

THE CITY UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK (CUNY) SCHOOL OF LAW seeks applicants with a demonstrated commitment to our social justice mission for a tenured or tenure-track position to direct our groundbreaking International Women's Human Rights Law Clinic (IWHR) beginning in the Fall 2011 semester. IWHR is one of 10 programs in CUNY's renowned clinical program.

IWHR was founded to provide students with a direct experience of social change lawyering from a gender perspective. For 18 years it has provided legal support for women's human rights activists internationally and nationally using strategies informed by intersectional and multicultural gender critiques. Working from the ground up, IWHR and its interns have engaged in litigation and advocacy in many settings and earned the confidence of movement activists as well as the esteem of the United Nations, human rights experts, and non-governmental organizations. IWHR has made a significant mark through participation in UN negotiations, shadow-reporting, law-changing amicus briefs in international courts and national courts, and NGO Tribunals, in such areas as violence against women, reproductive and sexual rights, and economic and social rights. We envision the new director building upon this legacy, while bringing new vision and pedagogical skill to shape the future work of IWHR in response to evolving challenges and the needs of students and movement partners.

We seek a person who has both a track record in gender advocacy and a deep and creative understanding of the subordination of women, gender, and its intersections in diverse contexts. Our ideal candidate will have an established or developing national and international reputation amongst women's human rights and other human rights activists, including sexual rights activists, and a willingness to nurture relationships and engage in relevant consultations and meetings beyond the specific work of the Clinic. The candidate will have a history of working in movement, grassroots and activist contexts from client-centered and multicultural perspectives, with the ability to work effectively with both students and clients/partners. We also seek a person who thinks deeply about practice models and strategies that promote social justice and who will bring pedagogical insight to the shaping of the IWHR agenda, to enable interns to both build their legal skills and engage directly in various forms of advocacy. Finally, we seek a person who will work collaboratively with colleagues and participate in the design of programs to educate the next generation of public interest lawyers.

QUALIFICATIONS

A minimum of five years of post-law school work experience is required and ten years of such experience is preferred. Demonstrated background in gender studies and advocacy involving cutting-edge change lawyering and capacity to bring evolving vision to the program is required. Experience in client representation and collaboration with international and domestic partners before international bodies and/or in international and domestic courts is required. A commitment to innovative scholarship and engagement with the scholarly community surrounding women's international justice issues is required.

Clinical teaching or supervisory experience involving research, persuasive legal writing, social change lawyering as well as and litigation and advocacy skills are strongly preferred. Capacity to travel and to assist in grant writing to support the unique expenses involved in a clinic with an international focus is preferred. Capacity to further develop the infra-structure and funding of IWHR to enhance the opportunities for our students and experience with media and various forms of public education are preferred.

Please send resume and cover letter to:

Rosa Navarra
Coordinator of Faculty Recruitment
City University of New York School of Law at Queens College
65-21 Main Street
Flushing, NY 11367
Navarra@mail.law.cuny.edu