



**UNIVERSITY OF LEEDS**

## **CANDIDATE BRIEF**

**Lecturer in Commercial Law, Faculty of Social Sciences**



**Salary: Grade 7 (£33,199 – £39,609 p.a.) or Grade 8 (£40,792 – £48,677 p.a.)**

**Reference: ESLLW1120**

**Closing date: 31 July 2019**

**We will consider applications to work on a part-time, flexible and job share basis wherever possible.**



## **Lecturer in Commercial Law**

### **School of Law, Faculty of Social Sciences**

**Are you an outstanding individual with expertise in commercial law with the ambition to contribute to the further development of the School's Centre for Business Law and Practice? Do you want to be part of a thriving law school in a Russell Group University? Are you passionate about delivering world-leading research and an exceptional student experience?**

The School of Law at Leeds is a successful, collegial law school strongly committed to achieving excellence in both student education and research. We are looking to appoint to a commercial Lectureship, for someone who shares our commitment to collegiality and excellence in research and education.

Research excellence is an important part of what the School is about. We were ranked 8th overall in the UK for the quality of our research in REF 2014 and 4th for the impact of our research on society. We have continued to invest to strengthen further our research centres. We are equally proud of our results in the National Student Survey over the last few years and student education lies at the heart of all we do. We are seeking to appoint as colleagues, people with a strong research and teaching profile to complement our existing research strengths in corporate, commercial and banking law. The successful candidates will contribute to the national and international profile and standing of the Centre for Business Law and Practice which is one of the School's highly successful research centres.

The post is open to those with expertise in commercial law broadly conceived. Applications are particularly welcome from those who research and / or teach in the areas of commercial dispute resolution, the private law of international trade, contract management, tax and corporate law.

As a research active academic, you will be expected to maintain a strong research and publication record, and to enhance the School's research activities and research culture.

You will deliver undergraduate and taught postgraduate modules in appropriate subject areas, as well as supervising dissertations and PhD candidates. You will also be expected to undertake a normal load of administrative duties within the School and work within the context of University values and policies, which are designed to promote dignity, diversity and inclusiveness.



The appointment offers considerable potential for personal initiative and fulfilment through work within a centre of research excellence and a growing law school.

We particularly welcome female applicants and those from an ethnic minority, as they are under-represented within the School at this level. We will consider applications to work on a part-time, flexible and job share basis wherever possible.

**As part of your application, please could you submit copies of your three strongest publications? These should represent your best work in terms of originality, significance and rigour and both should be published since January 2014. One could be a draft that has been submitted or is close to submission.**

## **What does the role entail?**

As a Lecturer in commercial law (Grade 7) your main duties will include:

- Supporting and contributing to research, innovation and impact activities;
- Establishing a high quality record of regular and original research publications of internationally excellent quality;
- Being involved in attracting research income on an individual and collaborative basis, where appropriate and feasible, to underpin high quality research activity;
- Being involved in postgraduate supervision;
- Delivery of research-led teaching at different levels on undergraduate and postgraduate taught courses and taking part in other teaching activities, as appropriate, in accordance with the university's workload agreements;
- Contributing to the design, development and planning of modules and programmes;
- Being involved in the assessment of course work and examinations;
- Being involved in the review of modules and programmes and in quality assurance and enhancement;
- Contributing to the development of innovative approaches to school and faculty policy and procedure in learning and teaching;
- Contributing to the support and guidance of students, resolving issues and/or referring to specialist parties, where appropriate;
- Contributing to the administrative processes and committee structures of the school, faculty or university.



As a Lecturer in commercial law (Grade 8) your main duties will also include:

- Pursuing, developing and taking forward research, innovation and impact at national and international levels;
- Carrying out programmes of research;
- Promoting the integration of own research area with other research interests within and, as appropriate, outside the school and faculty;
- Attracting research income on an individual and collaborative basis, where appropriate and feasible, to underpin high quality research activity;
- Making a significant contribution to the design, development and planning of modules and programmes within the subject area;
- Having a significant involvement in the review of modules and programmes and in quality assurance and enhancement;
- Providing support and guidance to students, resolving issues and/or referring to specialist parties, where appropriate;
- Managing or leading major executive tasks (as either sustained or one-off projects) which facilitate school, faculty or university performance or business;
- Involvement in the recruitment, management and development of staff and acting as a mentor to more junior/less experienced colleagues.

These duties provide a framework for the role and should not be regarded as a definitive list. Other reasonable duties consistent with the grade of the post maybe required.

## **What will you bring to the role?**

As a Lecturer in commercial law (Grade 7) you will have:

- Either a first degree and a doctorate in Law or relevant allied discipline (this includes work submitted for assessment, but not yet examined) or a relevant postgraduate qualification in law or a cognate discipline or professional qualification or equivalent;
- A clear research agenda that enhances and contributes to growing the national and international profile and standing of the Centre for Business Law and Practice;
- Evidence of producing research outputs of internationally excellent quality, including single or main author of recent refereed publications;
- A proven record of teaching in a University or professional environment, with an enthusiastic approach to teaching and the ability to interact with students in ways that will enhance the student experience;
- An ability and willingness to contribute to teaching in commercial law;





- A high level of interpersonal and communication skills, including writing skills, and the ability to collaborate effectively with peers and inspire colleagues and students;
- Ability to contribute to management and administrative processes and structures, including managing resources and/or staff.

You may also have:

- Experience of securing external research funding and successfully completing funded research projects;
- Ability to contribute to and develop interdisciplinary collaborative research projects;
- Experience of contributing to the review and development of modules and/or programmes;
- Experience of supervising research students;
- Experience of developing teaching materials in undergraduate and/or postgraduate teaching;
- Experience of module management and review.

As a Lecturer in commercial law (Grade 8), in addition to the above, you will also have:

- A sustained track record of producing research outputs of internationally excellent quality, including single or main author of recent refereed publications;

You may also have:

- Experience of postgraduate teaching and research supervision.

## How to apply

You can apply for this role online; more guidance can be found on our [How to Apply](#) information page. Applications should be submitted by **23.59** (UK time) on the advertised closing date.

## Contact information

To explore the post further or for any queries you may have, please contact:

**Professor Alastair Mullis, Head of School**



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## Additional information

### About the job

You will be responsible to the Dean of Faculty and report to the Head of School.

Find out more about the [Faculty of Social Sciences](#).

Find out more about our [School of Law](#).

### Working at Leeds

Find out more about the benefits of working at the University and what it's like to live and work in the Leeds area on our [Working at Leeds](#) information page.

### Candidates with disabilities

Information for candidates with disabilities, impairments or health conditions, including requesting alternative formats, can be found on our [Accessibility](#) information page or by getting in touch with us at [disclosure@leeds.ac.uk](mailto:disclosure@leeds.ac.uk).

## Criminal record information

### Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974

A criminal record check is not required for this position. However, all applicants will be required to declare if they have any 'unspent' criminal offences, including those pending.

Any offer of appointment will be in accordance with our Criminal Records policy. You can find out more about required checks and declarations in our Criminal Records information page.

