

# Peel Children's Aid is a progressive child welfare agency serving children and their families throughout the diverse communities of the region of Peel.

At Peel CAS, our mission is to protect children and strengthen families & communities through partnership. We are currently seeking the following professional to join our team:

# Legal Administrative Assistant

#### (Regular Complement)

#### SUMMARY OF DUTIES & RESPONSIBILITIES:

The Legal Administrative Assistant performs all administrative responsibilities and functions associated with the work of Legal Advice Services, including but not limited to the following principal responsibilities:

- Manages the administrative portion of the legal file in the Child Protection Information Network (CPIN), and the physical file, including but not limited to, opening and maintaining files, ensuring that the child's legal status is up to date and that all finalized material and correspondence is uploaded and readily available in CPIN, ensuring that the CAS and courts record is identical etc.
- Gathers information and initiates Court documents for Child Welfare and Adoption purposes;
- Commissions affidavits in accordance with the Commissioner for Taking Affidavits Act
- Files documents with the Ontario Court of Justice in Brampton on a rotational basis
- Reviews, formats and edits all draft documents prior to sending to Legal Counsel
- Assists legal counsel with prioritizing work tasks
- Participates in meetings with staff regarding cases before the court
- Ensures all documents required for Court appearances are served and filed in accordance with the timelines specified in the *Family Law Rules;*
- Serves court documents and/or arranges for process servers to ensure service is completed.
- Drafts Court Orders for review and approval by parties
- Schedules Court dates with Trial Coordinator as required
- Follows up on, and ensures completion of, all post court instructions from legal counsel
- Drafts correspondence, memorandums and emails
- Responds to telephone calls/e-mails and handles routine inquiries from various professionals in the community on court related matters

#### QUALIFICATIONS:

- Completion of a Law Clerk or Court & Tribunal College Diploma Program
- At least two or more years experience in a family law practice or Family Court System. OR
- Other educational and personal qualifications together with experience that, in the opinion of the Chief Counsel constitute adequate and suitable preparation for the position.

#### **SPECIFIC SKILLS & EXPERIENCE:**

• Knowledge of the *Child, Youth and Family Services Act* and other legislative standards, as they relate to the delivery of service within the Legal Advice Services Department

- Knowledge of the Rules of Civil Procedures and the Family Law Rules
- Excellent written and verbal communications skills in order to initiate correspondence and liaise with other staff, external legal counsel, the Courts, other CAS's and other organizations
- Strong organizational skills to manage a varied workload, establish priorities and deal with a variety of competing deadlines.
- Demonstrated ability to exercise initiative, deal with multiple priorities and demonstrate sound judgment
- Advanced working knowledge of MS Office with the ability to learn new software relevant to Legal Services
- Class G license and access to a vehicle on a daily basis
- Proficiency in the French language is an asset

## HOURS OF WORK:

- 9am-5pm, Monday to Friday
- Working hours may vary and applicants must be flexible to work outside of standard office hours

## SALARY: Grade 12 Union (\$50,221 – \$62,121)

# Please submit your cover letter and resume by visiting the "Working with Us" section on our website. www.peelcas.org

We thank all candidates for their interest however only those considered for an interview will be contacted.

Peel Children's Aid is an equal opportunity employer. Should you require accommodation during the recruitment and selection process, please inform human resources so that we can ensure your equal participation in this process.