

Position Description

August 16, 2018

Reference Librarian/Assistant Professor

The University of Tennessee College of Law, Joel A. Katz Law Library

Under the direction of the Head of Public Services, the Reference Librarian/Assistant Professor will participate in expanding and improving reference and research services offered to a broad array of patrons. This is a full-time Law Library faculty, tenure-track position with teaching, service, and publication responsibilities.

Responsibilities

- Provide extensive reference and research service to law faculty, students, and staff, as well as to the larger university, the legal profession, and the community.
- Teach in the Library's formal and informal research teaching programs, including introductory and advanced Legal Research classes, legal technology seminars, and voluntary non-credit legal research sessions.
- Serve as a library liaison to law faculty, administrators, and committees.
- Collaborate with other librarians to plan and conduct outreach initiatives that facilitate and enrich faculty, student, and attorney use of the Law Library.
- Take an active role in developing and implementing new initiatives to expand and improve services offered by the Law Library.
- Contribute to the development, implementation, and evaluation of Public Services policies, procedures, and publications.
- Participate in faculty governance and administration in the Library, the College of Law, and the University of Tennessee.
- Conduct scholarship, service, and professional activities at the local, regional, and national levels.
- Other responsibilities as assigned.

The Reference Librarian is a member of the Law Library faculty. As a collaborative group, this team shares governance of the Law Library with the Associate Dean for Library & Technology Services and assists with the development and implementation of library strategies, policies, and procedures for delivering services, providing legal information resources, and maintaining a welcoming environment in support of the mission and goals of the library and the College.

Required Qualifications

- Either (1) a Juris Doctorate degree from an ABA-accredited law school, or (2) foreign equivalent degree together with an LL.M degree from an ABA-accredited law school;
- An M.L.S. or equivalent degree from an A.L.A.-accredited library school;¹
- An aptitude for and interest in planning and conducting projects, and in working in a collaborative environment;

¹ All degrees noted in the Required Qualifications section must be in hand at the time of appointment.

- Demonstrated exceptional written and oral communication skills;
- Aptitude for and skill in digital resources used in libraries and legal education such as Microsoft Office suite, Westlaw, Lexis, and internet research;
- A commitment to excellence in scholarship and service;
- A strong work ethic, service orientation, and commitment to take initiative in expanding and improving library services and outreach.

Preferred Qualifications

- Experience working in a law library;
- Record of scholarship or professional service relevant to law librarianship;
- Experience with educational or legal technologies such as law firm automation, knowledge management, course management software, distance learning technology, or classroom response and evaluation systems.

Compensation: Salary is competitive and commensurate with experience, including a comprehensive benefits package.

Application: Email a résumé, cover letter, and the names of at least three references to Sibyl Marshall, search committee chair, sibyl@utk.edu. Review of applications will begin on September 10, 2018 and will continue until the position is filled. Applications received before October 6, 2018 will receive preference.

EEO/AA Statement /Non-Discrimination Statement

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