

# Pro Bono Students Canada 2009 Projects Summary

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## Western Canadian Society to Access Justice – Settlement Orientation Services (SOS)

### 2009-2010 Placement

Placement # 001

What they do	<p>Access Justice operates pro bono clinics for those who cannot obtain legal aid or cannot afford a lawyer. They also conduct research of legal access issues with the goal of promoting a more equitable legal system.</p> <p>The SOS clinic provides information and orientation for navigating the refugee claim process, makes referrals to related community services, provides advocacy and interpretation, assists clients in completing forms related to refugee process</p>
Areas of law	Access to justice, Refugee/Immigration Law, Policy
Past placements?	Yes.
Location	1440 West 12 <sup>th</sup> Avenue, Vancouver, BC
Website	<a href="http://www.accessjustice.ca">www.accessjustice.ca</a>

### 2009-2010 Project Summary:

Number of students	1
Time commitment	Very flexible. Work can be done on-site or remotely
Supervising Lawyer & Contact Person at Organization	<p>Allan Parker Executive Director Email: <a href="mailto:allan.parker@accessjustice.ca">allan.parker@accessjustice.ca</a> Tel: 604.482.3195</p>
Type of work	Clinical Placement
Description	<p>Access Justice recently partnered with SOS to create a legal clinic for refugee claimants to Canada who need assistance in filling out the Personal Information Form (PIF). The PIF must be filled out appropriately prior to any refugee claimant going to a hearing before the Immigration &amp; Refugee Board (IRB). The student would play an extremely important role in helping to alleviate some of the roadblocks that cause problems for refugee claimants.</p> <p>Specifically, the student may provide legal research &amp; assistance with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Documentation for self-represented refugee claimants before the IRB</li> <li>- 'Judicial review' for self-represented litigants</li> <li>- 'Pre-Removal Risk Assessment' documentation</li> <li>- 'Stay of Removal' Documentation</li> </ul> <p>Refugee claimants are notoriously vulnerable, and lack the resources necessary in order to provide them with basic access to justice. Students will help provide necessary assistance while at the same time be provided with a vast array of practical legal experience.</p>

**Western Canadian Society to Access Justice  
Vancouver Aboriginal Friendship Centre Society (VAFCS)**

**2009-2010 Placement**

Placement # 002

What they do	<p>Access Justice operates pro bono clinics for those who cannot obtain legal aid or cannot afford a lawyer. They also conduct research of legal access issues with the goal of promoting a more equitable legal system.</p> <p>VACFS helps meeting the needs of aboriginal people making a transition to the urban community. It provides programs in health and welfare, social services, human rights, culture, education, recreation and equality for all genders of aboriginal people of all age groups.</p>
Areas of law	Access to justice, Aboriginal Law, Policy
Past placements?	Yes.
Location	1440 West 12 <sup>th</sup> Avenue, Vancouver, BC
Website	<a href="http://www.accessjustice.ca">www.accessjustice.ca</a> & <a href="http://www.vafcs.org">www.vafcs.org</a>

**2009-2010 Project Summary:**

Number of students	1
Time commitment	3 hours per week. Work done on-site at the Clinic
Supervising Lawyer & Contact Person at Organization	<p>Allan Parker Executive Director Email: <a href="mailto:allan.parker@accessjustice.ca">allan.parker@accessjustice.ca</a> Tel: 604.482.3195</p>
Type of work	Clinical Placement
Description	<p>Access Justice recently opened up a new pro bono legal clinic at the VACFS. The clinic is for Aboriginal and Metis clients only. Clients are referred to this clinic from within the agency, as well as from LSS Aboriginal Frontline Workers and from the Access Justice Hotline. The first clinic was held on 12 May 2009 and it is hoped that it will become more known within the community. Although Access Justice provides summary advice only to clients, it was expressly asked by the Executive Director of the VACFS if additional assistance in some fore could be provided to Aboriginal and Metis clients due to their unique situation and vulnerability.</p> <p>Specifically, the student will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Conduct legal research for clients who may be self-represented in Small Claims Court, Provincial Court, or the Supreme Court. Also, similar materials might be prepared by students for self-represented individuals who are appearing before various tribunals</li> <li>- Conduct research into issues unique to Aboriginal and Metis clients, for e.g., issues relating to residential schools and Aboriginal status</li> </ul>

## Artists' Legal Outreach (ALO)

### 2009-2010 Placement

Placement # 003

What they do	<p>The Artists' Legal Outreach (ALO) Program provides artists, arts administrators and arts organizations in all disciplines with access to resources and experienced lawyers to address arts-related legal issues.</p> <p>Legal services are provided in a variety of ways:</p> <p><u>Clinic</u>. The ALO Clinic allows artists to discuss their legal matter during a pre-scheduled, 30 minute, summary advice session with a lawyer.</p> <p><u>Resource Library</u>. The ALO Resource Library contains legal materials related to all artistic disciplines.</p> <p><u>Legal Education</u>. ALO organizes workshops on a variety of topics related to the arts and the law, including intellectual property, incorporation, societies and wills and estate planning.</p>
Areas of law	Access to justice, Arts & the Law, Administrative
Past placements?	Yes.
Location	The Alliance for Arts and Culture Suite 100 - 938 Howe Street, Vancouver, BC, V6Z 1N9.
Website	<a href="http://www.allianceforarts.com/advocacy/artists-legal-outreach.html">www.allianceforarts.com/advocacy/artists-legal-outreach.html</a>

### 2009-2010 Project Summary:

Number of students	2
Time commitment	2-5 hrs/week between both students. Work is done on-site and remotely
Supervising Lawyer & Contact Person	Martha Rans Legal Director Email: <a href="mailto:mrans@shaw.ca">mrans@shaw.ca</a> OR <a href="mailto:legal@allianceforarts.com">legal@allianceforarts.com</a> Tel: 604. 681.3535
Type of work	Clinical Placement & Legal Education
Description	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>§ Review and process intake forms, including determining if the legal issue described is appropriate for summary advice, communicating with clients to obtain more information about their legal issue, booking clients, coordinating clinic times with lawyers, initiating conflicts checks with lawyers, referring clients to other resources and lawyers if appropriate, note-taking and observing advice sessions</li> <li>§ Prepare educational materials and plain language legal information for workshops and the legal resource library</li> <li>§ Undertake other projects as they arise</li> </ul>

## ATIRA Women's Resource Society

### 2009-2010 Placement

Placement # 004

What they do	Atira is a not-for-profit organization committed to the work of ending violence against women through providing direct service, as well as working to increase awareness of and education around the scope and impact on our communities of violence against women and children. Atira also operates a Legal Advocacy program in the Downtown Eastside where a lawyer is available to support women in the area needing legal assistance.
Areas of law	Family, Feminism, Poverty, Human Rights, Aboriginal, Public Legal Education
Past placements?	Yes.
Location	101 East Cordova Street, Vancouver
Website	<a href="http://www.atira.bc.ca">www.atira.bc.ca</a>

#### 2009-2010 Project Summary:

Number of students	1 (or 2 if students would like to work in pairs)
Time commitment	2-4 hrs/week but this is flexible. Work is primarily done remotely but office space can be made available if needed/helpful
Contact Person	Amber Prince Legal Advocate Email: <a href="mailto:legaladvocate@atira.bc.ca">legaladvocate@atira.bc.ca</a> Tel: 604.331.1407 (X105)
Supervising Lawyer	TBD
Type of work	Legal Research & Writing
Description	<p>Atira assists women with divorce paperwork and supports them through the court process. Most of these women cannot afford the filing fees to file the divorce papers (let alone a lawyer, and there is no legal aid coverage). Low-income applicants can seek to waive the filing fees by making an "Indigenous Status Application" (ISA). Unfortunately, masters/judges have been rejecting these applications on the basis that "a divorce is not a necessity".</p> <p>The rationale for such decisions may not be correct. The student(s) will explore these applications further, look at any applicable case law and report back on the generally accepted criteria for ISAs, as well as the appeal process if masters/judges appear to reject an ISA in error. The information has the potential to assist low-income women in meaningful ways. This information will also be very helpful to legal advocates and may even form part of resource/training/education materials on legal advocacy generally.</p> <p>Specifically, the student(s) will:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">§ Research &amp; write a brief memo on ISAs in the BC Supreme Court.</p>

## ATIRA Women's Resource Society

### 2009-2010 Placement

Placement # 005

What they do	Atira is a not-for-profit organization committed to the work of ending violence against women through providing direct service, as well as working to increase awareness of and education around the scope and impact on our communities of violence against women and children. Atira also operates a Legal Advocacy program in the Downtown Eastside where a lawyer is available to support women in the area needing legal assistance.
Areas of law	Policy, Professional Responsibility, Public legal education
Past placements?	Yes.
Location	101 East Cordova Street, Vancouver
Website	<a href="http://www.atira.bc.ca">www.atira.bc.ca</a>

#### 2009-2010 Project Summary:

Number of students	1 (or 2 if students would like to work in pairs)
Time commitment	2-4 hrs/week but this is flexible. Work is primarily done remotely but office space can be made available if needed/helpful
Contact Person	Amber Prince Legal Advocate Email: <a href="mailto:legaladvocate@atira.bc.ca">legaladvocate@atira.bc.ca</a> Tel: 604.331.1407 (X105)
Supervising Lawyer	TBD
Type of work	Legal Research & Writing
Description	<p>Legal advocates play a quasi-legal role. There is some question about the level of privilege/confidentiality that exists between legal advocates and their clients. The student(s) will write a memo summarizing applicable statutes and case law and other relevant research about this issue. This research would be helpful in developing legal advocacy policy within Atira and possible other organizations providing legal advocacy. It may form part of a resource/training/education materials on legal advocacy generally.</p> <p>Specifically, the student(s) will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>§ Research "confidentiality and privilege" as it relates to legal advocates and write a brief memo</li> </ul>

## BCCEAS – BC Centre for Elder Advocacy & Support

### 2009-2010 Placement

Placement # 006

What they do	BCCEAS works to prevent elder abuse and to provide assistance and support to older adults that are, or may be, abused and those whose rights have been violated. They provide programs that educate, support and advocate on behalf of elders. Its legal services include several legal advocacy initiatives, and the Elder Law Clinic, which is the first legal aid clinic for older adults in western Canada
Areas of law	Elder Law
Past placements?	No
Location	304 – 411 Dunsmuir St., Vancouver, BC V6R 1X4 Phone: 604.688.1927 Fax: 604.437.1929
Website	<a href="http://www.bcceas.ca">www.bcceas.ca</a>

