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## **2026 LCC-CBA Journalism Fellowship**

### **Call for Applications**

The Law Commission of Canada (LCC) and the Canadian Bar Association (CBA) are pleased to invite applications for the 2026 LCC-CBA Journalism Fellowship, a unique opportunity for journalists to explore and report on pressing Canadian law and justice issues.

The one-year fellowship, valued at **\$40,000 CAD**, supports the creation of in-depth reporting projects in print or online media that focus on how the law impacts people's lives, with a view to raising public understanding of Canada's justice system and the role and future of our laws and legal institutions.

#### **About the Fellowship**

The LCC and CBA have deep commitments to public legal education, law reform, and thought leadership on emerging and under-examined law and justice issues. Recognizing the vital role investigative journalism plays in informing public discourse and promoting the accountability of democratic institutions, this fellowship seeks to promote greater public awareness of how the legal system works, shapes, and reflects Canadian society.

#### **Overview**

- The selected Fellow will produce a series of original long-form articles on Canadian legal and justice issues (four articles between 2,500 and 4,000 words, fact-based, non-partisan, and published quarterly).
- The Fellow may be invited to contribute to public engagement initiatives based on the articles they produce (e.g., a conference presentation or podcast episode).
- The Fellow's articles should explore underreported areas of law and justice that require greater public attention.
- Applicants are required to propose a publishing plan to promote readership among the general public, as well as legal professionals.



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- In addition to other sites of publication, articles will be shared on the LCC and CBA websites, the CBA National Magazine, and across the networks of both organizations, ensuring their dissemination throughout the Canadian legal community.
- The \$40,000 stipend will be paid quarterly upon submission of each completed article.

## **Eligibility**

Journalists with a minimum of 5 years full-time work experience, based in Canada and who are committed to expanding their knowledge of the justice system and producing comprehensive reports on legal issues, are invited to apply.

## **Preferred themes**

Applicants are encouraged to propose projects that explore critical legal issues affecting Canadian society into the future. While applicants may pursue any paths related to law and justice in their proposal, they are invited to explore questions and issues about which the public would benefit from a better understanding.

## **Application requirements**

To apply, candidates are invited to submit the following by e-mail to [comms@lcc-cdc.gc.ca](mailto:comms@lcc-cdc.gc.ca) by 8 December 2025:

- Curriculum vitae
- Samples of work (up to 3 pieces)
- Two reference letters
- A project proposal (maximum 750 words) that identifies:
  - How the project addresses under-reported issues and enhances public legal awareness
  - The importance of the issues to Canadians and their potential public impact
  - How the project can inform systemic responses to law and justice challenges
  - Key information sources for the project



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- A description of any accompanying multimedia components (photos, videos, podcast, etc.)
- A publication and content distribution plan for the project (e.g. print publications, digital publications, websites, Substack, blogs, etc.)
  - Note: letters from an editor confirming an interest in the pieces and their eventual publication will be considered favourably in the review of applications

The selected candidate will be notified in January 2026 in view of beginning their work in the context of the fellowship that month.

Questions about the Fellowship or the application process should be directed to [comms@lcc-cdc.gc.ca](mailto:comms@lcc-cdc.gc.ca).