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Pro Bono Ontario Announces Kirsti Mathers McHenry as its New Executive Director

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Pro Bono Ontario, a leading non-profit organization dedicated to providing free legal services to those in need, is pleased to announce the appointment of Kirsti Mathers McHenry as its new Executive Director, effective January 15, 2024 following the retirement of Lynn Burns, founder and current Executive Director.

Ms. Mathers McHenry brings a wealth of experience and passion for access to justice. She has held senior roles at both Legal Aid Ontario and the Law Foundation of Ontario, in addition to her experience at Legal Aid Ontario and the Ontario Women’s Justice Network. Most recently she has been the Managing Partner of Mathers McHenry & Co, a Toronto law firm specializing in employment and workplace law. “Given Kirsti’s experience and deep commitment to access to justice, I am confident that she is the ideal leader to drive PBO forward in delivering on our ambitious plans to help low-income Ontarians obtain the legal assistance they need” commented, Sarah Armstrong, Chair of the Board of Directors of PBO.

"I am honored to have the opportunity to lead an organization with such a remarkable history of making a tangible difference in people's lives" commented Kirsti Mathers McHenry. "I look forward to building on Lynn Burns' legacy and working with the incredible team at PBO to further expand our impact and reach."

The appointment of Ms. Mathers McHenry will bring to a conclusion the more than 22 years of visionary leadership provided by Lynn Burns, PBO’s founder. “On behalf of the Board, the PBO team and the thousands of volunteers and clients of PBO, I extend our heartfelt gratitude to Lynn for her tireless dedication, innovative leadership, and unwavering commitment to advancing access to justice,” said Sarah Armstrong. “She will be missed, but under Kirsti’s leadership I know Lynn’s legacy will continue”.

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About Pro Bono Ontario:

Pro Bono Ontario is a non-profit organization dedicated to increasing access to justice for low-income Ontarians by providing free legal assistance. Since its founding, the organization has been a vital resource for individuals facing legal challenges without the means to hire a lawyer.

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