

LAW SOCIETY OF UPPER CANADA TREASURER'S LIAISON GROUP – REPRESENTATIVE: VICTORIA STARR

The Family Lawyers Association is also represented by its Chair on the LSUC's Treasurer's Liaison Group. This group meets quarterly with the Treasurer to discuss issues of common interest and to update each other on initiatives being undertaken by their respective organizations. The Treasurer sometimes uses the meetings to inform and consult with members about issues facing the Law Society and the profession in general.

The Treasurer's Liaison Group participants include representatives from a variety of legal organizations throughout the province. The composition of the group is subject to change, and at this time the following are some of the organizations that participate: The Advocates' Society, County and District Law Presidents' Association, Association des juristes d'expression française de l'Ontario (AJEFO), Toronto Lawyers' Association, Ontario Bar Association, Association of the Law Officers of the Crown, Criminal Lawyers' Association, Family Lawyers' Association, Canadian Association of Black Lawyers, Ontario Crown Attorneys' Association, Women's Law Association of Ontario, Indigenous Bar Association, Federation of Asian Canadian Lawyers, South Asian Bar Association of Toronto, Pro Bono Law Ontario.

The main issues discussed at the meeting on October 13, 2011 focused on:

1. The shortage of articling positions and possible solutions to the problem (a copy of the slide deck is attached), the latest initiative which is a program called "Articling & Beyond Symposium & Career Fair" and the need for our member organizations to assist in getting the word out to sole and small firm practitioners and to encourage them to participate in the career fair.
2. The Continuing Professional Development Requirement - the LSUC is working hard to make sure everyone knows about the requirement, and that individuals who are falling short of hours are identified. It will be sending out warning letters. It will be giving administrative suspensions to those who do not fulfill the requirements.
3. Access to Justice and the Civil Legal Needs Assessment. This is an evaluation process that is currently underway to see where the greatest public needs are in the Civil Justice system and how those needs could be met by efforts on the part of the LSUC;
4. The CEO transition process (we are getting a new CEO) – there will be a big party. Although the new CEO is picked (who it is has not been made public yet) she will not start until January, the transition will not be completed until the late spring or early summer.

The next two meetings will be January 12, 2012 and April 12, 2012.



