



Articling Information

1) Introduction to Articling Fellowship

The BSCC is one of six social justice organizations in the province of Ontario that is funded by the Law Foundation of Ontario and administered by Pro Bono Students Canada to deliver an Articling Fellowship. The Schlifer Clinic provides a full range of services including representation to clients in the areas of family and immigration/refugee law, and supportive services in the criminal justice system. The purpose of the Fellowship is to provide students with an opportunity to engage in an alternative articling experience in the public interest field. Our clients are women who experience all forms of violence (domestic violence, childhood sexual abuse, adult sexual assault), they are immigrant and refugee women fleeing partner abuse or gender persecution in their country of origin, and they are marginalized women who experience intersecting oppressions (gender-based violence, poverty, racism). Our clients also experience multiple legal issues in different areas of law, as well as a range of social welfare needs. Our clients are women who also experience multiple forms of violence, are highly isolated, and have experienced significant psychological and emotional trauma. As a social justice organization, the Barbra Schlifer Clinic promotes women's equality and freedom from violence and the rights of women to full participation as citizens in our society.

2) Recruitment and Selection:

The Barbra Schlifer Clinic recruits students from law schools across Canada. We are particularly interested in students with a social justice orientation, as well as students who may have engaged in legal or other initiatives or activities that address violence against women or other disadvantages experienced by marginalized communities. Experience in student legal clinics, or other related work, is considered an asset.

3) The Articling Program:

Articling experience at the Barbra Schlifer Clinic is governed by a detailed Education Plan that is drafted in collaboration with the articling student. The Education Plan covers all areas of skill development and knowledge acquisition as set out in guidelines by the Law Society of Upper Canada. The articling student will work with three clinic lawyers, practicing in the areas of family and immigration/refugee law and will engage in all aspects of the development and representation of clients' legal claims. The student will be supervised by the lawyer with whom she is working. Additionally, the student will meet regularly with her Principal to review her progress on her Education Plan. As prescribed by the Law Society of

Upper Canada, the student will be required to complete a Professional Responsibility exam, which will be administered by her Principal.

4) Guide to Articling Applications

- a. Eligibility: The articling position is available to all students currently enrolled in a law school in Canada.
- b. Due Date/Hiring Requirements: The Law Society of Upper Canada strictly regulates the recruitment and selection of articling students, and other aspects of the qualifying process for admission to the Bar of Ontario. **Students applying for an articling position at the BSCC should consult the Law Society of Upper Canada website for all applicable due dates.**
- c. Application package to include:
(1) Cover letter (2) Resume (3) 2 reference letters (4) Law school transcript (original or copy).
Applications can be emailed, faxed, or mailed. For more details on applying for an articling position please consult your career centre or law school.

5) Articling Student Remuneration:

Students are paid \$51,000 + benefits and Bar Admissions/Licensing Fees for the 10 months of their articling period. The Schlifer Clinic provides a generous health package. We will also make numerous professional development opportunities available to students in the areas of law in which we practice and relating to the practice of law in general.

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