

Kensington-Bellwoods Community Legal Services Board Member - Unpaid Volunteer

Kensington-Bellwoods Community Legal Services (KBCLS) is seeking a board member who lives or works in the geographic area that is our community, who is committed to social justice and systemic change, and has an understanding of the holistic needs of low income populations.

ABOUT KBCLS

KBCLS is a not-for-profit community legal clinic, funded by Legal Aid Ontario. We provide free legal services to low-income residents of our community. Legal services include providing summary advice, representation and assistance, as well as referrals on non-legal matters of concern to clients. Areas of law practiced by staff lawyers and legal workers include income maintenance, tenants' rights, employment standards, human rights and immigration. We are also engaged in a range of public legal education, law reform, and community development activities which include community outreach and community organizing.

The Board of Directors oversees the work of the clinic, which is carried out by paid unionized staff, and volunteers.

THE ROLE

1. Serve in a volunteer capacity as a member of the Board that is committed to:
 - Addressing the legal and community development needs of low-income individuals and families;
 - Goals that include working towards the elimination of poverty in our society, and increasing access to justice.
2. Attend monthly Board meetings, and other Board meetings as necessary.
3. Participate in the life of the organization between Board meetings as necessary and appropriate.

QUALIFICATIONS

- Knowledge of the holistic needs of low-income communities;
- An understanding of the KBCLS community and a passion for its cause;
- Ability to operate as part of a team.
- Preference will be given to individuals living and/or working within the clinic's catchment area (south of Bloor to Lake Ontario, west of Yonge, east of Ossington/Strachan).
- Previous experience in Human Resources or Accounting/Finance is an asset.

HOW TO APPLY

Interested candidates should send your resume and a covering letter discussing your interest to thomaspt@lao.on.ca by **Friday, October 16, 2020**.

KBCLS is dedicated to creating a culture of inclusiveness that reflects the diverse residents that we serve. We encourage applications from Aboriginal people, people with disabilities, members of visible minority groups and women.