



Articling Recruitment for 2020-2021

Articling with Legal Assistance of Windsor (LAW)

Our articling students work closely with the Staff Lawyers and Staff Social Workers and therefore gain an invaluable and comprehensive articling experience.

Legal Assistance of Windsor (LAW)

Overview

Legal Assistance of Windsor (LAW) was founded in 1974 as a clinical learning project of the University of Windsor, Faculty of Law. Its goal was to provide an environment in which students could experience issues relating to access to justice in the context of a “storefront clinic” in downtown Windsor by examining the law and legal profession in context, while helping to provide legal services to those who were unable to pay a private lawyer and were unable to obtain a legal aid certificate.

In developing the program, it was recognized that the legal problems of the disadvantaged were often interrelated with social problems. Consequently, an interdisciplinary approach to the delivery of services was developed, which combined the expertise of the legal and social work professions to enable law students to work collaboratively in developing an appreciation and understanding of the knowledge, skills and theories of practice of both professions.

Mission Statement

The mission of LAW is to enhance access to social justice by providing integrated face-to-face legal and social work services to marginalized low income people in Windsor-Essex and through individual and systematic advocacy.

We provide Legal Services in:

Public Benefits Law, including:

- Appeals to the Social Benefits Tribunal for:
- Ontario Disability Support Program denials
- Medical Reviews
- Ontario Works matters
- Overpayments
- Reconsiderations
- Employment insurance

Housing Law:

- Summary advice and representation on a wide range of eviction and tenant rights matters

Applications to the Criminal Injuries Compensation Board:

- Assisting victims of violent crime apply for compensation from the Ontario government

Immigration Law, including:

- Humanitarian and compassionate applications
- Citizenship waiver requests
- Temporary resident, work and visitor permits
- Restoration of status applications
- Deferral of removal
- Applications for judicial review

Indigenous Justice Program

- The Indigenous Justice Coordinator (IJC) facilitates access to justice for Indigenous clients in Windsor-Essex. The IJC provides culturally respectful and appropriate Clinic law services to Indigenous clients.

Anti Human Trafficking Project (WEFIGHT)

- The anti-human trafficking staff provide direct services to survivors of human trafficking (forced labour, sex trafficking, marriage trafficking), including identification of risk factors and vulnerabilities, coordination with community partners and intensive case management/support.

I Decide Project

- This project provides direct client service to individuals living with intellectual disabilities. The services provided include creating a power of attorney, advice and representation about guardianship, capacity and substitute decision making, supported decision making and person-directed planning.

We provide Social Work Services in:

- Crisis Intervention
- Counselling
- Information and Referral
- Advocacy on Your Behalf
- Community Development

Our Clients:

We provide service to those who cannot afford to pay for legal services and who meet Legal Aid Ontario's financial eligibility guidelines:

- persons who have no income
- low income individuals
- persons whose only income is Ontario Works, Ontario Disability, or Canada Pension Plan.

Application & Inquiries	Marion Overholt, Executive Director 443 Ouellette Ave., 2 nd Floor Windsor, Ontario N9A 4J2 519-256-7831 x4210
Number of Positions	1
Application Package	Cover Letter Resume Letters of Reference
Applications Accepted	By email to: Laura Pratt prattl@lao.on.ca
Employer Information	http://legalassistanceofwindsor.com/
Deadline	May 3, 2019 at 5:00 p.m.