



**Public Interest Articling Fellowship**  
**BARBRA SCHLIFER COMMEMORATIVE CLINIC**

For Articling Year: 2021-22

Location: 489 College St., Suite 503, Toronto

Hiring for **ONE** Articling Student Position

**Deadline for Applications: Friday, September 25, 2020, 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, counseling 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 gender-based violence, including partner abuse and 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, supportive legal services in family court, summary legal advice in family, immigration and sexual assault law, 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 in relation to women's legal status in Canada, financial and social stability in their families and other redresses for the violence they have experienced. The Schlifer Clinic is a feminist organization committed to women's equality. We are committed to working from an anti-oppressive, trauma-informed framework, recognizing intersecting systemic barriers to equality that women experience.

**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), management of client files/cases, interviewing clients, preparation of pleadings, legal research and some representation of clients in proceedings appropriate to the student's skills and experience. The student will assist lawyers with providing Independent Legal Advice to survivors of sexual assault. In addition, the student will be involved with legal intake, referrals, and advocacy for clients. The student will work collaboratively with Clinic lawyers in the development of litigation strategies and investigation/preparation of client cases. In addition, there will be opportunities, based on student interest, to engage in law reform initiatives, the delivery of public legal education and other legal programs. Throughout the placement, the student will receive ongoing supervision, feedback and training.

Salary/Benefits:

\$51,000 (for the 10-month articling period) 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: **Director of Legal Services**

Application packages should be sent **by email to:**

[hr@schliferclinic.com](mailto:hr@schliferclinic.com)

**Subject line: 2021-22 Articling Application**

Please include Cover letter and Resume in **one** attachment. Other documents may be included as separate attachments.

Calls, interviews, and offers will be made as per the Law Society of Ontario Articling Recruitment Procedures for the 2021-2022 year.

The Barbra Schlifer Commemorative Clinic is an equal opportunity employer that welcomes candidates from equity-seeking groups and is committed to providing accommodations for people with disabilities. Please let us know if you require accommodation due to a disability during any aspect of the recruitment process, and we will work with you to address your needs.

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