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2024-2025



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This future lawyer loves pro bono work!

MESSAGE FROM OUR LEADERSHIP

Dear Friends of PBSC,

As I conclude my time as National Director of Pro Bono Students Canada, I want to take a moment to reflect on the incredible journey I have been privileged to share with this remarkable community. From my early days as a student volunteer (long ago), to serving as a Program Manager, and finally as National Director of PBSC, it has been an honour to contribute to an organization so deeply committed to access to justice and student engagement.

PBSC has always been about more than just programs; it is about people — passionate students, dedicated supervisors, visionary partners, and steadfast supporters — all coming together to make legal help more accessible to those who need it most. It has been inspiring to witness the growth of our chapters, the deepening of our partnerships, and the increasing impact we have had across the country.

While this chapter in my journey with PBSC is coming to a close, I am filled with confidence in the strong foundation we have built and the bright future ahead. The commitment, creativity, and collaboration that define this community assure me that PBSC will continue to thrive, innovate, and expand its reach in the years to come.

I am profoundly grateful for the opportunities I have had to learn, lead, and grow within PBSC. Thank you to everyone who has supported me and worked alongside me — your dedication has made all the difference.

With sincere gratitude and best wishes for the future,



DANA ROTENBERG
NATIONAL DIRECTOR

Dear Friends of PBSC,

Exactly 20 years ago, I was a first-year law student who had never met a lawyer. In those first weeks, I felt like Mickey Mouse in the Sorcerer's Apprentice, full of eager curiosity about the study and practice of law yet overwhelmed by all the opportunities I was exposed to.

When I joined the McGill pro bono chapter, I was matched with a wonderful immigration and refugee supervisor who was my first connection to the legal profession. While my exact research has faded, I will always recall her dedication to making law accessible for her clients and encouraging me to do the same.

Today, as I begin my journey as National Director of PBSC, I am once again overwhelmed by the dedication of so many people and organizations in providing access to justice across Canada. This year, PBSC has seen an increase in our programming numbers, reflecting both the dedication of our volunteers and the growing demand for accessible, community-informed legal services. Looking ahead, there are exciting projects on the horizon, including innovative initiatives being developed to respond thoughtfully and effectively to the current issues and challenges faced by communities throughout Canada.

I must thank my predecessor Dana Rotenberg for her contributions as National Director. Dana's leadership has marked PBSC in countless ways and I assume the responsibility to uphold her legacy. I would also like to thank Jason Goodman, former Director of the Family Justice Centre, who helped establish the FJC as a model of collaboration and impact.

Looking forward to the coming year, I am excited by the amazing opportunities we have to connect students, lawyers, and community partners in advancing access to justice. And I am grateful for our many funders who share in our vision of a society with accessible legal systems, where the dignity and rights of every person are upheld.



ANDREW BITEEN
NATIONAL DIRECTOR



ABOUT PBSC

We envision a society with accessible legal systems, where the dignity and rights of every person are upheld. Our mission is to provide free legal support to people and communities facing barriers to justice.

OUR VALUES



Dignity

We believe that every person is entitled to respect, to have their voice heard, and to fully enjoy their rights.



Equity

We stand for substantive equality, inclusion, and diversity in all its forms. We focus on impact (not just good intentions).



Humility

We prioritize listening, learning, and self-reflection. We value the wisdom of the communities we serve, and their lived experiences inform our work.

OUR APPROACH

COLLABORATIVE

We engage approximately 1,450 law students annually to provide free legal information and services in partnership with over 350 community organizations and 500 supervising lawyers and notaries.

VISIONARY

We cultivate future leaders, advocates, and allies through training and experiential learning opportunities. PBSC has student-led Chapters at 22 law schools across Canada.

RESPONSIVE

Our Chapters respond to local needs in their communities across all areas of law. At PBSC National, we develop programs that address complex and systemic inequities.



Osgoode Hall Law School Chapter
2024-25 Launch Event

OUR PROGRAMMING

STUDENT-LED CHAPTERS

PBSC National trains and supports the student leaders (Program Coordinators) of our 22 Chapters to recruit, train, and support their peers to engage in impactful volunteer placements with local community organizations under the supervision of pro bono lawyers or notaries.

NATIONAL OFFICE-LED PROGRAMS

PBSC National develops and runs programs that address complex and systemic inequities. During the 2024-2025 program year, PBSC oversaw the operations of two initiatives that were both launched by PBSC National in 2020: the Family Justice Centre and the Indigenous Human Rights Program.

STRATEGIC PLAN

PBSC's Five-Year Strategic Plan (2021-2026) was launched in 2021 and continues to guide our evolution, shaping our programming to further our mission and increase our impact. The plan identifies three strategic directions to be advanced during the five-year period:



Enhance impact



Strengthen Values-Based Leadership



Broaden Resources

During the 2024–25 program year, PBSC made significant strides across several key strategic initiatives. We engaged an external firm, Balanced Good, to develop a fundraising strategy and conducted research into cost-effective and resource-efficient methods to streamline the way PBSC collects statistics that measure success and impact. Additionally, we laid the groundwork for PBSC's next strategic plan, which will guide the organization's direction from 2026 onward.



Sarah Hooper

Law Student Volunteer
University of Ottawa (Common Law) Chapter

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My PBSC placement at Perley Health, a local long-term care home, has helped me understand the meaningful impact law students can have on their community ... Transforming complex legal issues into a digestible format for healthcare providers is rewarding, as it helps minimize liability risks and improves patient care. ... The experience has solidified my commitment to access to justice initiatives, and I am motivated to continue to pursue pro bono work throughout my legal career.