### 2009-2010 Project Summary:

Number of students	1
Time commitment	3 hours per week - preferably by coming in one full morning or afternoon per week, any day of the week except for Fridays.
Supervising Lawyer & Contact Person at Organization	Beverly Gallagner Legal Advocate/Lawyer Phone: 604.688.1927 x.228 Fax: 604.696.3745 Email: <a href="mailto:bgallagher@bcceas.ca">bgallagher@bcceas.ca</a>
Type of work	Legal File Work
Description	Legal file work under the supervision of a senior staff lawyer, assist with review of client files identifying legal issues and assisting with information gathering, follow-up, and letters of opinion.  End result: Legal support for staff lawyer and movement of files forward/closed

## BCCEAS – BC Centre for Elder Advocacy & Support

### 2009-2010 Placement

Placement # 007

What they do	BCCEAS works to prevent elder abuse and to provide assistance and support to older adults that are, or may be, abused and those whose rights have been violated. They provide programs that educate, support and advocate on behalf of elders. Its legal services include several legal advocacy initiatives, and the Elder Law Clinic, which is the first legal aid clinic for older adults in western Canada
Areas of law	Elder Law
Past placements?	No
Location	304 – 411 Dunsmuir St., Vancouver, BC V6R 1X4 Phone: 604.688.1927 Fax: 604.437.1929
Website	<a href="http://www.bcceas.ca">www.bcceas.ca</a>

### 2009-2010 Project Summary:

Number of students	2 working together on the research/writing task
Time commitment	3 hours per week - preferably by coming in one full morning or afternoon per week, any day of the week except for Fridays.
Supervising Lawyer & Contact Person at Organisation	Beverly Gallagner Legal Advocate/Lawyer Phone: 604.688.1927 x.228 Fax: 604.696.3745 Email: <a href="mailto:bgallagher@bcceas.ca">bgallagher@bcceas.ca</a>
Type of work	Research & Writing
Description	<p>Website work – research legal areas of interest for the BCCEAS website, developing “questions and answers”. It will also include drafting short articles that could be used either for the website or public legal education activities.</p> <p>End result: 2 Q &amp; A and 3 articles</p> <p>If needed, legal file work under the supervision of a senior staff lawyer, assist with review of client files identifying legal issues and assisting with information gathering, follow-up, and letters of opinion.</p>

## BCCEAS – BC Centre for Elder Advocacy & Support

### 2009-2010 Placement

Placement # 008

What they do	BCCEAS works to prevent elder abuse and to provide assistance and support to older adults that are, or may be, abused and those whose rights have been violated. They provide programs that educate, support and advocate on behalf of elders. Its legal services include several legal advocacy initiatives, and the Elder Law Clinic, which is the first legal aid clinic for older adults in western Canada
Areas of law	Elder Law
Past placements?	No
Location	304 – 411 Dunsmuir St., Vancouver, BC V6R 1X4 Phone: 604.688.1927 Fax: 604.437.1929
Website	<a href="http://www.bcceas.ca">www.bcceas.ca</a>

#### 2009-2010 Project Summary:

Number of students	1 student for 3 months
Time commitment	3 hours per week - preferably by coming in one full morning or afternoon per week, any day of the week except for Fridays.
Supervising Lawyer & Contact Person at Organisation	Beverly Gallagher Legal Advocate/Lawyer Phone: 604.688.1927 x.228 Fax: 604.696.3745 Email: <a href="mailto:bgallagher@bcceas.ca">bgallagher@bcceas.ca</a>
Type of work	Legal Resource Manual
Description	<p>Legal Resource Manual – assist with information gathering and compilation of legal and other resources in the community that are relevant to our client base.</p> <p>End Result: Completed Legal Resource Manual</p> <p>If needed, legal file work under the supervision of a senior staff lawyer, assist with review of client files identifying legal issues and assisting with information gathering, follow-up, and letters of opinion.</p>

## BCCEAS – BC Centre for Elder Advocacy & Support

### 2009-2010 Placement

Placement # 009

What they do	BCCEAS works to prevent elder abuse and to provide assistance and support to older adults that are, or may be, abused and those whose rights have been violated. They provide programs that educate, support and advocate on behalf of elders. Its legal services include several legal advocacy initiatives, and the Elder Law Clinic, which is the first legal aid clinic for older adults in western Canada
Areas of law	Elder Law
Past placements?	No
Location	304 – 411 Dunsmuir St., Vancouver, BC V6R 1X4 Phone: 604.688.1927 Fax: 604.437.1929
Website	<a href="http://www.bcceas.ca">www.bcceas.ca</a>

### 2009-2010 Project Summary:

Number of students	1 student for 3 months; may be combined with another BCCEAS placement
Time commitment	3 hours per week - preferably by coming in one full morning or afternoon per week, any day of the week except for Fridays.
Supervising Lawyer & Contact Person at Organization	Beverly Gallagher Legal Advocate/Lawyer Phone: 604.688.1927 x.228 Fax: 604.696.3745 Email: <a href="mailto:bgallagher@bcceas.ca">bgallagher@bcceas.ca</a>
Type of work	Public Legal Education
Description	<p>Public Legal Education – assist with public legal education workshops in the community on the topic of elder abuse and legal rights of seniors.</p> <p>End Result: Completion of at least one community PLE event</p> <p>If needed, legal file work under the supervision of a senior staff lawyer, assist with review of client files identifying legal issues and assisting with information gathering, follow-up, and letters of opinion.</p>

## Coalition of Childcare Advocates of British Columbia (CCCABC)

### 2009-2010 Placement

Placement # 010

What they do	CCCABC works to promote and support quality community-based childcare services that benefit children, families, and the public, and is in the best interests of society. This includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- To work for the development of a comprehensive accessible and affordable non-profit childcare system in BC and across Canada</li> <li>- To provide public information and to undertake public education about childcare and related issues</li> <li>- To research social policy issues related to children and their care</li> <li>- To develop a cooperative working relationship with childcare related organizations and others of like mind</li> <li>- To facilitate information sharing among the members with government and with the public</li> </ul>
Areas of law	Children/Youth Advocacy, Feminism and Law, Human Rights,
Past placements?	No.
Location	2772 East Broadway, Vancouver, BC V5M 1Y8 Tel: 604-515-5439 Fax: 604-451-1191
Website	<a href="http://www.cccabc.bc.ca">www.cccabc.bc.ca</a>

### 2009-2010 Project Summary:

Number of students	1 Student	
Time commitment	2-3 hours per week. Work can be done remotely.	
Supervising Lawyer	TBD	
Contact Person at Organisation	Sharon Gregson Coordinator Tel: 604.515.5439 Email: <a href="mailto:info@cccabc.bc.ca">info@cccabc.bc.ca</a>	Sharon Harney Chairperson Tel: 604.532.5367 Email: <a href="mailto:sharney@telus.net">sharney@telus.net</a>
Type of work	Research & Case Summaries	
Description	<p>Over a 6 month period (Sept through March), the student will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Research relevant provincial, federal, and international legislation, conventions and other quasi legal policies that address young children's and women's rights and/or entitlements to access high quality early care and learning services.</li> <li>- Review Canada and BC's current compliance with protecting these rights and entitlements as documented in governmental, international and NGO reports and publications</li> <li>- Explore potential legal, quasi legal or administrative avenues for ensuring or improving compliance</li> <li>- Prepare public education and plain language summaries and materials related to children's and women's rights to access high quality early care and learning services</li> </ul> <p>The student will be invited to attend Board meetings to discuss project developments.</p>	

## CLAS – Community Legal Assistance Society

### 2009-2010 Placement

Placement # 011

What they do	The purpose of CLAS is to provide legal advice and assistance and to use and develop the law for the benefit of people who are physically, mentally, socially, economically or otherwise disadvantaged or whose human rights need protection. CLAS believes that these legal objectives can best be met by working together under an umbrella organization in order to share the limited resources available.
Areas of law	Human Rights, Poverty, Civil Liberties, Administrative
Past placements?	Yes.
Location	Suite 300 - 1140 West Pender St., Vancouver, BC, v6E 4G1 Tel: 604.685.3425 Fax: 604.685.7611
Website	www2.povnet.org/clas

### 2009-2010 Project Summary:

Number of students	1	
Time commitment	Very flexible. Work can be done on-site or remotely	
Supervising Lawyer	Kevin Love Lawyer Email: <a href="mailto:klove@clasbc.net">klove@clasbc.net</a> Tel: 604.685.3425	Jim Sayre Lawyer Email: <a href="mailto:jsayre@clasbc.net">jsayre@clasbc.net</a> Tel: 604.685.3425
Contact Person at Organisation	Kevin Love	
Type of work	Legal Research & Writing	
Description	<p>CLAS and several other organizations plan to appear at a coroner's inquest into a van accident that killed 3 agricultural workers and injured 13 others. At the time of the crash, the workers were being transported to the fields for work. Then vans that transported farm workers to the fields are notoriously unsafe. They are often overcrowded and have makeshift benches to accommodate more occupants. The working conditions for farm workers in BC remain a major concern. CLAS and the other organizations involved with the inquest will seek to address, at least in part, issues surrounding transportation safety for these workers.</p> <p>CLAS requires a student to research to assist them in preparing for this inquest. To begin, they would like the student to research the particular model of van that was involved in the crash to see if it has been the subject of litigation recalls, or other safety concerns. They are also looking for an overview of any specific legislation in other jurisdictions relating to the transportation safety of farm workers. Other research topics may arise if the student is interested.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Student will conduct legal research &amp; produce a summary of their findings</li> <li>- End Goal of the Project: Have the coroner make recommendations that will improve transportation safety for agricultural workers</li> <li>- Students will meet with the lawyers involved in the case and be given starting points for their research.</li> <li>- Student should have some background in Quicklaw, Westlaw, or another legal database &amp; background in researching American law would be beneficial</li> </ul>	

## The Jane Doe Legal Network (JDLN) – Pivot Legal Society

### 2009-2010 Placement

Placement # 012

What they do	The JDLN, operated by Pivot Legal Society, assists women who have experienced violence to meet their legal needs. They believe that the legal system needs to be reformed so that women and children have better access to the justice system. They provide individual legal advice and legal education workshops in the following areas: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• immigration/refugee law</li> <li>• human rights law</li> <li>• child protection law</li> <li>• housing law</li> <li>• criminal law</li> </ul> Additionally, the JDLN advocates for changes to the legal system that will improve the lives of women who have experienced violence.
Areas of law	Environmental Law & Policy, Aboriginal Law
Past placements?	With Pivot, yes; with the JDLN, no.
Location	678 East Hastings St., Vancouver, BC V6A 1R1 Tel: 604.255.9700 x. 102
Website	<a href="http://www.janedoelegal.org">www.janedoelegal.org</a>

