

2019 Summer Law Student Positions

Overview

Calgary Legal Guidance (CLG) is a charitable society established in 1972 to provide legal advice and assistance to low-income people with family, criminal, immigration, civil and other poverty law matters that are not covered by Legal Aid. CLG offers specific programs in the areas of domestic violence/family law, homelessness, seniors' issues, social benefits and immigration.

Over 4,000 clients are assisted each year through community legal advice clinics staffed by volunteer lawyers, with follow-up help and representation provided by program lawyers, pro bono lawyers, advocates, articling students and, during the summer months, law students. CLG is also committed to public legal education through presentations in the community and through partnerships with many agencies and organizations that assist the disadvantaged.

The Role

Two summer law student positions are available for 2019 for a 16 week period beginning in May. CLG seeks candidates who are committed to improving access to justice, particularly for the Indigenous community. Applicants should demonstrate an ability to work in a team atmosphere as well as independently and should be interested in issues of poverty and marginalization. CLG summer law students perform legal work supervised by program lawyers including research, written & oral advocacy, court/tribunal representation, and conducting summary legal clinics. Students also provide administrative/other support to CLG programs such as assisting with identification document clinics and client intake.

Required Qualifications

Current enrollment in a law school within Canada or a comparable jurisdiction. Excellent research skills as well as a high degree of competency in oral and written advocacy are required.

Preference will be given to candidates with some experience in public interest/poverty law, litigation and working with vulnerable/marginalized persons.

These positions are funded by a generous Grant from Canada Student Summer Jobs. Canada Student Summer Jobs requires that all applicants be 25 years of age or younger and intending on returning to school.

Preference will be given to candidates with some experience in Indigenous community serving organizations or with a knowledge and understanding of First Nations, Métis and Inuit culture, traditions and justice system experience. CLG promotes employment equity and diversity.

Closing Date: Applicants should forward resume and transcripts along with cover letter as a **single PDF document** **by noon, February 20, 2019** to the attention of the Cameron Ferbey CPA, Director of Finance & Operations at careers@clg.ab.ca.

We thank all applicants for their interest however, only those being considered for an interview will be contacted.