

CAREER ADVICE

FIRST YEAR

CONSIDER CALLING OR EMAILING THESE FIRMS TO ASK FOR WORK EXPERIENCE OR TO ASSIST WITH ADMINISTRATIVE TASKS (EVEN MAKING COFFEE!).

SECOND AND THIRD YEAR

KEEP AN EYE OUT FOR CLERK AND INTERN ROLES AT BOUTIQUE LAW FIRMS OR CALL/EMAIL THEM TO ASK FOR WORK EXPERIENCE OR TO ASSIST WITH ADMINISTRATIVE TASKS AND FILING.

FOURTH AND FIFTH YEAR

NUMEROUS BOUTIQUE LAW FIRMS OFFER CLERKSHIPS - ALTHOUGH THEY MAY TAKE SOME RESEARCH ONLINE TO FIND, THEY ARE MOST CERTAINLY WORTH IT. APPLY!



FOR MORE INFO

Visit the 2021 Careers and Clerkship Guide, especially the sections on Interview Preparation, and CV Writing.



BOUTIQUE LAW SEMINAR

2021

MAKE SURE TO CHECK
OUT THE *AULSS JOBS
OPPORTUNITY BOARD*
TO BE FIRST TO APPLY
TO BOUTIQUE LAW
FIRMS

WHAT IS A BOUTIQUE FIRM

ALTHOUGH IT MAY VARY, A BOUTIQUE LAW FIRM IS USUALLY A LAW FIRM WITH UNDER 20 PRACTITIONERS WHO PROVIDE EXPERT LEGAL ADVICE AND SERVICES TO INDIVIDUALS OR SMALL BUSINESSES IN ONE OR A FEW SPECIFIC AREAS OF THE LAW. FOR EXAMPLE, A BOUTIQUE LAW FIRM WITH EXPERTISE IN EMPLOYMENT LAW CAN ASSIST CLIENTS IN DRAFTING, REVIEWING OR FINALISING EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENTS.

TYPICAL PRACTICE AREAS

COMMERCIAL LAW

- COMMERCIAL LITIGATION, DUE DILIGENCE, ASSET PROTECTION

EMPLOYMENT LAW

- UNFAIR DISMISSAL, HARASSMENT, BULLYING

CRIMINAL LAW

- BAIL APPLICATIONS, TRAFFIC OFFENSES, POLICE STATION ATTENDANCES

PROPERTY LAW

- CAVEATS, CONVEYANCING, LEASING, MORTGAGES

FAMILY LAW

- DIVORCES, CHILDREN'S MATTERS, FINANCIAL AGREEMENTS

PERSONAL INJURY

- MEDICAL NEGLIGENCE, WORKERS' COMPENSATION

WILLS & ESTATE PLANNING

- ADVANCED CARE DIRECTIVES, ESTATE ADMINISTRATION, POWERS OF ATTORNEY

BENEFITS OF BOUTIQUE FIRMS

TARGETED FOCUS

- IF YOU ARE PASSIONATE ABOUT A CERTAIN AREA OF LAW, THEN WORKING IN A SPECIALIST, BOUTIQUE LAW FIRM WILL BRING YOU GREAT SATISFACTION AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR GROWTH.

INCREASED IMPACT

- IT IS EASIER TO HAVE YOUR VOICE AND OPINIONS HEARD IN BOTH CLIENT AND BUSINESS DECISIONS.

STRONGER CLIENT RELATIONSHIPS

- BOUTIQUE LAW FIRMS ARE USUALLY MORE SELECTIVE WHEN TAKING ON CLIENTS MEANING THAT YOU CAN FOCUS ON DELIVERING A PERSONALISED, CLIENT-CENTRED SERVICE THAT CAN ASSIST THEM BEST.

