Legal Issues for Department Chairs

Friday, September 14, 2018
Department Chair Workshop
12:00—1:00 p.m. (Sandwiches/refreshments will be provided.)
Trustee’s Room, 212 Low Library

In today’s increasingly litigious society, the role of department chair carries legal responsibilities regarding management of faculty and staff, as well as oversight of the department’s interaction with students. This workshop for Department Chairs in Arts & Sciences will provide an understanding of the Department Chair’s role as an agent of the university, and will review basic principles to remember in order to minimize adverse legal consequences. Speakers from Columbia University’s Office of the General Counsel and Office of the Provost will discuss a number of key topics, including:

- The Chair’s Role as an Agent of the University
- Employment Issues
- Student Issues
- Claims and Litigation (Employment & Student)
- Other Legal Issues that Require Escalation/Consultation

Speakers:

Donna P. Fenn, Associate General Counsel

Heather Parlier, Associate Provost for Equal Opportunity and Affirmative Action
Heather Parlier joined the Office of Equal Opportunity and Affirmative Action (EOAA) in July 2016. The EOAA Office has overall responsibility for the management of the University’s Employee Policies and Procedures on equal opportunity, nondiscrimination and affirmative action.

Please RSVP to facdev_as@columbia.edu by September 7, 2018. If you have any questions about the program, please contact Susan Drange, Associate Dean, Faculty Development & Diversity, Arts & Sciences at smd2195@columbia.edu or call 212-854-6266.