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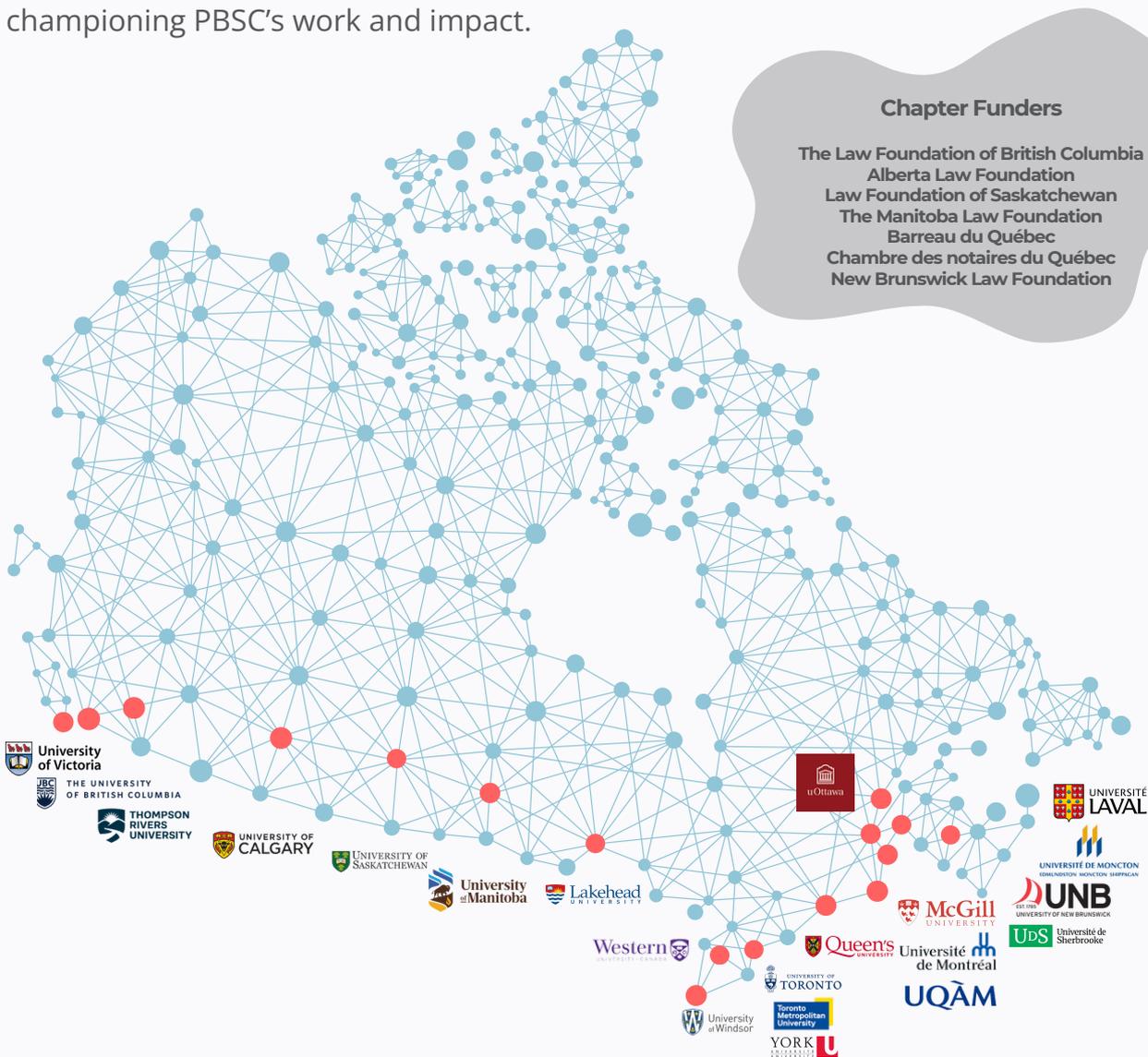
Program Officer



**STUDENT-LED
ACCESS TO
JUSTICE
PROGRAMMING**

OUR CHAPTERS

PBSC's programming is a testament to the power of collaboration, reflecting the profound and impactful connections between students, legal professionals, and partner organizations. Thank you to our 2024-2025 Program Coordinators, On-site supervisors, law student volunteers, and lawyer and notary supervisors. We are grateful to our Chapter funders, and our 22 law school partners across Canada for championing PBSC's work and impact.



LAW SCHOOL PARTNERS

University of Victoria
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 Thompson Rivers University
 University of Calgary
 University of Saskatchewan
 University of Manitoba
 Lakehead University
 University of Windsor

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 Osgoode Hall Law School
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 University of Ottawa (Civil Law)
 Université Laval

Université de Montréal
 McGill University
 Université de Québec à Montréal
 Université de Sherbrooke
 University of New Brunswick
 Université de Moncton

PROJECT HIGHLIGHT

Building Families, Breaking Barriers: Navigating Ontario's Private Adoption Process

Navigating the private adoption process presents significant challenges for Ontario residents, particularly low-income families, who often lack access to clear and accessible legal guidance. To address this issue, law student volunteers at PBSC's **Queen's University Chapter** partnered with **Legal Aid Ontario** (North Bay), part of PBSC's Provincial Outreach Plan, on a new initiative designed to empower individuals and families navigating private adoptions within Ontario.

The project focused on breaking down complex legal information into plain language materials to help families understand the steps, legal requirements, and rights involved in private adoption. Student volunteers played a key role by conducting in-depth legal research and drafting user-friendly resources that highlight essential aspects of the process, including eligibility, consent, and post-adoption considerations.

By addressing a critical knowledge gap and simplifying legal concepts, the project equipped Ontario families, particularly those from marginalized or low-income backgrounds, with the tools needed to make informed decisions about private adoption. This initiative has strengthened the partnership between PBSC's Queen's University Chapter and Legal Aid Ontario, showcasing the power of outreach initiatives to advance access to justice and support vulnerable communities in Canada.



CHAPTER PROGRAMMING BY THE NUMBERS

41

paid student leaders
(Program Coordinators)



123,120

hours served



15

paid law students



1,539

law student volunteers
(an increase of 7%
compared to 2023-2024)



430

diverse projects



23,000

people facing barriers
to justice supported



512

pro bono
lawyer supervisors
(an increase of 13%
compared to 2023-2024)

354

partner organizations

Our main tool for measuring impact is our Impact Survey sent to all PBSC volunteers, partner organizations, and lawyer and notary supervisors. Based on the responses to our Impact Survey, we are proud to report that during the 2024-25 program year, PBSC Student-Led Programming partners:

Assisted approximately



11,900

Clients directly through client assistance projects

Produced an estimated



2,261

Blogs, podcasts, etc.

Delivered approximately



409

Public Legal Education sessions



98%

Of partner organizations were satisfied with the student volunteers' work

90%

Of lawyer and notary supervisors indicated they would supervise a PBSC student volunteer again

92%

Student volunteers indicated that their PBSC placement enriched their legal education

98%

Student volunteers indicated that they would recommend PBSC to other law students

PROJECT HIGHLIGHT

Addressing Overimprisonment through Bail Support

Overimprisonment is a problem throughout Canada, with a vast majority of individuals being held in prison due to an inability to meet bail requirements. This means that individuals who have not been found guilty of any crime are more numerous in our jails than those convicted of offences. Worse, it is disadvantaged groups in society who are overrepresented in those held in pretrial custody.

Law student volunteers at PBSC's **University of New Brunswick Chapter** partnered with the **UNB Legal Clinic** and **Legal Aid in New Brunswick** to help detained individuals develop strong bail plans to increase their chances of being released from custody pending trial. Working from the UNB Legal Clinic, student volunteers spoke with clients about what type of plan they may need, and then contacted identified potential support persons and employers, or aided in filling out forms for residential treatment centres or shelters.

This initiative played a vital role in reducing overimprisonment while empowering individuals to regain control of their lives as they await trial. Through their efforts, the UNB Legal Clinic and PBSC volunteers contributed to creating a fairer and more equitable justice system in New Brunswick.

"Initially, the UNB Legal Clinic attempted to cover this project solely with its existing human resources. We quickly found out how time consuming this could be ... We approached the UNB chapter of Pro Bono Students Canada for help ... The students rose up to the challenge ... since September 2024, over 40 detained persons were able to be released pending their trial, who otherwise would have been detained."

