

ARTICLING AT THE COURT OF APPEAL OF ALBERTA



The Court of Appeal of Alberta gives students a chance to work with the Court as part of their articles. The Court articling program provides a unique experience which is invaluable to students of the law, whether or not their careers involve litigation.

The articling program at the Court is designed to expose students to as many aspects of the appeal process as practicable. In addition to researching and preparing memoranda on law or facts, students sit in on appeals and often discuss issues with appellate judges before and after hearings. As the highest court in the province, the Court of Appeal regularly makes new law and students play an important role in assisting the justices in this process. In this way, students develop strong legal reasoning and writing skills.

Although each student is articulated to a particular judge, students work for all the judges. This ensures that students acquire experience in many areas of the law, including family, criminal, employment, contract, tort and administrative law. It also exposes them to different court proceedings.



As well, students' work often involves litigation about commercial, property or corporate issues of interest to future solicitors.

Students are also encouraged to watch all types of proceedings in the Court of Queen's Bench and in Provincial Court and to discuss both the substantive and procedural aspects of those proceedings with the presiding judge.

Other educational opportunities include seminars on a broad range of topics conducted by judges of the Court of Appeal and the Court of Queen's Bench.

Students report that articling with the Court is rewarding, stimulating and interesting.

Successful candidates article for a total of 15 months. The article consists of 10 consecutive months with the Court and then 5 months with a law firm; the latter is arranged by the student.



Articles of Clerkship for 2008-09

For 2008-09, the Court of Appeal has filled all the positions

Articles of Clerkship for 2009-10

For 2009-10, the Court of Appeal expects to offer 8 positions. Four will be in Calgary and four will be in Edmonton.

Further details regarding the application process will be posted in early autumn 2007.

Articling Interviews

One interview is conducted with applicants who have been short listed. Interviews are held separately in Edmonton and Calgary.



Contact Information

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