



2014 Canadian Pro Bono Awards Criteria and Nominations

Pro Bono Law Saskatchewan, Pro Bono Québec, Access Pro Bono BC, Pro Bono Law Alberta, and Pro Bono Law Ontario seek nominations for awards honouring individuals, groups, or organizations from anywhere in Canada for their outstanding pro bono contributions in the following three categories:

1. A law firm committed to pro bono
2. An individual actively involved in pro bono
3. A pro bono program serving the community

Awards will be presented at the Banquet and Awards Ceremony on September 25th, 2014 as part of the 5th National Pro Bono Conference, in Regina, Saskatchewan.

We invite you to review the criteria below. If you know a deserving nominee, please take the opportunity to submit a nomination and help to recognize the contribution of lawyers and organizations to improving access to justice in Canada.

Canadian National Pro Bono Law Firm Award

This award recognizes a Canadian law firm that has made an outstanding contribution to the provision of pro bono legal services. The awards committee will consider law firms that have made significant strides toward the establishment of policies and programs that encourage lawyers to volunteer to represent low-income individuals. The committee is particularly interested in firms that have demonstrated dedication to the development and delivery of legal services to low income recipients through a pro bono program or have contributed significant work toward developing innovative approaches to delivering volunteer legal services.

Canadian National Pro Bono Distinguished Service Award

This award recognizes an individual Canadian lawyer who has made an outstanding contribution to the provision of pro bono legal services. Nominees may be individual lawyers who do not obtain their primary income delivering legal services to low-income clients. The awards committee will evaluate nominations on the basis of an individual's demonstrated commitment to pro bono work on behalf of individual clients, communities, or charitable organizations.

Canadian National Pro Bono Program Award

This award recognizes a specific Canadian pro bono program that increases access to legal services for poor persons. The awards committee will consider a pro bono program that has achieved excellence in one or more of the categories:

- Addressing a gap in existing services or the unmet legal needs of a community
- Using innovative strategies to increase access to justice
- Enhancing private bar participation in pro bono activities
- Promoting collaboration between legal and community services providers

Nominations Process

In order to submit a nomination, please provide a copy of:

1. Completed Nomination Form
2. Narrative explaining why the individual or group is being nominated and why they deserve to win the award. This section should be limited to five pages and provide background information about the individual/group, the pro bono activities undertaken and the impact of these activities.
3. Letters of support

Nominations may be submitted by e-mail at: karadawn@pblsask.ca

The deadline to submit nominations has been extended to August 15th, 2014.

Selection Process

All nominations will be reviewed by a selection committee, which is constituted by representatives of Pro Bono Québec, Access Pro Bono BC, Pro Bono Law Alberta, Pro Bono Law Ontario and Pro Bono Law Saskatchewan.





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2014 Canadian Pro Bono Awards Nomination Form

Nominee's Name: _____

Nominee's Title: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

Province: _____ Postal Code: _____

Email: _____

Telephone: _____ Fax: _____

Nominator's Name: _____

Nominator's Title: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

Province: _____ Postal Code: _____

Email: _____

Telephone: _____ Fax: _____

Please indicate the award for which you are submitting a nomination:

- Pro Bono Law Firm Award
- Pro Bono Distinguished Service Award
- Pro Bono Program Award

Please include the following with your nomination package:

- Nomination Form
- Narrative (five pages maximum)
- Letters of support

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Nominations submitted after August 15th, 2014 will not be reviewed.

