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Summer Student Program

Baker McKenzie Canada



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Overview of Summer Program

Whatever career path you take within Baker McKenzie Toronto, we are confident you will thrive – locally and globally – in our unique culture of cooperation, collaboration and inclusion. With us, you will exchange rich local insights and legal knowledge with lawyers from all over the world through our expansive global network.

Our 14-week summer student program is designed to introduce students to the practice of law at the firm with the aim of helping them build a strong foundation for articling and beyond.

Every effort is made to expose summer students to all aspects of the firm's practice. Over the years, we have found that the overall summer experience is more rewarding when summer students are given the opportunity to carve their own path. Accordingly, we have not implemented a formal rotation system for the summer program. Instead, our summer students are given the flexibility (and are actively encouraged) to seek work within any of our practice groups based on their specific interests.

In addition to local office integration, we go to great lengths to ensure that our summer students develop relationships with their student colleagues in other offices right out of the gate. Our students will start their summer by participating in the North American Regional Summer Associates' Meeting in Chicago, where, in addition to receiving in-depth training, they will have an opportunity to cultivate working, and hopefully, career-long relationships with members of their "Baker McKenzie Class".

Ultimately, because our primary goal is to offer a realistic professional experience, we place great importance on providing our summer associates with real, substantive work. Our students will find themselves playing an integral role in file execution while working on a wide range of legal assignments alongside our associates and partners.

We also believe in giving back to the community. Together with peers in offices all over the world, and supported by our associates and partners, our summer students are actively involved in various local, regional and global pro bono initiatives including projects involving homeless youth, refugees and various United Nations causes.

Meet our Summer Students



Shereen Aly

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Education

- McGill University, JD Expected by December 2017
- York University, BBA, 2014

Additional Languages

- French - Proficient
- Arabic - Proficient

Practice Group Interests

- Employment & Compensation
- Corporate & Securities
- International Commercial

Fun Facts About Me

- I completed an exchange in Lyon, France during my undergraduate degree and backpacked across Europe.
- I participated in McGill Law's "Skit Nite" during my first year as part of the McGill Law Transsymphonics Choir.
- I am a Food Network enthusiast and have been testing out my recipes on family and friends since the age of 12.

Meet our Summer Students



**Marc
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Education

- Western University, JD Expected by May 2018
- Wilfrid Laurier University, BBA in Business, 2012

Practice Group Interests

- Tax
- Corporate & Securities
- Banking, Finance & Major Projects

Fun Facts About Me

- I am an armchair movie critic.
- I am a golf nut.
- I enjoy reading and thinking about economic policy.

Meet our Summer Students



Sarah Faber

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Education

- Queen's University, JD Expected by January 2018
- University of Toronto, BA in Flute Performance, 2015

Practice Group Interests

- Litigation & Government Enforcement
- Intellectual Property
- Tax

Fun Facts About Me

- I was a Canadian Armed Forces reservist for 4 years.
- I studied classical flute performance before coming to law school.
- I have an adopted pencil cactus named Paul.

Meet our Summer Students



Massimo Orsini

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Education

- McGill University, JD Expected by December 2017
- Concordia University, BA in Philosophy and Political Science, 2014

Additional Language

- French - Fluent

Practice Group Interests

- International Commercial
- Corporate & Securities
- Intellectual Property

Fun Facts About Me

- I'm passionate about coffee and coffee brewing.
- I love to travel, and have had opportunities to study in the United States, France and Spain.
- I'm an avid cyclist, and rode between Montreal and Quebec city as part of the "Ride for the Cure", to raise funds for cancer research.

Meet our Summer Students



Faye Williams

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Education

- University of Toronto, JD Expected by May 2018
- University of Ottawa, BS in International Development & Globalization, 2014

Additional Language

- French - Proficient

Practice Group Interests

- International Commercial
- Litigation & Government Enforcement
- Employment & Compensation

Fun Facts About Me

- I am a certified fitness instructor.
- I was born in England, and I've also lived in France, India and Costa Rica.
- I once went scuba diving with bull sharks.

