

## Candidate Information

<b>Position:</b>	Reader/Professor of Commercial Law
<b>School/Department:</b>	School of Law
<b>Reference:</b>	23/110646
<b>Closing Date:</b>	Monday 6 March 2023
<b>Salary:</b>	Commensurate with profile.
<b>Anticipated Interview Date:</b>	Wednesday 29 & Thursday 30 March 2023
<b>Duration:</b>	Permanent

### **JOB PURPOSE:**

The School of Law at Queen's University Belfast, is currently seeking to appoint an exceptional candidate to the post of Reader / Professor of Commercial Law.

You will be joining a vibrant community of scholars committed to making a difference to society through delivering excellence in research and teaching. The School is ranked 8th in the UK for Law in REF 2021, the UK wide assessment of research quality in universities with the highest possible rating for the impact of its research on society.

You will undertake research and provide research leadership in Commercial Law broadly conceived in line with the School's research strategy. You will teach at undergraduate and postgraduate level, particularly in the area of Commercial Law broadly conceived including, but not limited to, banking and finance law; corporate law including corporate finance; international sale of goods; private international law and arbitration; and you will contribute to School's administration/leadership activity.

### **MAJOR DUTIES:**

#### **Teaching:**

1. Provide high quality teaching in the area of Commercial Law within the School at both undergraduate and postgraduate levels (inclusive of LLM in International Commercial and Business Law).
2. Develop and teach courses or learning programmes for undergraduate and postgraduate students within the Law degree courses, having overall responsibility for their design and quality.
3. Provision of teaching within foundations of legal knowledge subjects as required.
4. Plan and review own teaching load and approach to teaching and coach others in doing the same.
5. Act as internal examiner for undergraduate and postgraduate students.

#### **Research:**

1. Develop and contribute to the research strategies of the School and maintain an international reputation as an expert in own subject area.
2. Sustain an extensive track record of published research findings in Commercial Law broadly conceived by publishing in refereed journals/ with leading publishers and presenting at national/international conferences.
3. Develop innovative research proposals and lead funding bids.
4. Direct, mentor and develop research staff, where appropriate.
5. Ensure that research projects are completed on time and within budget.
6. Act as referee and contribute to peer assessment of research.
7. Provide supervision of part-time and full-time research students.

#### **Administration/Contribution to the Community:**

1. Contribute significantly to the development and running of the School by taking on appropriate School leadership roles.
2. Act as mentor or appraiser to colleagues, including Teaching Assistants, advising on their personal development and ensuring that they are meeting the standards required.

3. Provide pastoral care for students within own area to ensure, as far as practicable, that relevant issues are dealt with in a timely, sympathetic and effective manner.
4. Promote the international reputation of the School and demonstrate disciplinary leadership nationally and internationally.

**ESSENTIAL CRITERIA:**

1. A first degree in Law or another qualification which includes subjects that equate to the Foundations of Legal Knowledge.
2. A PhD in Law or other relevant subject.
3. Reader - Sustained publication record of at least international excellence in the area of Commercial Law broadly conceived.
4. Reader - Record of securing external research funding as appropriate to subject area and/or demonstrable ability to secure the same.
5. Reader - Sustained record of dissemination, commensurate with stage of career, nationally and internationally.
6. Reader - Ability to strengthen the School's national and international research networks.
7. Chair/Professor - Sustained track record of publications of international and world-leading excellence in the area of Commercial Law broadly conceived.
8. Chair/Professor - Evidence of ability to plan and lead research activities of outstanding quality and national/international repute in in the area of Commercial Law broadly conceived
9. Chair/Professor - Record of securing external research funding as appropriate to subject area and advance the reputation of the School and the University.
10. Chair/Professor - Sustained record of dissemination, nationally and internationally which further develop an already sustained individual reputation in the subject area.
11. Chair/Professor - Ability to strengthen the School's national and international research networks.
12. Chair/Professor - Evidence of established and widely recognised excellence and reputation in the specialist subject area and among peers nationally and internationally.
13. Substantial experience of teaching and assessment at undergraduate and postgraduate level in Commercial Law broadly conceived such as, but not limited to, banking and finance law; corporate law including corporate finance; international sale of goods; private international law and arbitration.
14. Ability to contribute to the School's LLMs particularly the LLM in International Commercial and Business Law.
15. Ability to contribute to teaching within the foundations of legal knowledge subjects.
16. Demonstrate the ability to deliver excellent teaching.
17. Contribution to a wider range of administrative and leadership tasks at a more strategic level.
18. Willingness and ability to contribute to the management of the School in general at a level commensurate with the role.
19. Demonstrate evidence of ability to communicate complex information clearly and effectively.
20. Ability to provide effective leadership.
21. Evidence of good interpersonal skills and the ability to work both independently and as part of a team.

**DESIRABLE CRITERIA:**

1. Sustained contribution to Commercial Law academic community, evidenced by means of peer-reviews for specialist journals, membership of editorial boards of specialist journals, longstanding membership learned societies (or such sections of generalists learned societies).
2. Experience of leading externally-funded collaborative projects.
3. Experience of serving in major leadership roles in such as Director of Research Centre/Director of Education/ Director of Research.