



FACULTY OF  
**LAW**2021  
VIEWBOOK





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# BE A PART OF QUEEN'S LAW

Our faculty is enriched by the skills, knowledge and experience of students with inquiring minds who have excelled consistently in a broad range of academic disciplines, have been community leaders, excelled in extracurricular activities, and enjoyed success in careers prior to pursuit of legal education.

## How to Apply

Applications are processed online through the Ontario Law School Application Service (OLSAS).

All applicants must submit the following materials directly to OLSAS:

- Law School Admission Test (LSAT) scores
- Official post-secondary transcripts
- Personal statement
- Autobiographical Sketch and Verifiers
- At least one academic letter of reference

The deadline is



for admission in the following September. Complete and submit the application to OLSAS at [ouac.on.ca/olsas](https://ouac.on.ca/olsas)

## Academic Requirements

All applicants must have completed successfully a minimum of three years of full-time undergraduate studies in a degree program at a recognized post-secondary institution that provides an academic environment and education that prepares students for potential success in advanced study at Queen's.

## Admission Categories and Standards

### General Category

Most applicants will apply under this category; the academic record and LSAT score are weighed most heavily.

Competitive applicants should have at least an "A-" average (GPA 3.7) in the top two years of their undergraduate degree program along with an LSAT score of at least 157.

### Aboriginal Category

Queen's Faculty of Law is committed to increasing Aboriginal representation within the legal profession and therefore encourages applications from Indigenous people.

Applications will be considered based on your interest in, and identification with, your Aboriginal community, as well as other factors, including academic performance, results of the LSAT, employment history, letters of reference and a personal statement.

### Access Category

We are committed to enhancing diversity in legal education and the legal profession. To this end, the Faculty encourages applications from candidates whose backgrounds, qualities or experiences allow them to make unique contributions to the law school community, the legal profession and society in general. We will consider the following factors:

- disability
- educational and financial disadvantage
- membership in a historically disadvantaged group
- age
- life experience
- any other factor relating either to educational barriers you faced, or to your ability to enrich the diversity of the law school community and the legal profession

Competitive applicants should have at least "B+" average (GPA 3.3) in the top two years of their undergraduate degree program along with an LSAT score of at least 154.

## First Year Class Profile

### General Category

**161** LSAT Highest Score Average

**3.75** Top 2 Years' Average

### Access Category

**160** LSAT Highest Score Average

**3.74** Top 2 Years' Average

# INTERDISCIPLINARY OPPORTUNITIES WITH **COMBINED DEGREE PROGRAMS**

Queen's Law has joined with other leading schools and departments at Queen's University and with Sherbrooke University in Quebec to offer students several combined degree programs.

With the exception of the Civil Law/Common Law program and the BCom/JD program, applicants to all combined degree programs must apply for admission to the JD degree program through OLSAS and complete the application process for admission to the graduate degree program through either the School of Graduate Studies or the Smith School of Business.

## **JD/Master of Business Administration**

(4 years - early completion options of 3.5 years)

This four-year combined program capitalizes on the strength of the internationally acclaimed, intensive 12-month Master of Business Administration degree offered by Queen's Smith School of Business and the rich business law program offered by Queen's Law. Students start the MBA portion of the program in the winter semester of their second year of law school.



<https://smith.queensu.ca>

## **Graduate Diploma in Business**

(four month summer program)

Queen's Smith School of Business offers a four-month Graduate Diploma in Business (GDB) that may be combined with JD degree studies for recent university graduates with a degree in a non-business discipline. The GDB offers a comprehensive overview of business fundamentals through eight courses, which are the same as those in the full-time MBA program's Fundamentals Module. JD students can complete the GDB from May to August after first-year JD studies at less than half the cost of the full-time MBA. Students who complete the GDB successfully with a B+ average may apply later to have the credits transferred toward completion of other Queen's MBA degree programs.

## **Bachelor of Commerce/JD**

(6 years)

This six-year combined program capitalizes on the strength of the Bachelor of Commerce (BCom) degree offered by Queen's Smith School of Business and the business law program offered by Queen's Law. The BCom/JD degree reduces completion time and tuition by one year for undergraduate students admitted to the BCom degree program at Queen's. Students entering the third year of the Queen's BCom program are eligible to apply through an internal application process at Queen's.

