



Pro Bono Law
Saskatchewan

2021

ANNUAL REPORT



ABOUT PRO BONO LAW SASKATCHEWAN

Pro Bono Law Saskatchewan (PBLs) is a non-profit, non-government organization that provides free legal advice to low-income clients in Saskatchewan. PBLs operates and partners with 14 free legal clinics across Saskatchewan. PBLs tries to fill the gap of legal services between government-funded Legal Aid and hiring a private lawyer.

PBLs defines pro bono legal services as providing professional legal services without expectation of fee, where legal aid is not available, for:

- persons of limited means who demonstrate a need for legal assistance but are unable to afford legal counsel without suffering financial hardship;
- charitable, non-profit, religious, civic, community, governmental and educational organizations in matters that are designed primarily to address the needs of persons of limited means or which work for the public good of marginalized or disadvantaged individuals or groups;
- matters of public interest and broad community concern, which might not otherwise be pursued; and
- the improvement of the law or legal system in a manner that benefits marginalized or disadvantaged individuals or groups.

OUR MISSION

Our mission is to provide quality pro bono legal services to persons of limited means.

OUR VISION

Our vision is to provide prompt, efficient, and effective pro bono legal services and legal resources to persons of limited means with the assistance of volunteer lawyers across Saskatchewan.

WE BELIEVE:

- in the intrinsic value of every person;
 - that the justice system should be accessible to every person;
 - that lawyers care and want to give back;
 - that knowledge gives people power;
 - that everyone deserves justice; and
 - that lawyers and PBLs have a role to play in advocating for social change.
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Message from the President and Executive Director

This past year, Pro Bono Law Saskatchewan (PBLs) continued to weather the storm of COVID-19. We continued to work from home and provide remote legal services to our clients through our Free Legal Clinics and Panel Programs. Despite, the conditions, we continued to welcome staff to our team, support our volunteers and serve clients who would otherwise not have access to legal advice.

In 2021, we saw demand for our services begin to pick up, close to pre-pandemic levels. We were able to continue to run all of our Free Legal Clinics and Panel Programs, as well as add the Criminal Law Free Legal Clinic to our roster of programs.

As always, we would not be able to do what we do without the steadfast support of our volunteer lawyers across Saskatchewan. We were able to maintain a consistent level of volunteer lawyers to provide services to our clients. Further, in 2021, we had a big uptake in the amount of lawyers take on Panel Program clients!

We also would not be able to operate our programs without partnering with non-profit organizations across Saskatchewan. Our gracious non-profit network offer space and their time to host our Free Legal Clinics to allow clients to meet with community lawyers for free legal services.

We would like to highlight and thank our longstanding supportive funders that make our existence possible. The Law Foundation of Saskatchewan continues to be Pro Bono Law Saskatchewan's primary funder, as well as the Law Society of Saskatchewan, the Canadian Bar Association, Saskatchewan Branch, and Childview Inc. PBLs is thankful for the support of our community of lawyers, justice stakeholders, and non-profits.

Riva Farrell Racette
President of the Board of Directors

Carly Romanow
Executive Director & Staff Lawyer

FREE LEGAL CLINIC PROGRAM

PBLS's largest program is our Free Legal Clinic Program. At the Free Legal Clinics, clients will receive **up to one hour of free legal advice** from a volunteer lawyer. Clients can receive advice in **any area of law**. Clients may book follow-up appointments, as necessary.

In 2021, PBLS directly operated **12** Free Legal Clinics in **10** communities across Saskatchewan. We further support the work of AJEFS in providing the French Free Legal Clinic and the Central Alberta Community Legal Clinic in providing the Lloydminster Free Legal Clinic.

