

LEGAL COUNSEL (4-6 Years – Copyright and/or Corporate/Commercial Experience)

Access Copyright is a collective voice of creators and publishers in Canada. A non-profit, national organization, it represents tens of thousands of Canadian writers, visual artists and publishers, and their works. This rich repertoire of content is highly valued by educators, students, researchers, corporate employees and others who need to copy and share content. Access Copyright licenses the copying of this repertoire to educational institutions, businesses, governments and other organizations. The proceeds gathered when content is copied, remixed and shared are passed along to copyright-holders, ensuring the continued creation of new and innovative works. More recently, Access Copyright has made tremendous headway in its innovation journey through Prescient, which will provide its members and affiliates digital infrastructure and tools to ensure that lawful rights-holders are paid when their works are used in the digital environment.

Access Copyright is now looking for a Legal Counsel to join its team. Working closely with and reporting to the General Counsel, the Legal Counsel will provide legal advice and direction to the business on a wide range of legal issues, including negotiating, drafting and reviewing licensing and other commercial and IT related agreements, advising on privacy and corporate governance matters and tending to corporate minutes and filings, managing the IP portfolio, providing support to the General Counsel on Copyright Board of Canada tariff proceedings and other litigation matters, and any other legal matters that may arise. Ideally, the Legal Counsel will be based in Toronto, but candidates located outside of the Greater Toronto Area will also be considered to work remotely, with some travel to Toronto.

The ideal candidate will have between 4-6 years of corporate and commercial experience gained from a leading law firm or corporation. Any copyright and/or IP licensing experience will be strongly preferred. Experience in the publishing industry or with a collective society would be an asset. You must have strong oral and written communication skills, sound business judgment and acumen, and be able to prioritize competing demands. French language skills would be an asset, though not required.

This is an exciting time at the organization, as it expands its focus on innovation. Its people are passionate and committed to the belief that creators and publishers ought to be fairly compensated for the use of their works. It offers a variety of work that is both interesting and challenging, in a friendly environment. To apply for this opportunity, please forward your cover letter and CV to Lesa Ong or Lorene Nagata at Nagataconnex Executive Legal Search, or contact them for a confidential discussion.

As this is an exclusive campaign with NagataConnex Executive Legal Search, any resumes received from other sources will be forwarded to it.



Suite 1910, 8 King Street East, Toronto, M5C 1B5
Tel 416 214-9881 | Fax 416 214-1989 | e-mail info@nagataconnex.com
www.nagataconnex.com