

General Counsel

The University of Utah invites nominations and applications for the position of General Counsel. The General Counsel reports to and is a key advisor to the President. He or she will be a senior level administrator at the University. The University is a higher education leader known for innovative teaching, research, and public service.

The University of Utah's legal practice touches nearly every area of law, including labor and employment, public contracting, intellectual property, research and technology transfer, business transactions, benefits, administrative law, health care law, intercollegiate athletics, public safety and criminal law matters, liability and risk management, federal and state constitutional and public law issues, regulatory compliance, and more. The Office of the General Counsel includes 19 attorneys and 6 staff members.

POSITION PROFILE

COMPENSATION: DOQ. Strong benefit package including tuition reduction program, retirement and health plan options.

WORK SCHEDULE: Full-time, 40 hours per week, core business hours.

RESPONSIBILITIES:

The General Counsel will focus on academic and student affairs, employment, University policies and procedures, and public law issues. The General Counsel will be the key advisor on legal and related policy and strategic issues to the colleges, schools, and academic departments across the University and for other units and projects as assigned, including the University's hospitals, medical clinics and related health care facilities and services, while respecting the traditional and essential boundary between counselor and decision maker.

All University attorneys are expected to work at the highest professional level with integrity, excellent judgment, attention to detail, discretion, and to demonstrate the highest personal and leadership characteristics of teamwork, inclusiveness, calmness, and adaptability to a broad range of issues, people, and situations.

QUALIFICATIONS:

The ideal candidate will be a collaborative leader of an excellent existing team of attorneys and other colleagues who demonstrates an understanding of and has experience handling the types of issues faced by institutions of higher education. Successful applicants will have demonstrated excellent communication skills, the capacity for administrative and intellectual leadership, and a proven record of ability to undertake complex legal issues and capacity to serve as a creative thinker and problem solver able to negotiate creative solutions to complex issues.

The successful candidate must have graduated from an accredited law school and be a member of the Utah bar or eligible to practice law in the State of Utah following successful admission to practice in Utah. A minimum of 10 years of legal practice with significant leadership and managerial experience is required. Substantial experience with the kinds of legal issues universities face, including litigation, employment, and government or public law issues (including public records law, ethics laws, and federal and state constitutional issues) is desired. Specific experience representing colleges and universities or similar institutions of higher education and knowledge of case law, legal precedent, and legislation related to higher education and university business and operations is highly desirable but not required. Additionally, preference will be given to candidates with prior experience in some or all of the following areas of practice: intellectual property, technology transfer, intercollegiate athletics, and academic medical centers. The General Counsel serves at the pleasure of the President.

Application Procedure:

To apply online, please go to <http://higherdecisions.com> and select this vacancy. Please submit a resume or curriculum vitae and a letter of interest in PDF format. In your letter, please summarize your interest and relevant qualifications, and describe any experience in higher education law and administration, major grants compliance, major intercollegiate athletics, and/or experience providing counsel to an academic medical center.

Applications will be reviewed by the University of Utah Search Committee in consultation with Summit Search Solutions. **Applications received by May 16th will receive priority consideration.** Applications and inquiries will continue to be accepted until the position is filled. All applications and inquiries will be held confidential.

For nomination or further information contact Margaret Lawrence, Senior Consultant, Summit Search Solutions, Inc. Direct: 303-862-6575. mlawrence@summitsearchsolutions.com

EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

The University of Utah is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity employer. Upon request, reasonable accommodations in the application process will be provided to individuals with disabilities. Please contact the Office of Equal Opportunity and Affirmative Action, 201 S. Presidents Cr., Rm 135, (801) 581-8365 (V/TDD), for further information or to request an accommodation. The University of Utah is committed to diversity in its workforce. Women and minorities are encouraged to apply.