FREE LEGAL CLINIC PARTNER ORGANIZATIONS

Scattered Site Outreach
La Ronge

Salvation Army
Meadow Lake

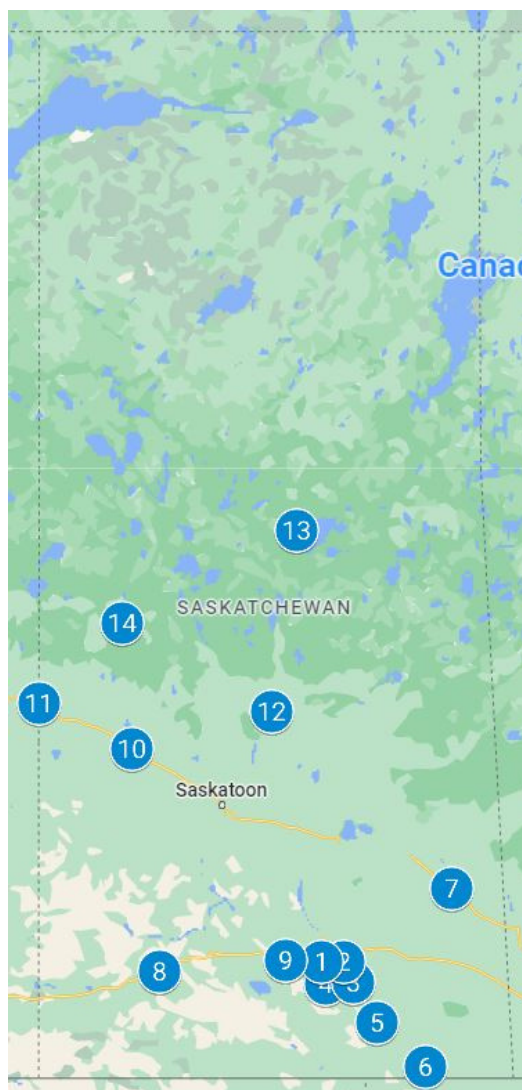
Indian Metis Friendship Centre
Prince Albert