## **Master of Public Administration/JD**

(3.5 years - early completion option of 3 years)

Queen's Master of Public Administration/Juris Doctor (MPA/JD) is a three-and-a-half-year combined degree program. The MPA/JD is an excellent choice if you seek to combine advanced skills in policy analysis and management with training in law for successful policy development and implementation. The School of Policy Studies has a strong reputation for advanced education in policy studies in the areas of health policy, global governance, social policy and public policy in the voluntary sector of not-for-profit, community-based, non-governmental organizations.

## **Master of Arts (Economics)/JD**

(3 years)

Queen's Law has joined with the Department of Economics to offer a combined program that allows students to obtain both an MA and JD degree in three years. The program provides highly focused interdisciplinary training for students interested in the many areas where law and economic analysis intersect. Combined MA (Econ)/JD students will receive excellent training and gain a strong comparative advantage to pursue careers in specialized legal work that requires knowledge of economic theory and social science methods, high-level policy work and academia.

## **Master of Industrial Relations/JD**

(3.5 years - early completion option of 3 years)

The Master of Industrial Relations/Juris Doctor (MIR/JD) is a three-and-a-half-year combined degree program that merges graduate training in human resources management, employment and labour policy with a professional degree in law.

## **Civil Law/Common Law Joint Degree Program**

(1 year)

Queen's Law has partnered with the University of Sherbrooke to offer a combined common law and civil law degree. In this program, Queen's JD graduates who are fluent in French can study at Sherbrooke for one year to obtain a civil law degree. Similarly, graduates of the University of Sherbrooke are eligible to study at Queen's for one year in order to receive a common law degree.

Usually there is enough space for some graduates of other Quebec law schools to be accepted for admission to this combined program. Graduates of the Civil Law/Common Law Combined Degree Program are eligible to apply for the licensing process and articling positions to practice in any province or territory in Canada.

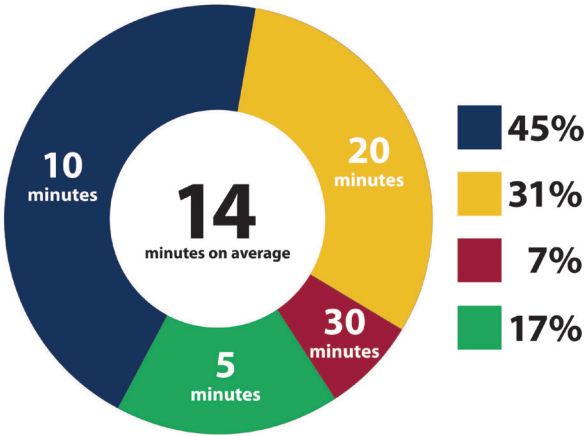


# DISCOVERING KINGSTON

## Live Where You Study

Historic downtown Kingston is bordered by waterfront parks along the shores of Lake Ontario and the Cataraqui River. Most Queen’s Law students live within a 15-minute walking distance to the law school. This allows them to spend more time forging friendships and making connections with professors, colleagues and the law community as a whole. Kingston offers the perfect blend of quaint small-town feel with big-city amenities.

Law students’ walking distance to the law school



## One of Canada’s Most Prestigious Universities

Queen’s University is a community, 175 years of tradition, academic excellence, research, and beautiful waterfront campus made of limestone buildings and modern facilities. But more than anything Queen’s is people. Queen’s is one of Canada’s oldest degree-granting institutions, and has influenced Canadian higher education since 1841 when it was established by Royal Charter of Queen Victoria.



## Access Major Canadian Legal Markets

Kingston is within a short three-hour drive of major metropolitan centres — Toronto, Ottawa and Montreal. The Norman Rogers Airport in Kingston also has daily flight connections to get you anywhere in the world. Our students have access to a variety of job prospects and opportunities for making connections in Canada’s major legal hubs.





# STUDENT SUPPORT

Queen’s Law staff are here to support students and help facilitate their success in the JD program. We want students to enjoy their time at Queen’s Law and encourage students to explore all the opportunities available, both academic and co-curricular, while pursuing your degree. There are many things students may do with the law degree and it is our job to assist students so that they are able to use their degree to pursue their dreams and launch a fulfilling career.



# FINANCING YOUR EDUCATION

Queen’s University and the Faculty of Law are committed to the goal of ensuring a legal education remains financially affordable to qualified students.

## Admission Scholarships

During each admission cycle, Queen’s Law awards a variety of admission scholarships on the basis of academic merit to students entering first year of the JD program.

## Admission Bursaries

Bursaries are non-repayable grants. Unlike scholarships, which are based solely on academic excellence, financial need is the primary consideration in the selection of bursary recipients.

