



Call for 2027/28 Articling Applications

Become a lawyer on your own terms and help advance access to justice in BC

The Everyone Legal Clinic (ELC) is accepting applications for **5 to 10 articling positions beginning in September 2027**. Applications are open from **October 13, 2026 to January 1, 2027** and can be submitted at <https://near.tl/sm/SbSCPiNp8> or through the application link in the footer of everyonelegal.ca.

If you want your articling year to be more than supporting senior lawyers in the background, ELC offers a different path.

You will learn the practice of law while beginning to build a sustainable legal practice of your own, and then use your knowledge and skills to advance equitable access to justice.

You will work with real clients and develop practical legal, business, technology and relationship skills across a broad range of everyday legal areas. You will receive close supervision, mentorship and support from experienced lawyers. By the end of your articles, you will have begun developing the professional relationships, experience and client base that form the foundation of practice after call.

Each position provides a baseline annual income of between **\$55,000 and \$65,000** (depending on ELC funding levels), thanks in large part to generous funding from the Mowafaghian Foundation.

We are looking for people who want to build a legal career while advancing equitable access to justice, not simply land an articling job.

Why article with ELC?

There are many ways to become a lawyer. ELC is designed for law graduates who seek a high degree of responsibility, independence and opportunity to shape their own legal careers from the beginning. It is particularly well suited to people who want their careers to make a difference.

A conventional articling position can provide excellent training, but also mean spending a year working in a narrow practice, often with limited exposure to the business and professional skills involved in building one.

ELC takes a different approach. We believe that building a sustainable legal practice and advancing access to justice can be part of the same articling experience.

ELC is a BC-wide and internationally award-winning public interest law incubator operated by Access

Pro Bono BC. Launched in May 2022 as part of the Law Society of BC's Innovation Sandbox, ELC trains and supports new generations of lawyers and articling students to provide pro bono and low-cost legal services throughout BC, wherever they are located.

As an ELC articling clinician, you become part of a virtual community of emerging lawyers developing sustainable practices that increase access to justice, particularly as sole and small-firm practitioners in underserved communities.

What will you learn?

ELC's award-winning practice training program is designed to develop the skills you need to practise law, thrive in a changing legal marketplace and provide effective, accessible legal services to the people and communities you serve.

You will develop:

- substantive legal knowledge across a broad range of everyday legal areas;
- practical skills in serving real clients;
- practice-management skills;
- legal technology skills;
- client-development and relationship skills;
- business skills;
- trauma-informed and culturally competent approaches to legal practice; and
- the adaptability and independence required to develop a sustainable legal practice.

You will receive comprehensive training and expert supervision from a diverse panel of practising lawyers, together with mentorship and coaching from local and regional lawyers.

What will your articling year look like?

Your year will be divided into two semesters: a shorter learning semester and a longer service semester.

Learning semester

You will begin with a one-week ELC orientation over Zoom and then spend several weeks completing the Law Society of BC's bar training course (CPLED).

Following CPLED, you will establish a home office in your chosen BC community. You will attend ELC training seminars over Zoom and begin serving pro bono and some fee-paying clients under the remote guidance of ELC's supervising lawyers.

Your training and supervised practice will expose you to a wide range of areas of law, preparing you to serve clients during your articles and in the years that follow.

Service semester

During your service semester, you will launch your fee-charging practice under the remote guidance of ELC's roster of supervising lawyers, together with local or regional support from lawyer mentors.

You will provide pro bono and low-cost legal services to members of the public, including clients referred by Access Pro Bono and other legal service organizations.

This is where ELC differs most from conventional articling.

You are not simply learning about legal practice. You are beginning to practise, build relationships with clients, understand the business of law and develop the foundations of a practice you can continue after call. At the same time, you will help people who might otherwise struggle to obtain the legal assistance they need.

By the end of the year, you will have done more than complete your articles. You will have developed practical experience, professional relationships and the foundations needed to build and adapt a sustainable legal practice in a shifting marketplace.

You will also have practical experience using your legal skills to advance equitable access to justice.

Upon your call to the BC bar, you may bring your work product and ELC-sourced clients along to private practice.

Who is ELC looking for?

ELC is particularly well suited to law graduates who are entrepreneurial, community-minded, technologically curious and interested in developing their own approach to legal practice.

