



ABORIGINAL LEGAL SERVICES

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Job Title:	Staff Lawyer	Travel Required:	minimal
Location:	Toronto Head Office	Position Type:	6 month contract
Reports to:	Legal Advocacy Director	Posting Expires:	August 2, 2024

Job purpose

Aboriginal Legal Services (ALS) strengthens the capacity of the Aboriginal community and its citizens to deal with justice issues and provide Aboriginal controlled and culturally based justice alternatives. Our dedicated staff is our most valued resource. Compassionate care, teamwork, professionalism, communication, and respect are the values that set ALS apart.

ALS is looking for a Staff Lawyer for a 6-month contract beginning as soon as possible. This is a unionized position. This position is funded in part by the Alnoba Lewis Foundation. **The successful candidate will be second chair on a large multiple death Inquest with the Legal Director. It is anticipated that the Inquest will occur in October and November 2024.**

The compensation for a Staff lawyer with three years of experience is set at \$94,805, though this may vary depending on the call-to-bar date, in accordance with our wage grid for staff lawyers as stipulated in the collective agreement.

ALS Staff Lawyers carry out casework independently; conducts legal research; and assists legal director and senior staff lawyer in legal supervision and coordination of community legal workers, students and participates in volunteer coordination. They provide summary legal advice, assist in clinic administration, and represent the clinic in the community through written work, litigation, board appearances, case management and team contributions to test case litigation and Inquest work, as well as public speaking and engaging in community outreach.

General Duties and responsibilities

- To review the full job description of an ALS Staff lawyer please contact HR department,
- Lawyers applying for this position should have familiarity with diverse areas of law or demonstrate similar experience and willingness to learn areas of law, including but not limited to:
 - Landlord and Tenant,
 - Social Assistance,
 - Inquest representation,
 - Police Complaints,
 - Human Rights,
 - Victim Advocacy,
 - criminal and civil appeal and processes,
 - awareness to changes to relevant law, policies or administrative practices,

Other duties include:

- Providing summary advice and intake for members of the public or clients;
- Client Representation before boards, court or in other administrative processes;
- File carriage and management, including
 - organizing facts and prepare case plan, write and obtain documents and material required;
 - Prepare argument, including oral and written submissions,
 - Identify witnesses and evidence,
 - Prepare client and witnesses for trial,

- Examine and cross-examine witnesses and expert witnesses,
 - Oral advocacy at hearing,
- Supervision of Community Legal Workers, students and volunteers
- Administration and specifically intake review and statistical collection from CIMS, our case management tool.
- Outreach and Education
- Community Development and Organizing
- Law Reform or Advocacy
- Other duties and tasks as directed by the Legal Advocacy Director

Qualifications

- LL.B. or J.D., called to the bar in Ontario. Relevant experience in law specifically related to clinic services is preferred. Knowledge/experience with urban Aboriginal legal/cultural issues is preferred.
- Minimum of three years legal experience as a lawyer and ideally three to five years of experience in legal practice. **Please note we will not consider candidates with less than 3 years call.**
- Knowledge and experience with Aboriginal cultural and legal issues is preferred.
- Experiences serving or working with Aboriginal clients, communities is also an asset that will be considered when selecting candidates for interviews.

To apply:

To apply to this job posting please submit your cover letter or a letter of interest with “Staff Lawyer” in the subject line to hrgeneral@aboriginallegal.ca by no later than **12 Noon on Friday August 2, 2024**.

Aboriginal Legal Services is an equal opportunity organization committed to diversity and inclusion. Our goal is to attract, develop and retain highly talented employees from diverse backgrounds, allowing us to benefit from a wide variety of experiences and perspectives. We welcome and encourage applications from all qualified applicants. Accommodations for persons with disabilities required during the recruitment process are available upon request.

To request accommodation, please email Nazaninn@aboriginallegal.ca.

We would like to thank all applicants for their interest but only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

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