## Queen’s Work Study Program

Students with demonstrated financial need will receive priority for certain part-time jobs available on campus and for jobs with not-for-profit organizations.



# OUR COMMUNITY

Queen’s Law has a long history of philanthropic efforts, charitable events, and thriving clubs at the law school. New initiatives are launched every year to increase outreach and support to the greater community. Some events have developed into proud traditions, which new students take on with renewed excitement and creativity each year.



Cabaret for a Cure



Women in Law Club



Med-Law Games



Fall Classic



Lawlapalooza



# CAREER DEVELOPMENT

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**We can help you...**

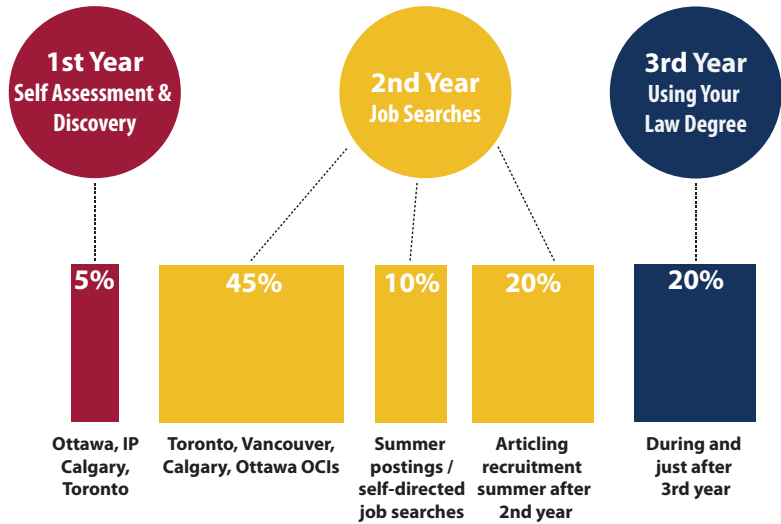
- Explore all the possibilities your law degree will provide.
- Determine the legal pathway that is right for you and help you reach your career goals.
- Access an ever-changing job market with a wealth of opportunities for law school graduates.
- Position yourself for success upon graduation.



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| OUR SERVICES | <p><b>Career Counselling</b></p> <p>We offer unlimited one-on-one career counselling to assist you with your individual needs. Our professional staff uses career exploration tools to help you discover how your law degree will work for you.</p>              | <p><b>Workshops</b></p> <p>We provide programming on a range of topics to assist you with entering the workforce. Our workshops cover everything from resume and cover letters to interview preparation and networking skills.</p>                 |
|              | <p><b>On-line Resources</b></p> <p>Through the Queen’s Law Career Services Manager (CSM), you will have access to a number of on-line resources and timely information on upcoming workshops, networking opportunities, recruitment events and job postings.</p> | <p><b>Professional Networking</b></p> <p>With one of the strongest alumni networks in Canada, we will provide you opportunities to build relationships with our graduates and explore career opportunities with a host of potential employers.</p> |

## When do Queen’s Law students find their articling positions?

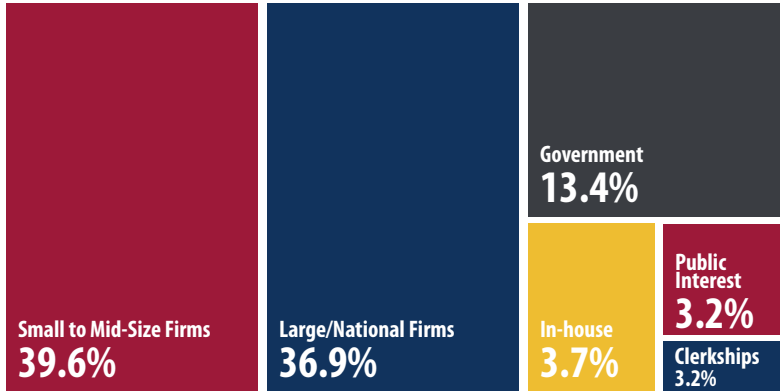
Most students have secured articles by graduation, and on average 75-85% of students have secured articles by the beginning of third year.



