

ARTICLING STUDENTS and SUMMER STUDENTS

Intention to Hire

We are hiring articling students during the August 2022 intake, with the positions scheduled to commence in the summer of 2023.

We will also be hiring summer students during the fall 2022 intake for the summer of 2023.

We follow the deadlines and interview schedules set out in the VBA Student Recruitment Guidelines (<https://vancouverbar.ca/student-guidelines/>).

About Owen Bird

We are a downtown, full-service, business law firm that has provided exceptional service and outstanding results for our clients for more than 50 years.

Our clients include small to large businesses, public companies, financial institutions, insurance companies, telecommunications companies, and real estate developers. Due to our affiliation with Interlaw, a network of full-service business law firms in over 150 cities around the world, a significant number of our files involve transnational aspects.

We strive for excellence in our practice but attempt to do so in an environment that is informal, collegial, and respectful. We are less bureaucratic than other firms and value personal relationships more than policies and procedures. We believe that there is more to life than the practice of law, and all lawyers, students, and support staff are encouraged to live balanced lives.

Many of our lawyers are active in the community: they volunteer on non-profit boards, are active in sports, and act on pro bono legal matters. We encourage this community involvement and support our lawyers in their professional and personal endeavours.

We believe in creating a work environment that is welcome to and inclusive of all individuals, each of whom comes from unique backgrounds and contribute to the mosaic that is our firm. We strive towards a firm that reflects the ideals of justice and equity espoused by our profession.

In Fall 2022, we will be moving to new state-of-the-art premises located on the 29th and 28th floors of Vancouver Centre II at 733 Seymour Street. These premises will include our own private deck space for use by our lawyers, staff, and clients (see <https://www.vancouvercentre.com/>). We invite the successful candidate to join us for this new and exciting chapter of our history.

Position

We are currently looking for **articling students** and **summer students** to join our firm.

We provide mentorship and an opportunity to learn from our most senior lawyers. Each student is assigned a senior lawyer as a mentor who provides guidance in file handling, client management, time

management, and career advancement. Mentors also act as advocates to students to ensure that they are getting exposure to the practice areas they are interested in and are getting experiences across a broad spectrum of practice areas.

Our students do not follow a strict rotation and are therefore able to both get a broad range of experience while seeking out work in the areas that most interest them. Typically, students will have opportunities to attend client meetings, appear in court, conduct research on emerging areas of law, and prepare and present on various topics in in-house and client seminars.

Our student program is an excellent opportunity for well-rounded, self-motivated individuals who possess sound judgment, solid work ethic, and good interpersonal skills. We are looking for students who want the opportunity to build a career and future with us and become an integral part of Owen Bird.

Application Process

To apply, please send us the following materials:

- a cover letter;
- your CV detailing your academic, work, extracurricular, and other qualifications;
- your law school transcript;
- your undergraduate or other post-secondary academic transcripts (optional);
- reference letters (maximum of three letters) (optional);
- a writing sample (optional);
- a practice synopsis of your past or existing practice (optional, if applicable).

Submit your application materials to the Associates & Articling Committee at recruitment@owenbird.com.

Due to the large volume of applications we receive, we will reply only to those applicants selected for an interview.

For more information about our firm and our lawyers, visit www.owenbird.com or contact us at recruitment@owenbird.com.