Jeanette Savoie
Clinic Director, UNB Legal Clinic



NATIONAL LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

To kick off the 2024-2025 program year, PBSC held our annual, virtual **National Leadership Conference** from May 8-10, 2024.

The program consisted of a diverse series of sessions aimed at inspiring, engaging, and preparing our incoming student leaders. Each session was offered bilingually, with concurrent presentations in French and English, or through live synchronous interpretation.

Attendees included incoming Chapter Program Coordinators, Chapter On-site Supervisors, and Family Justice Centre Student Caseworkers.



Welcoming Remarks

The Honourable
Andromache
Karakatsanis



Justice of the Supreme
Court of Canada

Keynote

The Honourable
Robert J. Bauman,
KC



Former Chief Justice of
British Columbia & former
Chief Justice of the Court of
Appeal for the Yukon

Anti-Oppression Educators

Sheliza Jamal



Executive Director
and Founder,
Curated Leadership

Bibiana Pulido



Cofounder and Executive
Director, Quebec
Interuniversity Equity
Diversity Inclusion Network
(RIQEDI)



SUMMER LEARNING INSTITUTE

From May to August 2024, PBSC proudly hosted our second annual **Summer Learning Institute**. Designed to enhance our community's knowledge and skills, the sessions were available either bilingually with simultaneous interpretation or offered separately in English and French. Our facilitators led engaging workshops and discussions on a broad range of topics. We extended invitations to Program Coordinators and On-site Supervisors at each of our 22 Chapters nationwide, along with our network of former volunteers and lawyer and notary supervisors, and partner organizations.

Indigenous Worldviews and Cultural Humility

Elder Constance Simmonds

Elder-in-Residence
University of Toronto
Henry N.R. Jackman Faculty of Law

Authentic Allyship

Sheliza Jamal and Asia Kotasinka

Executive Director and Founder,
Curated Leadership and Facilitator, Curated Leadership

Gender Expression and Identity

The 519 and Suzanne Zaccour

City of Toronto Agency and Registered Charity
serving 2SLGBTQ+ communities and Director of Legal Affairs,
National Association of Women and the Law

Clear Legal Language

Éducaloi

Charitable organization whose mission is to make
law accessible through clear communication
and legal education

Trauma-Informed Lawyering

Yukimi Henry

Associate Vice President, Student Experience
Sheridan College

Legal Practice, Self Care, and Stress Management

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Associate Vice President, Student Experience
Sheridan College



Thank you to our sponsors

We are grateful to our Series Sponsor, **Gowling WLG**, and our Session Sponsors, **Blake, Cassels & Graydon LLP**, and **Lenczner Slaght LLP**, whose generous contributions made our Summer Learning Institute possible. Their support plays a crucial role in boosting the legal profession's capacity to challenge systemic inequities.

PROJECT HIGHLIGHT

Supporting Vital Legal Services in Downtown Toronto

In November 2024, PBSC had the opportunity to co-host Chief Justice Richard Wagner alongside our incredible partner, **Kensington-Bellwoods Community Legal Services (KBCLS)**.

As a longstanding champion of pro bono work and the namesake of PBSC's prestigious award program honoring exceptional student volunteers, we were honoured that the Chief Justice visited KBCLS to observe our students in action and participate in a memorable fireside chat.

Law student volunteers placed with KBCLS came from PBSC's Chapters at **Osgoode Hall Law School, Lincoln Alexander School of Law**, and the **University of Toronto Henry N.R. Jackman Faculty of Law**.

They contributed to several impactful initiatives, including:

- Supporting client intake
- Assisting with Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP) appeals
- Preparing clients for Landlord and Tenant Board hearings
- Researching recent changes in immigration law affecting international students



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The students' work goes a long way to support the legal services we provide to our clients. The need is great and the clinic's resources go much further, thanks to the valuable work of the student volunteers ...

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Elsie Dickson
Director of Legal Services at KBCLS



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CHIEF JUSTICE RICHARD WAGNER AWARDS

Established in 2019, the **Chief Justice Richard Wagner Awards** honour outstanding PBSC volunteers across Canada who embody our core values of dignity, equity, and humility.



On March 13, 2025 we were honoured to have the Right Honourable Richard Wagner, Chief Justice of Canada, attend a joint Volunteer Appreciation Event hosted by our **McGill University, Université de Montréal, and Université du Québec à Montréal Chapters**. He spoke about the role that pro bono can play in reinforcing public trust in the justice system and ensuring that the law is for everyone. He presented the Chief Justice Richard Wagner Award to the recipients at each of the three Chapters and expressed his congratulations to all PBSC volunteers for their work dismantling barriers to justice across Canada.

Congratulations to our **2025 Chief Justice Richard Wagner Award recipients!**

"The students and the volunteer lawyers supporting them are doing essential work. Pro bono work isn't just about providing legal assistance to those in need. It's about reinforcing public trust in our justice system. Every time a lawyer helps someone navigate the legal system without asking for anything in return, it sends a message: the law is here for everyone."

The Rt. Hon. Richard Wagner, Chief Justice of Canada





"This year, working with **Sexual Violence New Brunswick** to create plain-language legal resources about sexual violence has been especially meaningful to me. The process of developing accessible, trauma-informed, and effective resources for survivors has been both challenging and incredibly rewarding. I'd like to express my sincere gratitude to Naomi Pinno, my project partner, and Jessica Jones, the project coordinator, for their collaboration, dedication, and passion throughout this project. I am also deeply thankful to Julia Belanger, our Chapter [Program Coordinator], for her mentorship from the moment I joined PBSC as a 1L ..."

Ceilidh Nora Feetham

2024-25 CJRWA Recipient, University of New Brunswick Chapter



"My pro bono experience was extremely rewarding, enabling me to develop a strong bond with my team members, who provided outstanding support throughout the project. I also had a chance to directly contribute to making a concrete and measurable impact on **Jeunesse Idem**, an organization that supports Outaouais youth in the 2SLGBTQIA+ community. Taking part in this project not only allowed me to apply my legal skills in a concrete framework, it also strengthened my commitment to defending this community's rights. I hope that the tools we created will support many people and increase awareness about how important it is to keep working toward inclusion and equality."

Justine Lemay

2024-25 CJRWA Recipient, University of Ottawa Faculty of Law (Civil Law) Chapter

These are just two of our CJRWA recipients from across the country. Read about all past and present recipients at probonostudents.ca/awards.

PROJECT HIGHLIGHT

Easing the Legal Burden on Families Affected by Childhood Cancer

When a child is diagnosed with cancer, the disease affects not only the child's health, but also family stability. Parents may become particularly vulnerable to legal issues, including family law, employment, or immigration. This is even more pronounced for those with limited financial and social support, for whom the need for accessible legal support is particularly urgent.

Recognizing this gap, PBSC's **McGill University Chapter** partnered with **Leucan**, a Quebec-based organization supporting children with cancer and their families, to launch the JurieVie Project. The project aimed to provide families with clear, accessible legal information tailored to their unique needs. It primarily focused on family law issues, including parental authority and child custody during medical treatments, with a special emphasis on family mediation.