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Articling Program Update

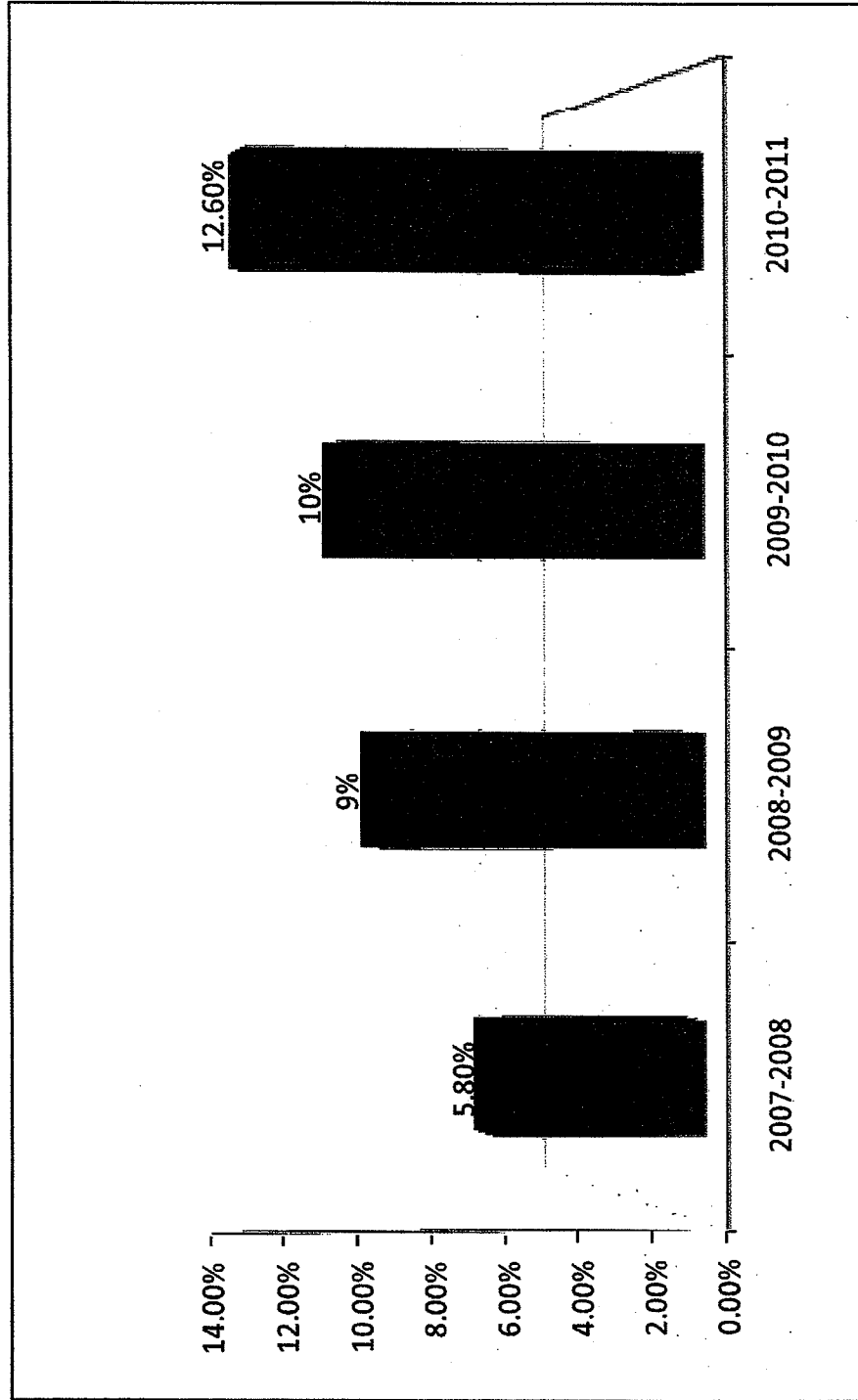
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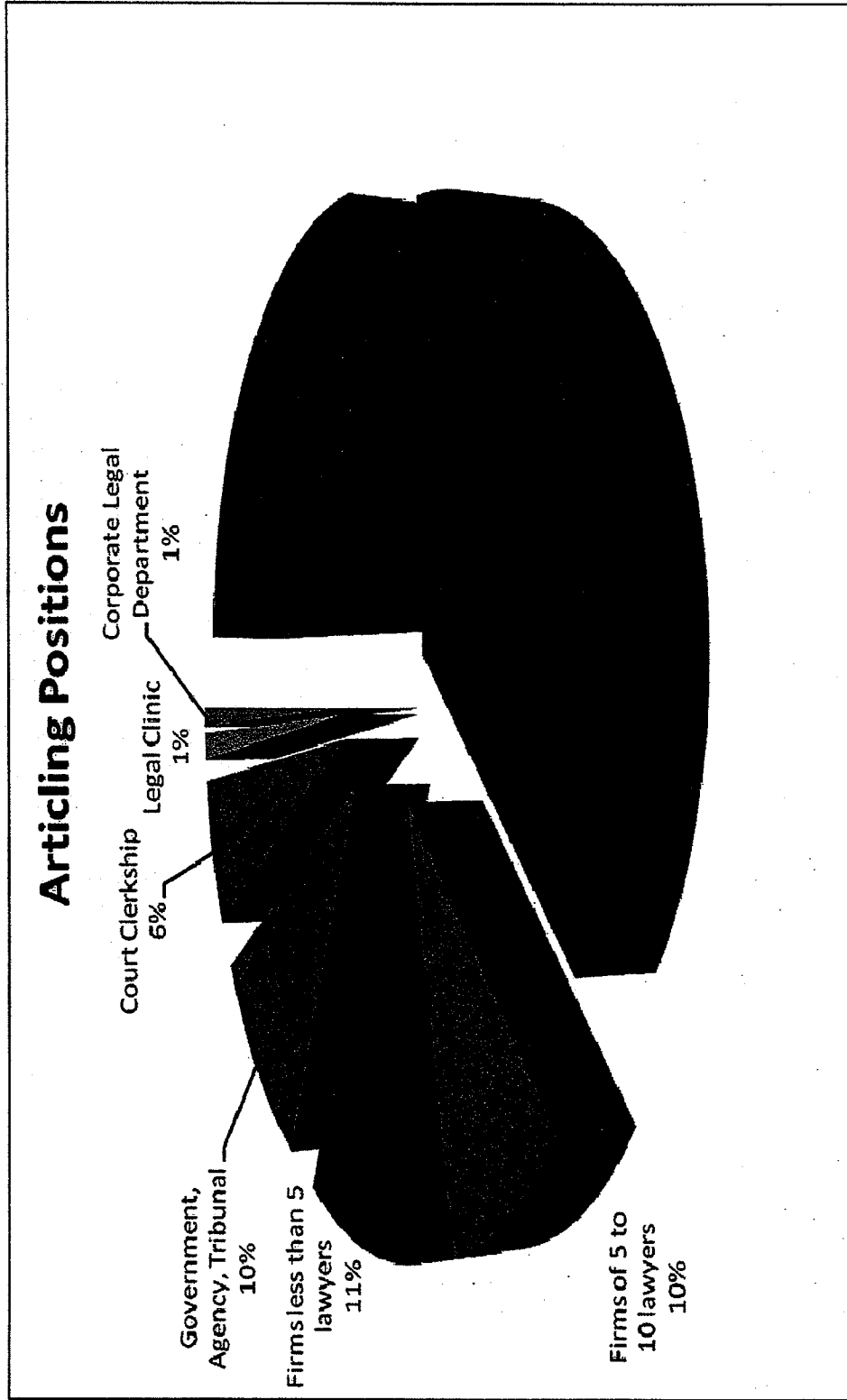
Unplaced Lawyer Candidates by Year





