

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.



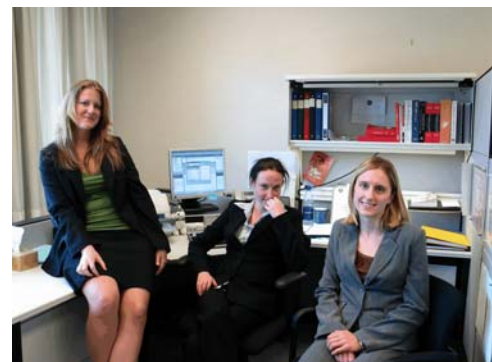
Articles of Clerkship for 2008-09

For 2008-09, the Court of Appeal offers 8 positions to students from any common law faculty in Canada. Four positions are at the Court of Appeal in Edmonton, four at the Court of Appeal in Calgary.

Your application must include:

- 1) a letter of application,
- 2) a transcript (or copy) of all university marks,
- 3) a curriculum vitae,
- 4) one academic reference letter which refers to your legal research and communications skills,
- 5) two additional individuals who will provide references (with contact information), and
- 6) a sample of your legal writing, such as a brief essay.

If you wish to be considered for positions in Edmonton and Calgary, please send separate applications. Your letter of application should indicate the order of your preference.



To apply to article with the Court of Appeal for 2008-2009 in **Edmonton**, please send your application to:

Mr. Justice P. T. Costigan
Court of Appeal of Alberta
Law Courts, #1A Sir Winston Churchill Square
Edmonton, AB T5J 0R2

To apply to article with the Court of Appeal for 2008-2009 in **Calgary**, send the same material to:

Mr. Justice Peter Martin
Court of Appeal of Alberta
2600, 450 - 1st Street S.W.
Calgary, AB T2P 5H1

The application deadline is December 1, 2006 at noon.

All forms of expedited mail or courier service can be slow, so allow plenty of time.

Applications to article with the Court of Queen's Bench of Alberta must be made separately to the Court of Queen's Bench.



Articling Interviews

One interview is conducted with applicants who have been short listed. Interviews are held in Edmonton and Calgary usually in late December or January. Interviewees are asked to bring their first term marks with them if available.

Articles usually commence approximately a year and a half later.

Contact Information

For further information contact Laurel Watson, Legal Counsel in Calgary at: laurel.watson@gov.ab.ca or (403) 297-6692 or Jennifer Jones, Legal Counsel in Edmonton at: jennifer.jones@gov.ab.ca or (780) 427-0299.

If you wish to discuss the articling experience, you may contact our current students:

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