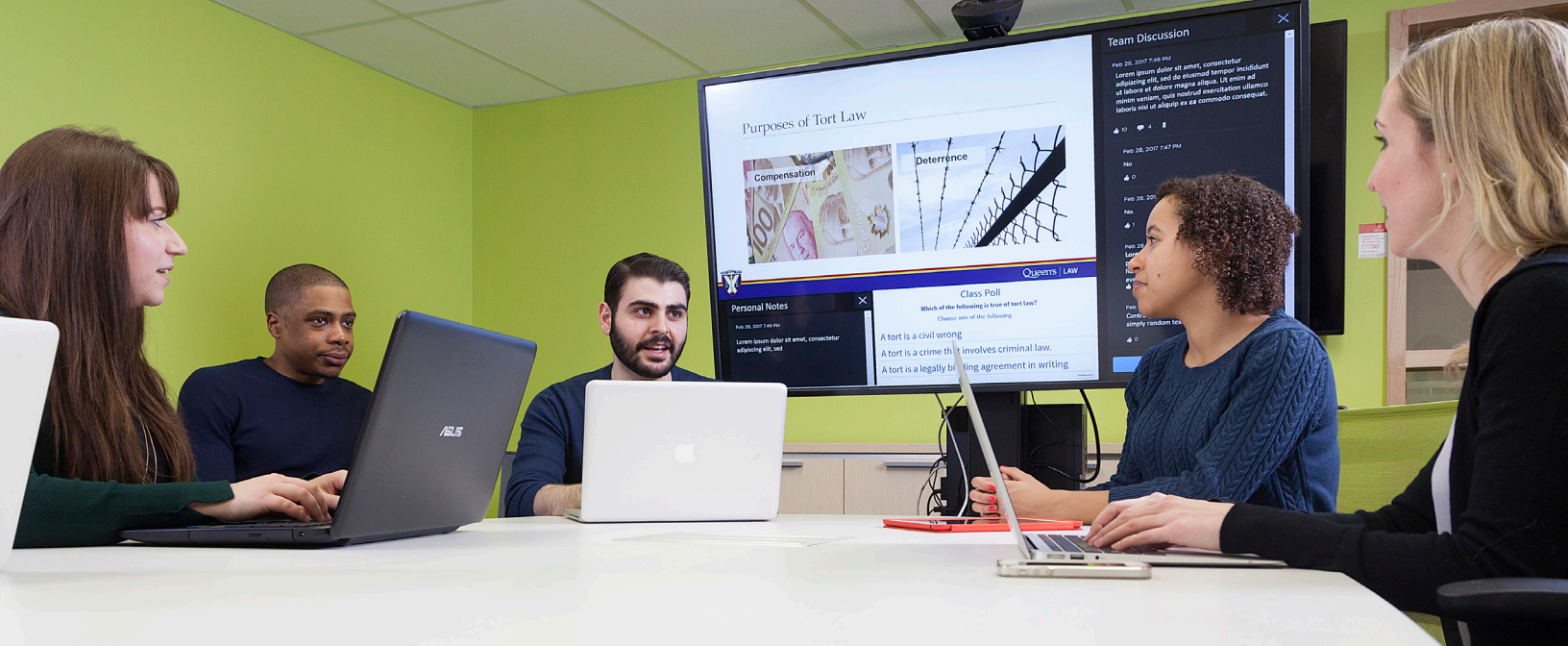
The Career Development Office (CDO) is a wonderful resource for Queen’s Law students. They offer great resources that allow you to self-reflect on your interests, strengths and develop a better sense of what you want in a future job. The individual counselling sessions really helped me recognize how to put my best foot forward in documents and to understand my career options and next steps. I also used the CDO’s tip sheets when working on my resume and cover letters while preparing for the upcoming recruitments.

- DAKOTA BUNDY, LAW '22

## What types of employers do Queen’s Law students complete their articling positions with?







# INNOVATION IN AND OUT OF THE CLASSROOM

Queen’s Law is a leader in innovative teaching of the 21st century law student. We are committed to providing engaging learning opportunities using the latest teaching tools and technology including:

- Multi-disciplinary learning opportunities bridging law and technology through the use of artificial intelligence
- Flipped classrooms with interactive videos and more time dedicated to deeper classroom discussions and student exploration of legal issues
- In house learning experts working with faculty to constantly improve the students’ learning experience both inside and outside the classroom
- Blended and online course offerings, providing additional training and skill development in law and business



**CONFLICT ANALYTICS**

The Conflict Analytics Lab is a research-based consortium concerned with the application of data science and machine learning to dispute resolution. Conflict analytics is the process of extracting actionable knowledge from negotiation, mediation and settlement agreements (customer disputes, employment and commercial negotiation). The first of its kind, it comprises the largest global network of experts drawn from across industry and academia (Queen’s, Cornell, NYU Stern, HEC Paris, Di Tella Buenos Aires, Court of Justice of the European Union, National Central Banks).



