

## **Pro Bono Ontario Publishes Honour Roll to Recognize Volunteers Who Donated at Least 50 Hours in 2022**

[Toronto, ON] – Pro Bono Ontario (PBO) is pleased to announce the publication of its Honour Roll, which recognizes the volunteers who donated at least 50 hours of their time to the organization's various programs in 2022. These dedicated volunteers are essential to our mandate of increasing access to justice for low-income Ontarians who have nowhere else to turn for their unmet legal needs, and we are proud to recognize their hard work and commitment.

"We believe that everyone has a role to play in ensuring that meaningful access to legal services is available to all," said Gordon Currie, Chair of PBO. "Lawyers who donate their time not only support our organization and our mandate, but they also bring us closer to achieving our vision of creating 100 percent access to justice in Ontario. We are honored to recognize their contributions and to thank them."

Honour Roll volunteers provided support in a variety of ways, including offering summary advice on the Free Legal Advice Hotline, providing full or unbundled representation to individuals experiencing a variety of civil, non-family legal problems, and assisting with legal research. Their contributions have made a real difference in the lives of countless individuals, families, and communities.

The Honour Roll is available in the April 26 edition of the *Ontario Reports* and on PBO's LinkedIn page (<https://www.linkedin.com/feed/update/urn:li:activity:7056620126556618753>). It will be updated annually to recognize volunteer contributions. We invite everyone to join us in thanking these dedicated individuals – and all our volunteers -- for their hard work.

"Last year, we assisted a record number of clients, and 87% of the individuals who reached out to us reported that PBO was the first place they could obtain legal assistance for their issues," said Lynn Burns, PBO's Executive Director. "There is no way we could have served people who were experiencing highly stressful and destabilizing legal problems without our volunteers. They are the lifeblood of this organization, and we are grateful for their caring and compassion."

Pro Bono Ontario is an access-to-justice charity committed to leveraging the skills of volunteer lawyers to help low-income Ontarians who do not qualify for legal aid and cannot afford a lawyer address the legal problems that interfere with their ability to lead secure, healthy, and productive lives. PBO served 34,000 clients in 2022. The Honour Roll is one way PBO is recognizing volunteers and encouraging others to get involved in supporting this important work.

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