

## **Esther Mendelsohn**

### *Seeking 2017/2018 Articling Position in Waterloo Region*

I recently graduated from Osgoode Hall Law School and am seeking an articling position for 2017-2018. I am open to a variety of practice areas and am seeking a meaningful articling experience. I enjoy and excel at research and writing, and I am confident that my experience and client service skills would make me an asset to your firm.

As a caseworker at Parkdale Community Legal Services, a community legal clinic, I was responsible for every stage in every file I carried; I met with clients, conducted research, drafted memoranda and correspondence, negotiated with government agencies, and successfully represented clients before administrative tribunals. I used surgical precision to gather and assess evidence in order to craft compelling submissions; on several occasions, the ministry whose decisions I was appealing, reversed its decisions after receiving my submissions, before hearings had even been held. My colleagues appreciated my eagerness to help, and my clients appreciated the results I was able to deliver, as well as my attentive approach to client service.

My choice to pursue a legal career arose from the same sense of duty which led me to serve in the Israeli military, and my service allowed me to develop skills which will help me succeed in my legal career. As a combat commander, I ensured that complex missions were carried out with precision while maintaining the highest ethical standards. In planning missions, I identified operational objectives and obstacles, as well as the means to overcome those obstacles and achieve those objectives. The ability to assimilate new information, analyze, and problem solve on my feet which served me well in the combat context will serve me well in legal practice as well. I approach every endeavour with humility and enthusiasm, and I will bring the same sense of duty to any work I pursue.

I am confident in my ability to produce high quality work on which my principal can rely. I am also confident that I can become the type of lawyer who can help to grow a firm's practice. I would welcome the opportunity to discuss the possibility of a position with your firm.

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