### 2009-2010 Project Summary:

Number of students	1 Student
Time commitment	3 hrs/week. Some on-site work is required; other work can be done remotely
Contact Person at Organization	Darcie Bennett Tel: 604.255.9700 x. 102 Email: <a href="mailto:dbennett@pivotlegal.com">dbennett@pivotlegal.com</a>
Supervising Lawyer	Lobat Sadrehashemi Tel: 604.255.9700 x. 103 Email: <a href="mailto:lobat@pivotlegal.com">lobat@pivotlegal.com</a>
Type of work	Legal Writing and/or Public Legal Education
Description	<p>The JDLN runs a monthly advocate group for legal advocates working with women who have experienced violence. The student will attend monthly meetings and prepare meeting notes, and working on projects that arise out of the meetings.</p> <p>Projects last year included: drafting position statements related to child welfare system involvement in cases involving violence against women and the cuts to legal aid, creating a resource for women applying for family law legal aid, writing letters to the AG's office and to LSS requesting a meeting to discuss cuts to legal aid, and research related to the community courts.</p> <p>The September advocate's meeting will be a planning session for the year.</p> <p>The advocate's group exists to guide the development and work of the Jane Doe legal network, to provide legal education and networking opportunities for advocates, and to facilitate collaborative work on systemic advocacy projects.</p>

## Lawyers' Rights Watch Canada (LRWC)

### 2009-2010 Placement

Placement # 013

What they do	LRWC is a committee of Canadian lawyers who promote human rights and the rule of law by providing support internationally to human rights defenders in danger. LRWC promotes the implementation of international standards designed to protect the independence and security of human rights defenders around the world. LRWC campaigns for lawyers whose rights, freedoms, or independence are threatened as a result of their human rights advocacy; and, produces legal analyses of national and international laws and standards relevant to human rights abuses against lawyers and other human rights defenders; and, works in cooperation with other human rights organizations. LRWC seeks to identify illegal actions against advocates, campaigning for the cessation of such actions and lobby for the implementation of effective immediate and long-term remedies.
Areas of law	Civil Liberties, International Human Rights
Past placements?	Yes.
Location	3220 West 13 <sup>th</sup> Avenue, Vancouver, BC, V6K 2V5 Tel: 604.738.0338 Fax: 604.736.1175
Website	<a href="http://www.lrwc.org">www.lrwc.org</a>

### 2009-2010 Project Summary:

Number of students	3-4 Students.	
Time commitment	3-4 hours per week. Work can be done remotely	
Supervising Lawyer	TBD	
Contact Person at Organisation	Gail Davidson Executive Director Tel: 604.738.0338 Email: <a href="mailto:lrwc@portal.ca">lrwc@portal.ca</a>	Jessica Fletcher Manager Tel: 778.862.8856 Email: <a href="mailto:jessicalynnfletcher@yahoo.ca">jessicalynnfletcher@yahoo.ca</a>
Type of work	Research & Case Summaries	
Description	<p>Students will prepare summaries of cases involving lawyers or judges in danger because of their advocacy, on whose behalf LRWC has intervened. This will involve online research and making email contact with legal organizations and NGOs around the world. Students will need reasonably good internet research skills, writing skills, knowledge of proper referencing, as well as be equipped with a personal drive to find information. The frequency with which cases will be assigned will depend on the student's availability and on the length of time assigned to each summary.</p> <p>Work will be sent back to students' with editing remarks by a supervising lawyer and will be posted on the LRWC website after the final draft has been approved. Students will do monthly research follow-ups for any developments in each case they summarized with the help of a supervising lawyer.</p> <p><u>End goal:</u> to improve LRWC monitoring of cases involving attacks on jurists involved in human rights advocacy</p> <p>Students may attend regular LRWC meetings. The Executive Director &amp; Research Director will meet with students at the start of their placement and then, as required.</p>	

## PIVOT LEGAL SOCIETY

### 2009-2010 Placement

Placement # 014

What they do	Pivot Legal Society is a non-profit legal advocacy organization located in Vancouver's Downtown Eastside. Pivot's mandate is to take a strategic approach to social change, using the law to address the root causes that undermine the quality of life of those most on the margins.
Areas of law	Constitutional Law, Criminal Law, Civil Liberties, Human Rights
Past placements?	Yes.
Location	678 East Hastings St. East, Vancouver, BC V6A 1R1 Tel: (604) 255-9700 Fax: (604) 255-1552
Website	<a href="http://www.pivotlegal.org">www.pivotlegal.org</a>

#### 2009-2010 Project Summary:

Number of students	2
Time commitment	3 hours per week. Work will be done remotely and onsite.
Supervising Lawyer & Contact Person at Organization	Katrina Pacey Staff Lawyer Tel: 604 255 9700 x. 106 Email: <a href="mailto:kpacey@pivotlegal.com">kpacey@pivotlegal.com</a>
Type of work	Legal Research and Trial Preparation
Description	<p>Pivot represents a group of sex workers who have initiated a constitutional challenge to the criminal laws relating to adult prostitution. We require assistance with trial preparation, including legal research and social science research. This project will be ongoing throughout 2009 and 2010.</p> <p>The students will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Assist with a range of research tasks that will result in legal memos and other trial preparation</li> <li>- Meet with Pivot to get their skills and interests assessed before it is decided exactly what aspects of the campaign they will be involved in. A wide range of possibilities exist so Pivot can usually match the students to an aspect that is very interesting and relevant for them</li> </ul> <p>Students will be invited to attend one legal team meeting per month, which are usually from 6 – 9pm.</p> <p>End goal of the project:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">§ Prepare for the appeal in the BC Court of Appeal in November 2009 as well as the trial which will hopefully follow in 2010.</p>

## PIVOT LEGAL SOCIETY

### 2009-2010 Placement

Placement # 015

What they do	Pivot Legal Society is a non-profit legal advocacy organization located in Vancouver's Downtown Eastside. Pivot's mandate is to take a strategic approach to social change, using the law to address the root causes that undermine the quality of life of those most on the margins.
Areas of law	Civil Liberties, Housing/Homelessness, Human Rights, Public Legal Education, Criminal Law
Past placements?	Yes.
Location	678 East Hastings St. East, Vancouver, BC V6A 1R1 Tel: (604) 255-9700 Fax: (604) 255-1552
Website	<a href="http://www.pivotlegal.org">www.pivotlegal.org</a>

#### 2009-2010 Project Summary:

Number of students	2
Time commitment	3 hours per week. Work will be done remotely and onsite.
Supervising Lawyer	Nina Purewal Tel: 604 255 9700 x. 106 Email: <a href="mailto:npurewal@pivotlegal.com">npurewal@pivotlegal.com</a>
Contact Person at Organisation	Katrina Pacey Tel: 604 255 9700 x. 146 Email: <a href="mailto:kpacey@pivotlegal.com">kpacey@pivotlegal.com</a>
Type of work	Legal Research and preparing Public Legal Education materials
Description	<p>Pivot is currently engaged in a campaign to improve police oversight in the province of BC and improve the relationship between residents in the Downtown Eastside and the Vancouver Police Department.</p> <p>This project involves a range of activities, including assisting the legal team with: legal research, freedom of information requests, civil litigation, preparing educational materials, and legal submissions.</p> <p>Since there are many aspects to this campaign, tasks will be determined once a meeting is set up with the students to determine their particular interests.</p>

## PIVOT LEGAL SOCIETY

### 2009-2010 Placement

Placement # 016

What they do	Pivot Legal Society is a non-profit legal advocacy organization located in Vancouver's Downtown Eastside. Pivot's mandate is to take a strategic approach to social change, using the law to address the root causes that undermine the quality of life of those most on the margins.
Areas of law	Human Rights, Public Legal Education, Criminal Law, Civil Liberties
Past placements?	Yes.
Location	678 East Hastings St. East, Vancouver, BC V6A 1R1 Tel: (604) 255-9700 Fax: (604) 255-1552
Website	<a href="http://www.pivotlegal.org">www.pivotlegal.org</a>

### 2009-2010 Project Summary:

Number of students	2
Time commitment	3 hours per week. Work will be done remotely and onsite.
Supervising Lawyer	Katrina Pacey Tel: 604 255 9700 x. 146 Email: <a href="mailto:kpacey@pivotlegal.com">kpacey@pivotlegal.com</a>
Contact Person at Organisation	See above.
Type of work	Legal Research and preparing Public Legal Education materials
Description	<p>Pivot is currently conducting research on access to harm reduction and addiction treatment programs as a human rights issue. This project would involve legal and social science research to assist in a human rights analysis of the following issues: supervised injection and inhalation facilities; syringe and crack kit distribution; access to detox and treatment services; and access to substitution therapy for illicit drug users.</p> <p>Task list will be created with the assistance of the interested students. Tasks will likely involve research and memo writing as well as gathering affidavits.</p> <p>The end goal of the project will be a series of reports on harm reduction and the law.</p>

## PIVOT LEGAL SOCIETY

### 2009-2010 Placement

Placement # 017

What they do	Pivot Legal Society is a non-profit legal advocacy organization located in Vancouver's Downtown Eastside. Pivot's mandate is to take a strategic approach to social change, using the law to address the root causes that undermine the quality of life of those most on the margins.
Areas of law	Human Rights, Public Legal Education, Criminal Law, Civil Liberties, Housing/Homelessness
Past placements?	Yes.
Location	678 East Hastings St. East, Vancouver, BC V6A 1R1 Tel: (604) 255-9700 Fax: (604) 255-1552
Website	<a href="http://www.pivotlegal.org">www.pivotlegal.org</a>

### 2009-2010 Project Summary:

Number of students	2
Time commitment	3 hours per week. Work will be done remotely and onsite.
Supervising Lawyer	Laura Track Tel: 604 255 9700 x. 112 Email: <a href="mailto:ltrack@pivotlegal.com">ltrack@pivotlegal.com</a>
Contact Person at Organisation	Katrina Pacey Tel: 604 255 9700 x. 146 Email: <a href="mailto:kpacey@pivotlegal.com">kpacey@pivotlegal.com</a>
Type of work	Legal Research and preparing Public Legal Education materials
Description	<p>Pivot is currently engaged in a campaign for safe and affordable housing for everyone.</p> <p>Working with Pivot's housing campaign includes a range of possible activities such as assisting the legal team with: legal research, freedom of information requests, residential tenancy arbitration and judicial review, preparing educational materials, and legal submissions.</p> <p>Since there are many aspects to this campaign, tasks will be determined once a meeting is set up with the students to determine their particular interests in the housing campaign.</p>

