



Everyone
Legal Clinic



ACCESS
PRO BONO

Developing BC's New Generation of Community Lawyers

Sponsorship & Support Opportunities

Introducing the Everyone Legal Clinic

Access Pro Bono's Everyone Legal Clinic is a BC-wide and first-of-its-kind public interest law incubator that will launch in May 2022 as part of the Law Society of BC's Innovation Sandbox. The Clinic will serve as the province's first alternative pathway to traditional articling.

With a pioneering curriculum centered on the practical aspects of running a socially responsible business, the Clinic will train and support 30 or more articling students each year to be ready for private practice on their first day of call. It will also offer a full range of free and affordable legal services to everyone in BC—wherever they're located.

Unlike any other law incubator or articling program in the world, the Clinic will train a virtual network of articling students to serve the unmet legal needs of their chosen communities. Students will receive the support and infrastructure needed to get their practices up and running for the sustainable future.

The Clinic will bring major structural improvements to BC's lawyer development systems. It will:

1. Increase access to affordable and high quality legal services in all BC communities;
2. Increase professional capacity for public interest legal service throughout BC;
3. Provide new generations of BC lawyers with the substantive knowledge and practical skills required to thrive in highly adaptive forms of public-minded legal practice;
4. Improve equity, diversity, working conditions and the quality of education in BC's lawyer development systems, and reduce the unmet need for articling positions;
5. Promote new virtual, fixed-fee and modular forms of legal practice.

The Clinic will admit articling students on the preferential basis of:

1. desire to practice in an underserved BC community;
2. previous clinical experience serving vulnerable people; and
3. diversity, inclusion and accessibility factors to compensate in part for the inequities of BC's articling system (with a special focus on supporting Indigenous people).

The Everyone Legal Clinic Articling Experience

The Clinic offers a truly unique articling experience. It will provide articling students with the business, technology, wellness and human relationship skills required to adapt and thrive in shifting legal marketplaces.

The Clinic articling year is split into two six-month semesters: a learning semester and a service semester. During the learning semester, students will first attend the Law Society of BC's bar course. They will then set up a home office in their chosen BC community. There, they will attend remote training seminars, and serve pro bono clients and some fee-paying clients under the remote supervision of several staff lawyers.

Students will receive practical and substantive training in a wide range of areas involving "everyday legal problems", including family, employment, tenancy, criminal, consumer, wills and estates, contracts, human rights, mental health, child protection, strata, and immigration law; practice management; legal technology; client development; and trauma-informed and culturally aware practice.

During the service semester, students will launch their fee-charging practices under the remote supervision of staff lawyers, and the local or regional support of lawyer mentors. They will provide fixed-fee, "low bono", legal aid and full-rate services to individuals referred by Access Pro Bono and other legal service organizations. Upon call, they will bring their work product and Clinic-sourced clients along to private practice, where the Clinic will continue to support them.

Sponsorship Opportunities

Demonstrate your firm's commitment to increasing the diversity, equity and accessibility of BC's articling system by sponsoring the Everyone Legal Clinic in its inaugural year.

Founding Sponsorship - \$20,000

limited to 10 Founding Sponsors — Lawson Lundell LLP and Miller Titerle + Co already onboard

- Firm/company logo on home and sponsor pages of Everyone Legal Clinic website (arriving in March 2022)
- Firm/company logo on Everyone Legal Clinic promotional and marketing materials
- Repeated acknowledgement on all Everyone Legal Clinic social media channels
- 40 hours of complimentary lawyer and student attendance at Everyone Legal Clinic's practical skills curriculum (CPD credit available)
- Tax receipt for \$10,000 portion as charitable donation
- Right of first refusal for 2023 sponsorship

Gold Sponsorship - \$10,000

- Firm/company logo on sponsor page of Everyone Legal Clinic website (arriving in March 2022)
- Firm/company logo on Everyone Legal Clinic promotional and marketing materials
- Regular acknowledgement on all Everyone Legal Clinic social media channels
- 20 hours of complimentary lawyer and student attendance at Everyone Legal Clinic's practical skills curriculum (CPD credit available)
- Tax receipt for \$5,000 portion as charitable donation

Silver Sponsorship - \$5,000

- Firm/company logo on sponsor page of Everyone Legal Clinic website (arriving in March 2022)
- Firm/company logo on Everyone Legal Clinic promotional and marketing materials
- Regular acknowledgement on all Everyone Legal Clinic social media channels
- 10 hours of complimentary lawyer and student attendance at Everyone Legal Clinic's practical skills curriculum (CPD credit available)
- Tax receipt for \$2,500 portion as charitable donation

Support Opportunities

Support one or more “first adopter” articling students as they engage in the Everyone Legal Clinic’s learning semester, and improve access to justice in their chosen community.

Branded Scholarships - \$10,000 and up

(30 scholarships available)

- Branded scholarships for one or more Everyone Legal Clinic articling students; customizable by BC region, articling student profile, and other chosen criteria
- Firm/company logo on supporter page of Everyone Legal Clinic website (arriving in March 2022)
- Tax receipt for full amount as charitable donation
- Renewable for 2023 and beyond

Lance S.G. Finch Legacy Scholarships and Bursaries - \$2,000 and up

- Scholarships for Indigenous and Métis students articling with the Everyone Legal Clinic
- Bursaries for Everyone Legal Clinic articling students with demonstrated financial need
- Firm/company/individual name on supporter page of Everyone Legal Clinic website (arriving in March 2022)
- Tax receipt for full amount as charitable donation
- Renewable for 2023 and beyond

To discuss, customize and/or reserve a sponsorship or scholarship, please contact Jamie Maclaren QC [he/him], Access Pro Bono Executive Director, at:

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