



South Asian Legal Clinic of Ontario (SALCO) Two (2) Articling Positions – 2016/2017

The South Asian Legal Clinic of Ontario is a community legal clinic funded by Legal Aid Ontario (LAO). We provide legal advice and representation to low-income South Asians in the Greater Toronto Area, including, but not limited to, clients from Bangladesh, Pakistan, India, Sri Lanka, the West Indies, Africa and other people of South Asian origin. Areas of law practiced include Immigration, Human Rights, Income Maintenance (Ontario Works, Ontario Disability Support Program, Canada Pension Plan, Old Age Security, and Employment Insurance), and Tenants Rights. SALCO also conducts a significant amount of law reform work on issues including trafficking, forced marriage, race/religious discrimination, police profiling, and family violence (elder abuse, domestic violence). Work includes test case work, lobbying, community development, and public legal education activities.

SALCO is seeking two (2) articling students for the 2016/2017 articling term. All applicants must be eligible to undertake articles in Ontario. The students will work out of the clinic / satellite offices during clinic hours but some evening or weekend work may be required. The articling students will have a broad range of experiences while articling with SALCO including casework, law reform work, and public legal education. Casework will focus on immigration, family violence, social assistance, employment law, and human rights work. Articling will include assisting SALCO lawyers with casework, handling your own small caseload, creating and conducting public legal education, and participating in law reform work at the clinic.

Salary and benefits will be at the level provided by the Law Foundation of Ontario / Legal Aid Ontario.

Assets:

- Excellent research, writing and communication skills
- Experience working with low-income communities
- Experience working with diverse members of the South Asian community
- Ability to speak a second South Asian language
- Demonstrated knowledge of social justice and systemic barriers to the South Asian community/ Understanding of issues of significance to the low-income South Asian community;
- Demonstrated initiative and resourcefulness; and
- Excellent computer skills and good knowledge of social media

Application Process: Each applicant should forward the following:

- Cover letter, Resume, Transcript of Law School Grades;
- Names and contact information for 2-3 references (reference letters are optional); and
- Applicants should be prepared to provide writing samples if interviewed.

Please apply by mail by Friday, July 3, 2015 at 5:00 p.m.:

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Only successful candidates will be contacted for an interview

SALCO is an equal opportunity employer and welcomes applications from historically disadvantaged groups.