

Articling Position with the Alberta Environmental Appeals Board

CLOSING DATE: April 30, 2006

The Environmental Appeals Board is looking for articling students starting approximately July 1, 2006 to December 31, 2006, and July 1, 2007 to December 31, 2007. The Board may consider hiring an articling student January 1, 2007 to June 30, 2007 at a later date. Students will be under the supervision of the Board's General Counsel. The maximum time for articling with the Board is 6 months, as the Law Society requires you to article elsewhere for the remaining 6 months to gain a wider variety of experience.

What is the Environmental Appeals Board?

The Environmental Appeals Board was established in 1993 pursuant to the *Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act*. The Board hears appeals from individuals, groups, and corporations who are directly affected by a decision made by Alberta Environment under the *Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act* and the *Water Act*. This includes environmental approvals, enforcement actions, reclamation certificates, and water licences. The Board prepares written decisions with respect to these appeals.

Areas of Law

At the Board you will gain experience in primarily administrative law and environmental law. You will also get some exposure to the Board's Alternative Dispute Resolution Program depending on the Board's schedule. Other areas that you may be exposed to include civil procedure, aboriginal law, and if time permits, some time may be spent with the environmental section of special prosecutions in Alberta Justice.

Skills Required

The Board is looking for a person who has exceptional writing and research skills and has a keen interest in environmental law. A science background would be beneficial. The person hired must be able to travel as hearings are held throughout the province. The position requires someone who is willing to take on projects that may not be considered the norm, but you could step up and do it. You must definitely be a team player.

Benefits

Salary is the same rate paid by Alberta Justice for their articling positions. The rate paid this past year was approximately \$19.11/hour. Any travel required for Board business will be paid by the Board.

Interviews

The Board anticipates holding interviews for the July 2006-December 2006 and July 2007-December 2007 positions, in early May 2006. Should the Board decide to hire an articling student for January 2007-June 2007, interviews would be held in September 2006. The Board will only contact those selected for an interview.

Requirements

Candidates should submit a cover letter, resume, transcripts, and a 10 page writing sample. Potential candidates will undergo an academic check and security clearance.

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