HUMAN RIGHTS CLINICAL

Law 696.xx:

Overview of Clinical Program with the Alberta Human Rights Commission (AHRC):

This program is a 3 credit program, and will be graded on a CR/D/F basis.

Students who complete this clinical program will gain an in-depth understanding of human rights law, and the administrative process through which human rights complaints are resolved in Alberta. This program presents an ideal opportunity to understand and learn about the responsibilities of the Alberta Human Rights Commission under the Alberta Human Rights Act (the Act), including complaint intake, conciliation, investigation, appeals to the Chief Commissioner, tribunal dispute resolution and hearings, and the work of education and engagement. The student’s duties may include:

- Participating in complaint intake, and possibly mediation and investigation processes, through shadowing a human rights officer;
- Attending human rights forums and assisting AHRC legal counsel with preparation for presentations at these forums;
- Assisting AHRC legal counsel, Tribunal Members and the Chief Commissioner with research for Tribunal Dispute Resolutions and Tribunal hearings, and judicial reviews;
- Attending Tribunal Dispute Resolution meetings and/or Tribunal hearings;
- Attending court proceedings with legal counsel for the Chief Commissioner.

Prerequisites

Law 547: Human Rights Law is a prerequisite for this clinical program and, although not required, the following courses would be beneficial: administrative law, labour arbitration, employment law, and/or evidence.

Requirements:

- Students must be enrolled in 2L or 3L at the University Calgary’s Faculty of Law.
- Applicants must have an interest in human rights law and administrative law.

Application Process:

Students interested in this program with the AHRC should submit an application package consisting of:
• a resume
• cover letter
• law school transcript
• Contact information for two references

Applications should be sent to the attention of Angela Gallo-Dewar at agallode@ucalgary.ca by noon on Friday, October 23, 2020.