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UBC is seeking an experienced and motivated individual to join the Office of the University Counsel as:

LEGAL COUNSEL (CHARITABLE GIVING)

UBC is one of Canada’s largest registered charities with annual fundraising of almost $300 million and an endowment portfolio of approximately $1 billion. In September 2011, UBC launched a campaign to raise $1.5 billion and double the number of alumni who are actively engaged with UBC by 2015. UBC is also recognized as a top employer. With 50,000 students, 20,000 employees, and annual revenues of $2 billion, UBC provides a rich and complex environment in which to pursue a legal career.

The Office of the University Counsel is responsible for managing all of UBC’s legal affairs (with the exception of labour and employment matters) and provides a supportive and collegial work environment.

The successful candidate will be expected to provide legal advice and services relating to charitable giving to UBC and to work closely with the University’s Development Office. Major responsibilities include:

- Providing legal advice and guidance on charitable gifts;
- Reviewing, drafting, and recommending for approval legal documentation relating to charitable gifts and the University’s endowment funds; and
- Retaining, instructing and supervising external legal counsel on matters relating to charitable giving. While the primary focus of the position is on charitable giving, the successful candidate may also be involved in the broader range of legal matters for which the Office of the University Counsel is responsible.

The successful candidate will have a law degree and be a member in good standing of the Law Society of British Columbia. A minimum five years of experience as a practicing lawyer is preferred, including experience in trusts, estates, tax, and charities law. Excellent drafting skills are essential, as is a well-rounded appreciation of the law. A proven ability to simultaneously undertake a diverse range of complex projects and activities is required.

This position is available immediately. If you wish to be part of an exciting learning environment at one of Canada’s most respected universities, please forward your resume and cover letter via e-mail to: university.counsel@ubc.ca or via regular mail to:
Office of the University Counsel,
The University of British Columbia,
6328 Memorial Road, Vancouver, BC V6T 1Z2.

Only those applicants selected for interviews will be contacted. UBC hires on the basis of merit and is committed to employment equity. All qualified persons are encouraged to apply. We especially welcome applications from members of visible minority groups, women, Aboriginal persons, persons with disabilities, persons of minority sexual orientations and gender identities, and others with the skills and knowledge to engage productively with diverse communities. Canadians and permanent residents of Canada will be given priority.