

# PBSC 20 YEARS • ANS

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PBSC staff and student leaders from 21 law schools across Canada during a WestlawNext Canada dinner in Toronto.

PBSC is a multiple award-winning law student program that provides free legal services to organizations and individuals in need. PBSC operates in law schools from coast to coast.

PBSC students develop valuable legal skills while increasing access to justice in their local communities. PBSC law students do not receive any payment or credit for their work — they volunteer for PBSC because it's the right thing to do. PBSC encourages the next generation of lawyers to make *pro bono* service an everyday part of their practice.

*“By being part of Pro Bono Students Canada, you are part of one of the most visionary undertakings I've seen in 40 years at the bar.”*

— Justice Rosalie Silberman Abella,  
Supreme Court of Canada

*Celebrating 20 years of law students serving the public good*

PBSC by the numbers

21

law school chapters

457

community partners

1,636

law student volunteers

130,880

hours of free legal services



The Honourable Justice Harvey Brownstone, recipient of the PBSC Supporter Award, with PBSC's National Director Nikki Gershbain and Ontario Chief Human Rights Commissioner Renu Mandhane at PBSC's 20th Anniversary Dinner, hosted by the Law Society of Upper Canada.

A culture of *pro bono*:

85% of our students report that they plan to provide *pro bono* services upon graduation!

# 2016 – 2017 PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS

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## FAMILY LAW PROJECT

Students in Vancouver, Victoria, Calgary, Saskatoon, Winnipeg, Windsor, Kingston, London, Toronto, Halifax, Moncton and Fredericton provide family law assistance to low-income litigants.

## WILLS CLINICS

Students in Windsor, Toronto, Ottawa-Gatineau, Montreal, Sherbrooke, Fredericton and Halifax draft wills and Powers of Attorney for low-income individuals.

## LITIGATION AND TRIBUNAL PROJECTS

Students in Vancouver, Calgary, Edmonton, Ottawa, London, Toronto, Montreal and Fredericton assist unrepresented litigants in courts and legal help centres.

## TAX ADVOCACY PROJECT

Students in Edmonton, Toronto, Ottawa, Montreal and Fredericton represent low-income appellants in the Tax Court of Canada.

## RIGHTS WATCH BLOG

Students from all 21 PBSC chapters monitor civil liberties abuses, posting their findings on a blog run in partnership with the Canadian Civil Liberties Association.

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The Honourable Justice Rosalie Abella models her PBSC "Prairie Tour" t-shirt with University of Calgary Law Dean Ian Holloway and PBSC students, staff and faculty.

## FAMILY LITIGATION STUDY

PBSC has partnered with leading academics on an innovative access to justice survey. Over 30 students in Montreal, Quebec City, Sherbrooke, Toronto, Ottawa and Kingston will meet with represented and self-represented family law litigants to collect data on their experiences in the courts and the challenges they face.



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