



Summer 2023 Full-Time Position

The Class Action Clinic at Windsor Law is hiring up to four law students to work full-time (12-14 weeks) in the summer of 2023. Over the past two summers, the Clinic has employed law students from McGill, the University of Ottawa, the University of Toronto and Windsor. **Students from law schools other than Windsor must secure their own funding (a social justice fellowship, for example).**

Students will work under the supervision of Clinic Director, Professor Jasminka Kalajdzic, and staff lawyer, Andrew Eckart, and can do so either remotely or in person in Hamilton or Windsor.

OUR MISSION + SERVICES

The Class Action Clinic's central mission is to serve the needs of class members across Canada. It is the first not-for-profit organization designed to provide class members summary advice, assistance with filing claims in settlement distribution processes, and representation in court proceedings. The Clinic is dedicated to creating greater awareness about class actions, through public education, outreach, and research. We are also involved in appellate advocacy as interveners and support other community organizations in their advocacy efforts.

LEGAL ASSISTANCE & ADVICE

Under the supervision of a full-time staff lawyer, the Class Action Clinic's team of law students provides direct client services, ranging from legal information about an ongoing class action to drafting court documents.

Settlement claims processes vary in complexity and evidentiary burden. Class members often require individual attention to fully understand the procedures and adduce the appropriate evidence. Moreover, as many of our clients have survived historical abuse, we are committed to providing trauma-informed assistance throughout.

Students are responsible for their own client files and thus learn by doing. You are supported in your work by the staff lawyer and are trained to provide trauma-informed assistance and to hone your interview skills.

OUR CLIENTS

To date, the Clinic has represented over 200 class members in a variety of class actions, including medical device cases, the Sixties' Scoop settlement and the Indian Day School Settlement. The Clinic has helped clients recover more than \$1.25 million in compensation. Given the large number of current settlements involving government defendants, many of our clients are Indigenous, former Crown Wards or survivors of trauma.

WHO SHOULD APPLY

Law students who are currently in 1L or 2L at any Canadian law school are invited to apply. Successful completion of Civil Procedure by April 2023 is required. Preference will be given to students who:

- have taken a Class Action course or who are otherwise familiar with class actions;
- have experience with trauma-informed practices or client interviewing; or
- are familiar with complex claims processes.

As the Clinic provides a unique opportunity to engage closely with clients and complex litigation, aspiring litigators are encouraged to apply!

HOW TO APPLY

Please email your CV and university transcripts, along with a brief statement explaining your interest in the Clinic, to Maureen Mcclary at Maureen.Mcclary@uwindsor.ca by March 17, 2023. Interviews will take place the week of March 20th.

MORE INFORMATION

For more information, visit www.classactionclinic.com or contact Professor Kalajdzic at kalajj@uwindsor.ca.