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## Position Summary

Ranked 14th in the world, the UNSW Faculty of Law & Justice is a leader in progressive and rigorous legal education and research. Through the teaching, research and community outreach conducted by its three Schools (Private and Commercial Law; Global and Public Law; and Law, Society and Criminology), the Faculty promotes a holistic understanding of law and its role in society. It has a strong and unwavering commitment to social justice, technical excellence and inter-disciplinary research, informed by the knowledge that law is a vital part of commerce and government, but that it can and does bear harshly and disproportionately upon certain sectors of the community.

We are seeking to appoint an Associate Professor (Level D) or Professor (Level E) in Private Law, with primary expertise in contracts, as well as expertise in associated fields of private law, including equity and trusts.

The appointee will be responsible for taking a leading role in the School of Private and Commercial Law’s teaching programs, research, and engagement activities, and to carry out the duties expected of an Associate Professor/Professor in their field of expertise. The appointee is expected to develop and maintain a leading program of individual research, and to take a leading role in shaping the School’s research culture more generally. The appointee will also be expected to convene, teach and lead the ongoing development of one or more of the Faculty’s core LLB and JD courses, including Contracts, as well as contribute to the development of the Faculty’s private law courses in the LLB, JD and LLM programs.

The role of Associate Professor/Professor in Private Law reports to the Head of the School of Private and Commercial Law, and has no direct reports.

## Accountabilities

Specific accountabilities for this role include:

Level D

* Make leading, high quality research contributions that have a significant impact in private law, including creating a nationally and internationally recognised research track record
* Take on leadership roles in research in private law, collaborating with colleagues on research projects and seeking to obtain research income from nationally competitive research grants (and/or research fellowships) where appropriate, and seeking to strengthen the School and Faculty’s research culture
* Play a leading role in the supervision of HDR candidates, as well as actively engage in chairing and participating in HDR confirmation and review panels
* Contribute to the teaching excellence of the School and Faculty, including by: applying a well-defined teaching philosophy and a critically reflective teaching practice that inspires student learning; administering and co-ordinating courses, including multi-class courses; designing learning resources for, and preparing and delivering seminars to, undergraduate and postgraduate cohorts; setting assessment for, assessing and giving feedback to students; and supervising undergraduate and postgraduate research projects and theses
* Take a leading role in the development/design of innovative teaching and learning, including blended and online/digital approaches, and in curriculum development, and seek to identify and apply for education funding opportunities
* Engage in peer review to support the teaching of colleagues
* Make a substantial service contribution by leading School and Faculty committees, as required
* Make significant contributions to UNSW, the profession, and/or the discipline, including involvement in professional activities and other forms of external engagement
* Supervise and mentor early career academics
* Align with and actively demonstrate the [UNSW Values in Action: Our Behaviours](https://unsw.sharepoint.com/sites/values-in-action) and the [UNSW Code of Conduct](https://www.gs.unsw.edu.au/policy/documents/codeofconduct.pdf)
* Cooperate with all health and safety policies and procedures of the university and take all reasonable care to ensure that your actions or omissions do not impact on the health and safety of yourself or others

Level E (in addition to the above):

* Engage, lead and foster a culture of excellence in private law research, and deliver outstanding research of international significance
* Make substantial and sustained leadership contributions to private law, including by initiating and leading research projects and seeking to obtain research income from national and international funding sources, where appropriate
* Play a lead role in the oversight and ongoing development of the private law curriculum within the Faculty’s LLB, JD and LLM programs
* Chair and contribute to School, Faculty, University and sector-wide committees, working groups and projects as well as other administrative functions as required
* Develop and maintain extensive links nationally and internationally with the industry and/or profession, including providing leadership in community affairs in professional, commercial and industrial sectors
* Support and mentor UNSW's early career academics and postdoctoral fellows, including mentoring early career academics to obtain research grant funding and fellowships
* Maintain professional development in pedagogy, disciplinary knowledge, and professional accreditation requirements (where relevant)

Skills and Experience (Selection Criteria)

Level D

* A PhD in a relevant field or equivalent postgraduate qualification, with expertise in private law
* Evidence of leadership in research, primarily in contracts and also in associated areas of equity and trusts, including:
  + a track record of internationally recognised research, with publications of high quality and impact,
  + experience in initiating, collaborating on and delivering on research projects, and
  + success in obtaining, or a demonstrated willingness to apply for, external research funding
* Experience in successfully recruiting and/or supervising high calibre HDR students, and in chairing and/or participating in HDR confirmation and review panels
* Demonstrated leadership and successful achievements in educational design, development and delivery at undergraduate and/or postgraduate level, especially in teaching contract law
* Demonstrated success in initiating curriculum development and improvement, and in implementing new educational technologies and online delivery methods
* Outstanding interpersonal, communication, relationship building and organisational skills and the capacity to work collaboratively and contribute to the School’s service and engagement activities, and to build partnerships with the profession, industry and/or wider community
* A demonstrated capacity to provide academic leadership and mentoring to colleagues in private law, including early career academics
* An understanding of and commitment to UNSW’s aims, objectives and values in action, together with relevant policies and guidelines
* Knowledge of health and safety responsibilities and commitment to attending relevant health and safety training

Level E (in addition to the above):

* Evidence of sustained leadership and excellence in research, primarily in contracts and also in associated areas of equity and trusts, including leading research projects, seeking to obtain research income from national and international funding sources, where appropriate, and in fostering a culture of excellence in private law research
* Evidence of leading the design and development of the private law curriculum within the LLB and JD programs
* Evidence of highly developed interpersonal and collaboration skills with a demonstrated ability to work and influence across disciplines, faculties, institutions, industry and professional accreditation bodies
* Evidence of being an inspirational role model for other academics seeking mentoring, guidance, advice and support

Pre-employment checks required for this position

* Verification of qualifications

About this document

This Position Description outlines the objectives, desired outcomes, key responsibilities, accountabilities, required skills, experience and desired behaviours required to successfully perform the role.

This template is not intended to limit the scope or accountabilities of the position. Characteristics of the position may be altered in accordance with the changing requirements of the role.