

Explore and Consider Hamilton



Articling is a crucial part of a lawyer's training and choosing a law firm is a very important decision for a new graduate. Choosing where to article and practise law is equally significant.

Hamilton is the Regional Centre of the Superior Court with regular sittings of Provincial, Divisional and Family Court. The Sopinka Court House opened in 1999. The building transformation includes state of the art facilities while maintaining the heritage of the original structure evident in the historic, heritage corridor of the old Post Office.

Hamilton is a city large enough to generate interesting legal work, while at the same time our law firms are sized to offer students challenging hands-on experience. Students argue motions, meet with clients, and get right down to doing legal work.

We invite you to commence your professional career in Hamilton and look forward to your participation in our legal community.



With a population of over 500,000, Hamilton is a vibrant community conveniently located less than an hour from metropolitan Toronto and the Niagara wine region. Hamilton is the 4th largest city in Ontario and offers a unique blend of urban and rural amenities. Hamilton is a great place to live and practise law. Come see for yourself.

For more information visit the Hamilton Law Association website: www.hamiltonlaw.on.ca

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The Hamilton Law Association exists to enable its members to become successful, respected and fulfilled in their profession.

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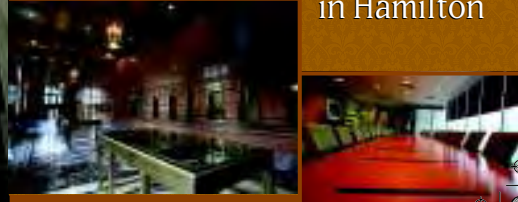
The Hamilton Bar is recognized not only for its excellence but its true sense of camaraderie. Our Bar has long encouraged articling students and lawyers to participate in the numerous seminars, professional and social activities sponsored by the Hamilton Law Association, the Hamilton Lawyers' Club, the Hamilton Criminal Lawyers' Association and the Hamilton Medical/Legal Society. These organizations help make Hamilton a unique place to practise law.

The Hamilton Law Association is proud and honoured to house the Anthony Pope Memorial Law Library, located in our offices in the John Sopinka Court House. Full time staff provide support to help you learn your way around the library. As a reference facility the library offers a comprehensive collection of case reports, digests, statutes, texts, CLE publications and law journals. Resources in electronic format are increasingly replacing or supplementing the print resources. Five computers with internet connection and access to a host of the most popular legal reference software are available to all members.

Hamilton is comprised of diverse cultures spread throughout pleasant neighbourhoods and vibrant communities from Stoney Creek in the east to Ancaster, Dundas and Waterdown in the west. Hamilton offers affordable urban or rural housing all within a 15 minute commute of downtown.

Become a vital part of our community where the opportunities are endless.

Practising Law in Hamilton



Discovery...



