

**CONNECTING OTTAWA
is looking for an experienced
STAFF LAWYER
(Permanent* Full-Time position with a comprehensive benefits package, a defined
pension benefit plan, and a remote work environment)**

**Salary: \$75,000 - \$78,000 per year (dependent on experience)
Start Date: May 1, 2024 or to be negotiated**

**Apply by: April 23, 2024 at 11:59 p.m.
Apply to: raiija@connectingottawa.com**

If you are a lawyer committed to social justice and looking for meaningful employment, we invite you to apply to Connecting Ottawa! As an Access to Justice Initiative of the Law Foundation of Ontario since 2012, our mandate is to assist Ottawa residents who speak neither English nor French or who have difficulty communicating due to sensory impairments, speech, or language disorders. The Staff Lawyer helps to fulfill this mandate by advising and consulting with front-line community workers at partner organizations in Ottawa about their clients' legal issues/needs. Specifically, the Staff Lawyer works with caseworkers and their clients, or just with the client's caseworker, to provide case management support, legal advice/assistance as determined on a case-by-case basis, and/or legal information and referrals. The Staff Lawyer also conducts public legal education and information sessions and creates legal information materials that are relevant to Connecting Ottawa's target populations.

If you have the following experience and competencies, please consider applying:

- Experience in immigration and refugee law, with particular experience in the following areas being an asset: one-year window applications; family class sponsorships for spouses, dependent children or parents; permanent resident card issues; extensions of work permits and visitor records; and understanding eligibility for new immigration programs.
- Experience developing and delivering public legal education and information workshops and materials.
- Experience serving linguistic minorities and persons who face barriers to communication because of a disability.
- Experience serving low-income populations.
- Excellent knowledge of services that facilitate access to justice for persons with disabilities and cultural/linguistic minorities, and a general knowledge of community resources and cultural patterns in the Ottawa area.
- Demonstrated experience in legal research, legal analysis, and plain language writing.
- Litigation and tribunal experience.

- Proven capabilities as a collaborative team member with the ability to work independently.
- Demonstrated high achievement in prior employment with excellent analytical, creative, evaluative, and strategic thinking skills as well as strong time management.

Special consideration will be given to candidates with:

- Demonstrated experience in one or more additional areas of law: criminal (as it relates to low-income populations), family, social assistance, and tenant rights.
- Proficiency in a language other than English.

For more information about Connecting Ottawa, please visit: <https://connectingottawa.com/>

Application

*The position is contingent upon confirmation of funding from the Law Foundation of Ontario. If you meet the above qualifications, are well-organized, and want to be part of a dynamic and innovative project, please forward a resumé and covering letter to the attention of:

Raija Pulkkinen, Project Manager
Connecting Ottawa
c/o Community Legal Services of Ottawa
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Email: raija@connectingottawa.com

Please no phone calls. Only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

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Connecting Ottawa welcomes applications from disadvantaged and marginalized communities. We encourage applications from people who are reflective of the communities we serve, and seek applicants from equity seeking groups, including but not limited to individuals who are of First Nations, Inuit or Metis descent, persons with disabilities, members of racialized communities, and women. Accommodation is available under the *Ontario Human Rights Code*.