Law student volunteers conducted in-depth research and created interactive presentations that helped families better understand their rights and the necessary steps to take, while directing them to appropriate resources to help them preserve family stability and harmony in often very difficult circumstances. By providing these practical tools and resources, this project helped families focus on what matters most: the well-being of their child.

"Through my involvement with PBSC, I had the privilege of developing and leading a project that's near to my heart: giving concrete legal support to the families of children with cancer ... Our team of law students from two faculties was committed to providing humane, empathetic and effective legal support so families could fully focus on what really mattered: their child's well-being and recovery."

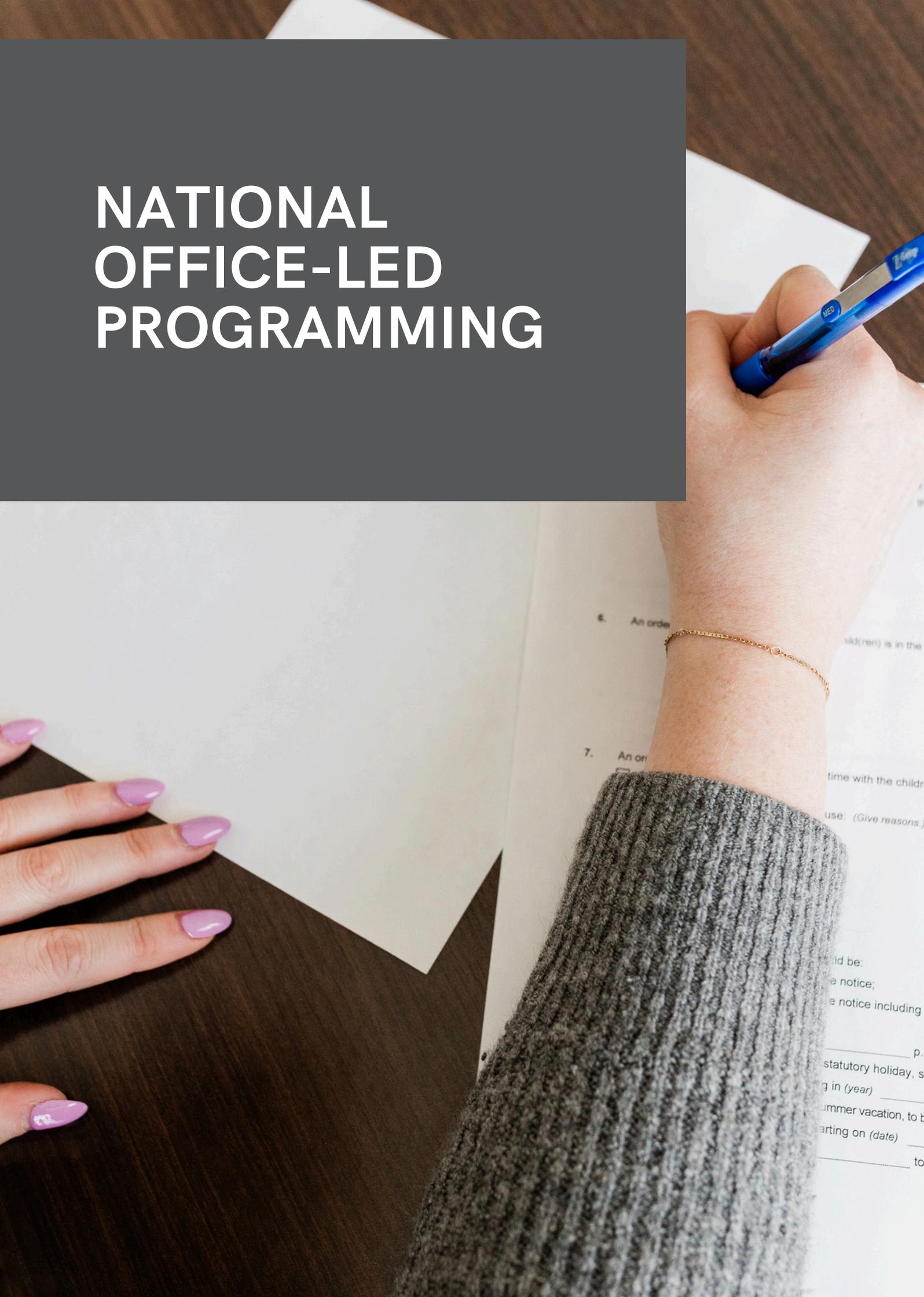
Rayane Nahli

2024-25 CJRWA Recipient, McGill University Chapter





NATIONAL OFFICE-LED PROGRAMMING



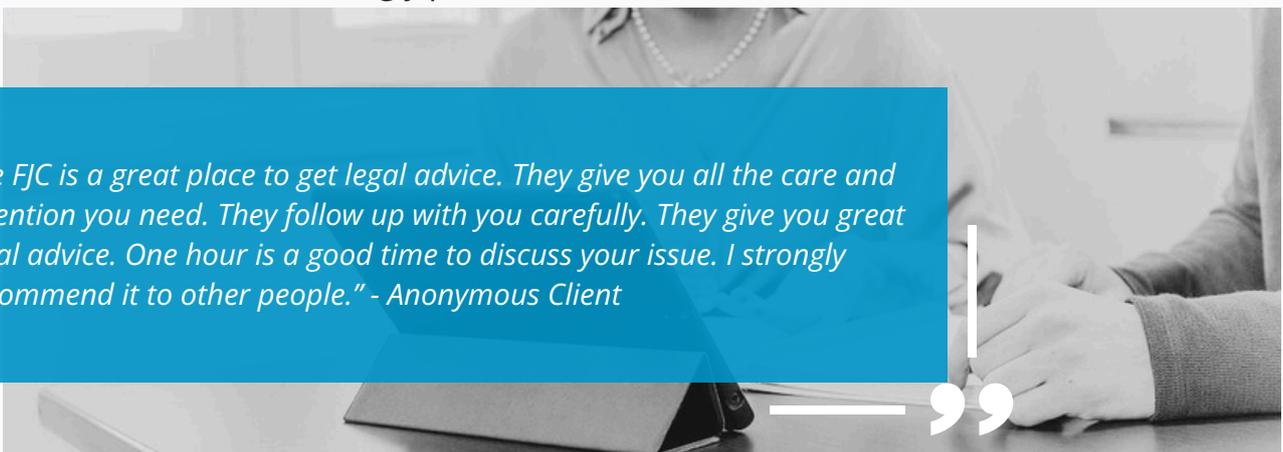
FAMILY JUSTICE CENTRE

The **Family Justice Centre (FJC)** launched in 2021 as a first-of-its-kind initiative that brings together law students and volunteer lawyers from across the province to offer free family law services to individuals who do not qualify for legal aid but cannot afford a lawyer. The FJC provides a range of tailored, unbundled services, including summary legal advice, legal coaching, targeted referrals, and help with drafting court documents. The FJC also develops educational materials to promote understanding of the family court process, and resources for those navigating the system. By operating virtually and with the support of interpreters, the FJC is able to provide services when and where they are needed, enhancing access to justice for historically underserved and vulnerable communities.



