

Articling Program 2020-2021

Government of Yukon

Department of Justice



Program Description

The Government of Yukon, through the Legal Services Branch of the Department of Justice, is hiring a student-at-law for the 2020-2021 Articling year.

Legal Services is host to five practice groups – Litigation Group, Aboriginal Law Group, Natural Resources and Environmental Law Group, Solicitors Group and the Legislative Counsel Office. Our articling student will be based within the Litigation Group, but from time to time may have the opportunity to work with counsel from the other practice groups.

As an articling student with the Government of Yukon, you will not only conduct legal research and support the opinion work of the lawyers in Legal Services, but you will have the opportunity to actively participate in civil litigation files and matters before administrative tribunals. You will also have the opportunity to take conduct of regulatory prosecutions before the Yukon Territorial Court, which may include attending court circuits in communities outside of Whitehorse.

To be eligible for the Articling Program, candidates must have either successfully completed their law degree at the start of the term of their Articles or have received a certificate of qualification from the National Committee of Accreditation.

Articling students are employed for a 12-month period, which includes eight weeks of on-site attendance at the Professional Legal Training Course offered by the Law Society of British Columbia in Vancouver, typically from mid-February to mid-April of the Articling year. The Government of Yukon offers our articling students a competitive salary and an excellent benefits package.

Successful completion of their Articles as well as the Professional Legal Training Course will qualify the articling student to apply for admission to the Law Society of Yukon. While we cannot guarantee employment after the Articling year, many students who have articulated with the Government of Yukon have found employment as lawyers with Legal Services or with other organizations and firms within the Yukon.

The Details

- Articling Term** • June 01, 2020 - May 31, 2021 (precise dates are negotiable)
- Salary** • Approximately \$47,300.00 (effective June 2020), payable bi-weekly through the entire Articling year (including while in attendance at the Professional Legal Training Course, if the Course is attended during the Articling year).
- Hours of Work** • The number of hours per week will not be less than 37.5 hours;
• The number of working hours per day are normally 7.5 hours;
• Overtime as may be required to meet operational demands; no compensation is provided directly for overtime.
- Leave & Holidays** • The student is entitled to **15 paid vacation days** plus the following paid holidays:
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| New Year's Day | Heritage Day (February) |
| Good Friday | Easter Monday |
| Victoria Day | Aboriginal Day (June) |
| Canada Day | Discovery Day (August) |
| Labour Day | Thanksgiving Day |
| Remembrance Day | Christmas Day |
| Boxing Day | |
- Benefits** • Payment to the student of a maximum of \$1,000.00 towards the cost of travel to Whitehorse for the commencement of Articles;
• Payment to the Law Society of British Columbia for cost of the student's registration in the Professional Legal Training Course;
• Payment of return airfare between Whitehorse and Vancouver for the purpose of the student's attendance at the Professional Legal Training Course; and
• Health and dental care benefits.
- Application** Candidates must submit the following documents with their application:
- Resume.
 - A cover letter outlining their interest in and qualifications for Articles with the Government of Yukon, and particularly their interest in and any qualifications specific to a litigation practice.
 - Three letters of reference.
 - Undergraduate and law school transcripts (photocopies of official transcripts will be accepted).

To apply please send your complete application to:
shannon.poelman@gov.yk.ca

Closing date for applications is **May 16, 2019**.

Note: Complete application has to be received by May 16, 2019; 11:59 pm Pacific Time. **Incomplete or late applications will not be considered.**

For further information please contact:

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