Central Alberta Community
Legal Clinic
Lloydminster

Catholic Family Services
North Battleford

Salvation Army
Swift Current

Salvation Army
Moose Jaw



Salvation Army
Yorkton

Salvation Army
Regina

Regina Public Library
Regina

Small Claims Court
Regina

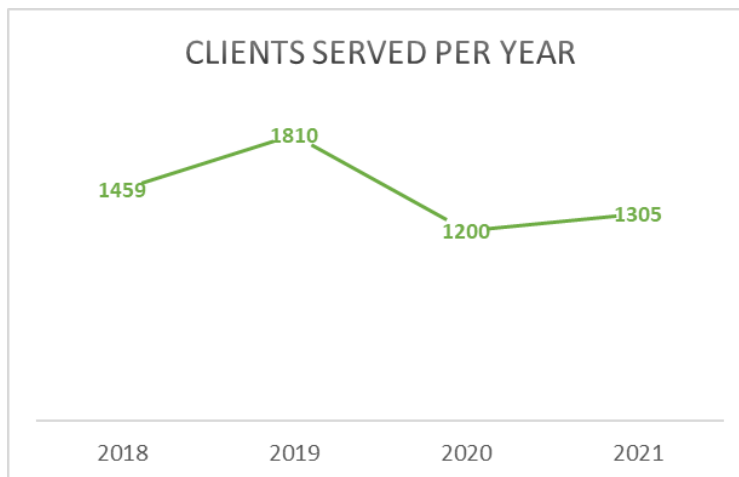
AJEFS
Regina

Community Low Income Centre
Weyburn

Salvation Army
Estevan

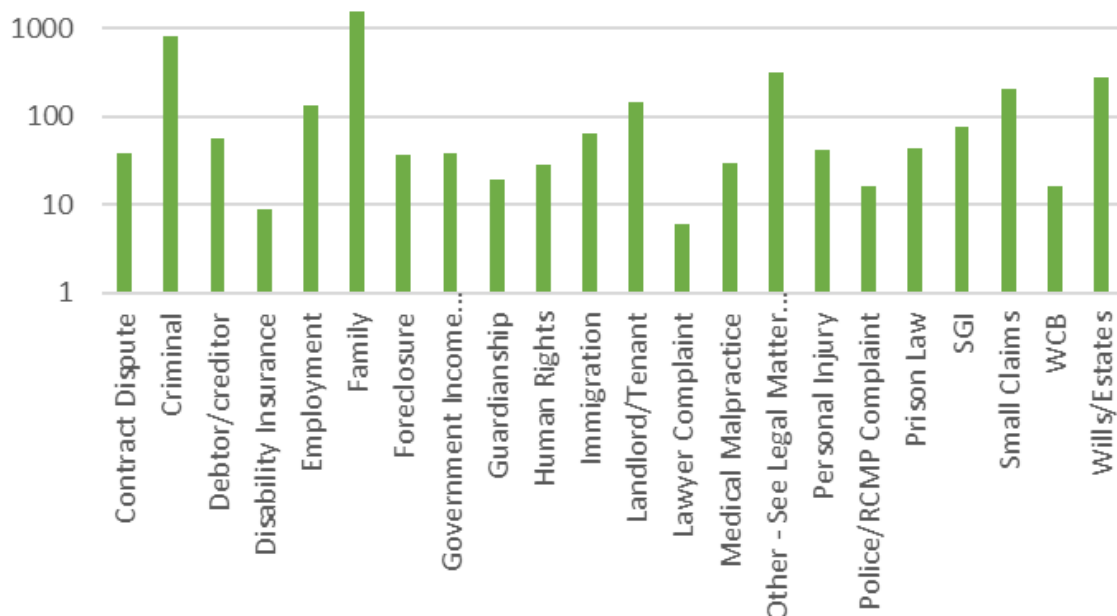
FREE LEGAL CLINIC PROGRAM

In 2021, PBLs served **1,305** clients through the Free Legal Clinic Program. We saw an increase of services, close to pre-pandemic levels, however, the number still reflects the global downturn from COVID-19, including the closure and delay of aspects of our justice system.



Below is client demographic information from 2021:

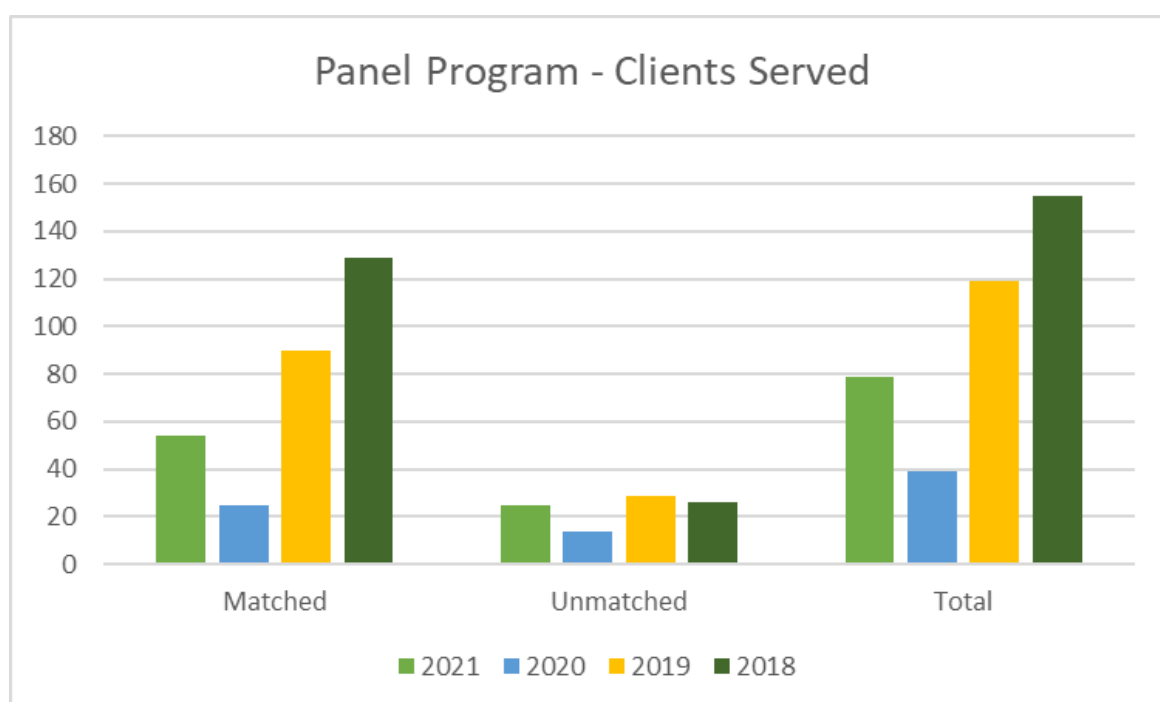
- **43%** of our clients identified as female, **36%** male, and less than **1%** as non-binary
- **32%** of our clients were unemployed, **26%** were employed, and **7%** on disability
- Our clients on average have a gross monthly income of approximately **\$1,700**
- Our clients on average have **2** children
- **41%** of our clients identified as White/European, **22%** as Indigenous (First Nation, Inuit, Metis), **6%** as Asian, **3%** as Black, **2%** Middle Eastern/Arab, and **1%** as Latinx.
- **69%** of our clients identified as heterosexual, **28%** preferred not to say, and **3%** as a member of the 2SLGBTQ+ community



