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Please submit 3 references

BRIEF OVERVIEW

The Ministry of Finance – Legal Services Branch provides a full range of legal services to the Ministry of Finance. The Branch has an office in Toronto and an office in Oshawa.

The Ministry of Finance is responsible for the Ontario Budget, Ontario tax statutes, the assessment and collection of Ontario taxes, the management of Ontario finances, capital markets borrowings by Ontario, the administration of financial services statutes in such areas as securities, insurance and pensions, electricity sector restructuring and the development and funding of major capital initiatives in Ontario.

Counsel are engaged in a diversity of practice areas on behalf of the Ministry of Finance, which include the following:

- Interpretation and assistance in drafting of Ontario tax statutes including corporate income tax, personal income tax, municipal property tax, commodities tax and retail sales tax;
- Interpretation and assistance in drafting of Ontario financial services legislation in such areas as securities, insurance and pension law; coordination of legislative projects with the Ontario Securities Commission and the Financial Services Commission of Ontario;
- Preparation of documents and legal advice in support of borrowings, debt financing and derivatives transactions by Ontario in the domestic and international capital markets ;
- Provincial prosecutions under Ministry of Finance administered statutes and civil litigation of tax appeals, including conduct of trials in the Superior Court of Justice;
- Legal advice and support in the application of privacy law to the Ministry of Finance; and drafting and interpretation of procurement, consulting, information technology and other commercial contracts entered into by the Ministry of Finance.

DESCRIPTION OF ARTICLING PROGRAM

Our articling student is given two distinct rotations, one in the Oshawa office and one in the Toronto office. In the Oshawa office rotation, the student will work in support of the counsel conducting prosecutions in relation to tax statutes and of the counsel responsible for debt collection and insolvency. This rotation is approximately six weeks in duration and will require the student to work from the Oshawa office. For the remainder of the articles, the student will work from the Toronto office. The student will work in support of counsel conducting civil litigation of tax appeals. The student will also spend considerable time working in support of counsel engaged in the remaining areas of the Branch's practice. The articling student can expect to be given increasing levels of responsibility commensurate with his or her skills and knowledge. The Branch takes special care in ensuring that the articles the student receives are as varied as can be provided by the diverse practice areas of the Branch. This position will appeal to any prospective student with an interest in taxation and will provide exposure to all aspects of tax law, from tax statute drafting to tax collection. Those prospective students with an interest in financing and issuance of debt instruments can expect a good exposure in this area.