



## **Employment Opportunity**

### **Supervising Lawyer – 1 year term with possibility of extension**

**Anticipated Start Date: August 1, 2017 (or sooner if possible)**

**Community Legal Assistance Services for Saskatoon Inner City Inc. (CLASSIC)** seeks to hire a Supervising Lawyer for a one-year term (with the possibility of extension) to work under the direct supervision of the Executive Director. This position has responsibility to two program areas: the Walk-in Advocacy Clinic (WAC) and Systemic Initiatives Program (SIP). Initially the position will be allocated 70% WAC and 30% SIP with the possibility of reconfiguration.

CLASSIC works toward social justice with low-income, marginalized Saskatchewan residents with a commitment to Indigenous peoples, through a legal clinic that is guided by the needs of the community. This engages law and inter-disciplinary students through experiential learning, providing insights into the cultural and social reality of law and fosters an ethic of social justice.

Areas of law covered through the WAC include: criminal, landlord-tenant, social services, employment insurance appeals, CPP appeals, small claims matters, employment law, wills and estates, immigration and refugee matters, and more. Students from the University of Saskatchewan, College of Law deliver these services under the supervision and guidance of a Supervising Lawyer.

The SIP works in partnership with community organizations to tackle the systemic inequities that create legal problems through a variety of different projects that empower marginalized community members, address barriers to accessing justice, and seek policy and law reform.

### **Job Description:**

The eligible candidate will work with CLASSIC to ensure the continuing operation of CLASSIC's delivery of legal services and to help coordinate and oversee the SIP. The Supervising Lawyer will:

- Train and orient clinical students from the College of Law;
- Supervise clinical students through the "lawyering" process of:

- Intake and interviewing clients;
- Advising and informing clients; and
- Counseling and advocating for clients, including representation at mediations, negotiations, hearings, Provincial Court, and Small Claims Court.
- Represent clients at matters before the Court of Queen's Bench and higher courts, where deemed necessary;
- Take responsibility for supervising CLASSIC's client files; and
- Coordinate and oversee projects under the SIP.

The Supervising Lawyer will be available to CLASSIC for 40 hours per week.

The chosen candidate will preferably possess the following experience and skills:

- be licensed or eligible to practice law in Saskatchewan;
- ideally 5+ years of legal experience;
- ideally, experience in an array of practice areas;
- demonstrated skills and organizational leadership;
- interest in systemic legal issues beyond traditional practice;
- desire to work with and in the community;
- experience in managing files with limited resources;
- capable of providing guidance to law students and is adaptable to a changing environment; and
- capable of managing client files in a busy poverty law clinic.

CLASSIC offers a competitive salary and benefits package. CLASSIC is closed one Friday per month.

Pursuant to section 48 of *The Saskatchewan Human Rights Code* and the stated mandate of CLASSIC, preference will be given to Indigenous candidates.

Interested candidates should forward a curriculum vitae including contact information for three (3) references to Chantelle Johnson, Executive Director at [chantelle.j@classiclaw.ca](mailto:chantelle.j@classiclaw.ca) with the following subject line: Application for Supervising Lawyer position.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Chantelle Johnson, Executive Director, via the email address listed above or at (306)657-6100. All correspondence will be kept confidential.

**Deadline for applications: Thursday June 15 at noon.**