**Law Learning Commons**

With space for over 100 students and a half-dozen meeting and breakout rooms, the Learning Commons is reserved for the use of Queen’s Law students. It combines conventional study tables and carrels with lounge-style areas, medium and large meeting rooms, and a dedicated zone for our graduate students.





## JD PROGRAM (JD) PROGRAM

The Juris Doctor (JD) professional degree program provides the educational foundation to practice law in all common-law jurisdictions in Canada and around the world. Queen's JD graduates are eligible to register for American bar examinations in the states of New York and Massachusetts.

## FIRST-YEAR JD PROGRAM

Our compulsory curriculum covers all the fundamental subjects, including instruction in legal research, legal writing and oral advocacy. Students complete courses in:

- Public Law
- Constitutional Law
- Criminal Law
- Contracts Law
- Property Law
- Torts
- Introduction to Legal Skills



Queen's Law faculty members are recognized as leading scholars across Canada and around the world. Governments, lawyers, organizations, and policy-makers regularly call on our professors for their legal expertise. Our faculty members' passion for research – whether it is for international trade, tax law, human rights law, insurance law, criminal law, or a variety of other stimulating legal topics – noticeably adds to an already rich learning experience. They capture students' imaginations with innovative teaching methods and truly enjoy mentoring and engaging students both inside and outside the classroom

-ART COCKFIELD, ASSOCIATE DEAN (ACADEMIC)



# UPPER-YEAR JD PROGRAM

To enhance skills and perspectives developed in first-year, Queen’s Law students fulfill the following upper-year degree requirements:

- Three compulsory courses: Civil Procedure, Business Associations, and Legal Ethics and Professionalism
- One course in Advocacy and one in Practice Skills
- Substantial term paper

Each student’s individual program of study is rounded out with electives chosen from our rich curriculum. Full-time students normally take four or five courses in each of the four upper-year terms.

## Curriculum

Queen’s Law has world class faculty who are internationally recognized in a number of practice areas including criminal, family, labour, health, tax, and public law. More recently Queen’s Law has increased its faculty expertise in business and international law.

Challenging courses in legal theory and substantive law are balanced with valuable opportunities for experiential learning and skills development through our superb clinical programs, scholarly law journals, courses in advocacy and practice skills and a rich program in mootting. Our curriculum encourages innovative teaching techniques by offering seminars, lectures, interactive technology and supervised projects to encourage participation, self-directed learning and legal skills development.

## Sample of Upper-Year Courses

The breadth and depth of our curriculum is apparent from a listing of our upper-year courses by subject area

### PROCEDURAL AND RESEARCH COURSES

Administrative Law  
Advanced Legal Research  
Civil Procedure  
Conflict of Laws  
Evidence  
Intro to Civil Law  
Legal Drafting  
Legal Ethics & Professionalism  
Legal Writing and Written Advocacy  
Municipal Law

### CORPORATE AND COMMERCIAL LAW

Accounting & the Law  
Advanced Corporate Law  
Business Associations  
Commercial Bankruptcy & Restructuring  
Commercial Law  
Competition Law  
Contested Transactions  
Copyright Law  
Corporate Finance  
Fiduciary Obligation  
Franchise Law  
Insurance Law  
Patent Law  
Pensions & The Law

Private Law Equity  
Securities Regulation  
Taxation  
Trademarks & Unfair Competition

### PROPERTY AND REAL ESTATE LAW

Estate Litigation  
Land Transactions  
Trusts & Equity  
Wills & Estates

### SPECIAL INTEREST LAW

Aboriginal Law  
Animal Law  
Environmental Protection  
First Nations Negotiations  
Health Law  
Law & Neuroscience  
Law & Poverty  
Mental Health Law  
Mental Health & The Criminal Justice System  
Mining Law & Policy  
Public Health Law

### CONSTITUTIONAL LAW

Advanced Constitutional  
Comparative Constitutional  
Equality Rights & The Charter  
Human Rights  
Immigration Law  
Information Privacy  
**CRIMINAL LAW**  
Advanced Criminal Law  
Criminal Procedure  
Sentencing & Imprisonment

