MINISTRY OF COMMUNITY AND SOCIAL SERVICES & MINISTRY OF CHILDREN AND YOUTH SERVICES

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Application Deadline: July 14, 2006 with interviews beginning August 14, 2006

Additional Application Requirements: No additional requirements. If you would like to speak to a current articling student about their experience please contact: (416) 327-4900.

BRIEF OVERVIEW

The ministries are responsible for the administration of some 18 statutes in the field of social welfare and child welfare law. The ministries provide funding to numerous programs through municipalities and transfer payment agencies.

DESCRIPTION OF ARTICLING PROGRAM

Students appear before the Social Benefits Tribunal, Social Assistance Review Board, Dispute Resolution Officers and in Small Claims Court. They assist counsel in preparing for proceedings in court, hearings before the Licence Appeal Tribunal, negotiation of settlements and witness preparation in the areas of family law and administrative law. Students conduct research in areas of administrative law, contract law, family law, social/welfare law, child welfare law and human rights law. They also draft memoranda, contracts, factums, pleadings and other court documents. Students may also be involved in drafting of regulations legislation. Students may also assist in conducting a prosecution under the *Provincial Offences Act.*