



Family Law Clinic - Regina Public Library

Through our Free Legal Clinics, clients are booked an appointment to meet with a volunteer lawyer to receive up to an hour of free legal advice. In 2017, we booked over 1700 appointments, 41% of those appointments dealt with family law matters. In Regina, clients may wait up to 8 weeks to get a family law appointment at the Regina Free Legal Clinic. To address this long wait period, we have partnered with the Regina Public Library to host a new clinic that deals only with family law matters. This clinic is hosted every second Monday at the downtown location of the RPL. If you want to volunteer but you're not crazy about volunteering on Saturday morning, this may be the clinic for you.

Volunteering in Saskatoon

PBLS delivers services to clients in northern and rural areas by telephone or video conference. In many cases, the lawyers who assist these clients are based out of Saskatoon. If you would like to assist with our Northern and Rural Initiative, we would love to hear from you. There is a particular need for assistance in family and criminal law, but practitioners in all areas would be of great assistance to those in need.

Weyburn, Estevan, Meadow Lake, La Ronge, Prince Albert, and Swift Current

If you are a lawyer in these centres or surrounding areas, we need you! We are actively looking for volunteers in these areas to participate in the Free Legal Clinics running in those communities.

Inmate Legal Assistance Panel Program

This program is dedicated to assisting federally and provincially incarcerated prisoners in Saskatchewan with the legal matters that arise within the institutions. Inmates deal with a variety of legal issues, including access to health care and medication, segregation appeals, access to communication with their family and positive community supports, and disciplinary charges which may result in further corrective measures. If you are interested in administrative law issues, advocating for basic human dignities, or learning about a new area of law, please consider volunteering for the Inmate Legal Assistance Panel Program.

Clinique juridique de langue française

Est-ce que le bénévolat en français vous intéresse? L'Association des juristes d'expression française de la Saskatchewan, en partenariat avec PBLs, offre une clinique juridique de langue française. Pour y participer, veuillez remplir le formulaire ci-joint, indiquant que vous êtes intéressé(e) à participer à cette clinique.

If you are interested in any of the above new opportunities or any of our regular programs, please fill in the enclosed Volunteer Profile. You may also contact our Programs Director Lindsey Beaudry or our Executive Director Carly Romanow with any questions.

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FIRM / ORGANIZATION:

In-House Counsel Private Practice Public Sector Retired / Other

CONTACT INFORMATION

NAME:	ADDRESS:
EMAIL:	CITY:
PHONE:	POSTAL CODE:
FAX:	

Year of Call in Saskatchewan: _____ Languages: _____

Assistant: _____ Assistant Email: _____

AREAS OF PRACTICE

Please check all areas where you would be willing to provide pro bono assistance:

- Civil Litigation Small Claims Human Rights Family
- Bankruptcy Medical Malpractice Prison Wills & Estates
- Foreclosure Administrative Privacy Corporate/Commercial
- Construction Immigration Aboriginal Non-Profit and Charities
- Employment Landlord & Tenant Real Estate Tax
- Insurance SGI Criminal Income Support (EI, SAP, SAID)
- Personal Injury WCB Other: _____

Current pro bono work? _____
 My firm or organization does or does not have a pro bono policy.
 My firm or organization is or is not a signatory to the Pro Bono Pledge.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Pro Bono Law Saskatchewan coordinates a number of programs which are designed to make it as easy as possible for lawyers to volunteer their time pro bono. PBLs screens and directs low income clients to available programs. Please check the box to the left of a program name to indicate your interest.

CLINIC PROGRAM

DESCRIPTION: Volunteer lawyers attend regularly (e.g. a three hour session every two months) at a free legal clinic to meet with low-income clients and provide advice or, if so inclined, full pro bono representation. Volunteer clinic lawyers may also make referrals to the Panel Program for clients requiring additional assistance.

- LOCATIONS:
- Regina**
 - Saskatoon**
 - Moose Jaw**
 - Prince Albert**
 - Swift Current**
 - Estevan**
 - Weyburn**
 - Yorkton**
 - North Battleford**
 - La Ronge**
 - Meadow Lake**
 - Northern/Rural Initiative**
 - Other:** _____





□ PANEL PROGRAM

DESCRIPTION: Volunteer lawyers receive screened referrals (one to five files per year which may be accepted or declined) and provide full pro bono representation (the client remains responsible for disbursements). Specialized Panels provide assistance in particular areas of the law or for individuals requiring particular assistance.