## PLAN – Planned Lifetime Advocacy Network

### 2009-2010 Placement

Placement # 018

What they do	PLAN is a non-profit organization committed to enhancing the quality of life and security of individuals with a disability by building a safety net of programs, including legal advocacy, that can withstand the death of their parents as well as changes in government-funded support services.
Areas of law	Wills & Estates, Trusts, Taxation, Laws in Other Jurisdictions
Past placements?	No
Location	Suite 260 – 3665 Kingsway, Vancouver, BC V5R 5W2 Phone: 604.439.9566 Fax: 604.439.7001
Website	<a href="http://www.plan.ca">www.plan.ca</a>

### 2009-2010 Project Summary:

Number of students	5
Time commitment	3 hours per week. Research can be done remotely.
Supervising Lawyer	Emma Ferguson Associate, Davis LLP Phone: 604-643-6368 Email: <a href="mailto:eferguson@davis.ca">eferguson@davis.ca</a>
Contact Person at Organisation	Doug Brodhead Assistant Director of Public Policy, PLAN Phone: 604.439.9566 x.126 Email: <a href="mailto:dbrodhead@plan.ca">dbrodhead@plan.ca</a>
Type of work	Cross-Jurisdictional Legal Research Related to People with Disabilities
Description	<p>PLAN has produced a Future Planning Guide called <i>Safe and Secure</i>, a practical, step-by-step guide for a person with a disability living in BC. This family-friendly guide outlines what families and persons with disabilities need to know regarding wills and estates, trusts, disability benefits, taxation, Representation Agreements, and the new Registered Disability Savings Plan. <i>Safe and Secure</i> provides a thoughtful framework for ensuring the financial security of someone with a disability, helping them navigate the difficult and complex task of creating a good life for their family member.</p> <p>Having produced a version of <i>Safe and Secure</i> for BC, with 40,000 copies bought by the Government of BC, and currently producing a version in Ontario, PLAN is looking to undergo legal research in the remaining jurisdictions to ensure families from across the country are able to navigate the difficult task of planning for the future of their family member with a disability. PLAN would also include this information for each jurisdiction on our new national website which will be launched this fall.</p> <p>5 students supervised by a team of lawyers from across the country will run this project.</p> <p><b>Specifically, the students will:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Conduct legal research around wills and estates, trusts, disability benefits, taxation, and supported decision-making for two jurisdictions.</li> <li>- Identify policy and legal gaps</li> <li>- Communicate with Davis LLP and PLAN</li> </ul>

## PLAN – Planned Lifetime Advocacy Network

### 2009-2010 Placement

Placement # 019

What they do	PLAN is a non-profit organization committed to enhancing the quality of life and security of individuals with a disability by building a safety net of programs, including legal advocacy, that can withstand the death of their parents as well as changes in government-funded support services.
Areas of law	Disability law, Banking law
Past placements?	No
Location	Suite 260 – 3665 Kingsway, Vancouver, BC V5R 5W2 Phone: 604.439.9566 Fax: 604.439.7001
Website	<a href="http://www.plan.ca">www.plan.ca</a>

### 2009-2010 Project Summary:

Number of students	1
Time commitment	3 hours per week. Research can be done remotely.
Supervising Lawyer	Halldor Bjarnason Partner, Access Law Group Phone: 604-697-0231 Email: <a href="mailto:hbjarnason@accesslaw.ca">hbjarnason@accesslaw.ca</a>
Contact Person at Organisation	Doug Brodhead Assistant Director of Public Policy, PLAN Phone: 604.439.9566 x.126 Email: <a href="mailto:dbrodhead@plan.ca">dbrodhead@plan.ca</a>
Type of work	Legal Research around potential reforms to BC Disability Benefits
Description	<p>The Registered Disability Savings Plan, conceptualized and advocated for by PLAN, became the first of its kind in the world in December of 2008. Similar to an RESP, the RDSP allows individuals the opportunity to save for their future while receiving significant grants and bonds from the federal government. The RDSP has become integral in beginning to leverage many people with disabilities out of poverty towards future financial security, and shifting the disability system away from a welfare-based model and more towards an asset-based approach.</p> <p>PLAN is working to lever momentum arising from the announcement of the RDSP to advance law reforms related to the RDSP; and subsequent disability welfare reforms.</p> <p>PLAN has organized a committee of individuals and disability organizations working to propose reforms to BC Disability Benefits. The Committee requires legal support in assisting us evaluate reform options and create briefing documents for submission to the BC Government.</p> <p><b>Specifically, the student will:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Conduct legal research around potential reforms to BC Disability Benefits.</li> <li>- Meets with BC Law Reform Committee.</li> <li>- Complete briefing documents for submission to the BC Government on behalf of the BC Law Reform Committee</li> </ul>

## PLAN – Planned Lifetime Advocacy Network

### 2009-2010 Placement

Placement # 020

What they do	PLAN is a non-profit organization committed to enhancing the quality of life and security of individuals with a disability by building a safety net of programs, including legal advocacy, that can withstand the death of their parents as well as changes in government-funded support services.
Areas of law	Aboriginal Law, Banking Law, Disabilities Law
Past placements?	No
Location	Suite 260 – 3665 Kingsway, Vancouver, BC V5R 5W2 Phone: 604.439.9566 Fax: 604.439.7001
Website	<a href="http://www.plan.ca">www.plan.ca</a>

### 2009-2010 Project Summary:

Number of students	2
Time commitment	3 hours per week. Research can be done remotely.
Supervising Lawyer	Emma Ferguson Associate, Davis LLP Phone: 604-643-6368 Email: <a href="mailto:eferguson@davis.ca">eferguson@davis.ca</a>
Contact Person at Organisation	Doug Brodhead Assistant Director of Public Policy, PLAN Phone: 604.439.9566 x.126 Email: <a href="mailto:dbrodhead@plan.ca">dbrodhead@plan.ca</a>
Type of work	Legal Research Related to First Nations with Disabilities
Description	<p>First Nations communities support a disabled population at 3x the rate of other Canadian populations. The new Registered Disability Savings Plan (RDSP) is an important tool in securing the financial future of all Canadians with disabilities. However, aboriginal Canadians face some additional barriers in utilizing the RDSP, including: legal implications of filing taxes on reserve; and the administration of disability benefits on and off reserve.</p> <p>This project consists of researching the laws and regulations that apply to First Nations communities on and off reserve with the goal to making the RDSP accessible to First Nations families. The project will identify potential policy reforms, legal conflicts, and subsequent solutions.</p> <p><b>Specifically, the students will:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Conduct legal research around implications for First Nations trying to access the RDSP, on and off reserve.</li> <li>- Map disability structures and supports for First Nations.</li> <li>- Meet with First Nations Organizations and stakeholders.</li> <li>- Provide plain-language legal information for First Nations.</li> <li>- Create materials that would form the basis of seminars and print materials to inform First Nations people with disabilities</li> <li>- Identify policy gaps.</li> </ul>

## PLAN – Planned Lifetime Advocacy Network

### 2009-2010 Placement

Placement # 021

What they do	PLAN is a non-profit organization committed to enhancing the quality of life and security of individuals with a disability by building a safety net of programs, including legal advocacy, that can withstand the death of their parents as well as changes in government-funded support services.
Areas of law	Corporate Law, Corporate Restructuring
Past placements?	No
Location	Suite 260 – 3665 Kingsway, Vancouver, BC V5R 5W2 Phone: 604.439.9566 Fax: 604.439.7001
Website	<a href="http://www.plan.ca">www.plan.ca</a>

### 2009-2010 Project Summary:

Number of students	1
Time commitment	3 hours per week. Research can be done remotely.
Supervising Lawyer	Emma Ferguson Associate, Davis LLP Phone: 604-643-6368 Email: <a href="mailto:eferguson@davis.ca">eferguson@davis.ca</a>
Contact Person at Organisation	Doug Brodhead Assistant Director of Public Policy, PLAN Phone: 604.439.9566 x.126 Email: <a href="mailto:dbrodhead@plan.ca">dbrodhead@plan.ca</a>
Type of work	Legal Research on implications between types of corporate models
Description	<p>PLAN is part of a new movement towards sustainable non-profits involved in social enterprise initiatives. As an organization that remains independent of Government (including funding), PLAN works in the grey area of social enterprise, which works within the model of a traditional non-profit, while maintaining social enterprise initiatives which fall within a fusion of business and non-profit models. Unlike the UK and the US, Canada does not have a legal distinction which acknowledges the role of social enterprise (like Community Interest Companies and 3LC's).</p> <p>PLAN is looking at creating a for profit enterprise that is owned by PLAN and our sister organization, the PLAN Institute. This project would involve researching the corporate models and the implications for the parent organizations with respect to our charitable status, and the implications of creating a for-profit enterprise.</p> <p><b>Specifically, the student will:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Conduct legal research around corporate models (wholly owned subsidiary, co-operatives, private-owned, public-owned) and implications between for-profit enterprises and non-profit parent organizations.</li> <li>- Produce legal briefing documents outlining the options and implications for PLAN and PLAN Institute establishing a for-profit enterprise.</li> <li>- Identifying investment regulations related to corporate structure.</li> <li>- Develop options for PLAN and PLAN Institute to develop a for-profit enterprise to house all of PLAN and PLAN Institute's social enterprise projects.</li> </ul>

**Tenant Resource & Advisory Centre (TRAC)**  
**2009-2010 Placement**

Placement # 022

What they do	TRAC is an educational charity that provides legal education and information about residential tenancy law. TRAC provides information through their Tenant Infoline, website, publications, public legal education sessions and advocacy training workshops. They provide input about residential tenancy law into other organizations' legal publications, telephone scripts and training material, and meet with the provincial government to strengthen legal protections for tenants. They work with all levels of government, community and landlord groups to identify solutions to the problems of homelessness and unaffordable rental housing and provide information to the media about these problems.
Areas of law	Housing/Homelessness, Public Legal Education
Past placements?	Yes.
Location	#306 – 535 Thurlow St., Vancouver, BC V6E 3L2 Tel: 604.255.3099 Fax: 604.255.0772
Website	<a href="http://www.tenants.bc.ca">www.tenants.bc.ca</a>
Number of students	2 Students
Time commitment	3 hours per week (Sept. – Nov 2009). Work can be done remotely.
Contact Person at Organisation & Supervising Lawyer	Martha J. Lewis Executive Director Tel: 604.255.3099 x. 222 Email: <a href="mailto:martha@tenants.bc.ca">martha@tenants.bc.ca</a>
Type of work	Legal Research
<p><b>Project Description:</b></p> <p>This project was commenced by a UVic law student but has not yet been completed. TRAC requires two students to research judicial reviews of the Residential Tenancy Board's decisions of 2007, 2008 and 2009. The student will research using an online database and enter information into a pre-designed TRAC database.</p> <p>This is an important piece of research as no one even knows how many juridical reviews are done each year of Residential Tenancy Branch ("RTB") decisions. There is lots of supposition but no hard facts. The RTB as well as legal advocates and landlord groups are interested in the study.</p> <p>This is the only comprehensive research project done of Judicial Review decisions of Residential Tenancy Branch (RTB) decisions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Research judicial reviews of RTB decisions of 2007, 2008, and 2009.</li> <li>- Research online decisions and enter information into an existing spreadsheet.</li> <li>- Training with respect to online searching, identifying relevant information, and writing conclusions will be offered to the students</li> </ul>	

