

Job Detail

(Overview, Role Detail and Person Specification)

Faculty of Arts & Sciences

Title:	Law Practitioner
Fee:	£300 per day or equivalent
Hours:	Part Time Flexible, maximum of 10 full days or equivalent
Contract	Fixed Term until 31 August 2020
Location	Department of Law & Criminology

About the University

Edge Hill University is an ambitious institution, based on an attractive, award-winning 160-acre campus in Lanchashire, close to Liverpool and Manchester. The University aspires to combine excellent research of reach and significance with a world-class student experience.

Edge Hill University is ranked as Gold in the Teaching Excellence Framework (TEF), the government's evaluation of excellence in teaching quality, learning environment and student outcomes.

Edge Hill is one of the select few universities to have held the coveted UK University of the Year title, awarded by *Times Higher Education* (2014/2015) and it appears in the Times Higher's Global Ranking (801-1000). Recent successes include a Global Teaching Excellence Spotlight Award (2018) from Advance HE in association with Times Higher Education, being ranked in the top 10 for teaching by the *Times/Sunday Times Good University Guide* 2017, top in the North West for student experience (Time Higher Education 2017), and top in the UK for student accommodation in the 2017 WhatUni Awards.

When Edge Hill was awarded University of the Year title for 2014/15, Times Higher Education described it as *"a great success story...an institution that improves and impresses year after year"*. The award recognised its outstanding achievements in student satisfaction, staff engagement, graduate employment and innovation as well as its strengthening research profile, investment and growth. It also celebrated Edge Hill University's distinct role in *"transforming lives"* – reflecting a distinctive philosophy of creating opportunity from excellence.

Edge Hill University has achieved both Athena Swan Bronze and the European Commission's 'HR Excellence in Research Award', which acknowledges alignment with the principles of the European Charter for Researchers and Code of Conduct for researcher recruitment. The process incorporates both the QAA Code of Practice for Research Degree Programmes and the Concordat to Support the Career Development of Researchers.

To gain the HR Excellence in Research Award Edge Hill University has undertaken a comprehensive Gap Analysis exercise in order to generate a 2-year action plan (2018-2020), based on the Concordat Principles, to enable continuation of good practice and facilitate improvement in areas identified as needing development.

To find out more visit <https://www.edgehill.ac.uk/fas/>

About You

You will be an enthusiastic and friendly legal professional with excellent communication and interpersonal skills coupled with a commitment to providing an excellent student experience.

To be successful you will be interested in contributing to the training of future legal professionals and further enrich our student's experience through your expertise and subject knowledge as evidenced through your qualifications and extensive experience of professional legal practice, of at least three years. In return, you will join a forward thinking and dynamic team that pushes the boundaries of curriculum development within Law.

About the Department

The Department of Law and Criminology offers a number of qualifying undergraduate Law degrees and Criminology Single Honours and Joints Honours degrees with Psychology, with Sociology, Childhood and Youth Studies and Single Honours degrees in Policing and Professional Policing. We also offer a number of Politics Joint degrees, as well as postgraduate degrees by Research in Criminology, Law and Policing.

Our students have consistently rated their teaching and learning experience very highly. In the most recent NSS our students rated their student experience as one of the top 5 in the United Kingdom. Our submission to the last Research Excellence Framework (REF2014) was rated very highly with 86 % of our submissions rated as either world leading, internationally excellent or of international standard and the remaining 14% of our submission of national recognition standard. Our two impact case studies were rated in the top 30 in the United Kingdom. Over 70 % of full time academic staff were submitted.

With 29 full-time academic staff, 4 graduate teaching assistants, a small team of associate tutors, and over 650 full-time undergraduate students, we strive to provide a supportive professional working environment that values and promotes excellence in teaching and research performance.

About the Job

The role will entail leading the provision of Lawyers Skills and / or Advanced Lawyers Skills which involves delivering lectures and workshops pertaining to working in legal practice in roles such as Solicitor, Barrister and Chartered Legal Executive. The successful candidate(s) will ensure that the modules conform to requirements of the legal profession and provide an excellent insight into working in the legal profession.

The roles arise from our wish to strengthen and further develop our links with the legal profession and ensure our law courses are at the cutting edge of Higher Education. With this in mind the successful candidate(s) will play a key consultative role in developing our law provision to ensure that it conforms with the requirements of the Solicitors Qualification Exams (SQE). The successful candidate(s) would also be expected to contribute to our employability strategy.