"My experience with the Family Justice Centre was amazing! I appreciated their patience and their support throughout the entire process. I am beyond grateful for such an agency, and I truly don't believe that I would have been able to take the necessary actions that I was able to without their assistance. I would highly recommend the Family Justice Centre to others. I very much felt heard and respected." - Anonymous Client

In the 2024-2025 program year, the FJC continued to administer its core clinical operations while advancing strategic initiatives to expand its impact and reach. With support from law student caseworkers and pro bono lawyer supervisors, FJC clients have the opportunity to meaningfully participate in their cases and the justice system. They attend court appearances better equipped to navigate their legal matter, armed with a deeper understanding of the family court process and professionally drafted court forms. The clinic's services are in demand and client feedback is overwhelmingly positive.



The FJC is a great place to get legal advice. They give you all the care and attention you need. They follow up with you carefully. They give you great legal advice. One hour is a good time to discuss your issue. I strongly recommend it to other people." - Anonymous Client

146

summary legal advice meetings held with clients

672

callers provided with targeted referrals

111

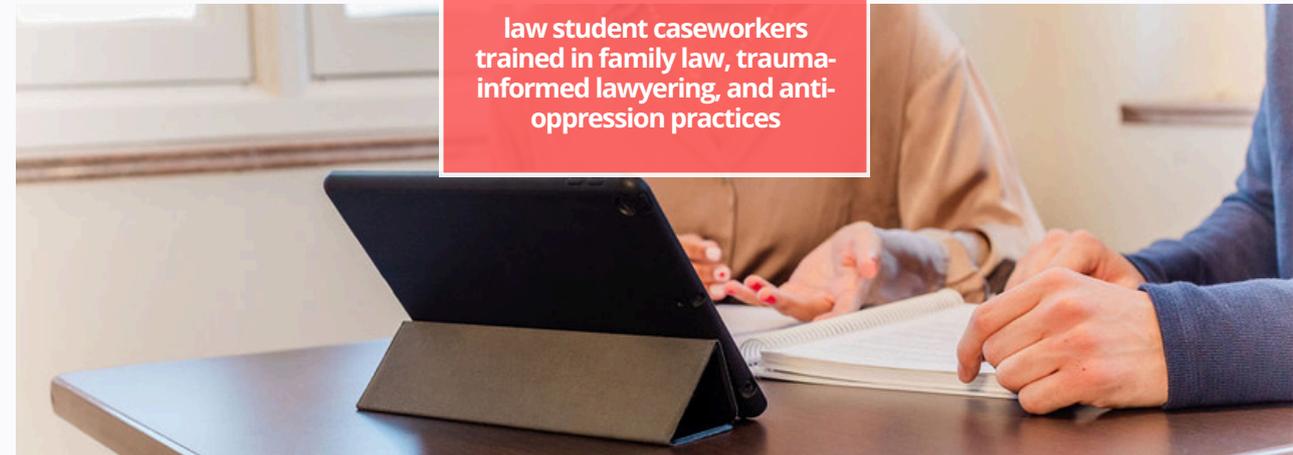
high quality court documents drafted

1,809

views of the FJC's educational videos on Family Law Process

15

law student caseworkers trained in family law, trauma-informed lawyering, and anti-oppression practices



Sarah Bonner-Proulx

Student Caseworker 2023-24 & 2024-25

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As a Caseworker ... I have had the invaluable opportunity to contribute meaningfully to the lives of individuals navigating family law issues ... What sets the FJC apart is not just the quality of the legal services provided but also the dedication and empathy of our caseworkers, supervising lawyers and leadership team. The FJC's collaborative environment fosters a sense of trust and empowerment, allowing clients to feel heard and supported during some of the most challenging times in their lives.

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Family Law 101 for Indigenous Communities

In addition to clinics, the FJC partnered with **Downtown Legal Services** at the University of Toronto Henry N.R. Jackman Faculty of Law to deliver information sessions on Family Law 101 to Indigenous communities. The team delivered four sessions throughout the Winter 2025 term - two with the Métis Nation of Ontario and two with the Odawa Native Friendship Centre and Thunder Bay Indigenous Friendship Centre. 58 community members and frontline staff attended.

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This is an important service that fills a significant gap, as many lawyers are not taking on Legal Aid Ontario certificates and many regions do not have any expanded Duty Counsel services, such as document drafting or revision. The students provide a very meaningful service and my experience is that clients leave a consult feeling that they have been heard, and received information to make navigating the legal system easier for them.

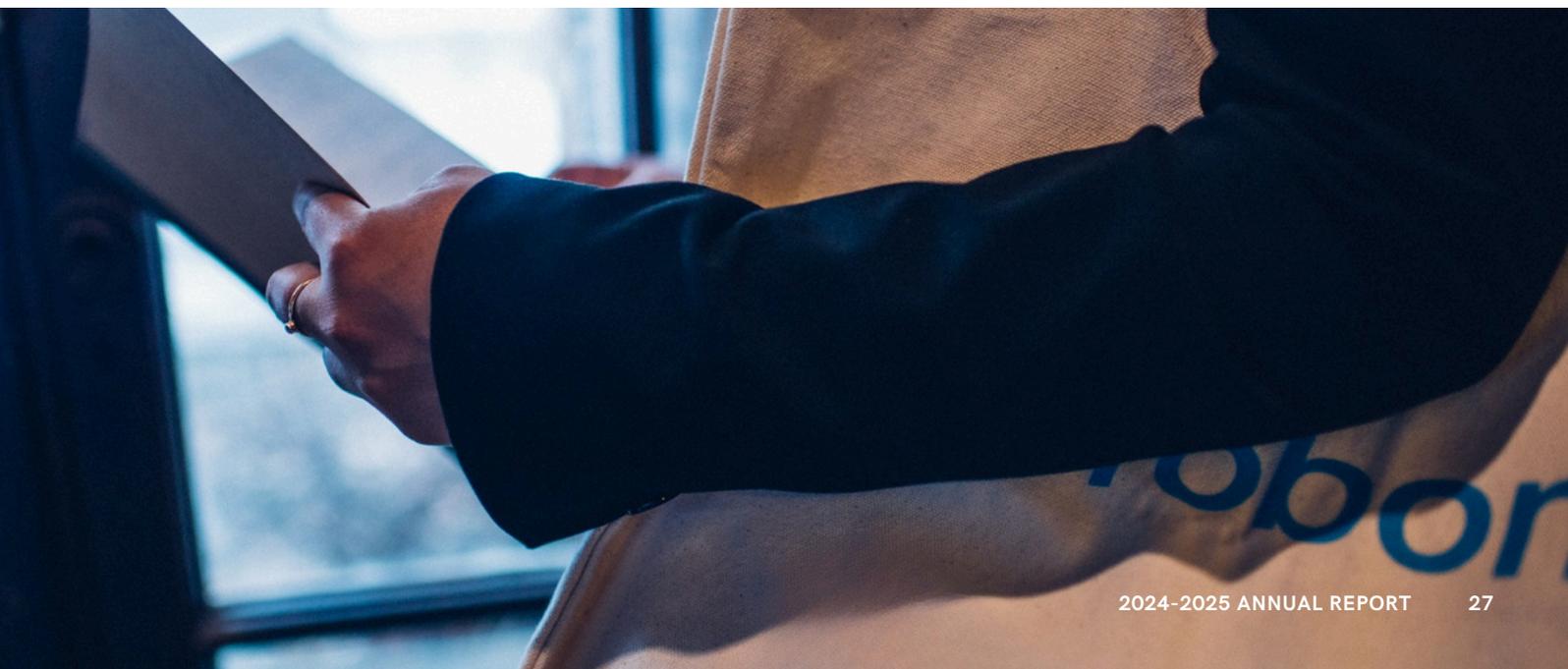
Emily Van Looyen
Lawyer Supervisor, Family Justice Centre

