

# MINISTRY OF COMMUNITY & SOCIAL SERVICES- FAMILY RESPONSIBILITY OFFICE

## **Contacts:**

Farida Manji  
Manager, Client Operations & Administration  
Family Responsibility Office  
1201 Wilson Ave  
Bldg. B, 7<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Downsview, ON M3M 1J8

Direct Tel: 416-240-2444  
Fax: 416-240-2402  
Email: [farida.manji@css.gov.on.ca](mailto:farida.manji@css.gov.on.ca)

## Additional Contacts:

Shane Foulds, Counsel  
Tel: (416) 240-2484  
[Shane.foulds@css.gov.on.ca](mailto:Shane.foulds@css.gov.on.ca)

Kelly Spear, Counsel  
Tel: 416-240-2435  
Email: [Kelly.spear@css.gov.on.ca](mailto:Kelly.spear@css.gov.on.ca)

**Positions available: 3**

**Website:** <http://www.theFRO.ca>

**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) 240-2444

## **BRIEF OVERVIEW**

The Legal Services Branch provides representation and assistance to the Director of the Family Responsibility Office in the enforcement of family support orders under the Family Responsibility and Support Arrears Enforcement Act.

Counsel provide legal advice to enforcement and administrative staff regarding the interpretation and enforceability of support provisions contained in court orders and domestic contracts; appear for the Director in enforcement hearings in all levels of court; train, instruct and supervise panel solicitors representing the Director's Office throughout the province; and serve on committees and provide training and policy advice regarding enforcement process and the administration of the Family Responsibility Office.

In addition, the Legal Services Branch provides legal advice to the Director's Office on related legislation, including the registration and enforcement of our jurisdiction orders under the Interjurisdictional Support Orders Act and in respect to the Hague Convention on the Civil Aspects of International Child Abduction.

## **DESCRIPTION OF ARTICLING PROGRAM**

The Family Responsibility Office offers an excellent articling opportunity for students interested in family law litigation.

Articling students will assist the 16 program lawyers in all facets of their legal work, including research, writing memoranda, drafting court documents, and responding to Freedom of Information requests. The articling experience also places a strong emphasis on litigation, with students taking carriage of, and conducting enforcement proceedings on behalf of the Director.