

MINISTRY OF MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS AND HOUSING

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Positions available: 2**Website:** http://www.mah.gov.on.ca/scripts/index_.asp**Application Deadline: July 14, 2006****Additional Application Requirements:** No additional requirements.

If you would like to speak to a current Articling Student about their experience please contact:
416-585-6703.

BRIEF OVERVIEW

The Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing's mandate includes 3 major businesses; municipal, land use planning and housing. It administers such legislation as the *Planning Act*, the *Municipal Act, 2001* the *Tenant Protection Act, 1997*, the *Building Code Act, 1992* and the *Social Housing Reform Act, 2000*.

The branch provides legal services to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing.

Recent significant issues have included the proposed City of Toronto Act, 2006, *Planning Act* and Ontario Municipal Board reform, Greenbelt protection, the proposed Residential Tenancies Act, 2006 and the review of the *Municipal Act, 2001*.

The branch is organized functionally along the Ministry's business lines with municipal law, planning law, housing law and tenancy law and prosecutions sections. The branch has a collegial and supportive atmosphere where students are encouraged to ask questions and work closely with experienced counsel.

DESCRIPTION OF ARTICLING PROGRAM

Students undertake legal research and opinion work and assist in drafting legislation, Minister's orders, contracts and other legal documents. Students provide litigation support relating to Ontario Municipal Board hearings and prosecutions under the *Tenant Protection Act, 1997*. They also review commercial documents and conduct corporate searches.