



Position: Family Law Advocate

Organization: Opportunities Career Services Society

Broadly, the family law advocate position is to deliver a range of family law advocacy services including legal information, advocacy and assistance to individuals in the community. The areas of law covered primarily fall within family law, including child protection; however, the advocate may occasionally provide assistance in overlapping matters such as criminal or immigration.

Family law matters may include: guardianship and parenting time, parental responsibilities, child support, spousal support, divorce, and assistance with separation agreements. Additional matters may include: protection orders, family maintenance enforcement program, mobility / relocation, property, debt, and child protection.

Duties and activities will include: providing legal information, triage and referral service, information and summary advice, court attendance and assistance, family safety, assistance with supported dispute resolution, child protection concerns, general assistance to unrepresented clientele, advocating and liaising on behalf of the client, assistance with forms completion and correspondence, public legal education.

The advocate will be required to successfully complete a training program and will be supervised by a supervising lawyer. Ongoing professional development will be provided through periodic training sessions, web based training and professional oversight.

Qualifications for this position are a degree or diploma in a complementary discipline to a social service, legal or social justice career with two or more years of professional experience in a legal or social service capacity. Candidates with broad experience in the legal and / or social service field with a focus on social justice are also encouraged to apply.

Other requirements include: a demonstrated competency in written and verbal communication, a valid class 4 or class 5 driver's license, a vehicle with business use insurance, proficiency in computer use, and at minimum the ability to travel to training sessions.

For a detailed job description please provide your name, contact information and email address to familyadvocate@ocss.ca .

This position will be open until filled, start date for this position will be in April; however, interviews will be conducted in March. Resume and cover letters can be forwarded to familyadvocate@ocss.ca .