

My articling experience at Balfour Moss can be summed up in one word – excellent. When I began looking for an articling position, of utmost importance to me was the opportunity to gain well-rounded articles. Articling at Balfour Moss exceeded my expectations. At Balfour Moss I was exposed to virtually all areas of law, worked hands-on with files, and had the opportunity to extend my articling experience beyond the realm of the office.

Each day at Balfour Moss brought about new challenges and opportunities. Below is a list of some of the opportunities and work I did at Balfour Moss:

- Attended a week long coroner's inquest in Moose Jaw;
- Assisted at a month long civil jury trial;
- Attended and participated in mandatory mediations;
- Interviewed and met with clients with other lawyers and on my own;
- Prepared and argued chambers applications;
- Appeared in Provincial Court for first appearances and requested adjournments;
- Participated in a presentation to University of Regina students on "Sports and the Law";
- Prepared pre-trial briefs and attended pre-trial conferences;
- Observed at examinations for discovery;
- Attended a presentation at the RCMP Forensic Lab;
- Attended a commercial arbitration hearing;
- Administered and probated estates;
- Prepared settlement proposals;
- Drafted a petition for child support.

The articling program at Balfour Moss is very flexible and they allowed me to control my own articling experience to some degree. There is no set rotation or pattern - instead I was allowed the opportunity to act upon my own areas of interest. In addition, Balfour Moss not only allowed me the opportunity to clerk at the Court of Appeal for the month of February, but I spent one month at the provincial Department of Justice, in the Crown Prosecutors' office (including a week prosecuting in traffic court). Balfour Moss also encourages participation and attendance at various continuing legal education conferences and luncheon meetings.

The atmosphere at Balfour Moss is admirable. The lawyers at Balfour Moss are actively involved in the community at large, in areas both related and unrelated to the legal profession. Balfour Moss hosts an annual Christmas party, annual golf tournament, annual summer barbeque, and this year a curling bonspiel. In addition to the annual events, occasional wine and cheese functions are held throughout the year in celebration of recent events.

If you would like further information or have any questions regarding articling at Balfour Moss, I would be happy to speak with you.

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