

Chief Legal Counsel, University of New Mexico

The University of New Mexico is seeking a highly qualified attorney with outstanding judgment, leadership, strategic thinking, management skills, and an informed problem-solving approach to serve as its next Chief Legal Counsel. The Chief Legal Counsel should advance the University's missions and strategic goals by anticipating, understanding, and explaining the legal ramifications of important issues in higher education and how they impact the University. The Chief Legal Counsel reports directly to the President of the University, and counsels the Regents of the University, President, and other senior executive and academic leadership of all campuses of the University by providing strategic guidance, consultation, and support on a comprehensive range of legal and related issues. This position oversees and manages the provision of all legal services to the University to ensure maximum protection of its legal rights and to maintain its operations in compliance with applicable laws. The Chief Legal Counsel oversees and directs the operations of the Office of Chief Legal Counsel and supervises the work of legal staff. The current legal office is comprised of approximately a dozen attorneys, plus paralegals and support staff. See: <https://counsel.unm.edu/>

Founded in 1889 as New Mexico's flagship institution, The University of New Mexico main campus now occupies nearly 800 acres near old Route 66 in the heart of Albuquerque, a metropolitan area of more than 500,000 people. From the magnificent mesas to the west, past the banks of the historic Rio Grande to the Sandia Mountains to the east, Albuquerque is a blend of culture and cuisine, styles and stories, people, pursuits and panoramas. UNM today comprises 15 schools and colleges, across arts and sciences, education, business, health sciences, and other disciplines. The UNM Health Sciences campus adjoins the main campus in Albuquerque, and UNM also has five branch campuses across the state. Further information about the University of New Mexico is available at <http://www.unm.edu/>.

Qualifications and Benefits:

Required qualifications include a Juris Doctorate from an American Bar Association accredited law school, and at least 10 years of experience that is directly related to the duties and responsibilities of the position. The selected candidate must be a member in good standing of NM State Bar, or eligible to become a member of the NM State Bar within one year from being hired. Competitive compensation and a full range of University benefits will be included as part of the appointment.

Further Information, Nominations and Applications:

The University is being assisted in this search by William F. Howard, Esq. and Academic Search, Inc. Further information about the opportunity will be available in a full leadership profile on the website of www.Academic-Search.com, by clicking on the "Current Searches" tab. Applications, nominations, and expressions of interest can be submitted electronically, and in confidence to UNMCLC@academic-search.com. Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis until an appointment is made, and should be received by no later than June 14, 2018 to receive full consideration. Confidential discussions may be arranged by contacting William Howard at wfh@academic-search.com.

The University of New Mexico is an affirmative action, equal opportunity employer, making decisions without regard to race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin, age, veteran status, disability, or any other protected class. We are committed to hiring and retaining a diverse workforce and are dedicated to the goal of building an inclusive and pluralistic faculty and staff. We are committed to teaching and working in a multicultural environment.