



Community Legal  
Assistance Society

## DAVID MOSSOP, K.C. PUBLIC INTEREST ARTICLING FELLOWSHIP 2027-2028

**CLOSING DATE – JUNE 30, 2026, AT 11:59 PM PT**

[Community Legal Assistance Society \(CLAS\)](#) is seeking an **articling student** for a full-time articling term of **12 months** in 2027/2028. The term includes the Practice Readiness Education Program (PREP). This position is anticipated to start in May 2027 and is funded by the **Law Foundation of BC**.

This is an excellent opportunity to obtain broad and diverse experience learning the practical aspects of public interest and poverty law, conducting your own files and collaborating with our experienced lawyers across our practice areas. **All candidates must satisfy the articling qualifications as outlined by the Law Society of British Columbia.**

Located on the unceded territories of the ʷməθkʷəy̓əm (Musqueam), Sk̓wx̓wú7mesh (Squamish), and səliwətaʔ (Tsleil-Waututh) Nations in what is now known as Vancouver, CLAS provides free legal services to disadvantaged people throughout British Columbia through its seven programs: the Mental Health Law Program, the Community Advocate Support Line, the Community Law Program, the Community Legal Advocate Supervision Program, the BC Human Rights Clinic, the Stand Informed Legal Clinic, and the SHARP Workplaces Legal Clinic.

Our seven programs with 60+ staff work in the areas of:

- service case work;
- systemic advocacy, including test case / *Charter* litigation;
- law reform;
- legal supervision of advocacy groups and law students;
- publication of legal materials designed to assist self-represented litigants; and
- legal training and support to lay advocates, community groups, law students and lawyers.

The articling student's work will include:

- Rotation through selected CLAS programs to ensure the broadest possible experience;
- Supervised administrative tribunal work in areas such as residential tenancy, income assistance, human rights and mental health law;
- Support for staff lawyers on important and complex superior court matters. These assignments include developing strategies, drafting pleadings, preparing affidavits, doing legal research and writing legal arguments;
- Supervised court work, as permitted by the rules of the Law Society of BC.

CLAS articling students will have direct contact with clients and in some areas, their own files to work on. The articling student will have opportunities not typically available in traditional law firms, e.g.:

- Assisting CLAS lawyers on test case litigation;
- Working with community organizations on issues affecting those with low income and/or disabilities;
- Assisting CLAS lawyers supervising community advocates;
- Assisting in the preparation of public legal education material; and
- Assisting in the preparation of training material for community advocates.

### **COMPENSATION:**

Compensation is \$68,000 for the term of employment. CLAS offers an excellent employment package including extended health benefits, and vacation and sick days. CLAS has a hybrid work model, working remotely as well as in our Vancouver office. PREP and relevant Law Society of BC fees are also funded by the Law Foundation.

### **APPLICATION DETAILS:**

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Your application **must include:**

- a 1- or 2-page **covering letter** outlining why you want to article at CLAS, commitment to and participation in public interest law, pro bono or legal aid work, relevant lived experience and community work;
- your **resume**, highlighting your relevant work and clinical experience;
- your **law school and undergraduate transcripts** and
- at least **two references with contact information**. References are checked during interview week so **please make sure your references will be available** to speak with us at that time.

CLAS follows articling guidelines published by the [Vancouver Bar Association](#) (VBA).

Please submit your application **in PDF format** by email to [careers@clasbc.net](mailto:careers@clasbc.net) or by post to:

Community Legal Assistance Society

300 - 1140 West Pender Street

Vancouver, BC V6E 4G1

Fax : (604) 685-7611

Attention: Jacqui Mendes, CLAS Executive Director

If you have a question relevant to your application, please call or email us at 604- 685-3425 or [careers@clasbc.net](mailto:careers@clasbc.net) respectively.

## **INTERVIEWS:**

Only candidates who are shortlisted for an interview will be contacted. Please be prepared to submit a paper produced at law school if you are called for an interview. However, do not include this paper in your Application Documents.

*CLAS strives to create a diverse and inclusive workplace. A workplace that reflects the diversity of the communities we serve strengthens our ability to achieve our mission. We aim to achieve a representative team that includes Indigenous peoples, persons with disabilities, 2SLGBTQIA+ people, people from ethnic or cultural minorities and members of communities that face discrimination and disadvantage.*

## **TESTIMONIALS. PAST ARTICLING STUDENTS:**

Yanni Nicolidakis-Mustafa, 2023-2024:

*“My time at CLAS deeply influenced my development as an advocate and legal thinker. At CLAS, I felt like my efforts could make a tangible positive impact in the lives of marginalized and underrepresented people across the province while also working towards systemic change. Working in such a wide array of practice areas really opened my eyes to the complexity of the access to justice crisis – and throughout all of it, I had the support of the CLAS family, including phenomenal lawyers, advocates, and support staff. Articling at CLAS is a truly special experience.”*

Celia Taylor, 2022-2023:

*“As an articling student at CLAS, you’ll have the chance to work alongside a community of lawyers and advocates who are not only knowledgeable, but warm, friendly, and happy to answer your (many) questions. You’ll gain practical experience in litigation, negotiation, drafting, and you’ll be able to help people who need it most.”*

Emily Zarychta, 2020-2021:

*“Articling at CLAS is a unique and sought-after opportunity for those interested in social justice. The different rotations teach you a diverse set of skills to advocate for your clients. The non-profit setting is collegial and collaborative, and your colleagues are brilliant.”*

Alanna Tom, 2019-2020:

*“Being an articulated student at CLAS is a remarkable opportunity to gain sophisticated lawyering skills. Among other things, you get the chance to pursue on-your-feet litigation in the Mental Health rotation, mediation and negotiation in the Human Rights rotation, and legal drafting and analysis in the Community Law rotation. It is the ideal place for someone passionate about pursuing critical issues of poverty, systemic oppression, and access to justice.”*

Isaac Won, 2017-2018:

*“CLAS’ articling position offers an unrivalled array of experiences representing a marginalized clientele. Whether you’re interested in litigation, dispute resolution, or legal research, articling with CLAS provides the opportunity to develop vital legal skills doing meaningful work in a supportive environment.”*