**VLMS – Vancouver & Lower Mainland Multicultural Family Support Services Society  
2009-2010 Placement**

Placement # 023

What they do	Provide Counselling and support to immigrant, refugee and visible minority women and their families who are experiencing abuse or who are in need of advocacy and support
Areas of law	Children/Youth Advocacy, Counselling/Crisis Intervention, Family Lay & Policy, Housing/Homeless Services, Immigration/Refugee Law, Poverty Law, Public Legal Education, Racialized Groups & Law
Past placements?	Yes
Location	5000 Kingsway Plaza III, #306-4980 Kingsway, Burnaby, BC V5H 4K7 Tel: 604-436-1025 Fax: 604-436-3267
Website	<a href="http://www.vlmfss.ca">www.vlmfss.ca</a>

**2009-2010 Project Summary:**

Number of students	1
Time commitment	3 hours per week. Work will be done on-site
Supervising Lawyer	Mr. Erwin Epp Friesen & Epp LLP Phone: 604.435.7843 Email: <a href="mailto:erwinepp@stargate.ca">erwinepp@stargate.ca</a>
Contact Person at Organisation	Ann Foschi Volunteers Coordinator Phone: 604.436.1025 Email: <a href="mailto:volunteers@vlmfss.ca">volunteers@vlmfss.ca</a>
Type of work	Clinic Placement
Description	<p>To provide education on aspects of family, immigration, housing poverty, and criminal law to immigrant, refugee and multicultural women who are experiencing abuse in the home.</p> <p>During individual appointments with clients, students will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Answer questions regarding the legal aspects of the client's situation</li> <li>- Explain legal terms and procedures to clients</li> <li>- Explain court procedures</li> <li>- Help client to be well informed of her rights</li> </ul> <p>Resources offered to the Student: orientation of the agency's programs, language translation (if clients cannot speak English), and ongoing support and consultation with other works and the volunteer coordinator</p>

## West Coast Environmental Law (WCEL)

### 2009-2010 Placement

Placement # 024

What they do	Through legal advice, education and advocacy, WCEL provides citizens and organizations with the knowledge, tools and innovative solutions needed to protect our environment and build sustainability locally, nationally and internationally. They have contributed to establishing environmental laws and regulations that show governments how they can help protect the environment and build sustainability. Some of their achievements include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Comprehensive contaminated sites regulations –model for other governments</li> <li>- Strict vehicle emissions regulations targeting greenhouse gas emissions</li> <li>- Ensuring BC's Access to Information legislation provides the right to access government information about environmental issues</li> <li>- Closing loopholes in international rules to implement the Kyoto Protocol</li> </ul>
Areas of law	Environmental Law & Policy, Aboriginal Law
Past placements?	Yes.
Location	200 — 2006 West 10th Avenue, Vancouver, BC V6J 2B3 Tel: 604-684-7378 Fax: 604-684-1312
Website	<a href="http://www.wcel.org">www.wcel.org</a>

### 2009-2010 Project Summary:

Number of students	2 Students
Time commitment	3 hours per week. Work is done largely on-site.
Supervising Lawyer	Josh Paterson, Staff Counsel Tel: 604.601.2512 Email: <a href="mailto:jpaterson@wcel.org">jpaterson@wcel.org</a>
Contact Person at Organization	Jessica Clogg, Senior Counsel Tel: 604.601.2501 Email: <a href="mailto:jclogg@wcel.org">jclogg@wcel.org</a>
Type of work	Comparative Legal Research & Writing
Description	Guided by the WCEL climate change needs assessment and previously conducted research/analysis, WCEL refines and advocates law reform proposals for global warming in key areas of environmental decision-making, including: Forests & Carbon, Environmental Assessment & Climate Change, Local Government & Climate Change. WCEL researches and writes a series of 3 to 6 law reform background/proposals in relation to key concerns about BC's IPP regulatory regime. Research to include interviews with stakeholders and review of best practices in other jurisdictions. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Students will conduct legal research and writing in this subject area, particularly comparative legislative research.</li> </ul> <p><u>End Goal:</u> For legal infrastructure to be in place at federal and provincial levels to achieve legislated greenhouse gas emissions targets that meet/exceed those adopted in BC's Greenhouse Gas Reductions Targets Act and the recommendations of the Climate Action Team; For citizens and local governments to understand the legal tools available in the BC context, as analysed and promoted by WCEL publications, to both migrate greenhouse gases and adapt communities to climate change impacts; And for BC's regulatory regime for sustainable renewable energy sources to reflect legal frameworks developed by WCEL</p>

**West Coast LEAF – Legal Education Action Fund**  
**2009-2010 Placement**  
 Placement # 025

What they do	PLAN is a non-profit organization committed to achieving equality by changing historic patterns of systemic discrimination against women through BC-based equality rights litigation, law reform, and public legal education.
Areas of law	Family Law & Policy, Civil Liberties
Past placements?	Yes.
Location	555-409 Granville St., Vancouver, BC, V6C 1T2 Phone: 604.684.8772 Fax: 604.684.1543
Website	<a href="http://www.westcoastleaf.org">www.westcoastleaf.org</a>

**2009-2010 Project Summary:**

Number of students	1	
Time commitment	2-4 hours per week. Work can be done remotely or onsite.	
Supervising Lawyer	Kasari Govender Phone: 604.684.8772 x. 112 Email: <a href="mailto:legal@westcoastleaf.org">legal@westcoastleaf.org</a>	
Contact Person at Organisation	Alison Brewin Executive Director Phone: 604.684.8772 x.111 Email: <a href="mailto:exec@westcoastleaf.org">exec@westcoastleaf.org</a>	Mahbuba Ergasheva Office Coordinator Phone: 604.684.8772 x.115 Email: <a href="mailto:info@westcoastleaf.org">info@westcoastleaf.org</a>
Type of work	Legal Research & Writing on Women's Equality in BC	
Description	<p>The Family Law Project encompasses West Coast LEAF work in the area of family law and its impact on women's equality in BC. This includes legislative reviews, policy research and reports on legal aid, drafting materials for the public, providing legal research to family lawyers on women's equality, supporting cutting edge family law litigation, and working with legal advocates around the province. This student would be asked to support the project through a variety of legal research tasks.</p> <p>Overall, the FLP hopes to transform Family Law's negative impact on women and restore adequate legal representation for those in high conflict marriage breakdown. In the short term, we intend to publish an update of Legal Aid Denied, launch a Family Law Lawyers Advisory Committee, examine Family Relations Act Section 15 psychological testing, and participate in public dialogue on those issues.</p> <p>Specifically, the student will mostly be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Conducting legal research and drafting legal memos</li> </ul>	

## West Coast LEAF – Legal Education Action Fund

### 2009-2010 Placement

Placement # 026

What they do	PLAN is a non-profit organization committed to achieving equality by changing historic patterns of systemic discrimination against women through BC-based equality rights litigation, law reform, and public legal education.
Areas of law	Public Legal Education, Legislative Analysis
Past placements?	Yes.
Location	555-409 Granville St., Vancouver, BC, V6C 1T2 Phone: 604.684.8772 Fax: 604.684.1543
Website	<a href="http://www.westcoastleaf.org">www.westcoastleaf.org</a>

### 2009-2010 Project Summary:

Number of students	2-4. Students may work as part of a team of volunteers.	
Time commitment	4 hours per week. Work can be done remotely or onsite, but initial onsite meetings are important to attend.	
Supervising Lawyer	Kasari Govender Legal Director Phone: 604.684.8772 x. 112 Email: <a href="mailto:legal@westcoastleaf.org">legal@westcoastleaf.org</a>	
Contact Person at Organisation	Alison Brewin Executive Director Phone: 604.684.8772 x.111 Email: <a href="mailto:exec@westcoastleaf.org">exec@westcoastleaf.org</a>	Mahbuba Ergasheva Office Coordinator Phone: 604.684.8772 x.115 Email: <a href="mailto:info@westcoastleaf.org">info@westcoastleaf.org</a>
Type of work	Drafting Public Legal Education material involving gendered equality impacts	
Description	<p>West Coast LEAF is developing a system for our law reform work that involves the publication of "Equality Impact Statements" – an analysis of the gendered equality impacts of provincial legislation. The students would be undertaking the analysis of particular pieces of legislation identified by the Law and Policy Committee, engaging in legislative history research, data collection, consultation with community groups, and drafting the EIS.</p> <p>Specifically, the students will::</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Read the identified legislation</li> <li>2) Research Hansard and other sources to determine purpose and history of legislation</li> <li>3) Update legislation and identify related regulations</li> <li>4) Determine secondary data resources, research and information</li> <li>5) Consult with community groups about the legislation</li> <li>6) Draft a EIS Backgrounder and EIS.</li> </ol>	

## BC Non-Profit Housing Association

### 2009-2010 Placement

Placement # 027

What they do	The BC Non-Profit Housing Association provides leadership and support to members in creating and supporting a high standard of affordable housing throughout British Columbia. BCNPHA's Main area of activity is support for non-profit housing.
Areas of law	Alternative Dispute Resolution, Children / Youth Advocacy, Elder Care Law, Environmental Law and Policy, Health Law, Housing Services, Human Rights, Immigration / Refugee Law, Lesbian / Gay Advocacy
Location	Suite 303 - 3680 E. Hastings St. Vancouver, BC V5K 2A9
Website	<a href="http://www.bcnpha.ca">www.bcnpha.ca</a>
Number of students	2
Time commitment	3-4 Hours per week
Supervisor	Karen Stone, <a href="mailto:Karen@bcnpha.ca">Karen@bcnpha.ca</a> , 604-291-2600 x223
Type of work	Legal Research, Housing Advocacy.
<p><b>Project Description:</b></p> <p>BCNPHA is looking for a law student who is interested in any of the following topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Seniors Housing and Assisted Living</i> à Creating clarity as to the rights and responsibilities of non-profit seniors housing providers.</li> <li>• <i>Labour</i> à Review labour issues in BC, employment standards &amp; WorkSafe BC regulations</li> <li>• <i>Taxation</i> à Clarify and consolidate taxation law that affects non-profit housing providers</li> <li>• <i>Zoning</i> à Investigate the legal requirements for specific zoning ordinances, and consolidate relevant information</li> <li>• <i>Discrimination</i> à Examine policy development pertaining to housing discrimination</li> <li>• <i>Policy Review</i> à BCNPHA currently offers housing providers a policy template guide to help create or revise policy areas including financial management, administration, maintenance, tenants, seniors/supportive housing and special needs. This project would involve updating this valuable resource.</li> <li>• <i>Human Rights</i> à Examine the laws and regulations concerning human rights and a landlords "legal duty to report" perceived infractions.</li> <li>• <i>Housing, Health and Law Library Research</i> à Identify and Translate information pertaining to the intersection of legal and health aspects of housing. The objective of this project is to facilitate an improved understanding of the interconnections among housing, health, and the law by creating a web-based library purposefully designed to be a resource for housing and housing service providers.</li> </ul> <p>BCNPHA seeks to provide non-profit housing providers intelligible resources outlining information that exists and how best to retrieve it. This project would involve combining available resources and developing materials that non-profits can easily access. It is expected that the student becomes familiar with the laws and policies relating to their topic in order to produce suitable educational material. <i>There is no strict time limit</i>, as the time required to complete this project depends on the topic chosen and the availability of resources.</p> <p>Immediate outcomes are negotiable with the student based on his/her education, skills and awareness of the chosen topic.</p> <p>End Goal: to enhance the non-profit housing sector's knowledge of various housing themes by synthesizing and clarifying available information. In doing so this project will ultimately enable non-profit housing providers to make up-to-date and informed decisions that will lead to an improved housing situation for marginalized groups across the province.</p>	

