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Since 1964, Devry Smith Frank *LLP* has been a trusted advisor and advocate for corporations, individuals and small businesses. These enduring relationships form the cornerstone on which the firm is built. We have grown in recent years and are now a group of 43 lawyers, 5 licensed paralegals, 28 law clerks and 22 administrative staff.

We have expertise in most areas of corporate and personal law. We pride ourselves on providing approachable, professional and affordable client-tailored service. We work as a team to provide you with expertise and resources required to achieve the best possible legal result.

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## LAW CLERKS

### **Irene Adams**

Irene is senior paralegal and tort clerk in our plaintiff personal injury group. She is responsible for the active management of litigation matters for our clients including: drafting, negotiating, preparing for examinations for discovery and trials, interviewing witnesses, and liaising with adjusters, medical professionals, lawyers, court representatives, mediators, arbitrators and many others. Irene joined the firm in 2009, bringing with her over 17 years of experience in the personal injury field gained at well respected firms. Irene graduated in 1990 from the clerk program at Success Business College and has attended many update courses over the years.

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### **Catherine Blauer**

Catherine obtained her B.A. in History from McMaster University in 1995, and her Law Clerk Diploma from Centennial College in 1998. Catherine joined the Insolvency and Recovery group at Devry Smith Frank *LLP* in 2001 and has worked in a variety of areas, with an emphasis on litigation, including recovery work, collections, bankruptcy and insolvency and general commercial litigation.

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### **Denielle Boyer**

Denielle joined Devry Smith Frank *LLP* in 2010 and works as a family law clerk. Denielle graduated from Durham College in 2003. She has experience preparing legal documents for both the Ontario Superior Court of Justice and the Ontario Court of Justice. Denielle enjoys playing a number of sports as well as travelling.

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**Alexa Campbell**

Alexa joined Devry Smith Frank *LLP* in 2010 and works as a mortgage enforcement law clerk. Since graduating from Humber College in 2006, she has worked for the Superior Court of Justice and, more recently, in private practice, handling complex mortgage enforcement and debt enforcement matters.

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**Sue Carter**

Sue joined the firm in 2001 as part of the merger of DSF with Rogers, Smith, Dick and Thomson. Working as a conveyancer with RSDT for many years, she was their liaison with the many registry and court offices in Ontario. She now works as a senior clerk in both the real estate and wills and estates groups.

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**Lucy De Muzio**

Lucy obtained her Law Clerk Diploma along with Business Administration Diploma from Centennial College. Lucy has been a member of ILCO since 2001.

Since completing her education, she has worked for the Federal Department of Justice, as well as private plaintiff and insurance defence firms. Lucy has worked in the legal field for the past ten years and has extensive experience in both plaintiff and insurance defence litigation including LawPro matters as well as tax litigation. She joined Devry Smith Frank *LLP* in 2010 as our an Insurance Defence Law Clerk. In her spare time, Lucy enjoys travelling and spending time with family and friends.

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**Larisa Dykhtan**

Larisa is a clerk in our Mortgage Recovery and Collections group. She graduated from York University in 2003 and spent few years working in Real Estate where she gained her experience with land title applications and transfers, mortgages, corporate and business registration searches. Larisa joined Devry Smith Frank *LLP* in 2007 as our Mortgage Recovery clerk and since then she has worked with many Commercial, Civil Litigation and Mortgage and Recovery files.

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**Sabrina Fulton**

Sabrina is a tort law clerk in our plaintiff personal injury group. She graduated in 1999 from Humber College with her Law Clerk Diploma. She is responsible for the active management of tort litigation matters for our clients including: drafting, negotiating, preparing for trials, interviewing witnesses, and liaising with adjusters, medical professionals, lawyers, court representatives, mediators, arbitrators and many others. Sabrina joined the firm in 2003, as an assistant in the plaintiff group. After a brief hiatus, where she gained some experience (and a husband) at Stike-man Elliott in London England, she returned to Devry Smith Frank *LLP*. In 2009, she moved into the role of tort clerk.

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**Andrea Gosher**

Andrea is a graduate of the University of South Africa where she received her Bachelor of Commerce Degree (Finance) and graduated with her LL.B. in 1999.

Andrea brings with her over 10 years of international legal experience that she gained in South Africa and England. Andrea has been working in the legal profession in Canada since 2001 in a variety of fields, including family law, civil and general litigation and Insurance Defence. For several of those years, she worked as a law clerk for a well respected family law practitioner. Andrea joined Devry Smith Frank *LLP* as a personal injury litigation law clerk in 2007.