### ADVOCACY AND NEGOTIATIONS

Advocacy on Motions  
Alternative Dispute Resolution  
Appellate Advocacy  
Competitive Moot Court  
Negotiations  
Trial Advocacy

### TORT LAW

Advanced Torts  
Personal Injury Advocacy  
Remedies

### CLINICAL AND EXPERIENTIAL COURSES

Business Law Clinic  
Canadian Labour & Employment Law  
Journal  
Clinical Externships  
Clinical Litigation Practice  
Elder Law Clinic  
Family Law Clinic  
Federal Government Internship  
Feminist Legal Studies Workshop  
Prison Law Clinic  
Queen’s Law Journal  
Queen’s Legal Aid

### LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT LAW

Advanced Labour Law  
Collective Agreement & Arbitration  
Employment Law  
Labour: Individual Study  
Labour Law  
Occupational Safety, Health & Workers Compensation

### FAMILY LAW

Children’s Law  
Family & Children’s Law Place-ments  
Family Law

### INTERNATIONAL LAW

International Human Rights Law  
International Refugee Law  
International Taxation  
International Trade Law  
International Trade Law Clinical Practicum  
International Trade Remedies  
Public International Law

### LEGAL THEORY

Jurisprudence  
Legal & Political Philosophy  
Legal Imagination  
Racism & Canadian Legal Culture  
State, Nation & Social Justice

Full listing of current courses can be found on our website at [law.queensu.ca/academic-program](http://law.queensu.ca/academic-program)





# STUDENT EXPERIENCE

## EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING

Queen’s Law offers a variety of curricular and co-curricular opportunities to enhance legal education. Queen’s Law prides itself on its diversity of experiential learning opportunities.

### Federal Government Internships

Queen’s Law offers a series of internships in partnership with offices of the federal Department of Justice in Ottawa. Each term, upper-year students earn academic credit while gaining practical experience. After obtaining a security clearance and completion of the internship, students are eligible for preferential status in government hiring.

### Advocacy and Competitive Mooting

At Queen’s, training in advocacy is an integral part of our students’ legal education. Our Moot Court Program is one of the largest at any Canadian law school. Each year, teams from Queen’s Law compete in up to 20 mooting competitions in a wide range of legal areas, including:

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| Aboriginal law         | International law  |
| Client counselling     | Labour arbitration |
| Commercial arbitration | Securities law     |
| Constitutional law     | Tax law            |
| Criminal law           | Trade law          |
| Environmental law      | Trial advocacy     |
| Intellectual property  |                    |

### Law Journals

Queen’s Law students play a central part in bringing out two fully refereed scholarly law reviews. Students who work on both journals receive hands-on training and experience in legal research and writing, in dealing with submissions from academics and scholarly practitioners, and in the planning and production of a major publication.


#### Queen’s Law Journal (QLJ)

The QLJ is one of Canada’s leading peer-reviewed legal publications, and is produced by a student editorial board under the direction of two faculty advisors. In 2015, Carswell published the QLJ-produced Canadian Guide to Legal Style: Canada’s first and only definitive guide to grammar and style conventions in legal writing.

#### Canadian Labour and Employment Law Journal (CLELJ)

The CLELJ is Canada’s only specialized labour and employment law journal. It is a collaborative publication of the Queen’s Centre for Law in the Contemporary Workplace and Lancaster House, a Toronto labour law publisher. A team of student editors work on the CLELJ under the guidance of senior faculty editors.





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QUEEN’S CHAPTER

### Pro Bono Students Canada

The Queen’s Law chapter of PBSC attracts student volunteers seeking valuable practical experience in legal research and representation, while looking to gain exposure to unique areas of law. Students are supervised by practising lawyers and are asked to volunteer three hours per week during the academic year up to the end of March. Students can select from an impressive array of engaging community service projects.

### Family and Children’s Law Placements

The Family and Children’s Law Placements course is offered each term, giving upper-year students invaluable insight and experience in the practice of family and children’s law, and the roles and responsibilities of lawyers and other professionals in the legal system.

### Clinical Externships

Upper-year students will earn academic credit each year while working for community legal aid clinics serving Kingston, Belleville, Hastings and Prince Edward Counties, Cobourg and Northumberland County.





## INTERNATIONAL LAW PROGRAMS AT THE BADER INTERNATIONAL STUDY CENTRE

Queen's Law prepares law students for today's international environment. Proof that we go the extra mile? We have our own Old English castle, complete with moat and peacocks. Only Queen's Law offers International Law Programs each May and June at the Bader International Study Centre at Herstmonceux Castle.