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Thank You

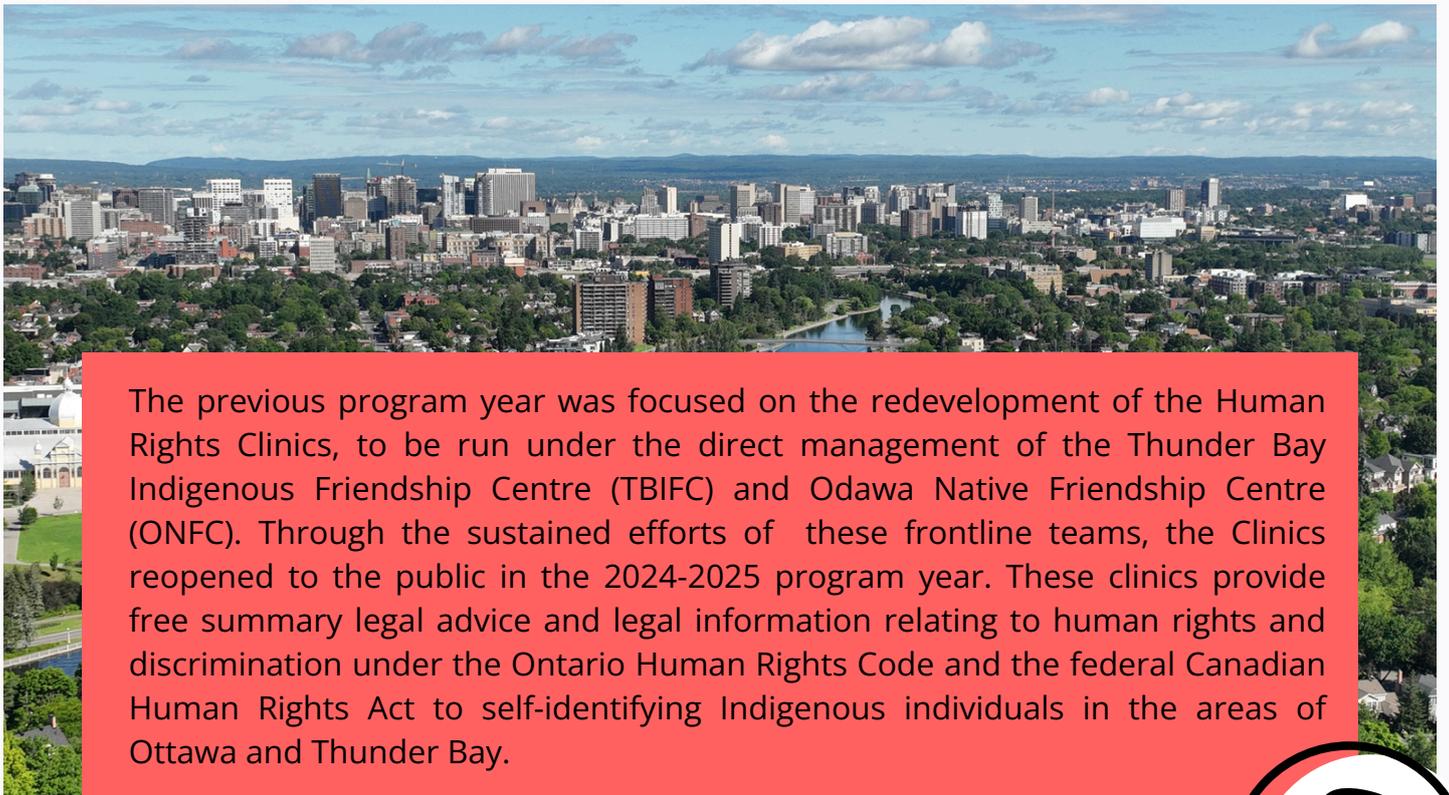
PBSC would like to acknowledge that the FJC's work during the 2024-2025 program year was made possible by our roster of volunteer lawyers and our generous funders, including our Program Partner, Legal Aid Ontario; Champion Partners, Epstein Cole LLP and Shulman & Partners LLP; Clinic Supporters, Blaney McMurtry LLP, McCarthy Hansen & Company LLP, and Thomson Rogers; In-Kind Partners, and Friends of the FJC.

To learn more about the FJC's programming and funders, visit **probonostudents.ca/family-justice-centre**.



INDIGENOUS HUMAN RIGHTS PROGRAM

The **Indigenous Human Rights Program** began as a partnership between PBSC and the **Ontario Federation of Indigenous Friendship Centres** (OFIFC), designed to combat anti-Indigenous discrimination by working with Friendship Centres to build knowledge about human rights among urban Indigenous communities, and to empower individuals to make decisions about their rights.



The previous program year was focused on the redevelopment of the Human Rights Clinics, to be run under the direct management of the Thunder Bay Indigenous Friendship Centre (TBIFC) and Odawa Native Friendship Centre (ONFC). Through the sustained efforts of these frontline teams, the Clinics reopened to the public in the 2024-2025 program year. These clinics provide free summary legal advice and legal information relating to human rights and discrimination under the Ontario Human Rights Code and the federal Canadian Human Rights Act to self-identifying Indigenous individuals in the areas of Ottawa and Thunder Bay.

Tune in to the Indigenous Human Rights Podcast

Available on Spotify and Apple Podcasts



Sheryl Lightfoot:
UNDRIP and
Human Rights
Tribunals

Cindy Blackstock:
Fighting for
Equality in Family
and Child Services

Jamie McGinnis:
Discrimination on
Public Transit

Jennifer Hawn and
Andrew Camman:
Discrimination in
the Workplace

Jen Danch: Human
Rights 101

1

law student
employed full-time

14

law students engaged
as volunteers

11

lawyers on the
volunteer roster

Combatting Racism and Discrimination in Retail Settings



Indigenous shoppers deserve safety, respect, and dignity in every retail space. Yet racism and racial profiling remain persistent issues across Canada's retail environments.

