

Desjardins

Lawyer - Property and Casualty Insurance - 1102545

Desjardins Group is the largest cooperative financial group in Canada, and one of the largest employers in the country. It offers a full range of financial products and services and is home to a wealth of expertise in property and casualty insurance, life and health insurance, wealth management, services for businesses of all sizes, securities brokerage, asset management, venture capital, and secure, leading-edge virtual access methods.

Job function

The job incumbent will act as an advisory expert and work directly with different units within the organization to analyze, interpret and apply applicable legislation for various files. The job incumbent will represent Desjardins and take part in negotiations with external organizations and partners.

Under the authority of the Director, Legal Affairs, Insurance Sectors, the incumbent will advise and assist the General Counsel in providing corporate legal services to the Property and Casualty insurance operations of Desjardins General Insurance outside of Quebec, including the following business units: Marketing, Underwriting, Actuarial, Business Development, Sales and Distribution, Billing, Claims, Corporate Projects.

The incumbent will assist in the negotiations of contracts and agreements and provide legal advice with respect to policy wordings and endorsements, as well as legal opinions with respect to policy coverage and wording interpretations. The incumbent will review and provide legal advice and opinions with respect to regulatory and legal issues arising in the normal course of property and casualty insurance operations to ensure statutory compliance.

Main responsibilities

- Support and advise different units within the organization as regards the interpretation and application of laws, regulations, standards, policies and guidelines.
- Analyze, interpret and monitor changes to applicable legislation and regulations.
- Take part in different multi-disciplinary teams designed to help the organization reach its business objectives.
- Represent Desjardins and take part in negotiations with different external groups and partners of the organization.
- Support and advise units within the organization in the carrying out their files.
- Coordinate mandates awarded to external legal representatives
- Help draw up files for the organization's decision-making bodies.
- Help educate and train legal advisors and interns.
- Help design and run conferences and other training activities.
- Issue legal opinions, draw up and/or validate regulations, standards, policies, procedures, forms and agreements having an impact on the entire network.

Requirements

- LL.B. or J.D. degree from a recognized university.
- 5 years of relevant experience.
- Member of the Law Society of Upper Canada.
- Good working knowledge of property and casualty insurance products outside of Quebec.
- Good working knowledge of relevant property and casualty insurance legislation and regulations outside of Quebec and specifically with respect to Ontario.
- Ability to work independently or in a team situation depending on the circumstances.
- Customer focus.
- Peer relationships.
- Planning.
- Quality management.
- Written communications.
- Knowledge of French (asset).

Other working conditions:

Schedule : 37,5 hours per week.

Workplace : Mississauga.

Primary Location: ON-Greater Toronto Area (Southern Ontario)-Mississauga-Etobicoke

Employee Status: Regular Full-time

Deadline Date: Oct 21, 2011

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