

**Form 2-8 / 2-9**

(Rule 57)

**Articles of Clerkship**

BETWEEN:

\_\_\_\_\_

of \_\_\_\_\_, Alberta.

("the Principal")

- and -

\_\_\_\_\_

of \_\_\_\_\_, Alberta

("the Student")

The Principal and the Student agree as follows:

1. The Student is bound as a student-at-law to the Principal to serve the Principal continuously for the term of \_\_\_\_\_ from the date of the commencement of the articling term endorsed by the Executive Director (or authorized delegate) below ("the articling term").
2. The Student covenants with the Principal as follows:
  - (a) I will faithfully and to the best of my ability serve the Principal as a student-at-law in the profession of a barrister and solicitor throughout the articling term.
  - (b) I will obey and execute the lawful and reasonable requirements of the Principal and will not be absent from the service of the Principal at any time during the articling term without the Principal's consent. I will at all times behave with diligence, honesty and propriety.
  - (c) I will at all times keep in strict confidence the business and affairs of the Principal, the Courts of Alberta, the members of the Society who practise law in association with the Principal, any other members of the Society who supervise my service as a student-at-law under these Articles and members of the Society who practise in association with them, and the business and affairs of their respective clients.
  - (d) I will at all times take proper care of and account for all books, paper writings, records, money and other property of the Principal and which are entrusted to me or come into my custody or possession.
  - (e) I will comply with my obligations as a student-at-law under the *Legal Profession Act*, the Rules of the Law Society of Alberta and any code of ethical standards authorized or established by the Benchers of the Society.

3. The Principal covenants with the Student as follows:

- (a) I will accept and take the Student as my student-at-law for the articling term.
- (b) I will to the best of my skill and knowledge teach the Student, or cause the Student to be taught, the profession of barrister and solicitor.
- (c) I will observe and carry out my obligations under the Education Plan for the Student.
- (d) I acknowledge that the Student's attendance at, and participation in, the CPLED Program is mandatory. I will permit the Student, as part of the Student's service under these Articles, to attend and participate fully in the CPLED Program during the articling term.
- (e) I will at the expiration of the articling term assist the Student, at the request and expense of the Student, to become enrolled as a member of The Law Society of Alberta if the Student has faithfully and to the best of the Student's ability served as a student-at-law under the Articles and is qualified to become enrolled as a member of The Law Society of Alberta.
- (f) I am not aware of any reason, which would disqualify me from acting as Principal to the applicant.
- (g) I have reviewed Part 2, Division 2 of the Rules of the Law Society of Alberta.
- (h) I acknowledge my obligations as a principal as outlined in Chapter 5 of the Code of Conduct.
- (i) I acknowledge that the applicant is not authorized to provide legal services until confirmation that the applicant has been approved for registration as a student-at-law, and confirmation of the approved articling commencement date, have been received.

4. The Principal and the Student propose that the articling term commence on

\_\_\_\_\_.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Principal Signature

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