



Legislative Counsel

Nova Scotia House of Assembly

The Office of the Legislative Counsel provides legal advice and support to the House of Assembly, the Speaker, the committees of the House including their chairs, the Office of the Speaker and the Legislature Internal Economy Board. The Office drafts all bills introduced in the House and publishes them in print and on the Internet. The Office also publishes the statutes for each sitting and consolidations of the public statutes.

Under the supervision of the Chief Legislative Counsel, the Legislative Counsel drafts bills for all members of the House of Assembly (Government and opposition). As well, the Legislative Counsel assists with the other duties of the Office.

The Legislative Counsel is, or can become, a practising member of the Nova Scotia Bar. The Legislative Counsel has strong writing skills, has an aptitude for detail and accuracy, has a broad knowledge of the law and in particular the principles of statutory interpretation, is able to work with a minimum of supervision, is able to work closely with others, is able to meet tight deadlines and is non-partisan. Some evening and weekend work will be required. Extensive experience in a federal or provincial drafting office and expertise in administrative, constitutional and parliamentary law would be assets.

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