



**3344-12-06 Policies pertaining to college of law clinical professors and legal writing professors.**

College of law clinical professors and legal writing professors shall be appointed initially, by the dean of the college of law, with the approval of the provost and the university president, for a period of one academic year with renewal for one-year periods. After the completion of at least five one-year appointments, clinical professors and legal writing professors may be appointed to renewable five-year appointments by the university president, upon recommendation of the provost and the dean of the college of law. Neither the initial appointment, nor any renewals, shall lead to or grant tenure or promotion. The initial appointment and all renewals shall be pursuant to policies contained in paragraph (A) of this rule and procedures adopted by the college of law and approved by the provost.

(A) Procedures for appointment.

(1) Initial appointment.

Prior to an initial appointment of a clinical professor or legal writing professor, a special search committee appointed by the dean of the college of law shall convene to recommend candidates to the dean of the college of law, who will make an appointment with the approval of the provost and the university president.

(2) Subsequent yearly appointments.

Subsequent yearly appointments shall be made by the dean of the college of law after consultation with the appointee's program director (where applicable).

(3) Notice of non-renewal.

A notice of non-renewal of a clinical professor or a legal writing professor during the initial five years of service shall be in writing and in accordance with university policy governing non-bargaining unit faculty.

(4) Five-year appointments.

(a) A clinical professor or legal writing professor is eligible to apply for an initial five-year appointment at the beginning

of the fifth one-year appointments and shall, as a condition of employment beyond the current appointment, apply for a five-year appointment during the fifth yearly appointment. A clinical professor or legal writing professor who is not awarded a five-year appointment or renewal may continue to teach under one additional yearly appointment during which the faculty member shall not be eligible to apply for a five-year appointment.

- (b) The award of a five-year appointment to a faculty member carries the presumption of successive five-year appointments. Faculty members awarded five-year appointments shall be denied successive five-year appointments only for just cause, or the material modification of the program in which the faculty member teaches, or a declaration of financial exigency.
- (c) The standards and procedures governing the review and appointment process shall be maintained on file by the college of law and the provost.
- (d) Nothing within these provisions shall prevent the dean of the college of law from recommending to the president and the provost an initial five-year appointment for the retention of a director of legal writing provided the director meets the qualifications for a five-year appointment except for the time of service at Cleveland state university provision.

(5) Termination of five-year appointment.

During a five-year appointment a clinical professor or a legal writing professor may be terminated for just cause, the termination or material modification of the clinical or legal writing program in which the faculty member teaches, or a declaration of financial exigency. Termination proceedings shall be in accordance with university policy governing non-bargaining unit faculty.

(B) Privileges and responsibilities.

- (1) A clinical professor's primary obligation shall be to supervise students in one or more of the college of law's clinical courses. Clinical professors may teach other courses or undertake other administrative duties at the college of law. A legal writing professor's primary obligations shall be to teach in the college of law's legal writing and research curriculum, which shall include, but is not limited to, first year and upper level legal writing and research courses. Legal writing professors may teach other courses or undertake other administrative duties at the college of law.
- (2) Clinical professors and legal writing professors shall serve on college of law faculty committees at the discretion of the dean of the college of law. These faculty members shall not be eligible to vote on any tenure-related or promotion-related issues. Clinical professors and legal writing professors shall participate in the governance of the college of law to the extent provided in policies adopted by the college of law and shall be afforded non-compensatory perquisites reasonably similar to those provided other full-time faculty members.
- (3) Clinical professors and legal writing professors shall be eligible for emeritus status under rule 3344-12-09 of the Administrative Code with the rank of clinical professor emeritus or emerita or legal writing professor emeritus or emerita.

(C) Limitations.

Rule 3344-12-06 of Administrative Code shall apply to the college of law only and shall not set a precedent.

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