

Open to the Public

Solicitor II

Legal Aid

Department of Justice & Public Safety

Location - Charlottetown

Full-Time Temporary (Excluded) Position (Commencing Immediately for One Year with Possible Extension)

Reporting to the Director of Legal Aid, the solicitor provides legal representation and assistance to individuals under the PEI Legal Aid Program. Legal Aid is an access to justice program for the provision of essential legal services to low income persons.

The primary duties and responsibilities of the staff lawyer in this position include:

- Providing legal representation, assistance, and advice to individuals who require protection and relief from domestic violence, harassment, or intimidation in a family situation;
- Representing parents in serious child protection matters where the legal issue may include action by the state to permanently sever the parental relationship;
- Representing parents of dependent children who require the services of a lawyer to obtain or secure rights of access, custody, child support, and family property;
- Representing adults who are subject to involuntary hospitalization or confinement under the *Mental Health Act*, or guardianship proceedings under the *Adult Protection Act*.

Minimum Qualifications:

The practice of family law and civil law in a legal aid environment requires special skills and dedication including:

- Graduation from a recognized law school;
- Membership in the Law Society of Prince Edward Island;
- Should have a minimum of 5 years practice experience in family law. Applicants who have more recently been called to the Bar, may be considered for provisional appointment if they have significant educational or articling experience in family law;
- Strong negotiation, mediation and litigation skills;
- Effective skills for personal communication across a very wide range of socioeconomic levels;
- Crisis management skills and a solid capacity to maintain composure in conflicts and highly emotional situations;
- Effective skills for personal communication across a very wide range of socioeconomic levels;
- Sensitivity to the needs of low-income families who are experiencing separation, divorce, family violence, Director of Child Welfare involvement, and other child at risk issues;
- Ability to work both independently in a self-directed manner and as an effective member of a team;
- Additional relevant education and experience will be considered an asset.

Please Note: Please ensure the application clearly demonstrates how you meet the noted qualifications as applicants will be screened based on the information provided. We would like to thank all applicants for their interest; however, only those who are selected for an interview will be contacted.

Applicants are expected to complete the full length of temporary assignment unless appointed to a permanent position.

Salary Range: \$52.37 - \$65.46 per hour (Level 25S - Excluded)
Bi-Weekly Hours: 75.0 hours bi-weekly
Posting ID: 153254-0822JPTO
Closing Date: Friday, September 9th, 2022 **4:00 p.m.**

Please return forms to PEI Public Service Commission, P.O. Box 2000, Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island, C1A 7N8. Applications may be sent by fax to (902) 368-4383. IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE APPLICANT TO CONFIRM RECEIPT OF THE APPLICATION, BY TELEPHONE OR IN PERSON PRIOR TO THE CLOSING DATE. Please ensure that the appropriate Posting ID number is stated on all application forms. You can apply online or obtain an application form by visiting our web site at www.gov.pe.ca/jobs. Forms may also be obtained by contacting any PEI Government office, ACCESS PEI Centre, Regional Services Centre, or by telephone 368-4080.