Art Galleries & Museums	Education	Health Care	Sports	Performing Arts	Find a Home	Recreation	Shopping & Dining	Family Fun	Trails & Nature	Transportation	Business & Commerce
<p>Canadian Warplane Heritage Museum Climb into the cockpit of a real WWII jet Canada's Avro CF-100. www.warplane.com</p> <p>Hamilton Civic Museums Experience life in the 1800s at one of seven museums including four national historic sites. www.myhamilton.ca</p> <p>McMaster Museum of Art Over 6,000 works to view. www.mcmaster.ca/museum</p> <p>Art Gallery of Hamilton Explore this stunning international art destination. www.artgalleryofhamilton.on.ca</p>	<p>Hamilton is an Education City. McMaster University www.mcmaster.ca</p> <p>Mohawk College www.mohawkcollege.ca</p> <p>Redeemer University College www.redeemer.on.ca</p> <p>College Boreal www.boreal.on.ca</p> <p>Hillfield Strathallan College www.hillstrath.on.ca</p> <p>Public Schools Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board www.hwdsb.on.ca</p> <p>Conseil scolaire de district du Centre-Sud-Ouest www.csdcsso.on.ca</p> <p>Catholic Schools Hamilton-Wentworth Catholic District School Board www.hwdsb.edu.on.ca</p> <p>Conseil scolaire de district Catholique Centre-Sud www.csdcsb.edu.on.ca</p>	<p>Hamilton's hospitals serve more than 2.5 million residents of Hamilton and the Golden Horseshoe region.</p> <p>Hamilton Health Sciences, a family of five hospitals and the Juravinski Cancer Centre, includes the second busiest children's hospital in Ontario. The academic teaching hospitals are the regional centres for cardiac care, trauma, neurosurgery, orthopedics and rehabilitation services. www.hhsc.ca</p> <p>St. Joseph's Healthcare Hamilton is home to the Father Sean O'Sullivan Research Institute, the prestigious Firestone Institute for Respiratory Health, and the high-tech Brain-Body Institute. www.stjsham.on.ca</p> <p>Centre de Sante Communautaire www.centredecentrecommunautaire.com</p>	<p>Hamiltonians are great fans and proud of their professional sports teams including the Bulldogs and the Ticats.</p> <p>Hamilton Bulldogs (AHL) www.hamiltonbulldogs.com</p> <p>Hamilton Tiger-Cats (CFL) www.ticats.ca</p> <p>Canadian Football Hall of Fame www.footballhof.com</p> <p>There are a multitude of sports facilities available for your recreational pursuits including arenas, pools and tennis courts. For golf enthusiasts, lush greens and well-appointed club houses are the hallmarks of the four private and over 20 public courses in Hamilton. In fact, two municipal golf courses are in the south west end of the city bordered by the Niagara Escarpment and highway 403. www.myhamilton.ca</p>	<p>A vibrant arts scene has something for everyone. Take in live theatre with Theatre Aquarius. www.theatreaquarius.org</p> <p>Hamilton Place plays host to world-class performances, including drama, opera, comedy, dance and musical acts. The acoustically exquisite Great Hall at Hamilton Place is home to the Hamilton Philharmonic Orchestra and Opera Hamilton. www.hpho.org</p> <p>The Boris Brott Music Festival offers over 40 concerts and educational sessions per year. www.brotofmusic.com</p> <p>Fans fill the stands of Copps Coliseum for headline entertainers and shows year round. www.hccf.on.ca</p> <p>Centre française www.centrefrancais.com</p>	<p>Visit the Hamilton - Burlington & District MLS Website: www.mls.com/page/ActionD-688</p> <p>Come and explore our city of charming neighbourhoods and find a home to suit your taste, lifestyle and budget. Carlisle and Binbrook offer a rural lifestyle, while the escarpment and South-West offer stately older homes closer to city amenities.</p> <p>Westdale is a vibrant and sophisticated community close to McMaster University. Dundas has beautifully restored historic homes for those who want to be within walking distance of a quiet village. From downtown condos to award-winning subdivisions in Ancaster, Waterdown, the Mountain, Stoney Creek and Waterdown, Hamilton is a place you can call home.</p>	<p>Head to Bayfront Park to roller blade or run along the waterfront trail.</p> <p>The Royal Hamilton Yacht Club caters to the sailing enthusiast, while rowers head to the Leander Boat Club. www.rhyc.ca</p> <p>Surround yourself in the beauty of the glorious gardens of the Royal Botanical Gardens. Feed the chickadees while hiking through four nature sanctuaries. www.rbg.ca</p> <p>From horseback riding to hockey from tennis to curling and from soccer to rock climbing, Hamilton has it all!</p>	<p>In the heart of the city and in the quaint communities that make up the City of Hamilton, there are shopping venues for everyone's tastes... from power centres, to suburban malls, to storefront shops.</p> <p>Popular Lime Ridge Mall boasts all the big name stores while Locke Street offers antiques, specialty shops and innovative cuisine.</p> <p>The cultural diversity of the city is reflected in its culinary cuisine. From Italian to Thai, we invite you to sample the variety of dining options available throughout Hamilton.</p> <p>Explore the great nightlife with Hamilton's many bars, lounges and jazz clubs. Hess Village, Westdale, and King William St. are a few favourite nightspots.</p>	<p>Festivals, cultural celebrations, beautiful gardens, water parks, wild animals, and warships entertain and educate throughout the year.</p> <p>African Lion Safari is home to over 1,000 exotic birds and animals. www.africansafari.com</p> <p>Slide and splash at Confederation Park. www.conservationhamilton.ca</p> <p>Experience Canada's rich marine heritage at the Canada Marine Discovery Centre. Tour the HMCS Haida, a WWII Tribal Class destroyer. www.pc.gc.ca</p> <p>Step back in time to a fascinating living history country village at Westfield Heritage Village. www.westfieldheritage.ca</p>	<p>From the shores of Lake Ontario to the Niagara Escarpment and beyond, mountain bike or walk more than 125 km of multi-use trails through forests, fields and stunning geographical formations, including over 40 waterfalls.</p> <p>Hike the Bruce Trail, Canada's oldest and longest footpath to explore the Niagara Escarpment - a UNESCO World Biosphere Reserve.</p> <p>Strap on your cross-country skis and discover the trails of the Dundas Valley and Christie Lake, or enjoy winter camping at Valens.</p> <p>Hamilton Conservation Authority www.conservationhamilton.ca</p> <p>Bruce Trail Association www.brucetrail.org</p>	<p>The John C. Munro Hamilton International Airport is just a 20 minute drive from the downtown core with convenient parking on-site. Passenger service is provided by Westjet and Air Canada. www.flyhi.ca</p> <p>Westjet www.westjet.com</p> <p>Air Canada www.aircanada.ca</p> <p>The airport also provides 24/7 cargo service, and is home to major operations of UPS Canada Ltd, Purolator, and Cargojet.</p> <p>GO Transit www.gotransit.com</p> <p>Greyhound Bus Lines www.greyhound.ca</p> <p>VIA Rail www.viarail.ca</p>	<p>Entrepreneurial and employment opportunities abound in Hamilton - from biotech to education, film production to agriculture and from manufacturing to health care.</p> <p>To help you realize your business dreams and goals, contact:</p> <p>Economic Development www.economicdevelopment.ca</p> <p>Small Business Enterprise Centre www.myhamilton.ca</p> <p>Golden Horseshoe Biosciences Network www.gln.org</p> <p>Hamilton Chamber of Commerce www.hamiltonchamberon.ca</p> <p>ACFO Association canadienne-française de l'Ontario www.acfohamilton.on.ca</p>

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