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CHILDREN'S LAWYER

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE & PUBLIC SAFETY LOCATION - Provincial Admin Building, Charlottetown FULL-TIME EXCLUDED POSITION (Commencing Immediately)

Duties include:

- Representing children who require the services of a lawyer to protect their best interests in custody and access cases;
- Reporting to the court about what, if anything, has been accomplished to advance the interests of the child client towards a resolution or court order;
- Representing children in Child Protection proceedings when deemed practical by the court;
- Determining children's best interests with respect to a custody and access proceeding by conducting interviews, making observations about the parent/child relationship and collecting relevant collateral information from departments and agencies dealing with the child or youth client.

Minimum Qualifications:

- Must possess a law degree a recognized university and be a practicing member of the Law Society of Prince Edward Island or be eligible for registration;
- Candidates must have extensive experience as a practicing lawyer and at least 5 years of experience in the area of Family Law;
- Must have extensive litigation experience, particularly in matters involving custody and access;
- Must have completed related human services work (i.e. conflict resolution, suicide prevention, etc.);
- Must have experience dealing with high conflict families, and aggression and de-escalation of anger including experience applying positive problem-solving approaches;
- Must have experience drafting court documentation;
- Must have a demonstrated knowledge of the *Family Law Act*, the *Divorce Act*, the *Federal Child Support Guidelines*, the *Inter-Jurisdictional Support Orders Act*, the *Child Protection Act*, the *Custody Jurisdiction and Enforcement Act*, the *Judicature Act*, and the *Rules of Civil Procedure*;
- Must have a demonstrated ability to use legal research databases;
- Must have excellent interpersonal, written and oral communication skills;
- Must have functional knowledge of the Supreme Court system, child protection, the education system, the health system, law enforcement and the Family Court Counselors' Office, as they relate to children and youth;
- Must have child interviewing skills, knowledge of the stages of child development and knowledge of family systems theory;
- Must have experience with alternate dispute resolution;
- Must have family violence prevention training;
- Must have a good work and attendance record; and
- Other duties as required

Other Qualifications:

- The successful applicant must provide a satisfactory criminal records check prior to beginning employment;
- Collaborative Law training and practice experience would be considered an asset;
- A degree in Social Work or Psychology would be considered an asset; and
- 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. The successful candidate will be the only individual receiving written notification of competition results. The "Notification of Successful Candidates" list posted on the Employment Opportunity board will serve to inform all other applicants of competition results.

Salary Range: \$47.77 - 59.71 per hour (Level 25S)

Bi-Weekly Hours: 75.0 hours bi-weekly

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Closing Date: January 6, 2017 5:00 p.m.

Please return application 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. DUE TO THE FACT THAT RECEIPT OF APPLICATIONS BY FAX CANNOT BE GUARANTEED, APPLICANTS TRANSMITTING THEIR APPLICATIONS BY FAX MAY WISH TO CONFIRM RECEIPT BY TELEPHONE OR IN PERSON PRIOR TO THE CLOSING DATE. Please ensure that the appropriate Posting I.D. 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 telephoning 368-4080.

