

Your application must include:

- (1) a letter of application,
- (2) a transcript (or copy) of all university marks,
- (3) a curriculum vitae,
- (4) one academic reference letter which refers to your legal research and communication skills, and the names of, and contact information for, two additional referees, and
- (5) a brief sample of your legal writing.

If you wish to be considered for positions in Edmonton and Calgary, please send separate applications.

To apply in **Edmonton**, please send your application to:

Mr. Justice S. D. Hillier
Court of Queen's Bench of Alberta
Law Courts
#1A Sir Winston Churchill Square
Edmonton, AB T5J 0R2

To apply in **Calgary**, send the same material to:

Mr. Justice B. E. Mahoney
Court of Queen's Bench of Alberta
Calgary Courts Centre
Suite 2401 - N
601 - 5th St. S.W.
Calgary, Alberta
T2P 5P7

The application deadline is December 1, 2009 at noon.

All forms of expedited mail and courier service can be slow, so allow plenty of time.

Contacts

You can visit the Court of Queen's Bench's Articling program web page at www.albertacourts.ab.ca or you can contact Shelagh Lobay at Shelagh.Lobay@albertacourts.ca in Edmonton or Darryl Ruether at Darryl.Ruether@albertacourts.ca in Calgary.

In addition, the following articling students, presently at the Courts, are willing to answer your questions about the program:

In **Edmonton**, contact:

Martha Peden	(780) 422-0273
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In **Calgary**, contact:

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2011 - 2012 ARTICLING PROGRAM

THE COURT OF QUEEN'S BENCH OF ALBERTA

Articling Positions

Each year, the Court of Queen's Bench of Alberta has articling positions in Calgary and in Edmonton for students from any common law faculty in Canada. The number of positions for 2011-2012 will be determined before interviews are held. The Court's articling program offers a unique and valuable opportunity to acquire experience in the fullest possible range of practice areas, to observe all manner of proceedings in Court, and to hone research, analytical, and writing skills.

Successful candidates article for 10 consecutive months with the Court of Queen's Bench, followed by a five month law firm article which the students must arrange. Court articles in Edmonton commence in June. Articling start dates in Calgary are staggered.

What Does the Court of Queen's Bench Offer?

Articling with the Court of Queen's Bench provides a rare opportunity to participate in and observe the administration of justice in Alberta from a unique perspective. Student involvement in the process is active and direct. Students often review briefs prior to hearings and attend applications and jury and non-jury trials. They are given the opportunity to research, write and discuss cases with the presiding Justices as they unfold. This allows students to learn directly from the Justices of the Court of Queen's Bench, something no other article in the province can offer. The articling program exposes students to many areas of the law and virtually all aspects of the judicial process. Students at the Court are encouraged to attend as many hearings, in as many Courts, as time permits.

Mentoring

Each student at the Court is articulated to a Justice of the Court of Queen's Bench and receives further guidance and support from an assigned Legal Counsel advisor. Principals are carefully selected with a view to students' interests and backgrounds. The Justices of the Court of Queen's Bench and Legal Counsel are dedicated to ensuring that the students' experience with the Court is rewarding and valuable.

Work Allocation

Legal Counsel to the Court of Queen's Bench channel work to students in accordance with their interests and with the aim of ensuring exposure to a broad range of practice areas and to as many Justices as possible. Court students are valued as an important resource, and the Justices and Legal Counsel take their responsibilities to students very seriously. Student workloads are carefully monitored to ensure not only that the work experience is comprehensive and useful, but also that students have the time and resources to address their CPLED requirements.

Tours

As part of articling with the Court of Queen's Bench, students are given the opportunity to tour other facilities, including the Family and Youth, Criminal and Civil divisions of Provincial Court, where they meet with Judges of the Provincial Court and attend hearings and trials. Students are also given exposure to the Court of Appeal and are encouraged to observe proceedings in that Court.

Ongoing Education

In addition to a comprehensive orientation from experienced Legal Counsel advisors and Court librarians on commencement of their articles, our students have the unique opportunity to attend a series of seminars, given by Justices and Masters, covering a broad range of practice areas. This opportunity to receive instruction and guidance directly from Justices and Masters, in their fields of expertise, is not available in any non-Court articling program.

Resources

Students at the Court of Queen's Bench are given individual offices adjacent to the law library and have access to the judicial library, a comprehensive law library for the exclusive use of Justices, Legal Counsel and Court students. In addition, they have the support of the Court's full-time librarian and complete access to all major online legal resources.

Life at the Court

The Court recognizes the importance of making students feel comfortable and welcome. The environment is highly professional, but Legal Counsel and Justices also make an effort to foster an environment of collegiality. A number of less formal social events are hosted by Justices and Legal Counsel over the course of the year. All students and Legal Counsel meet regularly to review and discuss current assignments and other matters before the Court. Justices frequently drop by to discuss, in an informal caucus setting, particularly interesting or complex matters. Students are encouraged to discuss legal issues among themselves and with Justices and Legal Counsel.

Whether your interests lie in litigation, solicitors' work or academia, the comprehensive nature of the Court's jurisdiction ensures valuable articles. The benefits to future litigators are clear. However, our students work on litigation concerning commercial and corporate matters that also are of interest to students intending to work as solicitors. They work on insolvencies, estate matters, family law matters, tort claims, judicial reviews and criminal cases. They observe and review evidence, research law, and are called on to provide sophisticated legal analysis. Articling with the Court of Queen's Bench is stimulating and rewarding, and provides an excellent transition from law school to practice.

