University of California 2022-24 Health Affairs, Research & Technology Law (HATL) Preferred Provider Panel RFP

We are pleased to announce UC Legal is conducting a Request for Proposal (RFP) to select a limited number of preferred outside law firms to assist the University in health law, academic research, and cybersecurity/technology matters. Firms may offer to represent the University in one or more areas which include but are not limited to health transactions, health and research investigations, reimbursement and regulatory advice, cybersecurity incident response and follow-up litigation, academic affairs, medical staff governance, healthcare operations, research and clinical trials, and/or information privacy. The preferred provider panel will cover a three-year period including calendar years 2022, 2023 and 2024.

The University of California serves one of the world’s most diverse communities and draws its student body, faculty, and employees from a wide array of backgrounds, cultures, and experiences. Providing effective legal representation and advice requires that the University’s legal representatives are capable of understanding and communicating with individuals from many backgrounds. Diversity of ideas, backgrounds, and experiences also promotes creativity in analyzing and solving legal problems. By establishing a diverse workplace and fostering a culture of equity and inclusion that respects individual differences, retained counsel can promote the qualities necessary to provide excellent legal service to a diverse community. If accepted, firms will be asked to complete the UC Legal Report Card on Commitment to Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (Report Card) on an annual basis. The University uses the Report Card to assess how firms address diversity and inclusion through hiring, promotion within the firm, assignment of case responsibility, promotion into leadership positions, and promotion of diversity within the profession. The Report Card does not assess a firm’s demographics.

Firms interested in handling work for the University’s health affairs, research, and technology-related matters are encouraged to apply. The University is particularly interested in firms that have significant expertise in the matter types they intend to handle, provide excellent legal service, and demonstrate commitment to supporting and promoting diversity.

Firms currently on the UC HATL panel should re-apply for consideration to remain on the panel.

TO APPLY:
Application materials are available at: https://www.ucop.edu/uc-legal/hatl-rfp.html. Applications must be submitted through the Smartsheet form on the website and received no later than 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 30, 2021. We strongly recommend reviewing the HATL Panel Application and preparing your responses before filling out the submission form in Smartsheet. Smartsheet does not have an option to save your progress through multiple sessions.

If your firm has a question during this process, please send it to Hoyt.Sze@ucop.edu with a copy to Brigid.Saulny@ucop.edu. All such questions or requests must be received by close of business on November 30, 2021, and all such questions or requests received after such date will be answered, if at all, by UC Legal, in its sole discretion. You are not authorized to contact any other University employee concerning this RFP. Failure to adhere to this requirement will be grounds for disqualifying your proposal.

Please forward this communication to anyone who may have an interest in applying to the University of California 2022-24 HATL panel.