Characterised by a global outlook and by the cutting-edge teaching and research activity to be expected in a global top-25 university, the National University of Singapore’s Faculty of Law is widely regarded as Asia’s leading law school. The Faculty now seeks to appoint a distinguished legal scholar to be the inaugural Coomaraswamy Professor of the Law of Evidence.

This Chair has been named in memory of the late Punch Coomaraswamy and his wife, Kaila Coomaraswamy. Punch Coomaraswamy was one of the founding members of the Faculty. From 1959 to 1969, he taught the law of evidence at the Faculty as a Visiting Lecturer while practising at the Singapore bar. He then went on to a career in public service as Speaker of Parliament, envoy to India, Australia and the United States and a Judge of the High Court. He considered Kaila Coomaraswamy to be his “support in everything, in law, life and diplomacy” and the sole constituent of his own “final Court of Appeal”.

The Coomaraswamy Professorship in the Law of Evidence has been endowed to advance Punch Coomaraswamy’s life-long love of the law of evidence and to commemorate his commitment and contribution to equipping the Faculty’s first generation of students with a sound grasp of the theory, principles and application of the law of evidence in Singapore.

The successful applicant for this tenured, full-time appointment will be an internationally renowned professor with particular expertise within the field of evidence law – preferably with special interest in comparative evidence law.
Strong candidates for the position will presumptively hold a tenured full professorship at a major law school and will ideally:

- be a leading authority in the area of evidence law;
- have a sustained track record of generating research outputs of internationally excellent quality, including single or main author of refereed publications;
- be capable of mentoring junior colleagues and have strong experience of doing so;
- be capable of providing informal leadership within the Faculty and have excellent leadership and management skills;
- have a clear research agenda that complements and/or adds to the research strengths of colleagues within the Faculty;
- have a high-level of interpersonal and communication skills, including writing skills and the ability to communicate effectively to an academic audience and other stakeholders as appropriate;
- have strong experience of high-quality teaching and PhD supervision; and
- bring a capacity to enthuse and work successfully with colleagues.

DUTIES & RESPONSIBILITIES

The successful candidate will be expected to:

- maintain a profile as a world-leading authority within the field of evidence law, pursuing a programme of high-quality research in internationally recognised publications;
- teach law students how to think critically and conceptually about the law of evidence and how to apply the law of evidence;
- contribute to the development of university and faculty strategy within the context of an international, research-led university, especially with respect to the candidate’s own field of research;
- provide high-quality postgraduate supervision and attract research students to the university; and
- play a key role in the mentoring and informal leadership of junior colleagues within the Faculty.

QUALITIES
The **Coomaraswamy Professor of the Law of Evidence** is a tenured full-time position. The appointee will be offered internationally competitive compensation and benefits, commensurate with qualifications and experience. The appointee will be expected to take up the position as soon as contractual obligations and personal circumstances allow.

**Application Procedure**

Applicants should provide full details for an academic appointment as outlined on the NUS Law website. A cover letter should indicate clearly that the application is for the position of **Coomaraswamy Professor of the Law of Evidence**.

Applications should be submitted by email to lawfsc@nus.edu.sg by the deadline of 31 May 2019. Shortlisted candidates will be invited for a campus visit.

Enquiries may be directed to the Chair of the Faculty’s Search Committee, at lawfsc@nus.edu.sg.
The NUS Faculty of Law (https://law.nus.edu.sg/) is widely regarded as Asia’s leading law school. Staffed by an outstanding permanent faculty diverse in origin and qualifications, NUS Law is dedicated to building a vibrant community and creating an environment that facilitates critical thinking and reflection on the fundamental legal issues confronting our interconnected world. Located in Singapore, which for more than a century has been a commercial hub at the crossroads of Asia, NUS Law is very much Asia’s Global Law School.

Since 1957 the School’s curriculum has been infused with perspectives from other jurisdictions and disciplines. This tradition has accelerated in recent years, providing a legal education that is comparative, international and multidisciplinary. NUS Law hosts many visiting faculty and students from every continent, offering a lively, cosmopolitan atmosphere both inside and outside the classroom. The strength of the NUS Law curriculum lies in the broad and diverse range of subjects it offers. In addition to a rigorous core curriculum, students can choose from more than a hundred electives in areas such as Asian legal studies and comparative law, commercial law, IP and technology law, law and society, legal theory, maritime law, and public and private international law.

The National University of Singapore (http://www.nus.edu.sg/) is a world-leading, research intensive, truly international University, which is ranked 11th in the world and 1st in Asia, according to the QS World University Rankings 2019.

The University began over a century ago as a modest medical school with 23 students, to serve a very powerful purpose: to be the place of higher learning for talented men and women in Singapore who would serve community, nation and society. From a fledgling college, NUS has developed into an institution considered by many to be among the best in the world. The University’s transformative education and high-impact research are aimed at making a distinctive and positive impact on society.