Stony Brook University Chief Campus Counsel

Stony Brook University seeks an experienced lawyer to serve as its next Chief Campus Counsel (CCC). This is an exceptional opportunity to lead a team of legal and support staff and manage a wide range of legal issues pertaining to the operation of one of the nation’s top-ranked public universities and academic medical center.

The Chief Campus Counsel will act as lead attorney in all aspects of the management and supervision of the Office of General Counsel (OGC) satellite office for SUNY Stony Brook University, Stony Brook Medicine and its 5 Health Sciences schools — Dental Medicine, Health Professions, Medicine, Nursing and Social Welfare — as well as Stony Brook University Hospital, Stony Brook Southampton Hospital, Stony Brook Eastern Long Island Hospital, Stony Brook Children’s Hospital, and the Long Island State Veterans Home (collectively, “Stony Brook”), including providing highly competent, professional, and timely legal services to leadership and administrators at Stony Brook, as well as effective legal advice, advocacy, and preparation and review of campus documents/policies. The CCC will also provide legal guidance, manage complex transactions, and serve as liaison to the Attorney General’s Office and other state and federal agencies.

The CCC will be a collaborative partner who is service-oriented and can build trust and credibility with constituents across the institution. An ability to build strong relationships, communicate effectively and understand the diverse needs across campus will be essential as will the ability to manage priorities effectively in a dynamic environment. Among other things, key areas of focus of the office include civil litigation; SUNY governance; human resources, labor relations, discrimination and other employment matters; clinical trials and sponsored research; compliance programs including research compliance; contracts, procurement and other agreements; student affairs issues; ethics and public officers law compliance; and the broad range of issues inherent in a significant healthcare operation that includes a multi-hospital, multi-specialty academic medical center.

The Chief Campus Counsel reports to the SUNY Senior Vice Chancellor for Legal Affairs and General Counsel through the Assistant Deputy General Counsel with the Stony Brook President being the chief client for all legal matters.

The University

Stony Brook University is one of two flagships of the State University of New York (SUNY) system. It is a leading public university, an internationally recognized research and medical institution, and a member of the prestigious Association of American Universities (AAU). It is known as one of the nation’s premier centers for academic excellence and is a leader in generating social mobility. Stony Brook is located less than 60 miles east of Manhattan on Long Island’s beautiful North Shore.
Situated on 1,454 wooded acres, the campus encompasses 12 schools and colleges; a Research and Development Park; a host of centers and institutes that range in focus from education, arts, and culture to STEM, business, and medicine; and world-class athletics facilities, including a 12,300-seat stadium and a 4,000-seat arena. The University also includes Stony Brook Medicine, Long Island’s premier academic medical center, encompassing five health sciences schools, four hospitals, 200 community-based healthcare settings, and a growing number of clinical affiliations. Stony Brook University has an additional teaching and research campus in Southampton, New York, which is home to graduate arts programs, health sciences professional programs, and the Marine Sciences Center. Since 1998, Stony Brook, in partnership with Battelle, has managed the Brookhaven National Laboratory, one of only 17 Department of Energy National Labs, with many faculty holding joint appointments.

The University enrolled 26,608 students in fall 2021 (17,999 undergraduate students and 8,609 graduate students) and offers more than 200 majors, minors, and combined degree programs. Students come to Stony Brook from nearly all 50 U.S. States and over 100 countries. About one-third of Stony Brook's undergraduates are first-generation students. Stony Brook is a diverse community, and the 2021 entering-class profile was 47% male and 53% female. The overall racially and ethnically diverse student body in 21/22 student body was 24.6% Asian, 5.8% African American, 12.6% Hispanic/Latinx, 13.3% nonresident alien, 32.6% Caucasian, 2.5% two or more races, and 8.4% not indicated/unknown. The University enjoys a strong international presence, maintaining affiliation agreements with about 100 universities in Africa, Asia, Europe, Latin America, and Oceania. International students constitute 13% of Stony Brook’s total enrollment.

Stony Brook celebrates its leading role in providing opportunities for social mobility and economic growth for its students. These outcomes are singled out in a recent study by the Stanford Institute for Economic Policy Research, which concluded that Stony Brook offers a proven path toward upward advancement for students from low-income households, far ahead of many of its better-funded peers, both public and private. The University outperforms the national graduation rates of four-year institutions regardless of race or ethnicity. Stony Brook graduates have less debt, and 95 percent of recent graduates are either employed or continuing their education. In 2020, The Times Higher Education ranked Stony Brook University number one among U.S. Research Universities for reducing inequalities in higher education, and #27 internationally. U.S. News and World Report ranked Stony Brook as a top 40 public institution.

As Long Island’s largest single-site employer, the University has over 15,000 full and part-time employees, including more than 2,700 faculty. Stony Brook’s 2021-22 operating budget was over $3 billion, with monies generated from a variety of sources including academic and research funds, hospital revenue, tuition, state support, and philanthropy. Stony Brook maintains an endowment of $266 million that propels its strategic efforts and future goals. More detailed information about the University’s budget and fiscal plans are available in its Achieving Financial Sustainability Plan.

To learn more about the community and the benefits of working at Stony Brook University, explore here.
To review the position description and apply, explore here.
• Partner with leaders and staff on initiatives to modernize the IT environment in support of the education and research mission

• Keep current with trends and issues in the IT industry, including current and emerging technologies

• Ensure that the University develops and implements a proactive security strategy that protects the information of students, faculty, researchers and staff while identifying opportunities for continued improvement of systems and processes

• Provide responsible financial stewardship over the annual operating and capital budget for IT that is consistent with University strategic plans and established financial guidelines

• Ensure that IT spending and resources are well prioritized and administered in ways that improve overall efficiencies and increase customer satisfaction and IT cost structure

• Proactively manage vendor relationships, contracts, and the support of core systems
**Candidate Qualifications**

- Significant senior-level IT experience in a complex environment that includes strategic planning, project management, budgeting and process transformation. Experience in a major research university is preferred. Experience with healthcare organizations, Research Facilities or State Institutions will be considered.

- A bachelor’s degree is required. A graduate or terminal degree is preferred.

- A demonstrated grasp of the spectrum of information-technology systems and services; a keen sense of the emerging technologies that will shape education, research, and enterprise operations in coming years; and the communication skills and interpersonal qualities needed to engage diverse stakeholders in shared investments.

- Energy, tact, conviction, flexibility, and excellent communication skills plus the other intangible attributes necessary to succeed in a complex, fast-moving, world-class institution with multiple and diverse constituents.

- Significant experience directing and managing within a fast-paced environment, working inclusively through people to achieve shared objectives.

- Substantial experience and success leading major network, systems, and data-center organizations and/or projects; a track record of maximizing return on investment in systems and services.

- Strong change management and leadership skills plus the ability to implement new systems and redesign work processes.

- Excellent oral, written, interpersonal, organizational and problem-solving skills required, plus the ability to work closely and collaboratively with faculty, students, and senior University administrators.

- Strong presentation skills, including experience presenting to committees of senior executives and governing boards.

The successful candidate will demonstrate a keen understanding of the critical role that technology plays at a major research institution and a strong commitment to the collaborative development of systems and services that align with the university's mission, culture and long-term goals.