

JOB POSTING

2019 Indigenous Articling Law Student Position

Overview

Calgary Legal Guidance (CLG) is a charitable society established in 1972 to provide legal advice and assistance to low-income people with family, criminal, immigration, civil and other poverty law matters that are not covered by Legal Aid.

Over 4,000 clients are assisted each year through community legal advice clinics staffed by volunteer lawyers, with follow-up help and representation provided by staff lawyers, social advocates, articling students and, during the summer months, law students. CLG is also committed to public legal education through presentations in the community and through partnerships with many agencies and organizations that assist the disadvantaged.

CLG promotes employment equity and diversity. We provide a healthy work-life balance that values the contribution of all staff. CLG also provides a healthy, respectful and enjoyable work environment.

The Role

CLG is currently offering an articling position to a qualified Indigenous student. CLG seeks Indigenous candidates who are committed to improving access to justice in the Indigenous community. CLG students represent and provide assistance to individuals with legal issues related to domestic violence, homelessness, criminal justice, seniors' issues, social benefits and immigration law. This includes significant time appearing in & preparing submissions for courts & administrative tribunals. The position holds a special focus on serving Indigenous clients; however, it is not limited to only those clients. Applicants should demonstrate an ability to manage time well, take instruction, work in a team atmosphere as well as independently, and should be ***interested in the particular issues facing Indigenous people in the justice system with a vision to serve Indigenous Peoples and Communities upon completion of their articles***. Excellent research skills as well as a high degree of competency in interviewing, client management, and advocacy (both oral and written) are required.

Required Qualifications

Eligibility for membership with the Law Society of Alberta as a student-at-law at the time articles are to commence. Please review the rules of the Law Society of Alberta to ensure you are eligible prior to submitting an application for this competition.

Preference will be given to Indigenous candidates with some experience in Indigenous community organizations or with a knowledge and understanding of First Nations, Métis and Inuit culture, traditions and justice system experience.

Closing Date

Applicants should forward resume and transcripts along with a cover letter as a **single PDF document**. Applications must be received **by noon, Monday, July 23rd, 2018**; marked to the attention of Cameron Ferbey, Director of Finance & Operations at careers@clg.ab.ca.

We thank all applicants for their interest however, only those being considered for an interview will be contacted.