



172008 - Senior Criminal Lawyer - Department of Justice and Public Safety - Permanent

Government of PEI

📍 Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island

📍 Summerside, Prince Edward Island

👤 1 Position available

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JOB DESCRIPTION

The Department of Justice and Public Safety is committed to Equity, Diversity, Inclusion and Accessibility. Our goal is to build a public sector workforce that reflects the diverse communities we serve and to promote welcoming, diverse, inclusive, respectful workplaces that are accessible to all. We welcome all interested individuals including Indigenous People, persons with disabilities, Black, racialized, ethnic and culturally diverse groups, as well as people regardless of their sexual orientation, gender identities, and gender expressions. Those looking for more information are invited to visit our [Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Policy](#).

The Senior Criminal Lawyer provides leadership and supervision to lawyers and support staff in all criminal areas of the program, to ensure that services are delivered effectively and in accordance with the high standards of the legal profession. In addition to the managerial duties and responsibilities, the Senior Criminal Lawyer carries a caseload comparable to the other staff lawyers.

Duties will include but are not limited to:

- Promotes the competent delivery of services by Legal Aid lawyers consistent with the expectations of the client;
- Ensures that staff receive supervision in the Application, Legal Aid Eligibility, and Data Collection processes;
- Acts as initial contact with the public and outside agencies regarding local issues, requests or concerns and advises the Director of Legal Aid of significant developments;
- Authorizes when appropriate the referral of Legal Aid work to private sector lawyers and monitors compliance with Legal Aid authorization, billing, and reporting requirements;
- Collaborates with the Director of Legal Aid on human resources matters;
- Serves collaboratively as a legal aid representative on internal government and external committees addressing access to justice and public safety issues;
- Provides advice to staff and private sector lawyers on complex, high profile and sensitive cases;
- Provides direct legal representation and assistance to eligible adults and youth who are under investigation or charged with a criminal offence;
- Professional services are provided in all levels of court;
- Provides direct legal representation to clients in criminal appeals and in appeals in mental health and adult protection cases;
- Provides direct legal representation to clients in Criminal Code Review Board matters;
- Provides direct legal representation to clients in Therapeutic Court matters;

Minimum Qualifications:

- Applicants must be a practicing member in good standing of the Law Society of Prince Edward Island. Membership requirements including having a law degree that is recognized by the Law



Job type

Permanent / Full-time



Work shifts:

Day



Work schedule:

37.5 hrs/week



Work location

On site



Salary:

\$134,804.00 - \$166,920.00 CAD

Yearly

Additional information

Job Opening ID:

• 172008

Department:

• Justice and Public Safety

Division:

• Legal Aid

Location:

• Charlottetown , Summerside

Pay Level:

• 27S

Hourly Salary Range:

• \$69.13 - \$85.60

Employment Type:

• Permanent

Employment Percentage:

• 100%

Closing Date:

• Thursday , February 5, 2026 5:00 p.m.

Society of Prince Edward Island;

- Must have both a minimum ten (10) years at the Bar and practice experience in criminal law;
- Must demonstrate a high level of professional competence;
- Must have a valid driver's license and access to a private motor vehicle or suitable alternative means of meeting the travel requirements of the position, both in and out of province;
- The successful applicant must provide a satisfactory criminal records check with Vulnerable Sector Screening prior to beginning employment.

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.

Where possible, submitting an electronic resume or job application is preferred. Otherwise, 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.jobspei.ca. Forms may also be obtained by contacting any PEI Government office, ACCESS PEI Centre, Regional Services Centre, or by telephone (902) 368-4080.

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BENEFITS



4 weeks paid vacation
annually



Employer-paid health and
dental benefits



Employee assistance
program



Pension Plan

Open To:

- Public

Union:

- Excluded

Required documents

- ✓ resume

Optional documents

- ✓ Cover Letter

Work Permit - If you are not a Canadian citizen or permanent resident, please upload a copy of your valid work permit confirming your authorization to work in Canada.

- ✓ Certifications - If you hold any of the required or preferred certifications mentioned in the job posting, please upload them here.

- ✓ Other

International Education - If you earned your credentials outside of Canada, please upload any International Education Credential Recognition documents you have.