## **Doug Taylor**



Doug is a Class P1 Paralegal in good standing with the Law Society of Upper Canada (LSUC) and an experienced business professional.

Doug holds a Bachelor of Applied Arts Degree with distinction (Honours) in Paralegal Studies, from Humber College. Doug is the recipient of numerous awards including the Ontario Prosecutors Award, the Paralegal Degree Community Leadership Award and a Certificate of Merit from Humber College.

While attending Humber, Doug was very active in the community. He was a student member of the Lakeshore Student Advisory Committee (LSAC), the Humber Student Leadership Academy (SLA), the Student Library Advisory Council (SLAC), and First Year Experience (FYE). Doug also represented Humber as a student Mooter at the Capital Cup and Osgoode Cup National Undergraduate Mooting Competitions.

Doug co-founded the Paralegal Cup Intercollegiate Mooting Competition,

which is the only mooting competition in the world that is exclusive to Paralegal students enrolled in a Certificate or Diploma program. The competition strengthens student advocacy and



critical thinking skills by focusing on oral and written advocacy, professionalism, and resiliency. Originally hosted at Humber College, the annual competition now takes place at the LSUC.

It was during his second semester that a mutual Paralegal colleague who was mentoring Doug at the time introduced Doug to Mr. Bryan Jones. During his scheduled day off from classes, Doug spent a better part of a year shadowing Mr. Jones on Provincial Offences matters at the Old City Hall courthouse.

Doug continues to follow his passion and seeks out opportunities to make a positive contribution to improving access to justice. Doug continues to be an active member within the legal community. In addition to the Paralegal Cup, Doug is a volunteer member with the Society of Ontario Adjudicators and Regulators an independent volunteer (SOAR). member with The Access to Justice Research Network (AJRN), an ex-officio committee member with the Ontario Justice Education Network's (OJEN) **OBA/OJEN** Competitive Mock Trials (OOCMT). Moreover, Doug continues to volunteer with The Action Group on Access to Justice (TAG) and the Ontario Paralegal Association (OPA).

Doug is featured in numerous media articles and Humber College videos, including, the Centre for Teaching and Learning, Humber Today, the Paralegal Degree Promotional Video and, the International Centre.

In addition to taking on independent contract work as a Paralegal, Doug is currently a small business owner and has an impressive fifteen plus years in the Financial and Service industries.

