The University of California Hastings College of the Law is seeking candidates for the position of Director of the UC Hastings Law Library.

The UC Hastings Law Library is an award-winning facility located on two floors of Mary Kay Kane Hall, one of UC Hastings’ core academic buildings in the heart of San Francisco. The Law Library supports the research and educational endeavors of approximately 60 full-time faculty and 1,000 students at UC Hastings. The Library’s collection includes more than 500,000 volumes and volume equivalents and hundreds of licensed electronic resources. This collection enriches the educational experiences of students and the legal and interdisciplinary scholarship of a very productive faculty. The Library provides a variety of services to its patrons, including research assistance and instruction through upper-level advanced research courses and a certificate in legal research, one-on-one research and teaching support to faculty, interlibrary loan, web and technology services, and more.

Founded in 1878 by Serranus Clinton Hastings, the first Chief Justice of California, the University of California, Hastings College of the Law was California’s first law school and a charter member of the Association of American Law Schools. Situated in the heart of San Francisco’s Civic Center, UC Hastings offers access to every level of the judiciary, with the exception of the U.S. Supreme Court, and is in the midst of vibrant and world-renowned technology and non-profit communities. Many of the city’s top attractions are just blocks away, and the spectacular natural beauty of northern California is within easy reach.

Our mission is to provide an academic program of the highest quality, based upon scholarship, teaching, and research, to a diverse student body. We work hard to assure our graduates have a comprehensive understanding and appreciation of the law and are well trained for the multiplicity of roles that they will play in a society and profession that are subject to continually changing demands and needs. UC Hastings offers 15 clinics through which students work on behalf of clients, helping them solve legal problems with genuine consequences. In addition to the clinics, UC Hastings offers three externship programs: one of the most extensive Judicial Externship Programs in the country; an Alternative Dispute Resolution Externship that allows students to see ADR in action at a dispute resolution center, court program, nonprofit organization, or company; and a Legal Externship Program that provides opportunities to learn how to practice law in context with a governmental or nonprofit legal organization. Seven research centers integrate research and public service in furthering the UC Hastings mission, working in cutting-edge areas of the law and providing opportunities for students, faculty, and practitioners to learn and collaborate.

The Director of the Law Library will be responsible for the daily operation and strategic vision of the Law Library and will report to the Chancellor & Dean as part of the senior administrative staff of the College. The ideal candidate will have experience both within a law library and with information technologies. Candidates
must have a clear vision about how to best serve the research needs of the law school community. Responsibilities will include information and bibliographic services, coordination of legal research instruction and educational technology, development and implementation of new legal research technologies and academic computing, collection development, long-range planning and budgeting, law school committees, and personnel management. The Director will also be expected to continue and enhance library services, proactively disseminate research resources, and promote library services and resources to the entire law school community. The Director will oversee a staff of 14 and an operational budget of approximately $1.4 million.

The Director of the Law Library will be eligible for a faculty appointment with appropriate security of position.

Requirements include a master’s degree from an ALA-accredited school of library or information studies, and a JD from an ABA-accredited school of law; ten years of experience in an academic library setting and a minimum of five years’ significant and progressively responsible management experience; or an equivalent combination of education and experience. The Director must have excellent leadership, organizational and communication skills; experience developing legal research programs and in classroom teaching; and knowledge of the latest trends in library management and technology, coupled with the ability to translate those trends into a strategic plan for the library. Experience managing in a unionized environment is preferred. The salary will be commensurate with qualifications and experience, and benefits are excellent.

Applications will be accepted immediately and the position will remain open until filled. Please submit applications to:

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UC Hastings College of the Law is an equal opportunity employer.