

Open to the Public

Children's Lawyer

Department of Justice & Public Safety Location - Charlottetown

Full-Time Excluded Position (Commencing Immediately)

The purpose of the Children's Lawyer is to promote access to justice by providing legal representation and advice to children and also in the administration of justice on behalf of the government and children.

Duties include:

- Representing children who require the services of a lawyer to protect their best interests in custody and access cases;
- briefing the court about what, if anything has been accomplished to advance the interests of the child client towards a resolution or court order;
- 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 (a minimum of 5 years at the Bar) and at least 5 years of experience in the area of Family Law. Applicants, who have less than 5 years experience in Family Law, may be considered for provisional appointments if they have significant educational or practice experience relevant to Family Law requirements.
- 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 experience with alternate dispute resolution.
- Must have family violence prevention training.
- Must have a good work and attendance record.
- The successful applicant must provide a satisfactory criminal records check prior to beginning employment.
- Other duties as required.

Other Qualifications:

- Collaborative Law training and practice experience would be considered an asset.
- Child interviewing skills/training, knowledge of the stages of child development and knowledge of family systems theory would be an asset.
- A degree in Social Work or Psychology would be considered an asset.
- 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.

Salary Range: \$48.73 - \$60.91 per hour (Level 25 S)
Bi-Weekly Hours: 75.0 hours bi-weekly
Posting Id: 137870-0619JPEO
Closing Date: Tuesday, July 16th, 2019 4:00 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.
