

Danielle Vautour-Wilmot

ARTICLING CANDIDATE

Mi'kmaq law student with 8 months' articling completed with Legal Aid in St. John's Newfoundland, working extensively in bail court, researching memos, appearing independently for clients, and shadowing Legal Aid lawyers. Additional experience working in academic research focused on Aboriginal and Indigenous law, and in healthcare, childcare and community organizing. Strong interest in Aboriginal, Criminal, Human Rights and Family Law, Restorative Justice, and Non-profit work. Well-honed critical thinking, analytical, verbal and writing skills. Require 2-5 months of articling for Bar call, and available to start immediately.

EDUCATION

Dating Safe: Train the Trainer , Virtual, Indigenous Women Rise	Jan. 2024
Practice Readiness Education Program (Accelerated PREP) , CPLED	Jun. – Aug. 2023
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Awaiting result of Capstone Assessment (Mar. 2024).	
Bar Admission Course , Newfoundland and Labrador	2022
Aboriginal and Indigenous Law Certificate , Schulich School of Law, Dalhousie University	2022
Juris Doctor , Schulich School of Law, Dalhousie University	2022
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Recipient of National Indian Brotherhood Trust Fund Scholarship (Oct. 2021)	
Pre-Law IB&M Initiative , Schulich School of Law, Dalhousie University	2018
Bachelor of Arts , Saint Mary's University, <i>Major: English</i>	2018
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Recipient of Indspire Building Brighter Futures (Dec. 2014), Renewable Saint Mary's University scholarship (Aug. 2014) and Veteran's Memorial Scholarship (Jun. 2014)	

EXPERIENCE

Governance Coordinator/Articling Clerk , Union of Nova Scotia Mi'kmaq, Halifax, Nova Scotia	May – Jun. and Sep. 2023
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Researched Matrimonial Real Property by-laws in various Mi'kmaq communities and developed PowerPoint presentations with information on the <i>Family Homes on Reserves and Matrimonial Interests or Rights Act</i> and how it affects Nova Scotian indigenous communities.Supported multiple Matrimonial Real Property information sessions for groups of 5-50 participants, facilitating presentations and assisting my articling principal in their facilitations.Under supervision of an articling principal, developed skills in contract law by editing a full-time employment contract with sections that included salary, vacation, benefits, termination clauses and responsibilities.	
Facilitator , Indigenous Law section, Newfoundland Bar Admission Course	Nov. 2022
Articling Clerk , Newfoundland and Labrador Legal Aid Commission, St. John's	Jun. 2022 – Feb. 2023
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Used Canlii, LexisNexis and WestLaw as resources to help with case preparation such as traffic court, summary conviction sentences and appearances. Drafted documents including briefs, memos, and pleadings. Adhered to court guidelines for formatting to ensure documents were clear and accurate.Conducted an argument and research for a Residential Tenancy matter that was successful in a hearing.	

- Managed my own files while helping lawyers complete theirs. Scheduled meetings with clients, kept a detailed calendar of deadlines, and maintained and organised case files.
- Worked extensively in bail court, trials, court hearings and mediations. Represented my own clients and observed my supervisor do the same. Recorded notes and researched during supervisor proceedings to help in trial and case preparation.
- Served clients in a professional manner by giving clear, logical instructions and communication using simple, everyday language. Helped clients with inquiries and updates on their matter. Articulated court process and language in documents and collaborated with clients and lawyers to maintain trust.

Research Assistant, Schulich School of Law, Halifax, Nova Scotia Jun. – Aug. 2019/2020

- Assisted Professor Naiomi Metallic in adding content to her existing Aboriginal and Indigenous Law in Context course. Created bibliographies and summaries of the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls Inquiry and Royal Commission on Aboriginal People documents.

Health Center Assistant, Listuguj Mi'gmaq Health Center, Halifax Aug. 2018

- Assisted in a large project on health policy that included correcting policy documents.

Daycare Worker, Childcare Center, Listuguj, Quebec Jun. 2012 – Aug. 2016

- Worked in various parts of the building, sometimes with children, and sometimes cleaning.

Community Organizer, Environmental Community Organizer Program, Listuguj, Quebec Jul. 2013 – Aug. 2013

- Measured trees and identified plants and distinct species on the Gaspem lake.
- Informed community members about need for wildlife preservation, along with diverse preservation recommendations.

Room Attendant, Juno Tower, Halifax, Nova Scotia Apr. – Aug. 2014

- Cleaned military accommodation rooms on the weekends as a Housekeeper or Room Attendant.

VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

Pack Leader, Saint Mary's University, Halifax, Nova Scotia Aug. 2015 – Sep. 2015

- Introduced new students into the university. Supported students and made them feel more comfortable by inviting them to school events and building friendships with them.

Peer Role Model, Link Crew/Boomerang Project, Campbellton, New Brunswick Sep. 2012 – Jun. 2014

- Introduced Grade 9s to the school, providing support and making them feel comfortable in their new surroundings.

Synchronized Swimming Coach, Campbellton, New Brunswick Jan. 2011 – Jun. 2013

- Taught basic synchronized swimming skills to 11–14-year-old youths.

INTERESTS

- Creative writing such as poetry and short stories that involve themes of social justice and indigeneity.
- Helping people and connecting with them on an emotional level through support for mental health struggles and emotional trauma.
- Fighting for the rights of those who are less fortunate, like children and adults with trauma and mental health struggles.