This past year, the Ontario Human Rights Commission and the Ontario Federation of Indigenous Friendship Centres led the development of new guidance to address and prevent anti-Indigenous discrimination in retail settings. Several law student volunteers supported this important work through their involvement with the Indigenous Human Rights Program.

[Learn more and access the guide.](#)

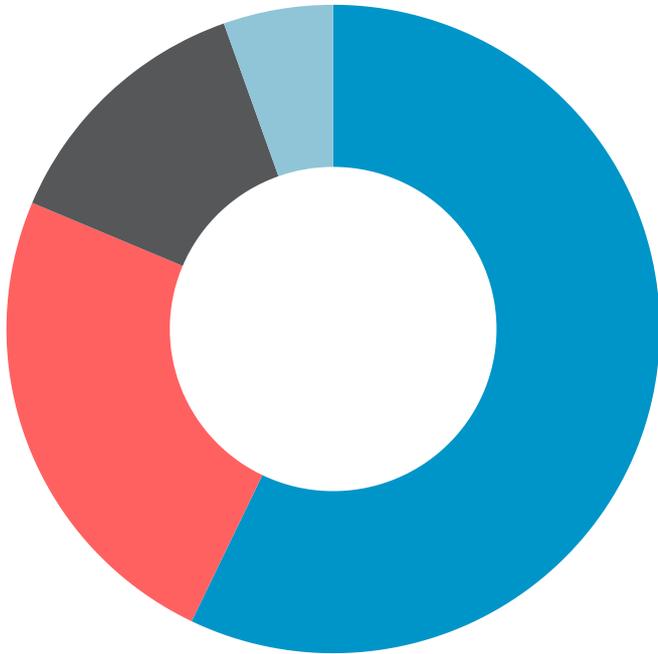
PBSC is grateful for the support of the Canadian Human Rights Commission, the Ontario Human Rights Commission, the Human Rights Legal Support Centre, and McCarthy Tétrault, and by the University of Ottawa Faculty of Law, the University of Toronto Henry N.R. Jackman Faculty of Law, Osgoode Hall Law School, and Lakehead University Bora Laskin Faculty of Law.

To learn more about the Indigenous Human Rights Program, visit **probonostudents.ca/indigenous-peoples**.



FINANCIAL SUMMARY

This summary reflects expenses incurred from January to December 2024.



- Student-led Access to Justice Programming**
\$947,469.90
57.0%
- National Office-led Programs**
\$401,805.15
24%
- Training & Capacity-Building**
\$218,990.53
13%
- Operating Expenses/ Administration**
\$90,083.95
6%

The financial information presented above has been compiled by PBSC's National Office and includes expenses administered by PBSC's National Office and expenses reported by PBSC Chapters. These figures do not reflect all financial contributions that PBSC Chapters receive directly from their law schools and local law firms, or the in-kind support provided by their law schools (i.e. On-site Supervisors).

Student-led Access to Justice Programming

With the support of PBSC's National Office, PBSC's 22 law school Chapters respond to barriers to justice in their local communities. In 2024-2025, under the leadership of 41 student staff from coast to coast, PBSC Chapters ran 430 diverse projects in partnership with 354 community organizations through the engagement of 1,539 law student volunteers and 518 pro bono lawyer and notary supervisors.

Training & Capacity-Building

PBSC National Office curates learning opportunities with the goal of increasing the capacity of the legal profession to challenge systemic inequities. During the 2024-2025 year, PBSC hosted our annual National Leadership Conference and delivered our Summer Learning Institute that consisted of sessions on anti-oppression, Indigenous worldviews and cultural humility, inclusive gender language, trauma-informed lawyering, and others.

National Office-led Programs

PBSC National Office develops and runs novel projects that address complex and systemic inequities. In 2024-2025, PBSC operated the Indigenous Human Rights Program and the Family Justice Centre, engaging 15 hired students (including 8 full-time summer roles) to serve clients and create/deliver public legal education resources. These programs are primarily funded through dedicated program funding.

Operating Expenses / Administration

PBSC's National Office provides training, guidance, and oversight to facilitate programming across the Country, which entails administrative support, technology, membership to professional groups, office expenses and occupancy, and other related expenses.