LOCATIONS: Province-wide.

- PANELS:
- General Panel:** Referrals will be made based on noted areas of practice.
 - Criminal Appeals Panel Program:** Referrals for representation at a criminal appeal.
 - Immigration & Refugee Panel:** Referrals for representation of refugees.
 - Seniors Panel:** Referrals for representation of seniors in need of legal assistance.
 - Residential Tenancies Panel:** Referrals for representation of individuals with residential tenancy hearings. If currently articling, name of principal: _____
 - Inmate Panel:** Referrals for institutional matters, including appearing at Discipline Charge Hearings

□ SOLICITOR PROGRAM

DESCRIPTION: Volunteer lawyers provide assistance to charitable, non-profit, or community organizations of limited means. Lawyers may be placed with the Pro Bono Students Canada Program or through Pro Bono Law Saskatchewan directly.

LOCATIONS: Province-wide.

ADDITIONAL NOTES

Please indicate if you are interested in specialized projects (e.g. appeal advocacy, child & youth advocacy) or any other notes that would assist in matching you with a pro bono project (i.e. interest in technology, rural issues, northern issues, etc.). New ideas and projects are always welcome!

BY COMPLETING AND SIGNING THIS FORM, I consent to collection of this information for the purpose of administering PBLs programs and to disclosure of a satisfactory Certificate of Standing, as may be amended from time to time, by the Law Society of Saskatchewan. I consent to being contacted for the purpose of administering PBLs programs.

Date: _____

Signature: _____

INSURANCE COVERAGE & PRO BONO LEGAL SERVICES

The Saskatchewan Lawyers' Insurance Association (SLIA) provides professional liability insurance to members of the Law Society of Saskatchewan. Rule 605 of the Rules of The Law Society of Saskatchewan specifies that, unless exempt, every member shall pay to SLIA an annual assessment for mandatory liability insurance.



| USED WITH PERMISSION |

Rule 605(4) details members who are exempt:

- (a) students-at-law;
- (b) subject to *The Legal Profession Regulations*, members employed by or on an exclusive contract with a Saskatchewan government institution as defined in *The Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*;
- (c) members employed by the Federal Department of Justice or the Public Prosecution Services of Canada;
- (d) Canadian Legal Advisors, pursuant to Rule 208;
- (e) members not resident in Saskatchewan who comply with Rule 207;
- (f) inactive members;
- (g) retired members;
- (h) pro bono members; and
- (i) other members as approved by the Benchers.

All other members (whether engaged in corporate, government, or private practice) are required to pay the annual assessment, which triggers coverage under the terms of the SLIA Lawyers' Professional Liability Insurance Group Policy. All non-exempt members of the Law Society of Saskatchewan are insured to provide professional legal services to clients *whether or not* they receive a fee for those services.

All members are encouraged to deliver pro bono legal services through Pro Bono Law Saskatchewan programs. To register, simply complete a Lawyer Profile form available on the Pro Bono Law Saskatchewan website.

EXEMPT MEMBERS

Members exempt under Rule 605(4) may also provide pro bono legal services provided they are not restricted from the practice of law. If you are an inactive or retired lawyer, or would like to go inactive or retire, please review the Pro Bono Membership section of this document.

Exempt members are extended insurance coverage pursuant to Endorsement No. 2 of the Lawyers' Professional Liability Insurance Group Policy in Saskatchewan:

It is understood and agreed that coverage under this policy is extended to members of the Law Society who are exempt from insurance coverage pursuant to Rule 605(4) of the Rules of the Law Society for an Occurrence arising out of Professional Services performed on a pro bono basis through programs approved by the Law Society of Saskatchewan.

Endorsement No. 2 extends errors and omissions coverage to exempt members who are not required to carry insurance when these exempt members provide pro bono legal services through programs approved by the Law Society of Saskatchewan.

PRO BONO MEMBERSHIP

Members who are inactive or retired, or are considering becoming inactive or retired, but would still like to volunteer their time with a pro bono program may apply for Pro Bono Membership status with the Law Society of Saskatchewan. This category of membership allows for a waiver of Law Society of Saskatchewan membership fees for lawyers who wish to practice exclusively with a pro bono organization. Rule 164 of the Rules of the Law Society of Saskatchewan specifies as follows:

Pro Bono Member

164. (1) An Active Member may apply for a change of status to a Pro Bono Member.