After returning from maternity leave, Andrea decided to refocus her career on Family Law and recently joined the Family Law group as a senior law clerk. Andrea is a registered member of the Institute for Law Clerks of Ontario and she is currently in the process of obtaining her designation as a Certified Divorce Financial Analyst. In her spare time, Andrea enjoys scuba diving, travelling, squash and spending time with her family and friends.

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**Marian Gonsalves**

Marian joined Devry Smith Frank *LLP* in 2011 as law clerk/legal assistant in our commercial litigation, banking recovery and bankruptcy and insolvency groups. Marian has many years of previous legal experience working as a legal assistant, and an office manager at several well respected law firms and sole practitioners with a focus on employment and labour law files.

Marian obtained her Business Administration Diploma and has extensive skills and experience working with various software, accounting and data management program.

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**Murad Huseynov**

Murad joined Devry Smith Frank *LLP* in 2007 as a Personal Injury Law Clerk. He specializes in personal injury accident benefits.

Murad holds a Bachelor Degree in Business Administration and a Master's Degree in Laws. He has more than 10 years of international legal experience and has represented car accident victims in Mediation and Pre-hearing before the Financial Services Commission of Ontario.

Murad is fluent in Azeri, Russian and Turkish.

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**Alla Izakov**

Alla is a clerk with our Collections and Mortgage Recovery practice group. She obtained her Law Clerk Diploma in 2001 from Seneca College. Alla joined Devry Smith Frank *LLP* in 2004 as Mortgage Recovery Assistant/Clerk and since then she has gained valuable experience working on Commercial and Civil Litigation files, as well as numerous Collections and Mortgage Recovery files.

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**Norma Jameson**

Norma is a tort law clerk in our plaintiff personal injury group. Norma earned her law degree at the National University of Cordoba in Argentina, and practiced insurance law before coming to Canada in 1994. She joins Devry Smith Frank *LLP* with many years of both tort and accident benefits plaintiff personal injury experience at several well-respected firms specializing in motor vehicle and personal injury law. Norma is bilingual, speaking both English and Spanish.

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**Brooke Kennedy**

Brooke joined Devry Smith Frank *LLP* as a senior family law clerk in 2009. She graduated with Honours from the Law Clerk program at Sir Sandford Fleming College in 2001. She has worked exclusively in the area of Family Law, including working with the Children's Aid Society and a prominent family law litigation boutique. Brooke has assisted in the preparation of materials for both Superior Court of Justice and the Ontario Court of Appeal, and has attended hearings at both Courts. In her spare time, Brooke also runs a small business and travels around Ontario with her family.

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**Kim Kuntzie**

Kim is a clerk in our Commercial Litigation and Mortgage Enforcement group. Before joining Devry Smith Frank *LLP*, Kim worked as a clerk to the in-house counsel of a large entertainment company. Since joining Devry Smith Frank *LLP*, Kim has gained a broad base of legal experience, having worked in the capacity of an assistant and a law clerk in different practice areas including: Corporate, Real Estate and Commercial Lending. She now uses this broad experience for the benefit of the Mortgage Enforcement group.

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**Jing Li**

Jing provides assistance within all areas of the corporate law group, including: corporate organizations/reorganizations, share transactions, registration and filings, management of corporate records, research and other administrative functions. Jing joined the firm in 2009, bringing with her a varied corporate/real estate background having worked within both downtown and smaller law firms. In addition, Jing has experience working for the Guangzhou Municipal government in China.

Jing graduated in 1990 with her Legal Assistant diploma from the Law University of China Supreme Court and in 2002 from the Seneca Law Clerk Program.

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Nicole joined Devry Smith Frank *LLP* in 2011 and works as a collection law clerk in our collection/recovery team.

She obtained her Legal Administration Diploma from Durham College in Oshawa in 2009 and since then she has worked as mortgage enforcement law clerk and collections support officer at a midsize boutique law firm. She has experience in many aspects of civil litigation, establishing and monitoring payment proposals, dealing with mortgagors and clients, performing skip traces and preparing legal documents.

In her spare time, Nicole enjoys outdoor activities and one summer she worked as a Park Ranger in Killarney Ontario.

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**Crystal McAuley**

Crystal is a law clerk in our Commercial Lending Group. She joined to Devry Smith Frank *LLP* in 2002 and holds a Legal Assistant Diploma from Seneca College. Crystal has several years of experience working on residential Real Estate files and Mortgage Lending.

