



Public Interest Articling Fellowship

For Articling Year: 2020-2021

Location: 489 College St., Suite 503, Toronto

Deadline for Applications: Friday, July 5th, 2019 at 5:00 p.m.

Description of Organization and Areas of Law

The Barbra Schlifer Commemorative Clinic is a not-for-profit organization providing free legal, counselling and language interpretation services to women who are victims of violence. The Schlifer Clinic opened in 1985 and is committed to achieving justice for women who have experienced partner assault, adult sexual assault and childhood sexual abuse. Legal services delivered to the community include a full range of services in the areas of family and immigration/refugee law, and supportive legal services, summary legal advice and advocacy in the criminal and civil justice systems. Legal remedies pursued on behalf of women are designed to achieve long-term protection from violence, security about women's legal status in Canada, financial and social stability in their families and another redress for the violence they have experienced. The Schlifer Clinic is a feminist organization committed to women's equality.

Description of Responsibilities

The successful applicant will be involved in all aspects of the delivery of family and immigration law services, including the provision of summary legal advice (under lawyer's supervision), managing clients' files/cases, interviewing clients, preparation of pleadings, legal research and some representation of clients in Hearings appropriate to the student's skills and experience. The student will work collaboratively with Clinic lawyers in the development of litigation strategies and investigation/preparation of clients' cases. Also, there will be opportunities (if the student so wishes) to engage in law reform initiatives, the delivery of public legal education and other legal programs. The student will be expected to participate in ongoing supervision and training.

Salary/Benefits

\$51,000 plus benefits, Bar Admissions/Licensing Fees.

Application Requirements

Application package to include:

(1) Cover letter (2) Resume (3) 2 reference letters (4) Law school transcript (original or copy).

Letters should be addressed to the **Director of Legal Services**

Applications may be sent by mail to:

Faith-Ann Mendes
Barbra Schlifer Commemorative Clinic
489 College Street, Suite 503
Toronto, Ontario M6G 1A5

Or by email (in one attachment) to:

Faith-Ann Mendes at f.mendes@schliferclinic.com (Subject line: 2020-21 Articling Application)

Calls, interviews, and offers will be made as per the Law Society of Upper Canada 2020-2021 Articling Recruitment Procedures.

This position has been made available through The Law Foundation of Ontario Public Interest Articling Fellowship Program.