

Desautels Assistant Professor in Private Law

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Posting End Date: October 1, 2025

Faculty of Law
University of Manitoba
Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada
Assistant Professor
Position #36572

The Faculty of Law invites applications for a full-time 3-year term, teaching-intensive position at the rank of Assistant Professor, commencing **January 1, 2026**, or on a date mutually agreed upon. Salary will be commensurate with experience and qualifications.

This position is fully funded by the Marcel A. Desautels Centre for Private Enterprise and the Law <https://www.desautelscentre.ca/>. It has been established to meet urgent teaching demands, support strategic research in private law, and further the Faculty's commitments as outlined in the Faculty of Law Strategic Plan (2022–2025) and the University of Manitoba's institutional mission of Truth and Reconciliation, ethical leadership, and social responsibility.

Responsibilities:

The successful candidate will contribute to all three pillars of academic life: teaching, research, and service.

Teaching:

The position is designed to support instructional needs in high-demand core areas of private law including first year private law curriculum (contracts, torts, or property) and upper year curriculum including Commercial Law, Corporations, Taxation Law, and Ethical Practice.

Additional assets may include capacity to teach in Comparative Business Law, Conflict of Laws, International Business Transactions, Business and Human Rights, International Arbitration and Dispute Resolution, or related fields. The candidate will be expected to contribute to curriculum development, experiential and access-to-justice-based teaching innovations.

Research:

The successful candidate will demonstrate an emerging or established research program in one or more of the following areas:

- Corporate governance and regulation
- Commercial law
- Tax law
- Private law theory
- Business ethics and human rights
- Comparative or transnational commercial law
- International economic law
- Economic transformation and access to innovation for marginalized communities
- Private law more generally, or other cognate areas identified by the applicant

The appointee will be supported in producing peer-reviewed publications, securing research

funding, and advancing the Desautels Centre's national and international reputation in private law research.

Service:

The candidate will contribute to faculty governance and institutional service. Engagement with the Desautels Centre's entrepreneurial communities, advancing Indigenous economic reconciliation, and policy innovation will be encouraged.

Qualifications:

Applicants must demonstrate:

- A strong academic background with a J.D. (or equivalent), and a completed or near-completed Ph.D. in Law or related field
- Evidence of or potential for teaching excellence in the areas outlined above
- A promising or established research record
- Commitment to collegial service

Additional information:

To enhance our Faculty and create role models for a diverse population of students, we particularly welcome applications from Indigenous peoples, women, racialized persons, persons with disabilities, persons of marginalized sexualities and genders, and others committed to a diverse academic environment.

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<https://umanitoba.ca/law/>

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The University of Manitoba is committed to the principles of equity, diversity & inclusion and to promoting opportunities in hiring, promotion and tenure (where applicable) for systemically marginalized groups who have been excluded from full participation at the University and the larger community including Indigenous Peoples, women, racialized persons, persons with disabilities and those who identify as 2SLGBTQIA+ (Two Spirit, lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans, questioning, intersex, asexual and other diverse sexual identities). All qualified candidates are encouraged to apply; however, Canadian citizens and permanent residents will be given priority.

If you require accommodation supports during the recruitment process, please contact UM.Accommodation@umanitoba.ca or 204-474-7195. Please note this contact information is for accommodation reasons only.

Application Instructions:

Applications should include:

- A cover letter
- Curriculum vitae

- Teaching philosophy statement
- Summary of research interests
- At least one written sample of the candidate's academic writing that is representative of their research area
- Contact information for three references (reference letters will be requested upon short-listing of candidates)

Please **email** applications to:
Professor Richard Jochelson, Dean of Law
lawdean@umanitoba.ca

Closing Date for Applications: **Oct 1, 2025**

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