Course Instructor (Lawyer): The Architect and the Law I

The Architectural Institute of British Columbia (AIBC) is an independent, professional self-governing body established in 1920 by provincial statute (the Architects Act) with the mandate to regulate the profession of architecture in the interest of the public through a responsive regulatory framework.

The AIBC is seeking enthusiastic professionals to act as instructors in delivering courses offered through the Internship in Architecture Program (IAP).

The IAP was established by the Canadian Architectural Licensing Authorities (CALA) to maintain a program of architectural registration/licensing in Canada that is both meaningful and effective. AIBC offers courses to interns in the IAP program to help them meet entry-to-practice competencies required for registration in British Columbia. It also supports and enhances an intern’s knowledge and abilities during his/her work experience and helps to prepare him/her for architectural practice. These courses are also offered to alternative qualifications candidates enrolled under AIBC’s Broadly Experienced Applicant (BEA) program as part of their registration requirements.

During a course redesign process in 2018, the AIBC Registration Board approved the following courses as mandatory requirements for registration: Construction Administration; Architect & the Law: Part I; Building Code; and, Ethics, Act & Bylaws.

The **Architect and the Law I** course covers the Canadian legal system and its relationship to practice of architecture; common law; contract law; standard architect contract; introduction to Builders Liens; basic elements of negligence and civil liability to mitigate risk; tendering; and, professional liability insurance.

**Duties and Responsibilities**

- Explain how to use the standard architect (consulting) contract in an architectural practice
- Describe legal structure that governs architectural practice.
- Explain how professional liability arises

**Education and Experience**

- Completion of a law degree from a recognized university
- Current member of a Canadian Law Society and qualified to practice as a lawyer in the province of British Columbia
- 7+ years of legal experience in a private law firm or corporate environment
- Thorough understanding of the administrative processes of civil litigation
- Knowledge of the BC Supreme Court Rules, court practices and procedures
- Registered Architect AIBC an asset
Skills and Attributes

- Excellent communication, presentation and public speaking skills
- Mastery of the English language
- Strong project management skills
- Proficient in MS PowerPoint and comfortable adopting new technology
- Effective facilitator; understanding of effective teaching methodologies and tools to engage audience
- Ability to moderate discussion
- A pleasant demeanor and enthusiasm for architecture
- Must be available on Fridays to teach courses or act as substitute instructor, as required (full listing of 2019 course dates can be found here)

How to Apply

Please send your application including a resume and a statement of interest (maximum 500 words) describing why you are interested in this contract opportunity and what relevant experience you have in creating an exceptional learning environment as an engaged, forward-thinking instructor (in one PDF document) to Yana MacQueen, Manager of Professional Services to the confidential email ymacqueen@aibc.ca. When applying, please include in the subject line “Course Instructor - Architect and the Law I”. Please note that incomplete application packages will not be considered.

This posting will remain open until the successful candidate is selected.

*All qualified candidates are encouraged to apply.*