HARVARD LAW SCHOOL invites applications for the full-time position of Visiting Clinical Professor or Visiting Assistant Clinical Professor, depending on level of experience, in the new Animal Law & Policy Clinic. This a term appointment for either one or two years, depending on the candidate’s preference. A successful visit will lead to consideration for a clinical faculty position.

The new Animal Law & Policy Clinic is part of the existing Harvard Animal Law & Policy Program (the “Program”), whose policy work has been cited in U.S. Congressional hearings and covered in major media outlets. The Clinic will benefit from and be able to take advantage of the experience and reputation of the Program and its personnel, and the Clinic and Program will work collaboratively toward shared goals. The Clinic will undertake work in the area of animal law and policy, both domestically and internationally. It will focus on high impact opportunities to improve the treatment of animals, which might include litigation, policy analysis, or applied academic research. The Clinic will enroll up to eight students per semester.

The Visiting Clinical Professor or Visiting Assistant Clinical Professor and Clinical Instructor will work in consultation with the Faculty Director of the Animal Law & Policy Program to determine the projects that the Clinic will undertake and strategies for their execution. Through a separate search process, we are also seeking to make an appointment of a Clinical Instructor for the Clinic.

Responsibilities will include supervision of the Clinical Instructor; development of proposals for clients, cases, and policy projects; the instruction of students; supervision of and responsibility for student casework; client communication; clinic administration; case management; and record keeping.

The Visiting Clinical Professor or Visiting Assistant Clinical Professor will meet regularly with other teaching staff to share information and strategies and will be expected to collaborate on and participate in initiatives of the entire Clinical Program, including orientation, trainings, and retreats. Through the 40 different programs that make up the HLS Clinical and Pro Bono Programs, students provide high-quality, free legal services to thousands of people each year and work on innovative law reform efforts across the United States and the world. The vast majority of HLS students enroll in at least one clinic. This large and diverse clinical legal education program will provide numerous opportunities for connection and collaboration.

During the summer recess, the Clinic will operate a summer program in which the Visiting
Professor and Clinical Instructor will supervise students. During periods of transition between the academic year and summer programs, the Visiting Professor and Clinical Instructor will be responsible for direct project handling.

Applicants must have a J.D. from an ABA-accredited law school, active membership in at least one state bar, a distinguished academic record, and a minimum of five years practice experience in animal law or a related field (such as food law, environmental law, labor law, administrative law, international law, or human rights) and in the training, teaching, or mentoring of junior lawyers or law students.

Applicants should also have excellent oral and written communication skills and excellent interpersonal skills, as well as creative problem-solving skills and the ability to take initiative and work independently. Applicants should be able to work effectively as both a team member and a team leader, and be willing to work with patience and flexibility within a law clinic. Applicants should have a commitment to pursuing excellence in all facets of their work.

Successful candidates also should be willing to potentially seek future admission to the Massachusetts bar.

To apply, please send a letter of interest, a resume, and a list of three or more references to Clinical Appointment Committee c/o Kristen Stilt, Professor of Law and Faculty Director of the Animal Law & Policy Program, at kstilt@law.harvard.edu, and copy Marina Apostol at mapostol@law.harvard.edu. Please write Visiting Clinical Professor Application in the subject line of the e-mail.

Applications will be reviewed immediately and will be accepted until the position is filled. Only those candidates selected for interviews will be contacted. Preferred start date is on or before July 1, 2019.

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