Salary and Benefits

Summer Students

- Salary of \$1,450 per week
- Comprehensive CLE program

Articling Students

- Salary of \$1,450 per week
- Fitness allowance Health Benefits (only if student has OHIP Coverage)
 - Medical
 - Dental
 - Health Spending Account
 - Critical Illness
 - Life insurance
 - Long Term Disability
- Firm phone or allowance towards personal phone
- 10 paid vacation days
- 14 days of paid study time to prepare for and write Barrister and Solicitor Examinations
- Payment of Law Society Barrister and Solicitor Licensing Examination fees and materials (Ontario only)
- Comprehensive CLE program

Testimonials/ What Students Say

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My summer student experience at Baker McKenzie was enriching both professionally and personally. The responsibility afforded to students from the outset is unparalleled, yet coupled with the mentorship and supervisory support needed to succeed. In addition to being exposed to diverse projects and tasks in different practice groups, Baker McKenzie ensures that you are integrated into the fabric of the firm through a variety of social events from cooking classes to sporting events with the summer student group and firm-wide. This focus on quality - in work, experiences, and relationships – is reflective of the people and the values at Baker McKenzie. It also serves to foster the incomparable environment of a tight-knit community at the local office with the network and resources of a global firm. Such a community provided me with a wonderful opportunity to apply and improve my legal skills, receive consistent and meaningful feedback, and explore my interests. I am thrilled to be continuing to develop my legal career at Baker McKenzie when I return to article.

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Megan Paterson



Testimonials/ What Students Say

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As a student at Baker McKenzie I was able to take on challenging, meaningful work in a supportive environment. Because Baker McKenzie offers students the freedom to take on work from any practice group, I was able to focus on the areas in which I was interested while also gaining broad exposure to the firm as a whole.

Lawyers at all levels trust students to take on challenging work and are willing to take the time to explain assignments. I had the opportunity to assist in drafting legal arguments, sit in on client calls, and was able to attend hearings at the Superior Court. The formal and informal mentoring relationships I developed were valuable resources for questions of law, feedback on work assignments, and insights into legal practice.

Baker McKenzie also offers a number of events that allow the students to come together as a group, and interact with lawyers in a more informal setting. At the North American Regional Summer Associates' Meeting in Chicago we were able to learn more about the global scope of the firm and meet with Baker McKenzie colleagues from across North America. The friendly and engaging atmosphere at Baker McKenzie made for an excellent summer experience and I am excited to be returning for my articles.”

Ben Sakamoto



Testimonials/ What Students Say

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As an articling student at Baker McKenzie, I was provided with exciting opportunities and new challenges. I was welcomed into a team of lawyers and support staff that went above and beyond to make my experience at the firm an enjoyable and rewarding one. The firm's articling program fostered a hands-on introduction to the practice of law. The program's rotational structure allowed me to gain experience in three different practice groups. Lawyers at the firm were incredibly supportive and provided outstanding mentorship.

At Baker McKenzie I was relied upon to make meaningful contributions to files involving some of the firm's largest global clients. Baker McKenzie prides itself on its global reach, and as an articling student I was able to experience the strength of its network of worldwide offices first-hand. I had the opportunity to work on several files that mobilized resources and talent from over a dozen Baker McKenzie offices around the world. I would highly recommend Baker McKenzie as a place to begin a career in law.

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Randeep Nijjar



Testimonials/ What Students Say

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I could not have asked for a more enriching experience as an articling student at Baker McKenzie. After a great experience as a summer student, the firm ensured that I had a meaningful and incredibly dynamic experience as an articling student. I had a hands-on role in several major files and had the opportunity to work closely with the team to provide support on litigation and international arbitration matters. My experience in different rotations, including International Commercial And Major Projects, gave me a deeper understanding of a broad range of practices, including trade and privacy law. I had the amazing opportunity to provide support for the firm's pro bono team that assists human trafficking victims. The culture of friendship at Baker McKenzie is genuine, and everyone from the support staff to the senior lawyers go out of their way to ensure that students have access to resources, necessary guidance, and an overall great experience. I am thrilled to be starting my career in law when I return as a litigation associate in the fall.

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Glenn Gibson



Student Committee

The Student Committee is responsible for recruiting, training and evaluating the summer and articling students. The Student Committee is comprised of both associates and partners at the Firm who represent a cross section of our practice groups. Please feel free to get in touch with any of the Committee members listed below to learn more about the student experience at Baker McKenzie:

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How to Apply

Law Students - Summer Student Program

We encourage you to apply directly through your Law School via the viDesktop portal by the LSUC application deadline. However, if you are out of country and are unable to apply directly through your Law School, please apply online through our North America Career Board.

We will be reviewing applications during the end of August and the first few weeks of September. We are not able to review and respond to all unsolicited resumes received outside of the Law School viDesktop portal or our Career Board. Please note that if your law school does participate in the viDesktop portal and the online OCI system, you must apply through your law school.

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