

MINISTRY OF TRANSPORTATION

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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) 235-4408.

BRIEF OVERVIEW

The Ministry of Transportation supports a prosperous economic climate by building and managing a safe and efficient transportation system in Ontario. The core businesses of the ministry include Road User Safety, Provincial Highways Management and Transportation Policy and Planning.

The Legal Services Branch of the ministry provides legal services to all areas of the ministry in all aspects of its affairs. The office has a collegial atmosphere with counsel providing guidance and mentoring to students.

The Legal Services Branch is organized functionally along the ministry's core business lines with a Road User Safety Section, and a Provincial Highways Management and Transportation Policy and Planning Section. Counsel in both sections practice in broad areas of the law and provide a full range of services to the ministry including prosecutions and appeals, civil litigation, real estate/expropriation, legislative and regulatory drafting, opinions on road user safety, drafting of and negotiating contracts and advising on transportation law, corporate and commercial law, freedom of information and protection of privacy, construction liens, procurement law, electronic commerce and alternative service delivery.

DESCRIPTION OF ARTICLING PROGRAM

Students at the ministry will have a varied articling experience. Students will assist in prosecutions and civil litigation, prepare submissions, interview witnesses, and attend court with or on behalf of counsel. Students will assist counsel on significant corporate and commercial issues related to new and challenging business opportunities presented at the ministry. There will be an emphasis on research and opinions on matters relating to corporate and commercial law, procurement law, property law (including liens and expropriation), transportation law, and freedom of information and protection of privacy issues. Students may have an opportunity to work with ministry clients on new regulatory and legislative initiatives and may assist counsel in drafting legislation and regulations.

Students who complete their articles at the Legal Services Branch of the Ministry of Transportation will have gained significant expertise and experience towards the establishment of their legal career, whether in the private or public sector.