

Melika Mostowfi

Melika Mostowfi moved from Iran to Canada with her family six years ago. She is currently studying Economics and Psychology at the University of Calgary. Her long term goal is to become an Immigration Lawyer or work in the field of International Human Rights Law. She laughed when asked what her hobbies were and said school, since her studies take up a lot of her time; however she says she enjoys travelling, dance and volunteering for various causes.

She was connected to CIWA through a staff member who encouraged her to volunteer for the Legal Clinic in an administrative role. She has now been a volunteer with CIWA for over two years. In her role with the Legal Clinic she assists the lawyers, greets and assists clients, runs office errands and attends to any other duties necessary to help the clinic run efficiently. She also provides interpretation services for CIWA clients.

Melika says that volunteering in this capacity has greatly helped her to determine her own career path. The lawyers are incredibly encouraging and supportive of clients, fellow lawyers and all volunteers. She thrives in volunteering for the Legal Clinic because she says this is a place where people have a voice and feel heard. She appreciates that clients know they are cared for and that they have someone to talk to who will provide them with the assistance they seek. She has also gained a deeper understanding of people's needs while being sensitive to each individual. Melika has developed a deeper level of cultural sensitivity and has appreciated learning about other cultures.

Melika has excellent communication skills, is energetic, extremely organized and a reliable support to both clients and lawyers. She can work independently and is able to follow through to ensure that the job gets done. She is flexible and willing to work on any project that is assigned to her. During her years of volunteering with CIWA she has showed her qualifications in an excellent way to the extent that clients and lawyers look forward to working with her.

Congratulations Melika for being Volunteer of the Month for October!

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