

**Community Legal Services (Western University)
Lawyer / Review Counsel (Civil Litigation)
Part-time Independent Contractor (up to 3 days per week)**

Community Legal Services is Western University's Student Legal Aid Clinic (SLASS) located within the Faculty of Law. Our mandate is to provide excellent legal service to low income clients, as well as an experience based clinical educational program for Western Law students. Under the direct supervision and mentorship of Review Counsel, students provide legal assistance to low income persons in the city of London. Our work includes individual case files, community outreach, advocacy projects, public legal education and teaching.

We are seeking an energetic, enthusiastic lawyer with sound judgment, and excellent interpersonal skills, to join the clinic as a **Review Counsel**. The clinic currently provides legal service in the areas of Criminal Law, Provincial Offences, Family Law, Tenants Rights, and Civil disputes (Small Claims Court), Employment law, Human Rights and Academic appeals. This position will provide mentorship to and supervision of students in the areas of civil and administrative law.

This position requires a lawyer with a minimum of 5 years of civil litigation experience. The candidate **must** be able to supervise files in Small Claims Court matters, and Residential Tenancies applications before the LTB. Some experience in Employment law and/or Human Rights litigation would be an asset. Experience drafting simple wills and powers of attorney would also be an asset.

Review Counsel may also be called upon to teach portions of the Clinic Course and lead group discussions with students. To that end, we seek individuals who enjoy being in the classroom and have a passion for teaching and mentoring students.

Review Counsel's responsibilities include:

- Comprehensive and detailed supervision / mentoring of law students in the areas of written and oral advocacy, client management, file management, legal analysis, legal research, legal drafting, legal problem solving, negotiations and professional ethics;
- Supervision of students in the delivery of legal services;
- Provision of legal services directly to clients when necessary;
- Development, implementation and supervision of public legal education, community outreach and advocacy projects (as assigned by the Clinic Director);
- Assisting the Director with delivery and evaluation of the Clinic course or other teaching assignments as assigned;

Qualifications:

- JD or LLB degree;
- Membership in the Law Society of Ontario (licenced to practise law in Ontario);
- Minimum of 5 years of experience in Civil Litigation;
- A demonstrated ability in serving low-income clients and persons with disabilities in a respectful and sensitive manner;
- Demonstrated cultural competencies;
- Excellent attention to detail and proven time management skills;
- Interest and experience in areas of social justice;
- Proven ability to supervise and mentor students;
- Familiarity with Legal Aid Ontario, its mandate and structure.

This is an independent contractor position. The initial period is 14 weeks with possibility of renewal based on budgetary considerations. If you are interested in applying for this position please contact:

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Interested applicants should submit a single pdf document containing their curriculum vitae, the names of three work related references and cover letter outlining their experience. **The deadline for applications is December 18th at 4:30 pm.** Questions about this position can be directed to Michele Pegg at mpegg3@uwo.ca.

We appreciate your interest; however, only those selected for an interview will be notified.