

The Canadian Media Lawyers Association/Ad IDEM is seeking a motivated, hard-working Communications Consultant on a contract basis.

CMLA/Ad IDEM is comprised of media lawyers from across Canada who collaborate to expand defamation defences, to protect journalists and their sources, to facilitate meaningful media access to government and to foster an open and accountable justice system. As an organization, CMLA/Ad IDEM intervenes in important media cases at the Supreme Court of Canada and maintains a wiki-based website as an interactive resource for its members ([www.adidem.org](http://www.adidem.org))

CMLA/Ad IDEM hosts an annual conference at which recent developments in the law from Canada and from around the world are reviewed and analyzed. CMLA/AdIDEM also fosters relationships with colleagues in like-minded organizations in Canada, the United States and other common law countries to facilitate an ongoing dialogue about emerging legal and political issues touching on the news media.

As Communications Consultant, you will play a key role in the organization and its activities. This is a new initiative for CMLA/Ad IDEM, so the contract will be for a six-month term initially and subject to review and revision. It is not expected to be a full-time role. The duties contemplated are described below and are subject to refinement.

#### DUTIES:

- Monitor case law and proposed legislative amendments affecting journalists and free expression.
- Initiate contact with members to solicit unreported decisions and precedents.
- Summarize, organize and post on the [adidem.org](http://adidem.org) website case summaries and precedents in a timely fashion.
- Prepare a regular electronic update to members.
- Coordinate grant applications.
- Provide support for the annual conference.
- Coordinate interventions and lobbying activities.
- Establish a speakers' bureau and coordinate presentations.
- Liaise with like-minded free expression organizations.

#### QUALIFICATIONS:

- Candidates must have knowledge of legal research sources and be skilled at using print and electronic materials.
- Should have a JD/LLb, BJourn, MLIS degree, or equivalent law, journalism, information science or a related degree.
- Should have knowledge of website information management.
- English-French bilingual an asset, but not a requirement.

To apply, please send your resume, an outline of how you would accomplish the above duties and your proposed basis for compensation to the President, Fred Kozak at [FKozak@rmrf.com](mailto:FKozak@rmrf.com).

The deadline for applications is June 30, 2010.