

Law 696.xx: Market Surveillance Administrator (“MSA”)

Clinical Applications for 2023-2024 Academic Year

Overview of Clinical Program with the Market Surveillance Administrator (“MSA”)

The MSA is a public agency that protects and promotes the fair, efficient, and openly competitive operation of Alberta's electricity and retail natural gas markets. The MSA monitors the performance of Alberta's electricity and natural gas markets to ensure that market participants comply with all applicable electricity and natural gas legislation and regulations, the Alberta Reliability Standards, the Independent System Operator's Rules, and the orders and decisions of the Alberta Utilities Commission.

This program is a 3 credit program, and will be graded on a CR/D/F basis. One student will be selected for the fall semester and one student will be selected for the winter semester.

The students who complete this Clinical Program will gain the following opportunities:

- Interpretation and enforcement of Alberta's *Electric Utilities Act*, the *Fair, Efficient and Open Competition Regulation*, and other legislation and regulations;
- Exposure to processes related to compliance with the Independent System Operator's Rules and potential hearings before the Alberta Utilities Commission;
- Exposure to the administration by an Alberta public agency of a public interest mandate in an industry with regulated and non-regulated elements;
- Exposure to legal, economic, and other professionals functioning within the electricity and natural gas markets; and
- Exposure to collaboration among various public agencies in Alberta.

The work assigned may include:

- Working with the MSA's General Counsel and Legal Counsel to prepare legal memoranda, opinions, and reporting documents;
- Shadowing various members of the MSA to gain knowledge on the intersection between law, compliance, enforcement, and market surveillance;
- Assisting in the preparation and attending potential proceedings and hearings; and

- Completing a semester-long research project related to Alberta's electricity market.

Requirements:

- Students must be enrolled in 2L or 3L at the University of Calgary's Faculty of Law;
- Students must have an interest in regulatory issues;
- The selected student must agree to maintain confidentiality of all non-public information to which access is provided while at the MSA; and
- The selected students will be required to attend at the MSA's office in downtown Calgary at least 6 hours per week (60 hours in total) over the semester.

Application Process:

Students interested in this Clinical Program with the MSA should submit an application package consisting of the following:

- Statement of Interest – please indicate if you are interested in the fall or winter term placements or either;
- Resume;
- Writing sample – memo, factum or other (5 – 10 pages); and
- U of C Law school transcript.

Applications should be sent to the attention of Angela Gallo-Dewar:

agallode@ucalgary.ca by **noon** on Monday, July 10, 2023, and shared with the MSA. A short list of candidates will be selected for an interview by the MSA and the successful candidates will be selected by August 1st.