Job Title: Articling Student
Compensation: $46,000.00 Salary
Start Date: May/June 2020
Employment Type: Full-time; term position (12 months)

Funding of the Articling Position
The articling position is funded by a special grant from the Law Foundation of BC under its Wayne Robertson, QC Fund for Access to Justice for Children and Youth Articling Fellowship Program. The purpose of the grant is to:

- Improve the long-term sustainability of child and youth law by introducing a new generation of lawyers and law students to this work;
- Increase the likelihood that future members of the bar will engage in public interest work; and
- Provide increased services to marginalized children.

About SCY and the Child and Youth Legal Centre Program
The Society for Children and Youth of BC (SCY) is a unique provincial not-for-profit organization dedicated to improving the well-being of children and youth in British Columbia through the advancement of their civic, political, economic, social, cultural and legal rights.

Using the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child as a foundation, SCY has a track record of creating and delivering programs that have motivated change in research, legislation, policy, and practice in Canada.

Through our Child and Youth Legal Centre (CYLC) program our lawyers provide free legal services for people under the age of 19 in family law matters, child protection and other areas of law affecting children and youth. We provide a breadth of services including information and referral, summary advice services and full representation. Services are provided at no cost to the young person and resources are limited, therefore, the program prioritizes services for the most vulnerable children and youth. Staff at the Child and Youth Legal Centre also provide legal rights education to children and youth, community groups and organizations, legal professionals, and many other adult duty bearer groups.

About the Position
The articling student will receive articles to meet the requirements of the Law Society of BC and the grant conditions provided to SCY by the Law Foundation of BC.

Under the supervision of their principal, the articling student will work with lawyers and other staff on various tasks including outreach, legal research, client file management and court appearances (when possible, due to COVID).
The work will include:

- Conduct of files with assistance and supervision;
- Support for staff lawyers on important and complex court matters;
- Conducting interviews, developing strategies, drafting pleadings, preparing affidavits, doing legal research;
- Supervised court work, as permitted by the rules of the Law Society of BC;
- Assisting with the intake process, providing referrals and/or advice and information;
- Legal research to support the work of the staff lawyers;
- Assisting the lawyers, social worker and advocate with the off-site and on-site drop-in clinics;
- Assisting in the preparation of public legal education material;
- Assisting in the preparation of training material for roster lawyers and law students;
- Participate in community outreach, including preparing and facilitating presentations about our work and about the legal rights of children and youth; and
- Attending continuing education events and seminars and assisting with presentations.

Qualities We Are Looking For:

- Ability to work independently when needed (and from home while necessary due to COVID-19);
- Excellent communication skills;
- Familiarity and interest in Family Law and Child Protection;
- General knowledge of children and youth rights;
- Experience working with children and youth;
- Demonstrated interest in social justice issues;
- Sensitivity towards and ability to work with vulnerable clients; and
- Familiarity with local and provincial non-profit organizations an asset.

SCY is committed to building a diverse and inclusive workplace. We welcome applications from members of communities who have been traditionally under-represented in the legal profession, including Indigenous persons, persons of colour, persons with disabilities, and persons of diverse sexual orientations and gender identities.

Salary and Benefits
SCY pays the student’s salary for the 12-month articling period as well as the cost of the mandatory Professional Legal Training Course (PLTC). SCY also provides a benefit plan after three months of employment.

To Apply
Application Deadline: Tuesday, May 5, 2020 4:00 pm PST
Submit the following materials combined as one PDF if possible via email to Stephanie Howell, Executive Director (stephanie@scyofbc.org) with the subject line ‘Application for Articling Position 2020’

- Cover letter
- Resume
- Law School transcripts
- Legal Writing Sample
- Contact information for two references