



Summer 2026 Full-Time Position

The Class Action Clinic at Windsor Law is hiring up to four law students to work full-time (12-14 weeks) in the summer of 2026. Students will work under the supervision of staff lawyer, Andrew Eckart, and Academic Clinic Director, Professor Gemma Smyth, and can do so either remotely or in person in Hamilton or Windsor.

Successful applicants will be paid \$20/hour plus 4% Vacation Pay.

OUR MISSION + SERVICES

The Class Action Clinic's central mission is to serve the needs of class members across Canada. It is the first not-for-profit organization designed to provide class members summary advice, assistance with filing claims in settlement distribution processes, and representation in court proceedings. The Clinic is dedicated to creating greater awareness about class actions, through public education, outreach, and research. We are also involved in appellate advocacy as interveners and support other community organizations in their advocacy efforts.

LEGAL ASSISTANCE & ADVICE

Under the supervision of a full-time staff lawyer, the Class Action Clinic's team of law students provides direct client services, ranging from legal information about an ongoing class action to drafting court documents.

Settlement claims processes vary in complexity and evidentiary burden. Class members often require individual attention to fully understand the procedures and adduce the appropriate evidence. Moreover, as many of our clients have survived historical abuse, we are committed to providing trauma-informed assistance throughout.

Students are responsible for their own client files and thus learn by doing. You are supported in your work by the staff lawyer and are trained to provide trauma-informed assistance and to hone your interview skills.

OUR CLIENTS

To date, the Clinic has represented over 250 class members in a variety of class actions, including medical device cases, the Federal Indian Boarding Home and Day Schools Programs, Elgin-Middlesex Detention Centre, Ontario and Federal Administrative Segregation and the OxyContin/Purdue Pharma class actions. The Clinic has helped clients recover nearly \$2 million in compensation. Many of our clients are survivors of trauma.

WHO SHOULD APPLY

Law students who are currently in 1L or 2L at any Canadian law school are invited to apply. Preference will be given to students who:

- have taken a Class Action course or who are otherwise familiar with class actions;
- have taken a Civil Procedure course;
- have experience with trauma-informed practices or client interviewing;
- are familiar with complex claims processes; or
- attend and will be returning to Windsor Law in the fall of 2026.

As the Clinic provides a unique opportunity to engage closely with clients and complex litigation, aspiring litigators are encouraged to apply!

HOW TO APPLY

Please submit an application via the following link: [Click here](#).

Please include your CV and university transcripts, along with a brief statement explaining your interest in the Clinic in a **single PDF file** by February 23, 2026, at 5pm. Interviews will take place between February 27 and March 6.

THE CLINIC'S COMMITMENT TO EMPLOYMENT EQUITY

In pursuit of the University's commitment to employment equity, members from the designated groups (women, Indigenous/Aboriginal (First Nations, Métis, Inuit) persons, racialized persons/visible minorities, persons with disabilities, and persons of a minority sexual orientation and/or gender identity) are encouraged to apply and to self-identify.

Should you require further information on accommodation, please visit the website of the Office of Human Rights, Conflict Resolution and Mediation (<http://www.uwindsor.ca/ohrcrm>).

MORE INFORMATION

For more information, visit www.classactionclinic.com or contact Staff Lawyer, Andrew Eckart at andrew.eckart@uwindsor.ca.