



ASSOCIATION OF **LEGAL-AID LAWYERS**

A.L.L./LABC Articling Program

Information/Criteria

2023

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Overview

As part of the most recent negotiation between the government and the Association of Legal Aid Lawyers (A.L.L.), it was agreed that, for two years, the government would fund an articling program to be administered by A.L.L. and LABC.

Details of the program are as follows:

- The government has agreed to provide \$30,000 to each of 12 firms to contribute to the overall cost of engaging an articled student.
- Twelve firms (sole practitioners are also able to participate) will be chosen each year by A.L.L. in consultation with LABC.
- The firms will be paid by LABC.
- The firms are expected to contribute towards the cost of the student.
- The engaged articled student is expected to devote approximately 50% (or more) of their time to legal aid work.
- Only firms located outside Greater Vancouver Regional District (Metro Vancouver), Fraser Valley Regional District and Capital (Victoria) Regional District will be considered.
- LABC will ensure that firms selected have legal aid billings that are sufficient to meet the criteria, and that there have been no identified issues with compliance with LABC policies.
- Priority consideration will be given to addressing underserved practice areas (especially family and child protection).
- Candidates from diverse and underrepresented backgrounds are encouraged.
- Firms/principals must be in good standing with the Law Society.
- There will be an evaluation of the program which may include interviews with the students.

In addition:

- It is a requirement that the firm pay the student's PLTC fees, and also the student's salary while they are at PLTC.
- Firms will not be permitted to charge back any expenses to the students.
- Firms will be entitled to keep any student billings.
- The minimum salary for an articulated student will be \$45,000.
- Employer contributions to benefits (if any) are in addition to the salary.
- Shared articles will be considered provided that both firms meet the regional and percentage of legal aid practice requirements.

Further Information

Please contact Wayne Robertson KC, Executive Director A.L.L., if you would like further information:

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