You may be a particularly good fit if you:

- want to build a rewarding legal career on your own terms;
- went to law school because you want to help people;
- want substantial hands-on experience with real clients;
- are interested in developing your own practice rather than simply joining an existing one;
- are excited by legal technology and innovation and see yourself as an "early adopter";
- want to develop the business, client-development and interpersonal skills that are essential to a sustainable practice;
- value mentorship and constructive feedback from experienced lawyers;
- are comfortable working independently while being part of a supportive virtual community; and
- want to use your legal career to contribute to equitable access to justice in BC.

You do not need to know exactly what your legal career will look like. You do need to be curious, adaptable and willing to build it. You should also be interested in how the practice you build can serve the people and communities around you.

What does ELC provide?

ELC provides:

- between \$55,000 and \$65,000 in baseline annual income (depending on ELC funding levels);
- a salary bonus for exceeding a reasonable billing threshold;
- comprehensive training and expert supervision from a diverse panel of practising lawyers;
- mentorship and coaching from local and regional lawyers;
- constructive feedback on all aspects of your file work;
- free marketing of your legal services to your home community;
- a steady stream of pro bono and fee-paying client referrals;
- free use of Clio, Westlaw, Acrobat and other leading-edge technology applications;
- free membership in the BC Branch of the Canadian Bar Association;
- support from Courthouse Libraries and sponsor law firms across BC; and
- a virtual community of tech-forward and like-minded colleagues.

There is no tuition or admission fee. ELC also covers clinicians' bar training course fees.

Clinicians may also earn additional income through outside employment, provided that it does not interfere with their professional development.

Who does ELC serve?

ELC is part of Access Pro Bono BC's broader mission to advance equitable access to justice.

Its work is guided by five related goals:

- Increase access to affordable and high-quality legal services in all BC communities;
- Increase professional capacity for public interest legal service throughout BC;

- Provide new generations of BC legal professionals with the substantive knowledge and practical skills required to thrive in highly adaptive forms of public-minded legal practice;
- Improve equity, diversity, working conditions and quality of education in BC's legal professional training systems, and reduce unmet need for articling positions in BC; and
- Promote new virtual, fixed-fee and modular forms of legal practice.

For ELC, these goals are closely connected. The Clinic seeks to develop lawyers who can build sustainable practices while helping close the gap between the legal services people need and the legal services they can afford.

Application Process

Applications will be accepted from **October 13, 2026 to January 1, 2027** through the online application form available at <https://near.tl/sm/SbSCPiNp8> and in the footer of everyonelegal.ca.

You will need to submit:

- your resume;
- three professional references;
- a copy of your law school transcripts; and
- a short video, up to two minutes long, explaining why you think the ELC experience is right for you.

ELC will extend admission offers to **5 to 10 applicants** during the first three months of 2027. Other applicants may be waitlisted or may choose to re-apply for subsequent articling cohorts.

Selection Criteria

Articling clinicians must have either successfully completed an accredited law degree at the start of their bar training course or received a certificate of qualification from the National Committee of Accreditation.

ELC will prioritize law students and graduates who:

- commit to articling and then practising in an underserved BC community;
- demonstrate a previous commitment to providing legal services to disadvantaged people; and
- represent one or more equity-seeking groups.

Equity, Diversity and Inclusion

ELC encourages applications from members of communities that face discrimination and disadvantage.

To help ensure that its articling cohorts reflect the full diversity of BC, ELC may give preference to applicants who self-identify as members of one or more of the following groups: Indigenous people, persons with disabilities, 2SLGBTQ+ people, and people of colour/racialized people.

Applicants are encouraged to self-identify in their application if they feel comfortable doing so.

Priority BC Communities

ELC particularly encourages applications from candidates intending to article and practise in the following underserved BC communities:

- Bella Coola
- Campbell River and North Island
- Courtenay/Comox
- Cranbrook/Kimberley
- Fort Nelson/Fort St. John
- Golden/Invermere
- Grand Forks/Castlegar/Nelson
- Haida Gwaii
- Nakusp/Kaslo
- Penticton/Oliver/Osoyoos
- Port Alberni
- Powell River
- Prince George/Burns Lake/Vanderhoof
- Prince Rupert
- Quesnel/Williams Lake
- Revelstoke
- Salmon Arm/Sicamous
- Terrace/Smithers
- Trail/Rossland
- Whistler/Pemberton



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Ready to build your legal career and make a difference?

If you want your first year as a lawyer-in-training to be about more than learning how someone else practises law, ELC offers an opportunity to develop the skills, relationships and experience to build a practice of your own while helping make legal services more accessible to people and communities across BC.

We want to hear from you.

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