an ABA-accredited law school.
- At least five years of experience in the practice of law. Strong litigation experience preferred.
- A current bar license in at least one state.
- Demonstrated ability or potential to pursue a scholarly agenda and engage in professional service to meet University tenure and promotion requirements.
- Familiarity with, and active participation in, the advocacy communities nationwide.
- Demonstrate strong written and oral communication, marketing, interpersonal, organizational, analytical, assessment, and administrative skills.
- Demonstrate a high degree of professionalism and discretion.
- Demonstrate a willingness to design and implement innovative programs and services.
- Success working closely and collaboratively with a diverse student body, faculty, staff, and alumni.

RESPONSIBILITIES:

This position reports directly to the Dean of the College of Law and the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs on curriculum matters. The Director will be expected to:

- Oversee the academic programs of the Center, within both the J.D. and LL.M in Advocacy curriculums, advising the Associate Dean, Registrar’s Office, and Curriculum Committee on skills-related courses affecting our advocacy reputation.
  - Examples within the J.D. Curriculum include:
O Teach in advocacy-related subjects including, but not limited, to Tethered Evidence, Trial Advocacy, and Professional Responsibility;
O Develop additional skills courses;
O Conduct yearly trainings for adjunct professors in Trial Advocacy;
O Oversee the Advocacy Concentration; and
O Design and develop the Oxford Comparative Advocacy Program in conjunction with the Director of International Programs.

- Examples within the Advocacy LL.M. Curriculum include:
  O Teach in the LL.M. Program;
  O Manage and develop the program’s curriculum;
  O Recruit and train LL.M. professors; and
  O Work directly with the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs on LL.M. student issues.

- Oversee and support the advocacy competition boards (Trial Team, Moot Court, and Dispute Resolution). Primary management of these boards is left to the faculty advisors for each of the boards—all of whom are fellow faculty members.
- Act as the Stetson representative to the National Trial Advocacy Community.
- Oversee strategic planning and implementation of programs designed to further the Center’s mission. Examples include:
  - EATS—Educating Advocates: Teaching Advocacy Skills;
  - TAT—Teacher Advocacy Training;
  - ARC—Advocacy Resource Center;
  - Additional CLE programs; and
  - Host the National Pretrial Competition and other competitions as requested by national organizations and determined by the Director to further Stetson’s mission.

- Supervise Assistant Director (attorney staff position); Center Coordinator; and Center Fellows (students).
- Work with Alumni Relations to engage the alumni of the advocacy boards.
- Work with Communications to market the advocacy programs at Stetson.

THE CENTER FOR EXCELLENCE IN ADVOCACY:

Stetson created the Center for Excellence in Advocacy in 1999 to be a central part of the Stetson Community, recognizing Stetson’s long-standing prominence in trial team and moot court competitions. Since then, the Center has grown and matured to reflect the evolving nature of the provision of skills training in legal education. The Center operates to create, foster, and assist advocacy training through various means such as innovative simulation-based training, competition teams, pro bono opportunities, and social justice projects. The Center seeks to engage students in a variety of opportunities to help them find their own voices as advocates.

THE UNIVERSITY:
Founded in 1900 as Florida’s first law school, Stetson University College of Law has educated outstanding lawyers, judges and other leaders for more than 100 years. Stetson is ranked #1 in trial advocacy and #3 in legal writing by U.S. News & World Report.

In 1954, the College moved from Stetson’s main campus in DeLand to Gulfport, nestled in the Tampa Bay region, one of the 25 largest metropolitan areas in the United States. The College of Law opened a satellite campus in downtown Tampa in 2004. Stetson is fully accredited by the American Bar Association and has been a member of the Association of American Law Schools since 1931. The law school is a part of Stetson University, with a College of Arts and Sciences, School of Business Administration, and School of Music in DeLand, and a university satellite center in Celebration.

**SALARY:** Salary is competitive, commensurate with skill and experience.

**STARTING DATE:** July 2020

**APPLICATION:**

Please submit your cover letter, curriculum vitae, and contact information for your professional references to Roy Gardner and Marco Jimenez, Co-Chairs, Faculty Appointments Screening Committee. You may email your application to facultyappointments@law.stetson.edu. You may also apply through standard mail to Shannon Edgar, Stetson University College of Law, 1401 61st Street South, Gulfport, Florida 33707.

Review of applications will continue until position is filled. All correspondence will be held in strictest confidence.

*Stetson University is an Equal Opportunity Employer that affirms cultural diversity and inclusion as a core value of academic excellence at Stetson University. We are committed to achieving equal access in education, employment, and participation through the recruitment and retention of outstanding faculty, staff, and students from diverse backgrounds, and to meaningful academic and intellectual transformation in curriculum, research and service. We are dedicated to actions and policies that foster a community in which individuals with various identities, cultures, backgrounds, and viewpoints work together to create opportunities for engagement through rewarding and fulfilling careers and personal experiences in a culturally and racially diverse society and a globalized world. We strongly encourage members of historically under-represented and economically-disadvantaged groups and women to apply for employment. Stetson University is an EEO, ADA, ADEA, and GINA employer.*