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Articling Positions

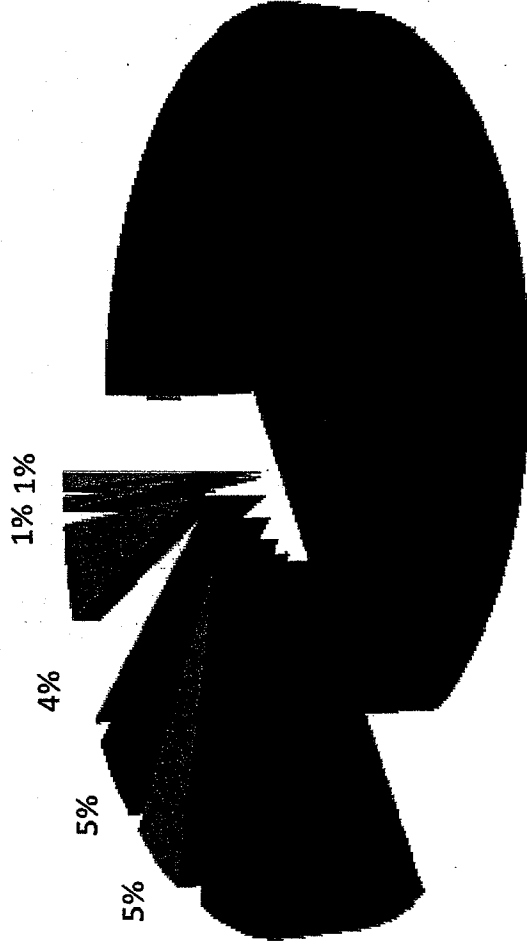




Breakdown by Region

Breakdown by region of articling positions in firms

- Metropolitan Toronto
- Southwest Region (London)
- Central East Region
- Northwest Region (Thunder Bay)
- East Region (Ottawa)
- Central West Region
- Central South Region
- Northeast Region





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Articling Initiatives

Recent Law Society Initiatives to Increase Articling Placements:

- Streamlined process for Articling Principals
- Articling Registry
- Policy changes – Internationally trained candidates
- *Articling survey*



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Articling Resources

Ongoing Law Society Resources and Programs to Support Articling:

- **Job Search Skills Workshops**
- **Mentorship Program**
- **Candidate bios circulated to potential employers**
- **Articling and Beyond Symposium and Career Fair (November 2010, November 2011)**



Lawyers By Firm Size

Number of Lawyers in Private Practice By Firm Size (2010)