## Downtown Eastside Residents Association

### 2009-2010 Placement

Placement # 028

What they do	The Downtown Eastside Residents' Association (DERA) is a community-directed, charitable society formed in 1973 by residents of Vancouver's Downtown Eastside. Located in the poorest urban neighbourhood in the country, DERA has fought for 36 years to focus the attention of government, industry and the public on the key components of poverty and homelessness. We work hard for decent, secure, affordable housing, jobs, liveable incomes, community and recreational facilities, park space, safer streets, and community-based neighbourhood planning. DERA Advocacy Service provides front-line advocacy services to residents of the Downtown Eastside. The focus of our work is housing security and income security for people living in poverty.
Areas of law	Tenants Rights, Human Rights, Civil Liberties
Past placements?	No
Location	12 East Hastings, Vancouver, BC V6A 1N1 Tel: 604.682.0931 Fax: 604.669.5499
Website	<a href="http://www.dera.bc.ca">www.dera.bc.ca</a>

#### 2009 Summer Project Summary:

Number of students	1
Time commitment	2-4 Hours per week; work will likely be done remotely
Supervising Lawyer	Kirsty MacKenzie Community Legal Advocate Tel: (604) 682 0931 ext 109 <a href="mailto:kirsty@dera.bc.ca">kirsty@dera.bc.ca</a>
Contact	See above
Type of work	Legal Research & Writing
Description	<p><b>The Context:</b> SROs are among the few affordable housing options for residents of the Downtown Eastside. In 2007, the provincial government bought a number of SRO hotels in the Downtown Eastside, and entered into agreements with non-profit housing operators to run the hotels. BC Housing has recently partnered with the Vancouver Police Department and these non-profit housing operators in an initiative that aims to expand police access to SROs.</p> <p><b>The Project:</b> To research and prepare a legal memorandum that discusses what information pertaining to tenants must be kept by an SRO operator, and how and under which conditions an SRO operator may disclose this information to the police. You will need to consider residential tenancy legislation, privacy legislation, municipal bylaws, and case law.</p>

## Downtown Eastside Residents Association

### 2009-2010 Placement

Placement # 029

What they do	The Downtown Eastside Residents' Association (DERA) is a community-directed, charitable society formed in 1973 by residents of Vancouver's Downtown Eastside. Located in the poorest urban neighbourhood in the country, DERA has fought for 36 years to focus the attention of government, industry and the public on the key components of poverty and homelessness. We work hard for decent, secure, affordable housing, jobs, liveable incomes, community and recreational facilities, park space, safer streets, and community-based neighbourhood planning. DERA Advocacy Service provides front-line advocacy services to residents of the Downtown Eastside. The focus of our work is housing security and income security for people living in poverty.
Areas of law	Civil Liberties', Human Rights, Tenants Rights
Past placements?	No
Location	12 East Hastings, Vancouver, BC V6A 1N1 Tel: 604.682.0931 Fax: 604.669.5499
Website	<a href="http://www.dera.bc.ca">www.dera.bc.ca</a>

#### 2009 Summer Project Summary:

Number of students	2 to 4 Students
Time commitment	2-4 Hours per week; work will be done on-site.
Supervisor	Kirsty MacKenzie Community Legal Advocate Tel: (604) 682 0931 ext 109 <a href="mailto:kirsty@dera.bc.ca">kirsty@dera.bc.ca</a>
Contact	See above
Type of work	Public Legal Education
Description	<p>To work collaboratively with a small group of your peers to develop effective and innovative strategies for enhancing public legal education in the Downtown Eastside, and to implement this plan as a team. This is a small group project.</p> <p>You will work closely with DERA Advocacy Service to review DERA's existing public legal education program and develop and implement new and enhanced public legal education strategies tailored for the Downtown Eastside.</p> <p>The context of this project includes the changing nature of affordable housing in the Downtown Eastside and the large shadow cast by the approaching Olympics and increasing pressures to gentrify the neighbourhood and convert the existing affordable housing stock.</p>

## Pro Bono Law of British Columbia (PBLBC)

### 2009-2010 Placement

Placement # 030

What they do	Pro Bono Law of BC (PBLBC) is an independent charity founded by the Law Society of BC and the Canadian Bar Association - BC Branch to serve a mission of advancing access to justice by developing and facilitating opportunities for the effective provision of high-quality pro bono legal services to people and non-profit organizations of limited means throughout British Columbia.
Areas of law	Employment, incorporation, privacy, board governance, poverty.
Past placements?	Yes
Location	845 Cambie Street, Vancouver
Website	<a href="http://www.probononet.bc.ca">www.probononet.bc.ca</a>
Number of students	1
Time commitment	2-3 hours per week
Supervising Lawyer	Jamie Maclaren Executive Director, Lawyer Tel: 604.893. 8932 Email: <a href="mailto:jmaclaren@probononet.bc.ca">jmaclaren@probononet.bc.ca</a>
Type of work	Administrative help, Assisting counsel
Description	<p><b>Civil Chambers Duty Counsel Project - Coordinator</b></p> <p>PBLBC operates a Civil Chambers Pro Bono Duty Counsel Project at the Vancouver courthouse twice per week</p> <p>Each Tuesday and Thursday, lawyers from seven national firms provide pro bono assistance and representation to otherwise unrepresented litigants involved in civil chambers proceedings at the BC Supreme Court and Court of Appeal levels.</p> <p>Students will serve as 'juniors' available for one or more days per term to support Duty Counsel in assisting and representing clients. Following the day assisting the Duty Council, students will follow up and aid the council with the case.</p> <p>We are looking for one upper year student to act as a team lead to coordinate this project. Responsibilities include scheduling students to attend there court dates, liaising with Jamie Maclaren and directing the operations of the project.</p>

## Pro Bono Law of British Columbia (PBLBC)

### 2009-2010 Placement

Placement # 031

What they do	Pro Bono Law of BC (PBLBC) is an independent charity founded by the Law Society of BC and the Canadian Bar Association - BC Branch to serve a mission of advancing access to justice by developing and facilitating opportunities for the effective provision of high-quality pro bono legal services to people and non-profit organizations of limited means throughout British Columbia.
Areas of law	Employment, incorporation, privacy, board governance, poverty.
Past placements?	Yes
Location	845 Cambie Street, Vancouver
Website	<a href="http://www.probononet.bc.ca">www.probononet.bc.ca</a>
Number of students	4-6
Time commitment	One or more days per month
Supervising Lawyer	Jamie Maclaren Executive Director, Lawyer Tel: 604.893. 8932 Email: <a href="mailto:jmaclaren@probononet.bc.ca">jmaclaren@probononet.bc.ca</a>
Type of work	Administrative help, Assisting counsel
Descriptions	<p><b>Civil Chambers Duty Counsel Project</b></p> <p>PBLBC operates a Civil Chambers Pro Bono Duty Counsel Project at the Vancouver courthouse twice per week</p> <p>Each Tuesday and Thursday, lawyers from seven national firms provide pro bono assistance and representation to otherwise unrepresented litigants involved in civil chambers proceedings at the BC Supreme Court and Court of Appeal levels.</p> <p>Students will serve as 'juniors' available for one or more days per term to support Duty Counsel in assisting and representing clients. Following the day assisting the Duty Council, students will follow up and aid the council with the case.</p> <p>We are looking for one upper year student to act as a team lead to coordinate this project.</p>

## Pro Bono Law of British Columbia (PBLBC)

### 2009-2010 Placement

Placement # 032

What they do	Pro Bono Law of BC (PBLBC) is an independent charity founded by the Law Society of BC and the Canadian Bar Association - BC Branch to serve a mission of advancing access to justice by developing and facilitating opportunities for the effective provision of high-quality pro bono legal services to people and non-profit organizations of limited means throughout British Columbia.
Areas of law	Employment, incorporation, privacy, board governance, poverty.
Past placements?	Yes
Location	845 Cambie Street, Vancouver
Website	<a href="http://www.probononet.bc.ca">www.probononet.bc.ca</a>

### 2008-2009 Project Summary:

Number of students	2-6
Time commitment	Varied
Supervising Lawyer	Jamie Maclaren Executive Director, Lawyer Tel: 604.893. 8932 Email: <a href="mailto:jmaclaren@probononet.bc.ca">jmaclaren@probononet.bc.ca</a>
Type of work	Research, Administrative help, Assisting counsel
Description	<p><b>Roster Programs Support</b></p> <p>PBLBC operates seven distinct Roster Programs (Court of Appeal Program, Federal Court of Appeal Program, Judicial Review Program, Family Law Program, Mediators' Program and Solicitors' Program) which provide pro bono assistance and representation to low-income individuals and non-profit organizations in specific areas of the law. Roster Program lawyers are matched with deserving clients on request and according to stated interest and capacity.</p> <p>Students will serve on a roster of researchers or 'juniors' available to support Roster Program lawyers on a case-by-case basis throughout 2009/20010.</p>

## Prisoners' Legal Services

### 2009-2010 Placement

Placement # 033

What they do	Prisoners' Legal Services advocates on behalf of prisoners in BC. They assist in involuntary transfers, segregation, disciplinary charges, parole matters, sentence calculations and human rights issues.
Areas of law	Prisoner's rights, administrative, procedural fairness, human rights
Past placements?	YES
Location	201-33241 Walsh Avenue, Abbotsford, BC
Website	N/A

### 2008-2009 Project Summary:

Number of students	1
Time commitment	3hrs per week Student can work remotely.
Supervising Lawyer	Jen Metcalfe Staff Lawyer Email: <a href="mailto:jenm@wcpjs.org">jenm@wcpjs.org</a> Tel: 604 853-3114
Type of work	Legal research, legal education
Description	Students will be given a research project in the area of prisoner's rights.  The Student will provide legal research in the form of a memo on a topic in prison law which will assist prisoners in exercising their rights.

