

2006 Canadian Pro Bono Awards Criteria & Nominations

Pro Bono Law Ontario and Pro Bono Law of British Columbia seek nominations for awards honouring individuals, groups, or organizations from anywhere in Canada for their outstanding pro bono contributions in the following three categories:

1. A law firm committed to pro bono
2. An individual actively involved in pro bono
3. A pro bono program serving the community

Awards will be presented at a Dinner and Awards Ceremony on November 16, 2006 as part of the 2006 National Pro Bono Conference in Toronto.

If you know a deserving nominee, please take the opportunity to submit a nomination and help to recognize the contribution of lawyers and organizations to improving access to justice in Canada. Review the criteria below when formulating a nomination, and include a brief outline of the candidate/program's activities that merit the award as well as any letters in support of the nomination.

Nominations may be submitted to:

Pro Bono Law Ontario
130 Queen Street West
Toronto, Ontario M5H 2N6
Attention: Lynn Burns, Executive Director

The deadline to submit a nomination is October 15, 2006.



Canadian National Pro Bono Law Firm Award

This award recognizes a Canadian law firm that has made an outstanding contribution to the provision of pro bono legal services. The awards committee will consider law firms that have made significant strides toward the establishment of policies and programs that encourage lawyers to volunteer to represent low-income individuals. The committee is particularly interested in firms that have demonstrated dedication to the development and delivery of legal services to low income recipients through a pro bono program or have contributed significant work toward developing innovative approaches to delivering volunteer legal services.

Canadian National Pro Bono Distinguished Service Award

This award recognizes an individual Canadian lawyer who has made an outstanding contribution to the provision of pro bono legal services. Nominees may be individual lawyers who do not obtain their primary income delivering legal services to low-income clients. The awards committee will evaluate nominations on the basis of an individual's demonstrated leadership and activities to improving access to justice in their local area, in addition to the individual's demonstrated commitment to pro bono work on behalf of individual clients, communities, or charitable organizations.

Canadian National Pro Bono Program Award

This award recognizes a specific Canadian pro bono program that serves the community. The awards committee will consider an innovative program that exists to encourage lawyers to volunteer to represent low-income individuals. The committee is particularly interested in a program developed using joint involvement of the private bar, public legal providers and/or community groups.