

# OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC GUARDIAN AND TRUSTEE

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**Positions available: 3****Website:** [www.attorneygeneral.jus.gov.on.ca/english/family/pgt](http://www.attorneygeneral.jus.gov.on.ca/english/family/pgt)**Application Deadline: July 14, 2006 with interviews beginning August 14, 2006****Additional Application Requirements:** No additional requirements.

## BRIEF OVERVIEW

The Office of the Public Guardian and Trustee (OPGT) is part of the Family Justice Services Division of the Ministry of the Attorney General. The primary responsibility of the OPGT is to help protect the rights and interests of mentally incapable adults who have no one else to act on their behalf. The legal branch of the OPGT is made up of lawyers and staff who work in the following areas: Guardianship, Litigation, Corporate Services and the Charitable Property Program. The legal staff are responsible for dealing with legal issues that arise for the OPGT's incapable client group as well as making treatment decisions for those unable to do so and without next of kin, searching for heirs, investing perpetual care funds, dealing with dissolved corporations and protecting the public's interest in charities. Given the variety of work our office has often been described as a general practice.

## DESCRIPTION OF ARTICLING PROGRAM

Articling students are given opportunities to attend courts and tribunals. They are exposed to a variety of subject matters including family, estates, charities, real estate, corporations, torts, and personal injury. Students also prepare memoranda of law on a number of issues.

The articling program has three rotations and each student spends time in each rotation. Students work in the Guardianship and Litigation rotations and in a combined rotation in Corporate Services and the Charitable Property Program. Students have a principal and a mentor that they can receive guidance from throughout the year. The Articling Committee at the end of each rotation gives students feedback on their work.

The OPGT is seeking individuals who are interested in assisting the most vulnerable individuals in society. Students should have some experience in dealing with mentally incapable people and should be willing to undertake challenging legal work.