

MINISTRY OF THE ENVIRONMENT

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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:
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BRIEF OVERVIEW

Ontario's Ministry of the Environment (MOE) has been protecting Ontario's environment for over 30 years. Using stringent regulations, targeted enforcement and a variety of innovative programs and initiatives, the ministry continues to address environmental issues that have local, regional and/or global effects.

DESCRIPTION OF ARTICLING PROGRAM

Our articling students rotate through three practice areas: the Solicitors Team, the Prosecutions Team and the Hearings Team.

In the Solicitors Team rotation, articling students have the opportunity to carry out work in a wide spectrum of public law and regulatory areas including: environmental, administrative and to a limited extent, constitutional law, trade law, regulatory liability, intellectual property, commercial, bankruptcy and insolvency matters, privacy law and real estate. Students are involved in drafting and reviewing contracts and other agreements, regulatory instruments such as Director's Orders and assisting in the preparation of legislation and regulations, as well as Orders-in-Council.

Litigators on the Prosecutions Team act as Crown Counsel in environmental prosecutions under the Provincial Offences Act, and on appeals. In the last few years, they have appeared twice at the Supreme Court of Canada (*R. v. Canadian Pacific Ltd. And R. v. Consolidated Maybrun Mines Ltd.*). Students in this rotation assist senior counsel on environmental prosecutions. In addition to attending trials and trial-related matters with senior counsel, students are responsible for conducting prosecutions individually, as well as conducting research into various procedural and Charter issues.

During the Hearings Team rotation, students participate in the litigation of environmental matters before administrative tribunals, such as the Environmental Review Tribunal. They research and draft documents for use by senior counsel at these hearings. They may, on occasion, be involved in judicial review applications or statutory appeals before the Divisional Court. As with the Prosecutions Team rotation, students attend hearings and court proceedings with senior counsel and have an opportunity to appear on their own before administrative tribunals.