

**Pro Bono Ontario Appoints Sarah J. Armstrong
as Chair of the Board of Directors**

[TORONTO, ON, May 19, 2023] – Pro Bono Ontario (PBO), one of Canada’s leading providers of pro bono legal services, is pleased to announce the appointment of Sarah J. Armstrong as the Chair of the Board of Directors. Sarah is a partner at Fasken and serves as Chair of the firm’s Ontario Litigation and Dispute Resolution Practice Group and Co-Chair of its Ontario Pro Bono Committee.

Sarah’s commitment to access to justice and exceptional leadership qualities make her ideally suited to this role. Sarah was appointed to PBO’s Board in 2019 and has served as Vice-Chair, but her involvement with the organization dates back to 2003 when she joined us as a volunteer lawyer, a role she still maintains. Her dedication and passion for pro bono work have been recognized by the Ontario Bar Association, which awarded Sarah the prestigious David Scott Award for Pro Bono in 2023.

Joining Sarah in Board leadership roles are Deborah Templer, partner at McCarthy Tétrault, who has been appointed Vice-Chair, and Eric Moss, Senior Vice President, Deputy General Counsel & Chief Compliance Officer of BMO Financial Group, who assumes the role of Treasurer.

“I’m excited to welcome this new leadership team,” says Executive Director Lynn Burns. “With their combined experience and proven dedication to our shared vision, I have no doubt that they will provide exceptional guidance as PBO continues to work towards 100% access to justice in Ontario.”

Pro Bono Ontario extends its sincere gratitude to outgoing Chair Gordon Currie and for his skilled leadership and dedication to the organization. His contributions have been invaluable, and we are delighted that he has agreed to remain on the Board as a Director at large.

The organization is also pleased to welcome three new members to its Board – Rebecca Jones, Partner at Lenczner Slaght, Nick Henn, Chief Legal Officer, Loblaw Companies Limited, and Sandra Perri, Senior Vice-President and General Counsel, Sun Life Canada.

For more information about Pro Bono Ontario and its initiatives, please visit www.probonoontario.org.

About Pro Bono Ontario:

Pro Bono Ontario is a non-profit organization founded in 2001 to leverage the skills of volunteer lawyers to help low-income Ontarians address unmet legal needs that interfere with their ability to lead safe, healthy and productive lives. PBO serves over 30,000 clients each year.

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