

MINISTRY OF COMMUNITY SAFETY & CORRECTIONAL SERVICES

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Positions available: 2
(1 in Orillia and 1 in Toronto)

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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) 314-3509

BRIEF OVERVIEW

The Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services is committed to ensuring that Ontario's communities are supported and protected by law enforcement and public safety systems that are safe, secure, effective, efficient and accountable.

The ministry's responsibilities fall into the following categories:

Correctional Services

- Establishes, maintains, operates and monitors Ontario's adult correctional institutions and probation and parole offices;
- Has jurisdiction over adult offenders under parole supervision, as granted by the Ontario Parole and Earned Release Board; and
- Provides programs and facilities designed to assist in offender rehabilitation.

Public Safety and Security

- Maintains the physical and economic security of Ontario, through the Commissioner of Public Security, by co-ordinating public safety initiatives among municipal, fire and emergency services organizations within and outside of Ontario; and
- Delivers programs and fosters partnerships to minimize or eliminate hazards to persons or property through public education initiatives, emergency measures, scientific investigations, coordination of fire safety services and the coroner's system.

Policing Services

- Oversees policing services throughout Ontario, including the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP); and
- Licenses, regulates and investigates the activities of private investigation and security agencies/individuals in Ontario.

Our legal branch provides a full range of legal services in the following areas; policing, firearms, private investigators and security guards, emergency measures, fire services, coroners, human rights, animal welfare, corrections, probation and parole and freedom of information and protection of privacy.

Branch counsel participate in the development of legislation and regulations, prepare and review a wide variety of contracts and other legal documents, and provide legal opinions and advice for their diverse client base. Branch counsel represent client interests at court hearings in both civil and criminal jurisdictions, administrative proceedings and coroner's inquests.

The branch also acts as counsel to following tribunals; Ontario Parole and Earned Release Board, Animal Care Review Board, and the Fire Safety Commission. In addition, the Branch provides legal advice to the following tribunals: Ontario Civilian Commission on Police Services, Ontario Police Arbitration Commission, Fire Marshal's Public Fire Safety Council.

DESCRIPTION OF ARTICLING PROGRAM

The articling program will allow students to gain wide exposure to the issues central to the Ministry of Community Safety & Correctional Services. Under the supervision and guidance of a principal, students assist counsel with drafting pleadings for the court, and responses to human rights complaints, get exposure to various aspects of the legislative process, and aid in the productions of memoranda of law on a number of topics. In terms of litigation, students may attend small claims court matters, assist counsel in preparing for inquests, habeas corpus applications, motions, human rights proceedings and Animal Care Review Board Hearings. Articling students will have the opportunity to work directly with a number of counsel at the branch.