(2) A member may apply to be reinstated as a Pro Bono Member on the same terms and conditions as required under Rule 175 for reinstatement to Active Membership but will be exempt from the fee provided in Rule 175(2)(b).

(3) All applications for Pro Bono Membership shall include an undertaking to restrict practice to legal services provided through pro bono organizations approved by the Society.

(4) Each year Pro Bono Members are required to file the following:

(a) a letter from an approved pro bono agency, certifying that the Pro Bono Member continues to be actively serving the approved pro bono organization; and

(b) an Annual Practice Declaration.

(5) Pro Bono Members are exempt from paying the annual fee, the annual insurance levy and any registration fees for Continuing Professional Development programs provided by the Society.

APPROVED PROGRAMS

The Law Society of Saskatchewan authorizes pro bono programs on an ongoing basis. All Pro Bono Law Saskatchewan programs are approved programs for the purpose of insurance. At present, this includes the following:

<p>CLINIC PROGRAM Lawyers attend regularly (e.g. a three hour session every two months) at a free legal clinic to meet with low-income clients and provide advice or, at their option, full pro bono representation.</p>	<p>CLASSIC Legal Advice Clinic (<i>Saskatoon</i>) CLASSIC Walk-in Advocacy Clinic (<i>Saskatoon</i>) Prince Albert Free Legal Clinic (<i>Prince Albert</i>) Regina Free Legal Clinic (<i>Regina</i>) Swift Current Free Legal Clinic (<i>Swift Current</i>) Estevan Free Legal Clinic (<i>Estevan</i>) Moose Jaw Free Legal Clinic (<i>Moose Jaw</i>) North Battleford Free Legal Clinic (<i>North Battleford</i>) Meadow Lake Free Legal Clinic (<i>Meadow Lake</i>) La Ronge Free Legal Clinic (<i>La Ronge</i>) Yorkton Free Legal Clinic (<i>Yorkton</i>) Weyburn Free Legal Clinic (<i>Weyburn</i>) Small Claims Clinic (<i>Regina</i>)</p>
<p>PANEL PROGRAM Lawyers receive screened referrals (one to five files per year which may be accepted or declined) and provide full pro bono representation (the client remains responsible for disbursements).</p>	<p>Criminal Appeal Advocacy Panel Program General Panel Program Immigration & Refugee Panel Program Seniors Legal Assistance Panel Program Residential Tenancies Panel Program Inmates Legal Assistance Panel Program</p>
<p>SOLICITOR PROGRAM Lawyers provide assistance to a charitable, non-profit, or community organization of limited means.</p>	<p>Pro Bono Law Saskatchewan Solicitor Program Pro Bono Students Canada (Saskatchewan)</p>
<p>MENTOR PROGRAM Lawyers supervise a law student providing pro bono legal services or mentor another lawyer providing pro bono legal services.</p>	<p>Canadian Bar Association Pro Bono Mentorship Program Pro Bono Law Saskatchewan Mentorship Program Pro Bono Students Canada (Saskatchewan)</p>
<p>SUPPORT PROGRAM Lawyers do not provide direct legal services but engage in support services (e.g. precedent preparation, clinic coordination) for Pro Bono Law Saskatchewan programs.</p>	<p>Public Legal Education Association of Saskatchewan Pro Bono Law Saskatchewan Support Programs Young Lawyer Call-In Day (October 31, 2009) Call in Day 2013 (October 26, 2013)</p>

Members are also reminded that errors and omissions insurance coverage is subject to all other terms and conditions of the Lawyers' Professional Liability Insurance Group Policy and members have an obligation under the Policy to report claims or potential claims promptly.

DEDUCTIBLES

Pro Bono Law Saskatchewan, the Law Society of Saskatchewan, and Saskatchewan Lawyers' Insurance Association have partnered to ensure that there are no barriers to lawyers in Saskatchewan engaging in delivery of pro bono legal services through Pro Bono Law Saskatchewan programs.

The last remaining barrier to engaging in pro bono legal services is the deductible that must be paid in the event of a claim. The Saskatchewan Lawyers' Insurance Association has agreed to waive payment of the deductible for any claim occurring against a lawyer arising out of pro bono legal services provided through a Pro Bono Law Saskatchewan program. Lawyers must register and be volunteering with Pro Bono Law Saskatchewan programs to receive this benefit.

QUESTIONS

If you have any questions about your membership status, insurance coverage, or Pro Bono Law Saskatchewan programs, please do not hesitate to contact us:

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