
Intellectual Property Litigation Legal Assistant

Widely recognized as Canada's leading litigation practice, we have successfully represented clients' interests in some of the most complex, high-profile cases in Canadian legal history. Focusing exclusively on litigation and advocacy, we practice across dozens of legal areas and industries and represent our clients where it counts – on our feet in all levels of the courts and before every kind of tribunal. Our subject-matter expertise and extensive courtroom experience is consistently recognized by clients, peers, and senior members of the legal profession in leading legal publications, including Chambers Canada and Lexpert. We offer the opportunity to work alongside and learn from some of Canada's most highly regarded litigators. Our partners are ranked among the best of their peers nationally and lead a mentoring and development program that attracts gifted lawyers who are committed to upholding the highest professional standards.

We are currently seeking an **Intellectual Property (IP) Litigation Legal Assistant**.

ROLE DESCRIPTION

As an Intellectual Property (IP) Litigation Legal Assistant your core responsibilities are to provide best-in-class administrative and collaborative support to our team of Lawyers, Law Students and Law Clerks. As an IP Legal Assistant, you must have strong technical and analytical skills and be confident in your ability to deliver excellent customer service in a forward-thinking and fast-paced environment.

To thrive in this role, you must be driven and hardworking. You must think critically and act logically. You must have in-depth knowledge of legal practices, legal terminology, Federal Court litigation processes and the Rules of Civil Procedure. You must also display a growth mindset where you are open and capable of learning new skills to expand your knowledge by using software and technology in your day-to-day tasks.

ROLE & RESPONSIBILITIES

Administrative Support

- Manage daily operation of busy Intellectual Property litigation practices
- Administrative tasks such as answering/directing phone calls, monitoring email inboxes and incoming mail, releasing dockets, preparing expense reports and monthly bills
- Manage and coordinate lawyers' calendars and schedules, including coordinating meetings, calls and travel, facilitating bring-forward systems, overseeing deadlines and court appearances

Document Management, Correspondence and Court Documents

- Assemble and file court documents for all levels of court but primarily the Federal Court
- Prepare and organize materials for trial
- Create ShareFile links to manage and share documents digitally
- Adhere to firm processes regarding new matter opening and closing procedures

Other

- Additional responsibilities may include research tasks
- Interacting with clients, opposing counsel or others on behalf of lawyers

Client Relationship Management (CRM)

- Maintain lawyer contacts including inputting and updating information
- Assist with new and existing programs, including the annual holiday card program

EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE

- A minimum of 3 years' experience working as an Intellectual Property Litigation Legal Assistant is required

- Law Clerk Certificate / Diploma (or equivalent) is not required but will be considered an asset
- Knowledge of and experience with Federal Court processes is required

SKILLS AND CHARACTERISTICS

- Advanced technology ability including in-depth knowledge of legal software and applications
- Must be able to work independently and collaboratively with excellent judgement to both follow instructions and take initiative when appropriate
- Must be proactive, be able to anticipate, problem solve and respond in a manner in which displays forward-thinking, and results driven nature
- Must have strong attention to detail and ability to edit, catch errors and offer suggestions
- Must have exceptional written and verbal communication skills with proven knowledge of spelling, punctuation, sentence structure and grammar
- Must be flexible, adaptable and remain calm under pressure
- Strong organization and multi-tasking skills with ability to carry out multiple responsibilities while balancing priorities
- Advanced proficiency using Microsoft 365 applications including Excel, Document Management Systems, Digital Dictation software (Phillips Speech Exec.) and Adobe Acrobat
- Ability to effectively use Automated Civil Litigation (ACL), Accounting Software (Lighthouse or 3E), Docket Software (Carpe Diem) and Electronic Court Filing applications (CaseLines)
- Must be a team-player who is willing to do whatever it takes to get the job done
- Maintain professionalism, confidentiality, and discretion at all times

WHAT DIFFERENTIATES US?

We are a firm with deep values, centered around our commitment to excellence and winning. We are also dedicated to promoting and advancing equity, diversity and inclusion in our workplace and in the legal profession. We maintain an inclusive work environment comprised of people with diverse perspectives, backgrounds, identities, and cultures who are all valued, respected, and have an equal opportunity to develop, advance, and be heard. We have developed several award-winning and forward-thinking initiatives, including resume anonymization in student recruitment to decrease barriers for diverse candidates and [ReferToHer™](#), a program aimed to balance the scales on referrals for female lawyers. We have also made continuous process improvement and innovation a key strategic priority. Learn more about our programs on www.litigate.com.

Qualified candidates are asked to submit their cover letter and resume [HERE](#).

Lenczner Slaght invites applications from all qualified candidates. We are committed to employment equity and diversity in the workplace. Accommodation will be provided in all parts of the recruitment and hiring process. Please direct all requests and questions to [Lynsey Clement](#) (Manager, Human Resources).