

## **Secondment Student Profile**

Deirdre Fleming worked with Calgary Legal Guidance as a secondment student during her articles with Burnet, Duckworth, and Palmer LLP.

This past year, I had the pleasure of joining the team at CLG on secondment. The experience gave me an opportunity to work in number of legal areas, including Employment, Family, and Criminal law. I also got to work closely with a wonderful group of staff and lawyers who advocate tirelessly for low income Calgarians.

CLG provides an indispensable service, tackling access to justice issues by engaging directly with the community. Some of my most instructive experiences came from attending legal clinics around the city. I advised individuals at the Drop-In Centre on their landlord tenancy disputes, and single parents at the YW Domestic Violence Shelter on custody issues. I also drafted civil claims, researched immigration issues, and appeared in court on criminal matters.

Whether it's helping a new Canadian navigate the immigration system, or helping someone obtain identification to open a bank account, CLG truly does empower people to effect positive change in their lives.