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**Selina Moeser**

Selina completed her Law Clerk Program at Centennial College in 2000. She joined Devry Smith Frank *LLP* in 2008, bringing almost ten (10) years of experience as a Senior Real Estate and Estates law clerk with several respected and busy real estate and estates firms.

Selina currently works with our real estate groups and handles residential and commercial real estate matters, using her expertise with the firms software systems including: Conveyancer, Teranet, and PCLaw.

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**Laura Monteforte**

Laura has been with Devry Smith Frank *LLP* since 1996 working primarily in the areas of bank recovery, litigation, and receivership and insolvency.

Prior to coming to Devry Smith Frank *LLP*, Laura had gained many years of experience in these same areas of the law. A graduate of the Institute of Law Clerks of Ontario, Laura works closely with institutional clients and assists the firm with client development and administration programs.

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**Anna Prasad**

Anna has worked in the legal field as a Law Clerk for over 10 years and is a graduate from the School of Public and Legal Administration, Seneca College and holds a Law Clerk Diploma.

She specializes in the areas of Insurance Defence Litigation and Personal Injury claims. She has experience in the areas of Family Law, Criminal Law, Immigration Law, Real Estate Law, and Corporate and Commercial Litigation. Anna joined Devry Smith Frank *LLP* in 2007 as an Insurance Defence Clerk.

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**Jonathan Robson**

Jon has his B.A. in History from the University of King's College in Halifax, Nova Scotia. Upon completing his degree, he worked in a managerial capacity at a large Toronto institution until 2006.

Jon joined the corporate department of Devry Smith Frank *LLP* in 2006, where he works as a corporate clerk, concentrating especially on new incorporations and corporate organization, record keeping, the preparation of reorganization documentation, amalgamations, as well as winding-up work for both institutional and small-enterprise clients.

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**Suzy Rosario**

Suzy is a tort clerk in the plaintiff group. She graduated from the Marketing Administration program in 1998 from Seneca College and from the Legal Assistant program of the Toronto School of Business in 2000.

In 2006, she received the ILCO Certificate from Seneca College. She has worked as a civil litigation law clerk since 2000, at various well-respected personal injury law firms.

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**Cora Santocono**

Cora attended York University, where she majored in Law and Society and minored in Psychology. She received her Law Clerk Diploma from Centennial College in 2002 and joined Devry Smith Frank *LLP* in January of 2005, where she currently works as Law Clerk for the collection/recovery team.

Her experience is in collection, commercial litigation, recovery, real estate and corporate law.

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Mary Ann joined the firm in 2001 as part of the merger of DSF with Rogers, Smith, Dick and Thomson where she worked for many years in the fields of real estate, corporations, wills and estates. She is now a senior clerk in the wills and estates area and enjoys the opportunity this provides for personal contact with clients and other professionals in the field. Mary Ann is pleased to use her years of experience to help clients weave their way through sometimes difficult and contentious issues to complete the administration of estates.

She has also found it rewarding to assist the lawyers in the group in drafting hundreds of Wills and Powers of Attorney for clients of Devry Smith Frank *LLP* during her years with the firm.

Mary Ann obtained her Qualified Administrative Assistant Certificate from the University of Toronto School for Continuing Studies in 1998 and has been a member of the Institute of Law Clerks of Ontario since 1998.

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Vickie works as a senior law clerk in our insurance defence group. She joined the firm in 2009, bringing over 15 years of clerk experience. She has worked as a law clerk in areas such as: defence, class action, plaintiff personal injury, criminal and medical malpractice. She graduated from the Law Clerk program at Seneca College and became a licensed paralegal with the Law Society of Upper Canada in 2008. Vickie is responsible for all aspects of managing litigation matters for our insurance clients.

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Mison joined Devry Smith Frank *LLP* in 2010 and works as a clerk in our commercial litigation, banking recovery and bankruptcy and insolvency groups. She is a graduate of University of Toronto and majored in English and Criminology. She obtained her ILCO certificate from Humber and George Brown College. She also possesses an Office administration Certificate from Humber College. Mison was an instructor in the litigation procedures course as part of the law clerk diploma program at Humber College. Mison is an associate member of the Institute of Law Clerks of Ontario since 1998.

Mison has over 10 years of previous experience as a litigation law clerk at a large downtown law firm. She has experience in all areas of litigation, including commercial, insurance defence, product liability, employment, construction liens, personal injury, bankruptcy and insolvency and IP litigation.

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