Duties and responsibilities

The duties and responsibilities of this role are as follows. The successful practitioner will be expected to carry out the following as and when required.

As a Practitioner you will:

Teaching and Learning / Scholarship

- Contribute to the undergraduate Lawyers Skills and Advanced Lawyers Skills modules;
- Enhance the quality of education and provision by ensuring that you maintain high standards of learning and teaching;
- Use teaching and learning strategies, which encourage student involvement and advance their independent learning, adapting delivery to suit learners' needs;
- Engage in subject professional and pedagogy research and/or scholarship as required to support teaching activities;
- Contribute effectively to the design, planning and administration of the curriculum including preparation of your own teaching and learning materials and course documentation;
- Contribute effectively to undergraduate curriculum delivery, at the modular level, taking lead responsibility, where appropriate.

Student Support

- Effectively oversee the welfare, progress, examination, assessment and marking of the students as designated by the Head of Department (or their deputy);
- Provide effective support to individual students and groups of students in accordance with Edge Hill University's procedures, referring students to further support services as appropriate;

Leadership / Service / Externality

- Be an active member of relevant Departmental/Faculty/Institutional committees and contribute to partnership working with external colleagues and service users (where appropriate);
- Contribute to faculty business, project management and/or enterprise;
- Engage in appropriate training programmes provided by the University;

- Establish networks (professional and academic) to maintain currency and personal development;
- Carry out any other duties as reasonably requested by Head of Department. Generally, these will be relatively limited.

Person Specification:

Method of Assessment (I-Interview, A-Application, T-Test, P-Presentation) Please note that applications will be assessed against the Person Specification using these criteria

Qualifications

	The successful candidate should:	Essential/ Desirable	Evidence
1	A good relevant honours degree.	Essential	A
2	Experience of Higher Education learning.	Desirable	A

Skills and Knowledge

	The successful candidate should have:	Essential/ Desirable	Evidence
3	Experienced law practitioner interested in contributing to the training of future legal professionals, with at least three years experience.	Essential	A/I
4	Knowledge and understating of the Solicitors Qualifying Examination (SQE) and the impact on Higher Education.	Essential	A/I
5	Relevant knowledge of Higher Education Law curricula or other evidence of the ability to be or become an effective, research-informed teacher and assessor across the range of taught levels appropriate to the role particularly Lawyers Skills and Advanced Lawyer Skills.	Essential	A/I
6	Excellent, effective and adaptive teaching skills underpinned by sound pedagogical principles.	Essential	A/I
7	Developing breadth and depth of subject knowledge and evidence of continuing professional development. Especially in the subjects of Lawyers Skills and Advanced Lawyers Skills.	Essential	A/I
8	Evidence of ability to work in a team and the emotional intelligence to support students in their studies through academic tutoring.	Essential	I
9	Ability to work on one's own initiative, to reflect on one's own skills and knowledge, and to seek opportunities to develop.	Essential	A/I

Experience

	The successful candidate should have:	Essential/ Desirable	Evidence
10	Ability to support the diverse academic and personal needs of individual students	Essential	A/I
11	Proven capacity to conduct and publish research or contributions to professional practice, ability to engage in academic and professional networking through active membership of associations, societies and professional bodies	Essential	A/I
12	Excellent communication skills, both written and verbal, and excellent interpersonal skills with the ability to liaise effectively with colleagues, students and external stakeholders	Essential	A/I

Competencies and Personal Attributes

The successful candidate should have:	Essential/ Desirable	Evidence
Enthusiasm	Essential	I
Commitment	Essential	I
Team working	Essential	I
Good interpersonal skills	Essential	I
Flexibility and adaptability	Essential	I

Applicant guidance

To apply for these roles please submit your CV and a covering letter including the names of two references by **Friday 19th July 2019**. The covering letter and CV should detail how you meet each of the requirements set out in the person specification for this role.

Covering letters and CVs should be returned to:

Adam Pendlebury
Senior Lecturer in Law
Law & Criminology
Edge Hill University
St Helens Rd
Ormskirk
Lancashire
L39 4QP

For informal enquiries about this vacancy you may wish to contact: Adam Pendlebury, Senior Lecturer in Law at Adam.Pendlebury@edgehill.ac.uk

Fee:

Practitioner Fee - £300 per day or equivalent, up to a maximum of 10 days. Fixed term until 31st August 2020.

We look forward to receiving your application and thank you for your interest in the role.