



Pro Bono Law
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Volunteer Opportunities

Pro Bono Law Saskatchewan (PBLs) is a non-profit, non-government organization that provides free legal services to low-income people in Saskatchewan. PBLs does this through two programs; 1) Free Legal Clinics and 2) Panel Programs, both of which rely on volunteer lawyers,

PBLs's mission is to provide quality pro bono services to persons of limited means. PBLs works toward this mission with three guiding principles:

- Pro bono legal services are meant to complement, not replace, an adequately funded legal aid system;
- Pro bono services should be primarily directed at providing advice and representation to those who cannot afford to pay for these services; and
- Pro bono services should be endorsed and encouraged within the profession as a professional responsibility shared by all.

Free Legal Clinics

Through the Free Legal Clinics, clients are booked an appointment to meet with a volunteer lawyer to receive up to one hour (per appointment) of free legal advice. You can find a full list of our Clinics [here](#). The majority of our Clinics are geographically based, but we do have three that are not: Criminal Law Free Legal Clinic (exclusively by telephone), Regina Family Law Free Legal Clinic, and Regina Small Claims Free Legal Clinic.

Also, PBLs delivers Legal Advice Clinics, by telephone or video conference, to clients in northern and rural areas. Volunteer lawyers who do not live in a location where we host a physical Clinic are invited to assist with our Northern and Rural Clinic. There are high needs in these communities.

Our highest areas of need are with Family Law, Criminal Law, and Wills & Estates.

Panel Programs

The Panel Programs provide an opportunity for individuals to be matched with a volunteer lawyer to receive legal assistance beyond the scope of advice that is provided at a Clinic. This can include limited legal services, such as drafting an affidavit or pleading, up to and including full legal representation. If you signed up for a Panel Program, you would receive screened referrals via email from PBLs's Program Director. You can then take on the client if you wish.

We have panel programs for the following areas of law:

- Immigration and Refugee Panel Program

- Cory Cardinal Inmates Legal Assistance Panel Program
- Criminal Appeals Panel Program
- Seniors Panel Program
- Residential and Tenancies Panel Program
- General Panel Program (e.g., civil litigation, small claims)
- Solicitor (e.g., not-for-profit startups, employment)

Please find more information about the Panel Programs [here](#).

Interested in volunteering? Please fill out a Lawyer Profile [here](#) and PBLs will get in touch with you. If you would like to learn more about any of our opportunities, please contact Davida Bentham, the Staff Lawyer and Outreach Director, at Davida.bentham@pblsask.ca or 306-569-6848.

Insurance Coverage & Pro Bono Legal Services

Planning your retirement? Pro Bono Membership Status is a fee-exempt membership status for lawyers who are volunteering for a Law Society approved pro bono organization. Both the Clinic and Panel programs are approved programs.

The Saskatchewan Lawyers' Insurance Association (SLIA) provides professional liability insurance to members of the Law Society of Saskatchewan. Rule 1202 of the Rules of The Law Society of Saskatchewan specifies that, other than a student-at-law or unless exempt, every member shall pay to SLIA an annual assessment for mandatory liability insurance. Rule 1202(3) details member who are exempt. Rule 12(3)(g) exempts Pro Bono members.

Rule 1202(6) states that a member who is exempt from paying the assessment pursuant to subrule 3(a), (b), (c), (d) or (g) is covered by the liability policy for services provided through a pro bono organization approved by the Society, subject to the terms and conditions of the liability policy.

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, excepting students-at-law, who are exempt from insurance coverage pursuant to the Rules of the Rules Law Society for an Occurrence arising out of Professional Services which they are entitled pursuant to the Rules of the Law Society to perform and that are performed on a pro bono basis through a pro bono organization approved by the Law Society of Saskatchewan.