



Call for Applications from Notaries

Welcome to the Everyone Legal Clinic — a BC-wide and first-of-its-kind public interest law incubator. Operated by Access Pro Bono BC, the Clinic launched in May 2022 as part of the Law Society of BC's Innovation Sandbox. It will train and support new generations of lawyers, articling students and notaries in offering a full range of legal services to everyone in BC—wherever they're located.

In September 2022, the Everyone Legal Clinic will accept five new notaries to join the Everyone Legal Clinic for a year starting October 31, 2022.

The Clinic 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 legal service providers 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 quality of education in BC's lawyer and notary training systems;
5. Promote new virtual, fixed fee and modular forms of legal practice.

What is a public interest law incubator?

Law incubators provide lawyers, articling students and notaries with the client referrals, training and community needed to launch and sustain successful legal practices. Public interest law incubators like the Clinic also increase access to justice for low and modest income people.

The Clinic is unlike any other law incubator in the world in that it will focus on nurturing a virtual community of lawyers, articling students and notaries to develop sustainable legal practices in underserved locations.

Why apply to the Everyone Legal Clinic as a notary?

From day one of their year with the Clinic, Notary Clinicians will receive fee-paying referrals from Access Pro Bono for notarial services related to wills and estates, real estate transactions, document authentication, statutory declarations, affidavits and more.

Notary Clinicians may also attend practical and substantive training sessions to support the development of their public interest-minded notary practices. Training sessions will include client development and marketing, accounting for solo

practitioners, trauma-informed and culturally competent practice. There will also be substantive sessions on wills and estates law, real estate transactions, and other legal issues relevant to notarial practice.

You will benefit from the Clinic if you:

- became a notary because you want to help people;
- are interested in creating a rewarding notarial practice on your own terms;
- are excited by legal technology and innovation, and see yourself as an “early adopter”;
- want to benefit from mentorship, support and a virtual community of fellow legal service providers; and
- want to be part of a first-of-its-kind incubator experience.

The Clinic will provide you with the following benefits and support:

- a steady stream of fee-paying client referrals;
- free use of leading-edge legal tech applications;
- access to training and mentorship from a diverse panel of lawyers and notaries;
- and much more!

Fees and Remuneration

The Clinic does not charge any tuition or admission fees. Access Pro Bono collects a 25% referral fee for client files that it refers directly to Notary Clinicians. This fee goes to support Clinic infrastructure and future clinicians. Notary Clinicians keep 100% of fees charged to clients who are referred to them by Articling or Lawyer Clinicians.

Application Process

You may submit an application to the Everyone Legal Clinic between July 28 and September 2, 2022 via the online application form available at: <https://formfaca.de/sm/Ei-IZ5TK5>. You will need to fill out the form, attach your resume, a copy of your transcripts from SFU's Applied Legal Studies program or from a Canadian law school, and a short video (up to two minutes in length) telling our Selection Committee why you think the Clinic experience is right for you. Our Selection Committee is a diverse group of professionals and community service providers from across BC.

The Clinic will extend admission offers to five notary applicants in September 2022. Other applicants may be waitlisted, or may consider re-applying for the next session tentatively set to start in May 2023.

Selection Criteria

Notaries must have achieved Simon Fraser University's Master of Arts in Applied Legal Studies or have a law degree from a Canadian law school.

The Clinic will prioritize the admission of notaries who:

- commit to setting up their notary practices in an underserved BC community (see below for priority communities);
- demonstrate previous commitment to providing legal services to disadvantaged people; and
- represent one or more equity-seeking groups.

Equity, Diversity and Inclusion

The Clinic encourages applications from members of communities that face discrimination and disadvantage. To accept a first cohort of notaries that best represents the full diversity of BC, the Clinic may give preference to applicants who self-identify as a member of one or more of the following groups: Indigenous people, persons with disabilities, LGBTQ2S+ people, and people of colour/racialized people. We encourage applicants to self-identify in their application if they feel comfortable doing so.

Priority 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/Ucluelet/Tofino
- Powell River
- Prince George/Burns Lake/Vanderhoof
- Prince Rupert
- Quesnel/Williams Lake
- Revelstoke
- Salmon Arm/Sicamous
- Terrace/Smithers

Scan here for the 2022/23
Notary Application Form



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For more information about the Everyone Legal Clinic,
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