Students will study and live at the 15th-century Herstmonceux Castle estate in East Sussex, 100 km southeast of London, England, and are immersed in a unique cultural learning experience.

Students earn upper-year credits in an intensive and integrated academic program in International Business Law or Public International Law. Instructors and guest speakers are key players in international law who bring practical experience to the classroom.

Completing one of the International Law Programs at the BISC can allow a student to complete the JD degree requirements in 2.5 years instead of the usual 3.



### Programs and Field Studies

Students choose between International Business Law and Public International Law. Both programs are enriched by visits to international institutions in the UK and Europe, where students are briefed by senior legal advisors and officials.

#### International Business Law Program

**Required courses:**

- Introduction to Public International Law (Economic Focus)
- International Economic Law
- International Commercial Law

**Typical field study destinations include:**

- UK Department for International Trade (London)
- Mission of Canada to the European Union (Brussels)
- European Parliament (Brussels)
- Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (Paris)
- World Trade Organization and Canadian Delegation (Geneva)
- Advisory Centre on WTO Law (Geneva)
- International Trade Centre (Geneva)

#### Public International Law Program

**Required courses:**

- Introduction to Public International Law
- International Protection of Human Rights and Refugees
- The Law of Armed Conflict and International Crimes

**Typical field study destinations include:**

- Canadian High Commission (London)
- UN International Residual Mechanism for Criminal Tribunals (The Hague)
- Special Tribunal for Lebanon (The Hague)
- Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (The Hague)
- International Criminal Court (The Hague)
- Canadian Mission to the United Nations (Geneva)
- Office of the UN High Commissioner for Refugees (Geneva)



You can take these classes anywhere, but the real value I found was in having the opportunity to meet so many incredible people who work within the institutions we were learning about.

-LEE GARRETT, LAW'20



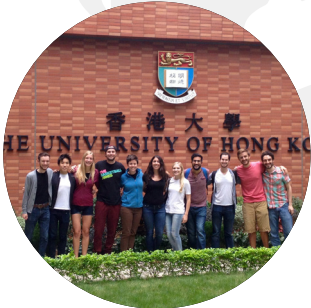
# EXCHANGE OPPORTUNITIES

Queen’s Law continues to develop partnerships with leading law schools around the world, providing students with additional opportunities to gain international legal perspectives. Paying Queen’s Law tuition fees, our students earn degree credits while studying at one of our exchange partner schools around the world!

- Barcelona, Spain  
Cape Town, South Africa  
Glasgow, Scotland  
Groningen, Netherlands  
Istanbul, Turkey  
Lyon, France
- Melbourne, Victoria  
Perth, Australia  
Pokfulam, Hong Kong  
Shanghai, China  
Singapore, Singapore
- Sydney, Australia  
Tel Aviv, Israel  
Uppsala, Sweden  
Wellington, New Zealand  
Wiesbaden, Germany



Netherlands



Hong Kong



Singapore



South Africa



Turkey



Hong Kong

# INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Queen’s Law’s nternship funding programs allow students to gain legal knowledge and skills by contributing to the public interest in Canada and abroad as summer interns. With financial support from the Torys Public Summer Internship Award Program, the Lenczner Slaght LLP Advocacy Internship, and Queen’s Law faculty and alumni funding, students can accept unpaid summer internships with not-for-profit and public-interest agencies.

## Recent Internships Include:

### International

- Al Otro Lado Border Rights Project, Tijuana, Mexico
- Canadian Embassy, Washington, DC
- Centre for Death Penalty Litigation, Durham NC
- East African Community Aursha, Tanzania
- Legal Assistance Centre, Windhoek, Namibia
- NGO Monitor, Jerusalem, Israel
- Northern Manhattan Improvement Corporation
- Shurat HaDin-Israel Law Center
- UNAIDS, Geneva
- United Nations Mechanism for International Residual Mechanism for Criminal Tribunals, The Hague, The Netherlands
- United Nations Relief and Works Agency, Jerusalem

### Domestic

- Association in Defence of the Wrongly Convicted
- Barbra Schlifer Commemorative Clinic, Toronto
- CAMH, Mental Health, Toronto
- Canadian Bar Association, Ottawa
- Canadian Lawyers Abroad/Lawyers without Borders
- Canadian Civil Liberties Association, Toronto
- Canadian Red Cross, Ottawa
- Centre for Law and Democracy, Halifax
- Global Affairs Canada, Ottawa
- Innocence Canada, Toronto
- Justice for Children and Youth, Toronto
- Pacific Centre for Environmental Law & Litigation
- United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, Ottawa
- Women’s Legal Education and Action Fund (LEAF)



