



UNIVERSITY OF LEEDS

## CANDIDATE BRIEF

Lecturer in Intellectual Property Law,  
Faculty of Social Sciences, School of Law



**Salary: Grade 7 (£37,099 - £44,263 p.a.) or 8 (£45,585 - £54,395 p.a.)**

**Reference: ESLLW1211**

**Closing date: 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2024**

# Lecturer in Intellectual Property Law

## Faculty of Social Sciences, School of Law

**Are you an outstanding individual with the ambition to join a thriving law school and to contribute to the further development of the School and its research centres? Are you passionate about delivering world-leading research and an exceptional student experience?**

The School of Law at Leeds is a successful, dynamic law school, which was ranked 4th overall in the UK for the quality of its research in REF 2021 and 1st for the impact of its research on society. We are seeking to appoint high calibre individuals with a strong research and teaching profile to complement our existing research strengths. The successful candidate will contribute to the national and international profile and standing of the School's highly successful Centre for Business Law & Practice.

An ability to teach intellectual property law and one or more foundational subjects is essential and we particularly welcome applications from those with research and teaching interests also in corporate/commercial law (broadly conceived).

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. You will also supervise dissertations and PhD candidates. You will 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.

### **Main duties and responsibilities**

As a Lecturer in Intellectual Property Law (Grade 7) your main duties will include:

- Supporting and contributing to research, innovation and impact activities
- Maintaining 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
- Involvement in the assessment of course work and examinations
- Involvement 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 Intellectual Property 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
- Being involved in postgraduate supervision
- 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
- Developing innovative approaches to school and faculty policy and procedure in learning and teaching
- 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.

## Qualifications and skills

As a Lecturer in Intellectual Property Law (Grade 7) you will have:

- Either a first degree and a doctorate in Law or relevant allied discipline (this includes work within 3 months of submission for assessment, but not yet examined).
- A clear research agenda that enhances and contributes to growing the national and international profile and standing of one or more of the School's Research Centres;
- Ability to contribute to and develop interdisciplinary collaborative research projects;
- 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 one or more of the foundational LLB subjects;
- Experience of proactively developing new teaching approaches and materials including an awareness of the potential of current educational technological advances in learning and teaching;
- 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.
- The ability to support and foster diversity.



You may also have:

- Experience of securing external research funding and successfully completing funded 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 Intellectual Property Law (Grade 8) you will also have:

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

You may also have:

- An understanding of the policy and strategic issues currently affecting teaching in higher education;
- Experience of integrating equality and diversity into work with staff or students;
- Experience of postgraduate supervision;
- A record of successfully obtaining external funding.

### Contact information

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

**Professor Graham Dufield, Professor of International Governance**

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### Additional information

#### Working at Leeds

We are a campus based community and regular interaction with campus is an expectation of all roles in line with academic and service needs and the requirements of the role. We are also open to discussing flexible working arrangements. To find out more about the benefits of working at the University and what it is like to live and work in the Leeds area visit our [Working at Leeds](#) information page.



## **Our University**

As an international research-intensive university, we welcome students and staff from all walks of life. We foster an inclusive environment where all can flourish and prosper, and we are proud of our strong commitment to student education. Within the Faculty of Social Sciences we are dedicated to diversifying our community and we welcome the unique contributions that individuals can bring, and particularly encourage applications from, but not limited to Black, Asian, people who belong to a minority ethnic community; people who identify as LGBT+; and disabled people. Candidates will always be selected based on merit and ability.

## **Information for disabled candidates**

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

