

Articling Student Position – Rise Women's Legal Centre

Job Title:	Articling Student
Compensation:	\$55,000 salary plus benefits, professional dues and opportunities for continuing professional development
Start Date:	September 2024
Employment Type:	Full-time; term position (12 months)
Location:	Vancouver, B.C.

Are you passionate about access to justice? Are you keen to use your legal skills to advance social justice? Are you interested in practicing family law? Are you looking for a unique articling experience? If so, we're looking for you!

Rise Women's Legal Centre (Rise) is hiring an articling student to start in September 2024!

About Rise:

Rise is a public interest organization committed to serving the legal needs of women and gender-diverse individuals who would not otherwise have access to counsel. We provide legal services through an integrated legal services model that includes a law school clinic. Rise contributes to addressing barriers to accessing civil justice for individuals of marginalized genders and their children and we have a strong focus of family law, although we may also sometimes help with related matters.

We are committed to a practice of law that is supportive, welcoming, and challenges the status quo. We think being a lawyer doesn't mean not having a life. Many of our legal services are delivered by full-time students from the Peter A. Allard School of Law at the University of British Columbia. Students work under the supervision of clinic lawyers to provide representation to individual clients. Our students are available to take files during each of the fall, winter and summer academic terms.

Rise's work takes place on traditional, ancestral, and un-ceded homelands belonging to the Coast Salish peoples, including the territories of the x^wməθkwəy'əm (Musqueam), Skwxwú7mesh (Squamish), Stó:lō, and Səl'ílwətaʔ/Selilwitulh (Tsleil-Waututh) Nations.

About the Position:

Under the supervision of their principal, the articling student at Rise will work directly on client files. The articling student's work will focus on files from the Virtual Legal Clinic, as well as conducting some hearings and applications. While the majority of the work will be in the area of family law, there may also be opportunities to work on immigration files.

Dependant on funding, we may be able to offer you an opportunity to stay on at Rise for an additional year as an Incubator Lawyer. What's an Incubator Lawyer? Legal incubators have emerged as a model that enables newly-admitted lawyers to acquire the range of skills necessary to launch successful practices while expanding access to legal services. They're structured to give a new practitioner the tools they need to survive (and thrive) in the early years of establishing a legal practice.

During the incubator year, you will receive a salary while continuing to grow your skills and will start taking your own legal aid files. Whether you decide to stay on at Rise for Incubator year or look for a lawyer position with an established firm or other organization at the end of your articles, you'll be well-equipped to provide legal services after your time with us.

The Nuts and Bolts:

The articling salary is \$55,000/year (September 2024 to August 2025), which will include PLTC fees as well as salary during PLTC. We will also pay for your CBA and TLABC membership during your articling year.

Who We're Looking For:

- We welcome applications from all students who will have completed law school by August 2024. **We have a strong preference for hiring an applicant who has completed Rise Women's Legal Centre's clinical externship or who will have completed the externship before September 2024.**
- An interest in family law, as well as in working in a low-income clinic environment, as demonstrated through coursework, work experience, or volunteer experience.
- An interest in developing a litigation practice and demonstrated ability to develop strong courtroom and advocacy skills.
- Sensitivity and ability to work with marginalised clients and clients in challenging circumstances.
- Ability to look at cases through an intersectional equality lens.
- Excellent legal research and writing skills.
- A strong interest in starting their own practice down the road.

To Apply:

Applications are due no later than 5:00 pm on Monday, November 6, 2023

Submit the following materials via email to Vicky Law, Virtual Legal Clinic Lawyer feedback@womenslegalcentre.ca with the subject line "Application for Articling Position 2023":

- Cover Letter specifically addressing why you are interested in articling at Rise, as well as how you meet the qualities described above;
- Resume
- Law School transcripts (unofficial are fine)

We are committed to making our work and our workplace more inclusive, equitable, and accessible. We especially encourage applications from individuals who have traditionally been underrepresented in the legal profession. We encourage applicants to self-identify in their cover letter.

While we appreciate all interest in the position, due to the numbers of applications we receive, we will only be contacting short-listed candidates. Late or incomplete applications will not be considered.

To learn more about Rise, visit <https://womenslegalcentre.ca/>.

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