## Prisoners' Legal Services

### 2009-2010 Placement

Placement # 034

What they do	Prisoners' Legal Services advocate on behalf of prisoners in BC. They provide services to prisoners in BC, or to parolees pertaining to parole difficulties. They assist in transfer, segregation, disciplinary charges, parole matters, and sentence calculations.
Areas of law	Prisoner's rights, administrative, procedural fairness
Past placements?	YES
Location	204-32450 Simon Avenue, Abbotsford
Website	N/A.

### 2008-2009 Project Summary:

Number of students	1
Time commitment	3 hrs per week. Work to be done onsite in Abbotsford (preferably)
Supervising Lawyer	Jen Metcalfe Staff Lawyer Email: <a href="mailto:jenm@wcpjs.org">jenm@wcpjs.org</a> Tel: 604 853-3114
Type of work	Legal Research and writing
Description	The student will assist the organisation to develop a searchable database of keywords in prison law cases.  This would require the student to read through relevant prison law cases and write case summaries for the database.  This position would be ideal for a student who is able to volunteer from the organisation's office in Abbotsford.

## Justice For Girls Outreach Society

### 2009-2010 Placement

Placement # 035

What they do	Justice for Girls promotes freedom from violence, social justice, and equality for teenage girls who are low-income or homeless. JFG uses knowledge of institutions, such as the criminal justice and child welfare systems, to assist young women in their struggles with violence, poverty, and racism.
Areas of law	Children/Youth Advocacy, Criminal Law and Policy, Feminism and Law, Housing/Homelessness, Lesbian/Gay Advocacy, Racialized groups and law
Past placements?	Yes
Location	Suite 606-825 Granville Street
Website	<a href="http://www.justiceforgirls.org">www.justiceforgirls.org</a>
Number of students	2 (females only)
Time commitment	3 hours per week Work to be done on site and remotely
Supervising Lawyer	Patricia MacDonald
Contact Persons	<p>Annabel Webb Advocate/Coördiantor Email: <a href="mailto:justiceforgirls@justiceforgirls.org">justiceforgirls@justiceforgirls.org</a> Tel: 604.689.7887</p> <p>Asia Czapska Advocate/Coordinator Email: <a href="mailto:justiceforgirls@justiceforgirls.org">justiceforgirls@justiceforgirls.org</a> Tel: 604.689.7887</p>
Type of work	Legal research, Advocacy
Description	<p>Student will help with ongoing work around systemic advocacy for teenage girls in prison. She will assist with on-going systemic advocacy project relating to poverty, prisoner justice and human rights.</p> <p>Student will research and produce legal memos around current prisoner issues such as the legality of shackling criminalised girls, routine strip searches, male guard supervision and other such prisoner issues.</p> <p>The student will research legal issues and produce a memo regarding specific human rights issues and remedies.</p> <p>The end goal of the project is to challenge particular human rights breaches through systemic legal advocacy.</p> <p>The project supervisor will be available to meet with the student weekly as needed.</p>

**British Columbia Law Institute (BCLI)**  
**Canadian Centre for Elder Law (CCEL)**  
**2009-2010 Placement**

Placement # 036

What they do	The BCLI conducts legal research with the broad purposes of § Promoting the clarification and simplification of the law and its adaptation to modern social needs, § Promoting improvement of the administration of justice and respect for the rule of law, and § Promoting and carrying out scholarly legal research.
Areas of law	Elder Care, Health, Housing/Homeless, Consumer Protection, Labour/Employment, Wills and Estates, Information/Privacy Law
Past placements?	Yes.
Location	Law Annex I, 6050 Walter Gage Road, UBC Tel: (604) 822-0142 Fax: (604) 822-0144
Website	<a href="http://www.bclli.org">www.bclli.org</a>

**2009-2010 Project Summary:**

Number of students	3 Students working on separate projects.
Time commitment	1-3 hrs/week, subject to the individual student's schedule. Depending on its nature, work can be done remotely or on-site.
Contact Person	Jim Emmerton Executive Director Email: <a href="mailto:jemmerton@bcli.org">jemmerton@bcli.org</a> Tel: (604) 822-0145
Supervising Lawyers	Laura Watts: <a href="mailto:lwatts@bcli.org">lwatts@bcli.org</a> Kevin Zaeski: <a href="mailto:kzaeski@bcli.org">kzaeski@bcli.org</a> Greg Blue Krista James
Type of work	Legal Research & Writing
Description	It is essential from BCLI / CCEL's point of view that the students' abilities and level of legal knowledge be matched with the particular project or task. Subject to that constraint, students would be able to choose between one or more of the following:  (a) Regular (weekly or bi-weekly) checking of specific governmental and NGO websites for announcements of (i) Funding opportunities, e.g. research and consulting contract tenders and invitations for proposals, (ii) Consultations and calls for submissions on matters involving law reform and legal policy. The student would note the details and the applicable deadlines, and report this information to BCLI / CCEL. The purpose of this monitoring exercise is to assist BCLI / CCEL in staying on top of funding opportunities as they come available, and opportunities to bring our past and present work to the attention of policymakers and officials.

- (b) carrying out research on discrete issues relating to current or potential law reform work. The timelines would depend on the student's schedule and size or complexity of the research assignment.
- (c) drafting short articles and updates on BCLI / CCEL activity that are provided to various local, national and international publications from time to time.
- (d) scanning news sources (newspapers, internet sites, etc.) for information on developments relating to current BCLI / CCEL projects or areas of interest (e.g. elder abuse cases, unfair contracts, consumer frauds).
- (e) reviewing law reform reports and other publications received from our sister agencies around the world and preparing digest entries in the Law Reform Database that is maintained by BCLI / CCEL. (This consists of looking at tables of contents and skimming for keywords descriptive of the essential content, and entering the data in a template. The student is not required to read through each entire publication.)
- (f) digesting case law and organizing research materials for ongoing or potential projects.
- (g) providing telephone support for handling referral requests, inquiries concerning resources, etc.
- (h) helping to prepare community outreach materials, e.g. pamphlets, handout summaries, powerpoint presentations.

The timelines will vary with respect to the specific task.

Those tasks of a monitoring nature described in paragraphs (a), (d) and (g) above will be continuous throughout the autumn and spring sessions and possibly the following summer term if the student is willing to volunteer throughout the summer.

The timelines for other discrete tasks coming within the descriptions above would be set after discussing a feasible timeframe with the individual student and finding out what the student can feasibly accomplish within BCLI / CCEL's requirements.

Staff lawyers work at the organizations on a full time basis and are generally able to meet with students, given appropriate scheduling. Students who choose to do work "in house" will be able to meet with staff lawyers on a flexible basis. Students who choose to work remotely will be able to schedule time as appropriate with the supervising lawyer.

## Canadian Civil Liberties Association

### 2009-2010 Placement

Placement # 037

What they do	The Canadian Civil Liberties Association or CCLA, is a non-governmental organization in Canada that is devoted to the defense of civil liberties and civil rights.
Areas of law	Civil Liberties and Civil Rights
Past placements?	Yes with other PBSC Chapters
Location	Work remotely
Website	<a href="http://www.ccla.org">www.ccla.org</a>

### 2009 Summer Project Summary:

Number of students	1
Time commitment	2-4 hour per week; work is done remotely.
Supervisor	TBD
Contact	TBD
Type of work	Legal research and Establishment of National Monitoring Network
Description	<p>CCLA wishes to have a law student at every law school in Canada to establish and operate a national civil liberties monitoring network.</p> <p>Students will work with a legal or academic mentor to monitor civil liberties issues that arise in their provincial courts and legislatures, municipal councils, and their local media, municipal and university communities. Each student monitor will submit weekly posts to a citizen news blog. With contributions coming in from every law school across Canada, the blog will serve as an on-the-ground monitoring tool. It will inform CCLA's national advocacy strategy and provide an invaluable information resource to other civil liberties groups and service organizations. Students are highly encouraged to engage in debate and comment, thereby participating in a national dialogue regarding civil liberties issues.</p> <p>There will be a training conference, most likely in January to Toronto. CCLA will provide a flight to Toronto to attend this training conference.</p> <p>Please see attached memo (on following page) for more information about this project.</p>

## MEMORANDUM

From: Abby Deshman

Re: Proposal for Civil Liberties Monitoring Network

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### Project description to be forwarded to students:

Students will be involved in establishing and running a national civil liberties monitoring network. Students will work with a legal or academic mentor to monitor civil liberties issues that arise in their provincial courts and legislatures, municipal councils, and their local media, municipal and university communities. Each student monitor will submit weekly posts to a citizen news blog. With contributions coming in from every law school across Canada, the blog will serve as an on-the-ground monitoring tool. It will inform CCLA's national advocacy strategy and provide an invaluable information resource to other civil liberties groups and service organizations. Students are highly encouraged to engage in debate and comment, thereby participating in a national dialogue regarding civil liberties issues.

The first phase of the project will consist of collaborating with the mentor to set up the local monitoring mechanisms. This may include researching ways to monitor leave decisions at the court of appeal, legislative procedures, compiling lists of local news sources and relevant local organizations. Students will also be asked to reach out to key civil liberties actors in the community, making contact and informing them of the monitoring project. The second phase of the project, to commence in January, will involve ongoing monitoring and news posting. If we are able to secure funding, we will facilitate travel and accommodation for a national symposium in January, where the students will hear seminars about current civil liberties debates in Canada, receive training in identifying civil liberties issues, and share their monitoring techniques.

### Summary of Full PBSC/CCLA discussion:

Students would be asked to monitor the news, courts and government for issues, cases and legislation that impact on civil liberties. Each law school would have one or two law students involved in the project. Ideally, each student would work with a local lawyer or law professor to develop and implement a monitoring system for civil liberties issues in their assigned area. Key target areas to monitor would include:

- cases that have been granted leave at the Courts of Appeal;
- bills that are tabled at legislatures;
- local issues that are reported in the media; and
- local organizations (clinics, public interest advocacy groups, social service organizations, etc.) and individuals (lawyers, academics, social service providers, etc.) that may come across civil liberties issues.

It would also be useful to have students monitoring issues that arise in their universities – academic freedom, student protest, free speech, etc..

