

# Articling at Pallett Valo LLP

Choosing the law firm at which to article is one of the most important decisions a law student must face. Our selection of the right students is equally important to us. Since we hire and develop the best students and lawyers year after year, we see you as our future.

#### Our Firm:

We are the largest and one of the most respected law firms in Peel Region. We have built our reputation by both protecting and growing the business assets of our clients by offering a refreshingly distinct Right-sized Thinking approach to service. We are pleased to have been selected as one of the Top Ten Ontario Regional Law Firms in five consecutive surveys by Canadian Lawyer magazine.

We are a full service law firm with the talent, expertise, business sense and resources to handle sophisticated commercial transactions and complex litigation. Our clients range in size from emerging growth ventures to established companies, both private and public, including recognized world leaders in many different industries. They include financial institutions, municipalities, and other governmental agencies.

#### Our Areas of Practice Include:

Our areas of practice include Business Law, Commercial Litigation, Commercial Real Estate, Construction, Insolvency & Corporate Restructuring, Insurance Defence, Employment & Labour, and Wills, Estates & Trusts.

# **Our Community:**

We are located at the heart of the vibrant City of Mississauga, the 6th largest city in Canada. Our offices are conveniently located along GO Transit and Mississauga Transit routes, as well as minutes away from the 401, 403, and QEW.

# Our People:

90+ Firm Members (including lawyers and staff), 2 Articling Students

# Our Articling Program:

• Benefits • Paid Vacation • Medical Plan • Dental Plan

Our mentorship program provides students with hands-on
experience with the expectation that they will ultimately join
us as lawyers.

# **Diversity and Inclusion**

We are committed to enhancing workplace diversity and fostering a workplace that is representative of the population we serve. Our goal is to create a culture that strives for equity and embraces, respects, and values differences. Our focus on inclusion and diversity aligns with the firm's core values of integrity and respect. In 2018, we launched our PV Women's Network, with a vision to provide business and professional women in our community with a platform where they can connect and support one another.

We are also committed to providing a working environment that is based on respect for the dignity and rights of our employees. We will accommodate individuals with disabilities at all stages of employment, including recruitment, career development and retention.

## What We are Looking for in a Student

- Demonstrated interest in business development: We see our students as our future partners, so entrepreneurial experience is a key asset. Don't worry if you don't have experience actually running a business – highlight transferrable skills gained through extracurricular activities, community involvement, etc.
- Academic excellence: We are looking to hire exceptional students whose work ethic is reflected in their grades.
   Straight A's are not are a requirement, but marks need to show consistent effort and/or improvement.
- Connection to Peel Region: Our hope is that our students will become associates and eventually partners at the firm. Although not necessary, a connection to Peel Region suggests that a student may be in it for the long haul.

## Tips for the Application Process

- Spell the firm name correctly: Pallett has two Ls and two Ts;
   Valo has one L.
- Follow the instructions on our website: The student page
  on our website sets out what your application package
  should include, to whom it should be addressed and how
  it should be submitted. A student who fails to follow these
  instructions may be seen as careless or not paying attention
  to detail.
- Proofread your application: Spell check is not enough, particularly if you have used a template cover letter for all of your applications.
- Customize your cover letter: Your cover letter is the first thing
  we read. Use it to highlight your interest in Pallett Valo and
  what you think makes you a good fit for our firm. Your cover
  letter is also an opportunity to explain any irregularities in
  your application, such as a bad grade on a transcript.



### What our Students Have to Say:

"At Pallett Valo, I've had the opportunity to do complex and meaningful work that touches upon various aspects of the law, while learning from lawyers and staff who are always willing to help and who are committed to my growth. The supportive mentorship, feedback process, and culture of collegiality at the firm have made this an ideal place to start my career." ~Saghi Khalili

"Articling at Pallet Valo has given me the chance to work with and learn from many lawyers in a variety of areas of law, and through them I have been given interesting and meaningful work. The environment at Pallett Valo has allowed me to feel comfortable and supported, all of which has made my time here an incredibly rewarding experience." ~Cassie Wasserman

### **Contact our Student Committee:**

#### **Maria Tassou**

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Applications must include your resume, cover letter, undergraduate andlaw school transcripts.

PDF format is preferred.



