

# How to Become a Law Professor

## CHAPMAN UNIVERSITY LAW LIBRARY RESOURCES

- Ronald W. Eades. *How to Be a Law Professor Guide: From Getting the First Job to Retirement* (2008).
  - Call number KF297.E33 2008 (Second Floor)
  - ISBN-13: 9781600420511
- William B. Powers. *Faculty Promotion and Tenure Policies of Approved Law Schools* (1990).
  - Call number KF325.177.P68 1990 (Law Microfiche)
- Madeleine Schachter. *The Law Professor's Handbook: A Practical Guide to Teaching Law* (2004).
  - Call number KF272.S29 2004 (Second Floor)
  - ISBN: 0890895503
- Michael Hunter Schwartz. *Teaching Law by Design: Engaging Students from the Syllabus to the Final Exam* (2009).
  - Call Number KF272.S37 2009 (Second Floor)
  - ISBN-13: 9781594604973

## CAREER SERVICES OFFICE LIBRARY RESOURCE

- Brannon P. Denning, Marcia L. McCormick, and Jeffrey M. Lipshaw. *Becoming a Law Professor* (2010).
  - Sample CVs
  - Association of American Law Schools (AALS) Conference Timeline

## WEBSITES

The University of Michigan Law School

- How to Get a Job in Legal Academia
  - <http://www.law.umich.edu/currentstudents/careerservices/Pages/legalacademia.aspx>

Columbia Law School

- Careers in Law Teaching Program
  - [http://www.law.columbia.edu/careers/law\\_teaching](http://www.law.columbia.edu/careers/law_teaching)
- Educating the Next Generation of Law Faculty, Part I
  - An overview of how to teach the next generation of law professors
  - [http://www.law.columbia.edu/law\\_school/communications/reports/Spring2002/next1](http://www.law.columbia.edu/law_school/communications/reports/Spring2002/next1)

- Educating the Next Generation of Law Faculty, Part II
  - Details the different routes to becoming a law professor
  - [http://www.law.columbia.edu/law\\_school/communications/reports/Spring2002/next2](http://www.law.columbia.edu/law_school/communications/reports/Spring2002/next2)
- Educating the Next Generation of Law Faculty, Part III
  - Discussion about shaping the future of legal education
  - [http://www.law.columbia.edu/law\\_school/communications/reports/Spring2002/next3](http://www.law.columbia.edu/law_school/communications/reports/Spring2002/next3)

#### University of Pennsylvania Law School

- Careers in Law Teaching
  - Tenure track teaching positions at law schools
  - Teaching positions in other areas of higher education
  - Adjunct teaching positions at law schools and other schools
  - Other opportunities at law schools
  - Resources for job seekers in academia
  - <http://www.law.upenn.edu/cpp/alumni/jobseekers/careersacademia.html>

#### Georgetown Law

- Law Teaching and Scholarship Guide
  - <http://www.ll.georgetown.edu/guides/teachingscholarship.cfm>

#### The Association of American Law Schools (AALS)

- Faculty Recruitment
  - [http://www.aals.org/services\\_recruitment.php](http://www.aals.org/services_recruitment.php)
- Faculty Appointments Register (FAR)
  - FAR is a collection of information for candidates interested in teaching at law schools
  - <http://www.aals.org/frs/far.php>
- A statistical report on law school faculty and hiring for the last 10 years
  - [http://aals.org.cnchost.com/resources\\_statistical.php](http://aals.org.cnchost.com/resources_statistical.php)
- AALS Handbook: Statements of Good Practices
  - [http://www.aals.org/about\\_handbook\\_sgp\\_eth.php](http://www.aals.org/about_handbook_sgp_eth.php)

#### Professor Lawrence B. Solum's Legal Theory Blog

- Details hiring trends at 18 top American Law Schools
  - [http://lsolum.blogspot.com/archives/2004\\_07\\_01\\_lsolum\\_archive.html#108912594144211701](http://lsolum.blogspot.com/archives/2004_07_01_lsolum_archive.html#108912594144211701)

## **JOB RESOURCES**

#### *The Chronicle of Higher Education*

- Faculty, research and administrative positions at American universities

- <http://jobs.chronicle.com/section/Home/5>

#### HigherEdJobs

- Faculty, administrative and executive positions at national and international universities
- <http://higheredjobs.com/>

#### EmploymentCrossing

- Over 100,000 legal job postings, including faculty positions
- <http://www.lawcrossing.com/>

#### Payscale

- An overview of law professor salaries by professional experience
- [http://www.payscale.com/research/US/Job=Professor\\_of\\_Law/Salary](http://www.payscale.com/research/US/Job=Professor_of_Law/Salary)

### **PERIODICALS**

#### *Jurist: Legal News & Research*

- University of Pittsburgh School of Law's legal newspaper
- <http://jurist.law.pitt.edu/hiring.htm>

#### *New York Lawyer*

- Question and answer section discussing how to become a law professor
- Free online registration needed
- <http://www.nylawyer.com/display.php/file=/crossroads/04/072704?hbxlogin=1>

### **ARTICLES**

#### The Association of American Law Schools

- "Uncloaking Law School Hiring: A Recruit's Guide to the AALS Faculty Recruitment Conference"
  - <http://www.aals.org/frs/jle.php>

#### Legal Authority

- "So, You Want to Become a Law School Professor?"
  - <http://www.legalauthority.com/articles/70082/>

#### Employment Crossing

- "Becoming a Law Professor"
  - <http://www.lawcrossing.com/article/765/becoming-a-law-professor,-part-2/>

## **JOURNAL ARTICLES**

- Alex M. Johnson, Jr., "Think Like a Lawyer, Work Like a Machine: The Dissonance between Law School and Law Practice," 64 S. Cal. L. Rev. 1232 (1990-1991).
- Donna Fossum, "Law Professors: A Profile Of The Teaching Branch Of The Legal Profession," 1980 Am. B. Found. Res. J. 501 (1980).
- Kevin H. Smith, "How to Become a Law Professor without Really Trying: A Critical, Heuristic, Deconstructionist, and Hermeneutical Exploration of Avoiding the Drudgery Associated with Actually Working as an Attorney," 47 U. Kan. L. Rev. 139 (1998-1999).
- Lucinda Jesson, "So You Want to Be a Law Professor," 59 J. Legal Educ. 450 (2010).
- Susan J. Becker, "Advice for the New Law Professor: A View from the Trenches," 42 J. Legal Educ. 432 (1992).
- Terrance Sandalow, "On Becoming a Law Professor," 1 Mich. J. Race & L. 580 (1996).

## **EVENT**

The Association of American Law Schools

- Faculty Recruitment Conference
  - Annual event in Washington, D.C.
  - Group discussions and workshops
  - <http://www.aals.org/frs/frc.php>