

# Law Practice Program

## What is the LPP?

The Law Practice Program (LPP) is a new pathway to the Ontario Bar for aspiring lawyers. The University of Ottawa's LPP will be taught in French and will consist of a four-month intensive practice program in a simulated law firm followed by a four-month placement in a legal workplace.

The purpose of the LPP is to facilitate the transition between law school and legal practice. Designed by lawyers who are experts in their respective areas of law and known for their community involvement, our innovative curriculum will teach our candidates to think and act like lawyers.

## How can you contribute to the LPP's success?

Practicing lawyers can:

- provide a four-month placement to a candidate;
- become a mentor in the LPP mentorship program; and
- participate in one of many learning activities organised by the LPP.

## Why provide a placement to a candidate of the French LPP?

- **Access to “practice-ready” interns:** Before starting their placements, LPP candidates will have undergone an intensive four-month practical program during which they will become familiar with all aspects of the legal practice.
- **Increase your organisation's capacity to provide French services:** All University of Ottawa LPP candidates are fluent and able to provide legal services in French. Our program includes a rigorous legal writing and oral advocacy component in French.
- **Access to bi-jural interns:** Many University of Ottawa LPP candidates are trained in both civil law and common law.
- **Promote access to justice:** Lawyers working in small- and medium-sized firms, clinics, not-for-profit organizations, unions, and as in-house counsel play a vital role in promoting access to justice. By providing a placement to an LPP candidate in one of these workplaces, you contribute to training the next generation of lawyers ready to work in these areas.

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