



FIELD PRACTICE STUDENT JOB DESCRIPTION

FALL/WINTER/SUMMER Possibilities (12 WEEKS)

Overview of the Community Legal Assistance Society (“CLAS”)

The Community Legal Assistance Society (“CLAS”), located in Vancouver, has been providing free legal services to marginalized British Columbians since 1971. CLAS currently delivers legal services to the public through four main programs: our BC Human Rights Clinic, Mental Health Law Program, Community Law Program, and Community Advocate Support Line. Through our programs, we deliver legal services in five key areas: housing, income security, workers’ rights, human rights and mental health.

We have 2,594 employees (2,000 full-time, 594 part-time) and 7.2 million in annual revenue (2017-18). We are a not-for-profit organization and are a member of the United Way.

Responsibilities include: delivery of public legal education, summary advice, representation of clients before administrative tribunals and courts. We currently employ over 40 staff, including lawyers, advocates, as well as administrative and legal support staff, to carry out our work. The purpose of this position is to provide a student with a well-rounded practical experience under the guidance and supervision of specialized and seasoned lawyers and legal advocates that will equip the student with valuable litigation and legal research skills as well as knowledge of mental health law.

