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## **Articling Student 2027-2028**

**Employer:** Innocence Canada

**Location:** This is a hybrid position. You will be expected to attend our Toronto office regularly each week and will be permitted to work from home on occasion.

**Positions available:** 1

**Duration:** August 2027-June 2028 (10-month articling term)

**Remuneration:** \$65,795 + health benefit package + licensing fees\*

*\*Reimbursement of licensing process fees. Please note this includes Licensing Process and Application Fees, as well as the Call to the Bar (application for L1 Licensing) fee.*

**Application Deadline:** Friday June 26th at 5:00pm EST

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*We follow the LSO's Articling Recruitment procedures as outlined [here](#). Candidates selected for interviews can expect to hear from us on the Toronto Call Day (Friday July 17). In-person interviews will take place during the Toronto Interview Week (August 10-12). If you have extenuating circumstances, we can facilitate a virtual interview.*

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### **About Innocence Canada**

Innocence is Canada is a national non-profit organization dedicated to overturning wrongful convictions. Since 1993, we have helped exonerate 34 innocent people across the country. The work we do at Innocence Canada is a highly specialized area of criminal law and we exclusively focus on homicide cases. We are also a national leader in wrongful conviction education and reform, regularly lending our expertise to academic institutions, the criminal justice system, government bodies, legal entities, media outlets, and everything in between.

### **Description of Responsibilities**

Our articling student provides integral support to our legal team. Throughout your articles with us, you will have the unique opportunity to assist in reviewing claims of wrongful convictions and, where applicable, in preparing materials on behalf of wrongly convicted applicants for submission to the Minister of Justice. Under the direction and mentorship of our Chief Legal Counsel (your articling principal), you will gain hands-on experience analyzing case files, reviewing disclosure and transcripts, identifying new avenues of investigation, and conducting legal research. Additionally, the nature of the work we do at Innocence Canada is collaborative and we require our articling student to work with both our internal



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legal team as well as with external case reviewers. Please note, while your articles will focus on casework, opportunities may arise to assist with our education and reform portfolios.

## Experience and Qualifications

All candidates must meet the following requirements:

- Passion for wrongful conviction advocacy
- Completion of LLB or JD by start date (August 2027)
- Awareness and understanding of the exoneration process in Canada
- Advanced criminal law and evidence related coursework
- Strong skillsets in all of the following areas:
  - Attention to detail
  - Critical thinking
  - Problem-solving
  - Legal research and writing
  - Reviewing and synthesizing large volumes of information
  - Taking initiative and working independently
  - Demonstrated ability to work collaboratively in a small team environment

Experience or knowledge that will be considered an asset:

- Carriage of cases in a legal setting (e.g., a clinic, placement, or law firm)
- Demonstrated experience in wrongful convictions (e.g., experience reviewing claims of wrongful convictions, completion of a wrongful conviction course, volunteer work, internship/placement, etc.)
- Proficiency in French

## Application Requirements

All applications must be submitted to the **viLawPortal** no later than **Friday June 26 at 5:00 pm EST**.

Your application must include the following as a single pdf file named *LAST NAME, FIRST NAME*:

1. **Cover letter**: max. 1 page, addressed to Pamela Zbarsky, Chief Legal Counsel
2. **Curriculum Vitae**
3. **Two Reference Letters**



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4. **All post-secondary transcripts:** this includes all law school, undergraduate, graduate, and postgraduate transcripts. You can include a screenshot/photocopy, you don't need to order an official transcript.
5. **Writing Sample:** this can be an excerpt from a larger piece, and it must have been written within the last 2 years by you alone, max. 2000 words.

*\* Applications that do not follow the procedures outlined in this posting will not be considered.*

*\*\*Regrettably, due to our large volume of applications, only candidates selected for interviews will be contacted.*

## **Contact**

Please direct any questions to our Manager of Education, Abigail Miller, at [amiller@innocencecanada.com](mailto:amiller@innocencecanada.com)

## **Accommodations**

Innocence Canada is an equal opportunity employer, and we encourage applications from everyone who meets the requirements set out in this posting. If you require accommodation throughout the application process, please reach out to our Manager of Education, Abigail Miller.

Thank you for your interest in Innocence Canada and passion for our work. We look forward to reviewing your application!

*This position has been made available through the  
Law Foundation of Ontario Public Interest Articling Fellowship Program.*