

At Stewart McKelvey we provide our clients with timely, high-quality legal services, in an atmosphere that is pleasant, collegial and sensitive to each lawyer's autonomy.

Our commitment to excellence enables us to attract bright, energetic people. We offer an environment that encourages individual growth and diverse experiences. Our articling and summer student program is designed to give our students the skills necessary to succeed as lawyers in our firm.

Expectations

We hire associates who have the potential to be partners. To assess the potential to be a lawyer and partner in our firm, we look at each student's legal and personal skills, including: legal analysis, knowledge of the law, problem recognition and solving, written and verbal communication skills, work attitude, and judgement.

Commitment to our Clients

At Stewart McKelvey we feel privileged to serve our clients. We feel that each client deserves our utmost attention. We are committed to working with our clients and finding the most effective resolution to their problems. We recognize that all our clients' concerns are important and we are prepared to make the necessary commitments to get the job done. We use available technology to stay in touch with our clients and provide them with all the services they need. Our articled clerks and summer students form an integral part of our professional legal team.

The Articling and Summer Student Program

The articling year continues a process of learning and professional development that spans a legal career. Our program helps articled clerks and summer students identify the areas of law in which they would like to practice. Helping students acquire the knowledge and skills necessary to work in our firm is the goal of the program.

Stimulating and challenging work is important to legal education. We recognize that our articled clerks and summer students are with us to learn, so we ensure that they receive assignments reflective of our practice. Under our rotation system our students will spend time in both the corporate/commercial and litigation areas of our practice.

We also feel it is important to balance professional lives with sensible lifestyles. Our articled clerks and summer students work hard and we feel that it is important to develop work patterns that allow sufficient time for family and outside interests. Regular social events are also an important element in developing a relationship between lawyers, staff, articled clerks and summer students.

Compensation and Benefits

We offer competitive salaries to articled clerks and summer students. Articled clerks also receive a comprehensive benefit package including full medical, dental and drug plans and paid vacation. We also cover bar filing fees and bar admission course and materials fees.

Applications

The application process varies in each province and may depend upon rules of the various law societies. Applicants should contact the persons listed below as early as possible.

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Practice Groups

Stewart McKelvey offers professional services in all areas of law for which there is demand in Atlantic Canada. Our areas of practice vary among our offices as they reflect the local requirements of our clients, and include the following:

Construction
Corporate/Commercial
Corporate Restructuring and Insolvency
Energy and Natural Resources
Environmental
Family
Financial Services
Government/Regulated Industries
Health
Insurance
Labour and Employment
Litigation
Marine
Media and Entertainment
Owner-Managed Business
Personal Services
Privacy
Property and Real Estate Development
Public-Private Partnerships
Securities/Corporate Finance
Statutory Offences
Tax
Technology and Intellectual Property

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is the largest law firm in Atlantic Canada.

Our lawyers are builders:

*people who create opportunities for our clients,
help build their business and expand their horizons.*

We want you to help us build Atlantic Canada.

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For further information about the Articling and Summer Student Program, please call any of the contact people listed in this brochure.

Articling and Summer Student Program

Our articling and summer student program is designed to involve students in challenging work as part of a team, and to afford exposure to our practice and the knowledge needed to make career choices.

We welcome diversity. It is the variety of backgrounds and combined knowledge of our lawyers that make Stewart McKelvey distinct.

Articled clerks and summer students are encouraged to explore a range of professional and community activities. Our people are mentors, leaders and supporters of our communities.

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