

## Application to Become Principal

***To be completed by all prospective principals before hiring.***

Under the provisions of *Law Society Rule 5-6(2)*, The Law Society of Manitoba is required to approve lawyers to act as principals of articling students.

**Only approved principals or their delegates may offer an articling position to a student.**

I hereby apply to The Law Society of Manitoba to act as a principal of an articling student.

1. **NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

2. **FIRM:** \_\_\_\_\_

3. **ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_

4. **TELEPHONE:** \_\_\_\_\_

5. **EMAIL ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_

6. I have carried on practice in Manitoba in an office maintained for the practice of law for \_\_\_\_\_ years.

7. **MEMBERSHIP HISTORY:**

The Law Society's goal in approving members as articling principals is to ensure that the students are afforded the opportunity to work with practitioners who are experienced, competent and of high ethical standards. Any relevant information will be considered, including the records maintained by The Law Society in connection with members' insurance and professional standards. Members who have been found guilty of professional misconduct, conduct unbecoming a barrister and solicitor, or incompetence must disclose their discipline record. This does not necessarily preclude a member from becoming an articling principal. All of the circumstances of the finding, including the date and nature of the member's conduct, and conduct since the finding was made, will be considered.

a) Have you been the subject of two or more errors and omissions claims arising from separate incidents, in respect of which the claimant received compensation?

Yes  No

- b) Have you been the subject of a claim made upon the Reimbursement Claims Fund for which restitution was paid?  Yes  No
- c) Have you been convicted by the Discipline Committee?  Yes  No
- d) Have you received a caution from the Complaints Investigation Committee?  Yes  No
- e) Have you been the subject of a charge of professional misconduct or conduct unbecoming a barrister and solicitor authorized by The Law Society of Manitoba, or the equivalent procedure in another jurisdiction?  Yes  No
- f) Have you been subject to any condition on your ability to practise or under a supervisory order?  Yes  No

If you have answered yes to any of the above questions, please provide details on a separate sheet.

**8. CONSENT TO RELEASE OF INFORMATION**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, consent to the disclosure of information in the possession of The Law Society to be reviewed in considering my application to become a principal of an articling student, including any insurance claims against me as well as any other matters, which have been or may be considered by the Complaints Investigation, Competence and/or Discipline Committees of the Law Society and the disposition of those matters. I also consent to the Law Society disclosing to the Canadian Centre for Professional Legal Education (CPLED) my status as a principal.

**9. CERTIFICATION**

I CERTIFY THAT THE INFORMATION PROVIDED IN THIS APPLICATION IS COMPLETE AND ACCURATE.

\_\_\_\_\_ Date

\_\_\_\_\_ Signature

*Please complete and return this form, marked "Confidential," to:*

COMPLETE AND RETURN TO:

**Admissions & Membership Department**

The Law Society of Manitoba 200

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Manitoba, R3C 0M6

Phone: (204) 942-5571 Fax: (204) 956-0624

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If your application is unsuccessful, you may appeal the decision to the Admissions and Education Committee within 14 days of notification of the decision. For appeal information, contact Lisa Ehnes, Secretary to the Admissions and Education Committee at [lehnes@lawsociety.mb.ca](mailto:lehnes@lawsociety.mb.ca) or by telephone to (204) 926-2042.