OUR FUNDERS

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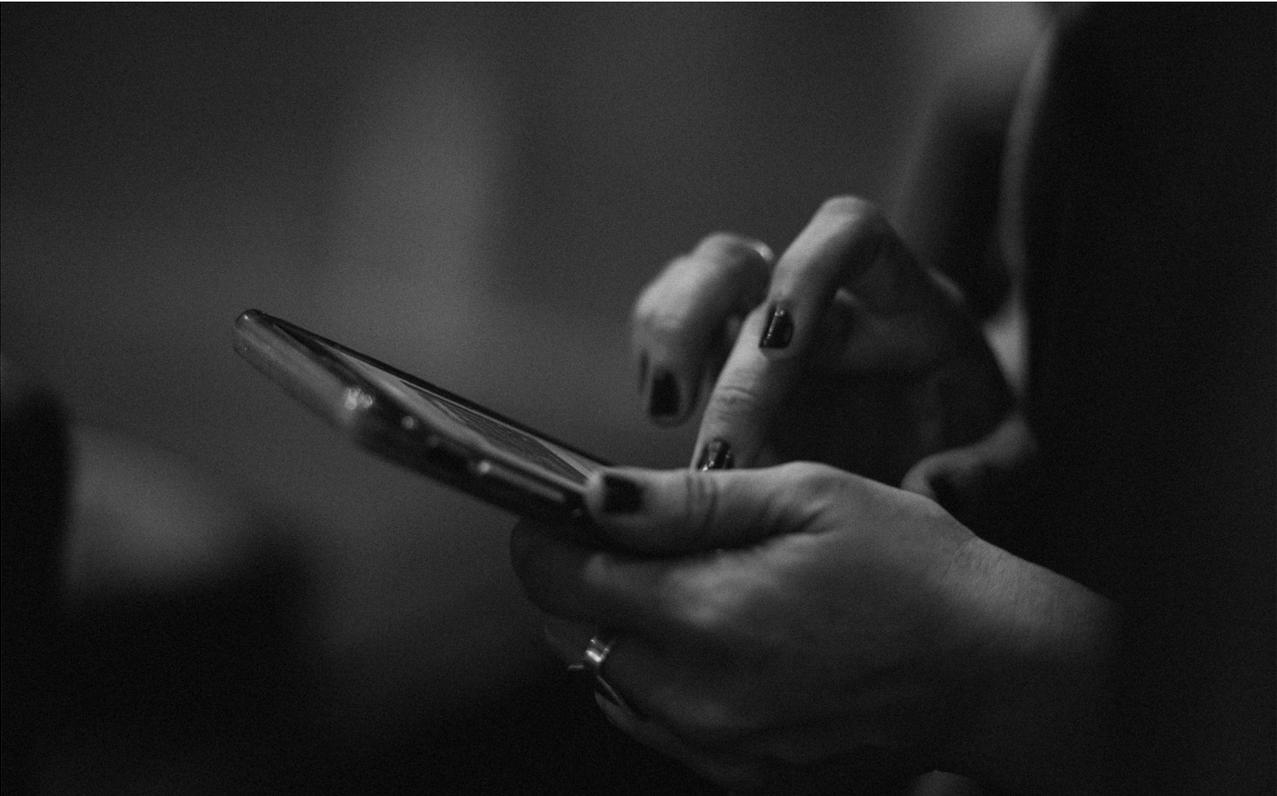
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Abortion Rights Coalition of Canada
Access Pro Bono
Accompagnement des femmes immigrantes de l'Outaouais
ACEF Laval
ACORN Canada
Action travail des femmes
Afghan Women's Organization
AGIR Outaouais
AIDS Committee of Ottawa
AIMICI - Artificial Intelligence Monitor for Immigration in Canada and Internationally
All Saints
Alliance of Canadian Land Trusts
Alliance-Jeunesse
ALPHA Education
Amici Curiae (AC) Friends of Court
Artemis Place
Association coopérative d'économie familiale - Appalaches-Beauce-Etchemins
Association coopérative d'économie familiale de l'Estrie
Association de l'Ouïe de l'Outaouais
Association des juristes d'expression française de l'Alberta
Association des juristes d'expression française de l'Ontario
Association des locataires de villeray
Association for the Rights of Household and Farm Workers
Association francophone des parents du Nouveau-Brunswick
Atira Women's Resource Society
Atlas, centre de pédiatrie sociale en communauté de Côte-des-Neiges
Avocats sans frontières Canada
Barbra Schlifer Commemorative Clinic
Battered Women's Support Services
Battista Migration Law Group
BC First Nations Justice Council
BC Society of Transition Houses
Bella Coola Legal Advocacy Program
Black Law Students' Association - Windsor Chapter
Black Legal Action Centre
British Columbia Civil Liberties Association
Butterfly (Asian and Migrant Sex Workers Support Network)
CAFI
CALACS de l'Ouest-de-l'Île
CALACS des rivières Haute-Yamaska Brome-Missisquoi
Calgary Catholic Immigration Society
Calgary Legal Guidance
Calgary Vietnamese Women's Association
Canadian Association of Elizabeth Fry Societies
Canadian Civil Liberties Association
Canadian Drug Policy Coalition
Canadian Environmental Network
Canadian Health Coalition
Canadian Human Rights Commission
Canadian Mental Health Association British Columbia Division
Canadian on Paper Society for Immigrant Physicians Equality
CARI St-Laurent
Carrefour de ressources en interculturel
Carrefour des femmes d'Anjou
Carrefour jeunesse-emploi de Sherbrooke
Catherine Street Community Service Hub
Central Vancouver Island Multicultural Society
Centre communautaire LGBTQ+ de Montréal
Centre d'encadrement pour Jeunes Femmes Immigrantes
Centre d'amitié autochtone de Val-d'Or
Centre de développement pour l'exercice de la citoyenneté
Centre de justice de proximité Côte-Nord
Centre de justice de proximité de l'Outaouais
Centre de justice de proximité du Grand Montréal
Centre de pédiatrie sociale de Lévis
Centre de recherche-action sur les relations raciales
Centre d'information juridique de l'Ontario
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CliquezJustice.ca
CNIB
Coalition des organismes communautaires québécois de lutte contre le sida
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Community and Legal Aid Services Program
Community Legal Assistance Services for Saskatoon Inner City Inc.
Community Legal Assistance Society
Community Legal Clinic of York Region
Community Legal Education Association
Community Legal Services
Community Support Centre of Essex County
Community Unemployed Help Centre
Conflict Analytics Lab
Connective
Conseil régional de l'environnement de Montréal
Cooper Institute
Crossroads for Women
Dans la rue
Disability Alliance BC
East Coast Environmental Law
Égaliser
Elgin-Oxford Legal Clinic
Elizabeth Fry New Brunswick
Elizabeth Fry Society Of Manitoba
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Elizabeth Fry Toronto
Empowerment Squared
Encircle
Environment North
ESPACE Côte-Nord
Espace Finances
Espoir Rosalie
Family Advocacy Support Centre
Family Law Information Centre, Ministry of Justice
Family Resolution Service
Faubourg du Mascaret
FCJ Refugee Centre
Fédération des comités de parents du Québec
Federation of Asian Canadian Lawyers BC
Federation of Asian Canadian Lawyers Ontario
Federation of Metro Tenants' Associations
Foyer du monde
Friends of Ruby
Friends of the Earth
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Grossesse-Secours
Groupe de promotion et de défense des droits en santé mentale - 02
Habitations L'Équerre
Halton Community Legal Services
Hamilton Community Legal Clinic
Harvest House Atlantic
Haven Toronto
Healthy Muslim Families
Hiatus House
HIV Legal Network
House of Sophrosyne
Humane Canada
Huron Perth Community Legal Clinic
Imprint Youth Association
Inclusion Canada
Indigenous Climate Action
Informelle
Innocence Canada
Inter-Generational Network on the Effects of Genocide
Interligne
Island Sexual Health
Jane Finch Community Legal Services
Jeunesse Idem
John Humphrey Centre for Peace and Human Rights
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Juristes à Domicile
Juritrans
Justice Education Society
Justice for Children and Youth
Justice for Girls
Justice Pro Bono
Kamloops Immigrant Services
Kamloops Pride
Kamloops Sexual Assault Counselling Centre
Kamloops Society for Community Inclusion
Kensington-Bellwoods Community Legal Services
Kinbrace
Kind Space
Kingston Youth Shelter
Kinna-aweya Legal Clinic
Korean Legal Clinic
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La Mouvance, Centre de femmes
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 Mental Health Estrie
 METRAC
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 Mission Communautaire de Montréal
 Modern Fuel
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 New Brunswick Legal Aid Services Commission
 New Directions
 Newcomer Legal Clinic
 Nokee Kwe
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 Northwest Community Legal Clinic
 Northwest Territories Human Rights Commission
 Northwestern Ontario Women's Centre
 Observatoire international des droits de la Nature
 Odawa Native Friendship Centre
 Office of the Seniors Advocate
 Okanagan Thompson Legal Clinic
 Olthuis Kleer Townshend LLP
 Ontario Council of Agencies Serving Immigrants
 Ontario Deputy Judges Association
 Organisation d'Éducation & d'Information Logement de Côte-des-Neiges
 Ottawa Community Immigrant Services Organization
 OUTSaskatoon
 PACE Society
 Pacific Wild
 Parkinson Society Southwestern Ontario
 Perley Health
 PHSS Medical & Complex Care in Community
 PLEA
 Prince Edward Island Fishermen's Association
 Prince Edward Island Human Rights Commission
 Pro Bono Law Alberta
 Pro Bono Ontario
 Public Legal Education and Information Service of New Brunswick
 qathet Community Justice
 QMUNITY
 Queen's Elder Law Clinic
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