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PBSC Family Law Project earns coveted legal awards

National project recognized by Lexpert Zenith Awards and the 2010 Canadian Pro Bono Awards

Toronto, ON – Pro Bono Students Canada (PBSC), the only national pro bono organization Canada, is proud to announce that its Family Law Project (FLP) will be recognized at two prominent legal awards ceremonies this September. The **2010 Canadian Pro Bono Awards** has selected the FLP as the winner of its National Pro Bono Program Award. Additionally, the **Lexpert Zenith Awards** has chosen PBSC student volunteer Kathy Moulton as the Platinum winner in its *Pro Bono* by a Law Student category, for her work establishing the FLP at the University of New Brunswick.

The Family Law Project (FLP)

Since 1996, Pro Bono Students Canada has provided legal services without charge to organizations and individuals in need in Canada. Our signature program, the FLP, places student volunteers from five provinces and ten law schools in courts and family law information centres to provide vital legal information and assistance to Canadians in need, under the supervision of lawyers. PBSC students help thousands of unrepresented litigants fill out forms, prepare documents for submission to the court, learn about court procedures and the family law system, and connect with additional legal resources in their area. Since the FLP was founded in 1998, it has become a vital component of the family court system in many cities across the country.

The 2010 Canadian Pro Bono Awards

The 2010 Canadian Pro Bono Awards are presented as part of the 3rd National Pro Bono Conference, and honour individuals, groups or organizations for outstanding *pro bono* contributions. The National Pro Bono Program Award is one of only three awards presented, and recognizes a *pro bono* program that increases access to legal services for disadvantaged individuals in Canada. The 2010 Canadian Pro Bono Awards will be presented on **September 16, 2010 at the Fairmont Palliser Hotel in Calgary.**

The Lexpert Zenith Awards

The *Lexpert Zenith Awards* honour law firms, in-house legal departments and law students who commit their time, skills and mentorship to a valuable range of *pro bono* activities. Kathy Moulton was chosen as this year's Platinum winner in the category for establishing an FLP at PBSC's University of New Brunswick chapter in Fredericton, to provide free legal information to women in the community who have experienced domestic violence. Kathy will receive her *Lexpert Zenith Award* at a gala ceremony on **September 28, 2010 at the Royal York Hotel in Toronto.**

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