

Job Description

Regional Legal Careers Officer

Part-Time Contract – February-October 2012 (approx. 15 hrs/wk)

Overview

The Regional Legal Careers Officer develops and manages a program for attracting law students to rural and small communities in British Columbia with the goal of addressing demographic challenges that are facing the legal profession in British Columbia. The Regional Legal Careers Officer works closely with a variety of key stakeholders including the Law Society of B.C., local and county bar associations, law school career offices, lawyers and community associations to ensure that programs are effectively implemented.

Duties include but are not limited to:

- Managing an established recruitment program to bring together law students and law firms in rural and small communities;
- Implementing marketing programs for each region that target the recruitment of law students;
- Developing familiarity with the specific characteristics and opportunities in each of the geographic regions of British Columbia and establishing a working relationship with the lawyers, local and county bar association and other community associations across each region;
- Developing a working relationship with law school career offices in British Columbia and across Canada to further the recruitment of students to various regions of the province;
- Developing and executing a plan to attract continuing funding for the Initiative.

Required Knowledge, Skills and Abilities:

- Thorough knowledge of the various regions of British Columbia;
- Ability to travel and to relate to broad spectrum of age groups from law students to senior practitioners;
- Respected within peer network;
- Ability to relate to the needs in rural and small communities and an appreciation of the challenges and benefits specific to practice in these communities;
- Experience in self-directed employment;
- Law degree with practice experience is beneficial but not mandatory;
- Experience living or working within a rural or small town is beneficial but not mandatory.

Preferred Candidate

The preferred candidate will have an understanding of the interconnectedness of all levels of the legal community and its organizations, and an appreciation of the benefits of attracting new lawyers to smaller communities. A history of volunteer and community development experience will be considered an asset.

Interested applicants should submit their resume to realbc@bccba.org no later than Tuesday, January 24, 2012