Dean of the Faculty of Law

Founded in 1963, The Chinese University of Hong Kong (http://www.cuhk.edu.hk) is a forward-looking comprehensive research university with a global vision and a mission to combine tradition with modernity, and to bring together China and the West. CUHK faculty members and students hail from all around the world. CUHK graduates are connected globally through an extensive alumni network. With a team of over 3,400 full-time teaching and research staff, the University offers a broad spectrum of programmes up to the PhD level in various disciplines organized under eight Faculties (namely Arts, Business Administration, Education, Engineering, Law, Medicine, Science and Social Science). In 2021-2022, the undergraduate and postgraduate enrolments in the University’s publicly funded programmes have reached over 17,100 and 3,900 respectively.

The Faculty of Law (CUHK LAW) is one of the most dynamic and successful law schools in Asia. Since admitting its first cohort of students in 2006, CUHK LAW has grown significantly in scale and reputation. In 2022-23, over 1,300 students are enrolled in CUHK LAW programmes (LLB, LLM, JD, PCLL and MPhil / PhD). CUHK LAW is proud of its excellence in teaching and research. The 2020 Research Assessment Exercise (RAE) conducted by the Hong Kong University Grants Committee recognized CUHK LAW’s research strength by rating 83% of its research activity as “world leading” (4*) or “internationally significant” (3*). CUHK LAW has a strong international outlook with over twenty jurisdictions (by origin or training) represented by its academic staff. In 2018, CUHK LAW was the most international law school globally according to the Times Higher Education (THE) ranking exercise. Further information about CUHK LAW is available at http://www.cuhk.edu.hk/law.

The Faculty of Law enjoys close relations with professional organizations and centres of learning in the international community. It brings the common law and Chinese law systems together with other legal traditions to promote justice and safeguard the rule of law. Its innovative academic programmes have been designed with advice from prominent academics and senior members of the legal profession. Students are encouraged to develop a deep understanding of legal practice and theory. The Faculty also runs double-degree programmes with other Faculties. Holders of CUHK law degrees will apply their intellectual and lawyering skills and uphold the highest ethical values to become future leaders.

The Role
The Faculty Dean is a member of the University senior management team, reporting to the Vice-Chancellor/President and the Provost. As the academic and executive head of the Faculty, the Dean is responsible for shaping the Faculty’s development in alignment with the University’s strategic plan. He/she will be responsible for the management of the Faculty’s resources,
including human resource, budget and space, as well as educational programmes and activities and research performance. He/she will also actively engage in cultivating alumni, donor and community relations, building ties with industry, promoting interdisciplinary and transdisciplinary research and education, developing strategies for enabling commercialization and entrepreneurship, and extending educational and research networks and collaborations with regional, in particular the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macau Greater Bay Area, and global partners.

Candidates should have an excellent academic standing appropriate for appointment at the level of a full Professor in the Faculty. The successful candidate is expected to be an internationally recognized leader in his/her field, with a proven record of academic excellence and relevant academic administrative experience. Excellent interpersonal and communication skills are essential. The University encourages interdisciplinary collaboration and strongly promotes diversity and inclusion.

Salary and fringe benefits for the post will be highly competitive, commensurate with qualifications and experience.

Applications and Nominations
We welcome applications of and nominations for qualified candidates for the position. Applications and nominations should be sent in strict confidence to the Search Committee for the Dean of the Faculty of Law, c/o Mr. Kenneth Chan, Perrett Laver (email: Kenneth.Chan@perrettlaver.com).

The Personal Information Collection Statement will be provided upon request. All enquiries, applications and nominations will be treated in strict confidence.

Consideration of applications/nominations will begin in January 2024 and will continue until the position is filled. The University reserves the right to fill the post by invitation.