

GRADUATE OFFERING

JANUARY – FEBRUARY 2026



OUR WHAKATAUKĪ

**He aha te kai ō te rangatira?
He kōrero, he kōrero, he kōrero.**

**What is the food of the leader?
It is knowledge. It is communication.**

JOIN THE BVA ALUMNI

For 30 years BVA has demonstrated a clear track record in providing the foundation of illustrious careers in law. BVA has employed ambitious graduates with solid academic records to commence their legal careers in criminal law as crown prosecutors.

At BVA we promise that our alumni develop and are supported to be ahead of their peers throughout their careers. We pledge advanced skills, deeply held mutual respect, and carefully planned supervision and mentoring. In joining BVA you are expected to bring a keen sense of curiosity, participate in a vibrant, sometimes boisterous working environment, and show resilience, gumption and courage.

Representing the Crown is a privilege that requires industry, quick thinking, clarity of expression, a desire to learn the power of oral advocacy and the capability to persuasively articulate the rule of law.

From the end of January 2026, BVA seeks to employ two graduates who are eligible to enter or have commenced legal professional studies. BVA will support the appointees for completion through to admission. The roles will primarily be crown and regulatory prosecution and reflect the mix of work provided by BVA as a specialist litigation practice in private dispute resolution.

HOW & WHEN TO APPLY

We seek expressions of interest containing a covering letter, a crisp CV, your academic transcript, and a piece of legal writing on a topic of interest in the law of evidence (no more than 600 words).

On or before **12 September 2025**, the expressions of interest should be addressed to:

B D Vanderkolk, Crown Solicitor Palmerston North by email
plus@bvalaw.nz

Details of remuneration will be available on inquiry.