My internship with Innocence Canada this summer has been one of the best work experiences of my life. In working on claims of wrongful conviction and on wrongful conviction education and reform, I learned legal skills, i.e., writing and editing legal documents, doing discovery, meeting clients, and making presentations, working with lawyers and legal educators; worked with wonderful people; and contributed to an important but often overlooked area of the criminal law. I am sure that the experiences I had and the relationships I made at Innocence Canada will serve me well as a lawyer. I couldn’t recommend this or other internships more!

-TERSHA DE KONING, LAW’21



## CLINICAL OPPORTUNITIES WITH



Queen's Law is proud to offer students a unique opportunity to learn. Our downtown clinical space merges five pro bono clinics: Queen's Legal Aid, Business Law, Elder Law, Family Law and Prison Law.

From helping local businesses develop to aiding the incarcerated, clinic students earn academic credit while getting hands-on exposure to some of the most dynamic aspects of the legal profession.



The oldest and largest of the Queen's clinic programs, Queen's Legal Aid (QLA) has been a vital part of the Faculty of Law's service to the community for decades. Working closely with Legal Aid Ontario, QLA provides a wide range of legal services to low-income area residents and students of both Queen's University and St. Lawrence College.

As part of the QLA team, students develop a wealth of experience relating to advocacy, interviewing and counselling, file management, legal ethics, legal research and writing, negotiation and settlement, office procedures, professional responsibility and solicitor/client relationships. They also assist clients in court or at a tribunal hearing.



Unique to Queen's, the Queen's Prison Law Clinic (QPLC) allows students to assist prisoners in one of six institutions with a number of legal issues. QPLC students provide legal advice, assistance and representation in matters relating to prison and parole in Kingston-area penitentiaries and Warkworth Institution.

They learn to manage the solicitor/client relationship, interview clients, conduct case-specific research, prepare examinations/cross-examinations of witnesses, draft legal submissions and represent clients at hearings. Student caseworkers draft grievances, provide legal opinions, represent clients at Disciplinary Court hearings or before the Parole Board of Canada, conduct meetings with inmate groups and conduct test case litigation.



**1200+**  
FILES PER YEAR

**200+**  
STUDENTS INVOLVED ANNUALLY

**18** FULL-TIME DIRECTORS,  
COUNSEL AND SUPPORT STAFF

**\$2M**  
ANNUAL BUDGET



## Queen's Law Clinics Business Law Clinic

At the Queen's Business Law Clinic (QBLC), students can explore the dynamic field of business law by providing legal assistance to start-ups, entrepreneurs, businesses and not-for-profit organizations in southeastern Ontario.

QBLC students draft and review legal documents such as leases and licenses, privacy policies and trademark registrations, and non-disclosure agreements and waivers. They also gain presentation experience by speaking to local business groups on any number of business law issues.



## Queen's Law Clinics Elder Law Clinic

Students can explore a growing and socially relevant area of law at the Queen's Elder Law Clinic (QELC) – the first clinic of its kind in Canada. Clients are Kingston-area seniors who would otherwise have difficulty affording legal counsel.

QELC students work with these clients planning wills and powers of attorney, assisting them as they complete guardianship applications or certificates of appointment. In addition to serving clients with issues such as elder discrimination, abuse and neglect, students may also have opportunities to present seminars to community and professional groups on issues related to aging.



## Queen's Law Clinics Family Law Clinic

At the Queen's Family Law Clinic (QFLC), students provide vital support to local residents as they navigate Ontario's sometimes challenging family court system. Student caseworkers learn about Family Court matters by providing services to clientele with low incomes. These services include helping litigants represent themselves in Family Court by completing their documents, helping them negotiate the Family Court process, or referring them to other family justice resources.

Throughout the year, students attend Family Court to facilitate client access to QFLC services, assisting LAO-funded duty and advice counsel in their provision of enhanced duty counsel services. Working on cases involving issues such as custody, access and child support, students help clients complete forms such as divorce applications, financial statements and affidavits.



As a student caseworker at Queen's Legal Aid, I was given the opportunity to represent clients at Small Claims Court, Provincial Offences and Criminal Court, as well as various tribunals. In addition to the invaluable experience I gained, I was able to give back to the Kingston community in a meaningful way.

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