The students would each be assigned a geographical area and one or more fora to focus on. For example, one student might focus on canvassing the PEI and New Brunswick legislatures, along with a few specific regional newspapers. Another student would be assigned a different area or

forum to avoid overlap. The exact assignments would be tailored to attempt to even out the work load.

The monitoring should be more or less ongoing – with space for exam times and holidays. At least once a week, students will post the results of their monitoring to a blog-type website. They should make one post per news item, and may include a short description of the news/event, with links to external sources where available. Having the students post directly to the blog will increase their involvement with the project, and raise the visibility should a student, or school, fall behind in their monitoring.

With contributions coming in from across the country, the blog will provide an on-the-ground citizen news feed regarding civil liberties that can be used by students, interested advocacy organizations, and other stakeholders. Each post would also be tagged with the relevant categories (eg. freedom of expression, freedom of religion, BC, UBC, UofT, etc.). There would also be a comments function, and students should be directed to strictly separate their fact-reporting (appropriately sourced), from any personal opinions and civil liberties analysis. At the same time, however, students would be highly encouraged to post editorial comments and analysis below the stories. We may also wish to include discussion forums or an 'op-ed' feature, which could allow further user interaction and discussion. CCLA staff and volunteers should also be encouraged to join in on such discussions.

During the initial stages of the project, access to the news feed should be restricted to those directly involved in the project – the students, supervisors, and CCLA. Eventually, however, the website could be available to other interested organizations and individuals, or be made wholly public.

There would be an initial need to develop the monitoring process. This would include researching how to effectively monitor leave decisions at courts of appeal, and reaching out to key individuals and organizations in order to establish networks. Much of the first term, therefore, may be devoted to developing a monitoring process and 'handbook' that would identify procedures and sources.

It will also be necessary to train the law students in how to identify civil liberties issues. Ideally this could take place at a national conference, where involved students would learn about both civil liberties, as well as monitoring and outreach techniques. Because we would have to host the conference and transport students to a central location, our ability to provide centralized training would be dependent upon securing funding. Assuming we can secure this funding, it would make sense to have the first conference in January 2010. By this time the students will have looked into the monitoring possibilities in their specific area, and will be able to come and share the results of their research. If, as anticipated, the news posting does not truly start until January, the timing would also work for the substantive civil liberties training. In future years, however, the conference would ideally occur in September.

## United Nations High Commission on Refugees - 2009 Placement

### Placement 38

What they do	The UNHCR is mandated to lead and co-ordinate international action to protect refugees and resolve refugee problems worldwide. Its primary purpose is to safeguard the rights and well-being of refugees. It strives to ensure that everyone can exercise the right to seek asylum and find safe refuge in another State, with the option to return home voluntarily, integrate locally or to resettle in a third country. It also has a mandate to help stateless people.
Areas of law	Immigration and Refugee Law, International Law, Human Rights Law
Past placements?	N
Location	18th Floor, Library Square 300 West Georgia Vancouver, BC V6B 6C9
Website	<a href="http://www.unhcr.ca/">http://www.unhcr.ca/</a>
Number of students	2-3
Time commitment	2-3 hours per week
Contact	Lesley Stalker, <a href="mailto:stalker@unhcr.org">stalker@unhcr.org</a> , (604) 666-2151
Supervising Lawyer	Catalin Mitelut, <a href="mailto:catalin@mitelut.com">catalin@mitelut.com</a> , 604-678-9180
Type of work	Create a legal education program. Development of legal clinics

### Project Description:

This is *Phase I* of a 2 phase project. Phase I will lay the foundation for clinics in which students visit provincial correctional facilities in the Lower Mainland to provide immigration detainees with information about immigration detention, the refugee claim process and Pre-Removal Risk Assessments. *Phase II* will provide clinics on a monthly basis at two or more Correctional Facilities and may only be launched at the beginning of the 2010/2011 school year. The goal of *Phase I* is to lay the foundation of a long term collaborative program between PBSC and the UNHCR. The ultimate goal will be to develop a student lead legal seminar (and potentially a legal clinic) program for refugees detained in detention centres.

*Phase I* will include (i) preparation of resource manuals for placement in provincial correctional facilities, (ii) contact information for and driving instructions to correctional facilities, (iii) creation of powerpoint presentation for detainees, (iv) preparation of templates to record data at the clinics, (v) liaising with BC Correctional Services to confirm dates and procedures for the clinics, and (vi) a test run in the Spring term. This Phase will commence in September and be completed by March 2010.

Student will need to complete the following tasks during *Phase I*:

- 1) Identify relevant materials for inclusion in resource binders (international norms relating to detention and refugee determination, domestic legislation (Immigration and Refugee Protection Act and Regs), excerpts from Citizenship and Immigration Policy Manuals, practical resources (materials from Legal Services Society, LSLAP, CLEO, etc.), and lists of local support agencies.
- 2) Print and collate the materials, assemble into binders.
- 3) Develop PowerPoint presentation to be used at clinics

- 4) Develop templates to record information about participants at the clinics (number of participants, country of origin, immigration status, languages and ability to comprehend English, questions and concerns of participants.)
- 5) Develop information brochures for distribution at the facilities.
- 6) Liaise with correctional facilities to establish schedules and procedures for the clinics

The UNHCR Legal Officer (Lesley Stalker) will meet the students to outline the project, provide an overview of the detention and refugee process in Canada, suggest sources for materials for the binders, and suggest information to be included in the PowerPoint presentation. When appropriate, she will introduce the students (by email) to Correctional Facilities. The supervising lawyer (Catalin Mitelut) may participate in some or all of the above steps.

Lesley Stalker will be available to meet with students in September for approximately 5 hours. October and November: 2-4 hours every 2 weeks. January and on: as required. Catalin Mitelut will be available 2 hours per month (possibly more). The PBSC coordinators will also be available to guide students as the coordinators hope to develop this program into a long term PBSC clinical project

## Abortion Rights Coalition of Canada - 2009 Placement

### Placement 39

What they do	The Abortion Rights Coalition of Canada (ARCC) is the only nation-wide political pro-choice group devoted to ensuring abortion rights and access for women. Formed in October 2005 to carry out political and educational work to support reproductive rights and health.
Areas of law	Human Rights, Women Rights
Past placements?	N
Location	Work Remotely
Website	<a href="http://www.arcc-cdac.ca">www.arcc-cdac.ca</a>
Number of students	1-2
Time commitment	3 Hours per week
Contact	Joyce Arthur, <a href="mailto:joycearthur@shaw.ca">joycearthur@shaw.ca</a> , 604-351-0867
Supervising Lawyer	TBD
Type of work	Legal research, Advocacy

#### Project Description: Abortion Clinic Bubble Zone Research

The Abortion Rights Coalition wants to research the need for and feasibility of abortion clinic access zones (bubble zones) in other provinces besides British Columbia. This would involve surveying selected clinics across Canada, and using the data collected to make a legal analysis of the situation and provide recommendations.

#### Background:

BC has had the *Access to Abortion Services Act* in force since 1995 to protect its clinics from anti-abortion protesters. After various challenges by protesters over the years, this Act was upheld as constitutional by the BC Court of Appeal in September 2008. More recently, the Supreme Court of Canada has declined to accept the final appeal of the protesters convicted under the Act. Therefore, BC's Act might serve as a robust model for other provinces. Currently, about 6-12 clinics across Canada (besides BC) experience regular or semi-regular anti-choice protests. Two Alberta clinics, several Ontario clinics, and one clinic in Hull Quebec use a court injunction to keep protesters at bay. BC is the only province that has a civil law prohibiting protests and other interference outside abortion clinics.

<http://www.bclaws.ca/Recon/content/site?id=freeside&xsl=/Recon/template/toc.xsl/group-A/>

The *Abortion Services Access Zone Regulation* (listed second on the website above) specifies the exact bubble zones outside several facilities in BC. Clinics/hospitals must apply for a bubble zone for their particular facility, and must prove a pattern of protests and/or harassment at their facility. This measure is designed to keep freedom of speech restrictions as narrow in scope as possible to ensure constitutionality of the law.

#### Timeline:

The project can be completed over the school year. The student should spend an average of 3 hours a week on the project, for a total of about 30-35 hours. However, the project could be extended if necessary, or a second student could be added, if the work turns out to be more labour-intensive than anticipated.

**Expectations:**

- The student for this project must be strongly pro-choice
- The student will need to do some reading at the outset to get up to speed on the history and scope of the *Access to Abortion Services Act*, and court decisions around it, as well as legal injunctions that are used in other provinces to protect against protesters. ARCC will supply all necessary resources.
- There will be some phone work to call clinics, and ARCC will pay for long-distance expenses. It is preferred that the student use Skype, as this is economical and will enable calls to be recorded if desired by the student. ARCC will also pre-introduce the project and student to the clinics so they will expect the call, and in order to pre-establish credibility for the student. ARCC will select the clinics to be called and supply contact information. In most cases, the student will speak to the clinic manager.
- Fluency in French would be an asset, but is not essential.

**Student Tasks:**

- Become familiar with the *Access to Abortion Services Act*, and related resources.
- Help design a phone survey for clinics (together with ARCC supervisor and lawyer supervisor), with 8-10 key questions related to:
  - Their recent and current levels of anti-choice protests, nature of the protests (i.e., size, aggressiveness, violent incidents if any, frequency of new protesters, etc.), and effects of the protests on the staff and patients
  - Police response, and whether law enforcement measures are/have been adequate
  - If an injunction is in place, the effectiveness of the injunction
  - Clinic staff's opinions on the desirability and effectiveness of a bubble zone law like BC's (instead of an injunction, if they have one), and their opinion on the political feasibility of passing a bubble zone law in their province, or federally
- Call about a dozen pre-selected clinics across Canada to administer the survey, and gather any other information the clinics feel is relevant to the issue. (If the clinic prefers, they may complete a written survey instead.)
- Create and use a spreadsheet or table to track project activities and progress – i.e., clinic name, contact person(s), date(s) called, and other administrative notes.
- Analyze the data collected, and write up a report (5-10 pages) with the analysis and some recommendations. The recommendations should be based on what the clinics want and need, balanced by what is legally feasible to accomplish. This may vary significantly by province.
- **Deliverables:**
  - The report (5-10 pages of analysis and recommendations)
  - Spreadsheet
  - Completed surveys or Skype recordings; or written highlights of conversations

**End Goal:**

The end goal of the project is to have sufficient data on hand to decide on the most appropriate and feasible course of action to protect clinics, so that ARCC can then take that action. We basically want the following questions answered:

- How much of a problem are protesters at clinics?
- Are the court injunctions in Ontario, Alberta, and Quebec working sufficiently well?
- Is it worthwhile and feasible to pursue a bubble zone law in one or more provinces, or federally?