PANEL PROGRAM

Through the Panel Program, volunteer lawyers provide limited scope to full representation for individuals and community organizations of limited means. The program is province-wide. We have a General Panel program, as well as several specialized panels, where volunteer lawyers assist with particular areas of law. Below is a list of our specialized Panel Programs:

- **Inmates Legal Assistance Panel:** Assists inmates in provincial or federal prisons in Saskatchewan with institutional matters, such as access to healthcare, discipline charge hearings, and review of segregation use.
- **Immigration & Refugee Panel:** Assists individuals in Saskatchewan with the immigration and refugee process.
- **Seniors Panel:** Assists seniors receiving the Federal Guaranteed Income Supplement.
- **Solicitor Panel:** Assists charitable, non-profit, or community organizations of limited means.
- **Residential Tenancies Panel:** Assists tenants with their residential tenancy matters. This panel utilizes articling students to assist our clients.
- **Criminal Appeals Panel:** Assists individuals, who are denied both Legal Aid and court-appointed counsel, appealing a conviction or sentence, or are the respondents of a criminal appeal.



VOLUNTEERS

During 2021, **118** lawyers volunteered with PBLs programs or our approved partner programs.

REGINA

Adam Fritzler
Allison Graham
Anderson Stodalka
Andrea Johnson
Annie Quangtakoune
Barbara Mysko
Carly Romanow
Cameron McCracken
Christa Weber
Connor Clyde
Dan Morris
Davida Bentham
Deidre Brandt
Derek Tochur
Donald Hobday
Emily Kirk-Sauer
Erik Heuck
Gene Josephson
Graham Quick
Haley Irwin
Jeff Norwig
Jenna Sambrook
Jessica Nixon
Jill Drennan
Jim Hall
Kara-Dawn Jordan
Karolee Zawislak
Kathleen Peterson
Khurshed Chowdhury
Lee Reid
Lennard Young
Lindsey Beaudry
Mackenzie Tulloch
Megan Milani
Michelle Owolagba

Nicholas Brown
Nicholas Cann, QC
Nicole Hamm
Nicole Sarauer
Nordika Dussion
Norman Bercovich, QC
Olumide Adetunji
Paul Kangles
Paul Wood
Randy Langgard
Simon Hutton
Stephanie Yang
Sydney Young
Yinka Jarikre
Zina Scott

Northern Rural (La Ronge, Meadow Lake, Estevan, Weyburn

Adedoyin Ajayi
Alanna Carlson
Amjad Murabit
Ashala Naidu
Ben Rakochy
Bradley Mitchell
Brady Knight
Chelsie McKay
Colin Oullette
Damian McGrath
Darlene Wingerak
Deb Hopkins
Denim Martyn
Haidah Amirzadeh
Heather Funk
Jared McRorie
Katherine Melnychuk

Kim Armstrong
Michelle Caron
Neil McPhee
Nicole Hataley
Ron Cherkewich
Tomi Olutunfese

Family Law Clinic

Bhavandeep Jaggi
Danish Shah
David Flett
Kaylea Lax
Kelsey Krecklewich
Kristen Bates
Nicole Hamm
Rani Grewall
Shealagh Mooney
Thomas Le

Small Claims

Anthony Thera
Brendan Campbell
Logan Salm
Pierre Hawkins
Sean Watson

Moose Jaw

Bukola Afolabi
Idowu Adetogun
Jeffery Galbraith
Ken Cornea
Monique Paquin
Talon Regent
Timothy Hansen

North Battleford

Ben Feist
Jeffrey Baldwin

Marilyn Adsit
Richard Gibbons
Robert Feist

Swift Current

Jack Hoffart
Jean Jordaan
Lindsay Gates
Logan Spearing
Marisha Paquin
Nicolas Koltun
Ryan Nagel

Prince Albert

Daniel Arnot
Estelle Hjertaas
Henry Siwak
Randi Arnot
Ron Parchomchuk, QC
Victoria Elliott-Erickson

Yorkton

Adeola Oloko
Habibat Kasim
Kosta Stamatinos
Kristin Martinuk
Kyla Eiffert
Mark Persick
Michelle McCrea
Rhiannon Montgomery
Shane Wagner

Criminal Law Clinic

Meagan Ward
Roch Dupont
Sarah Gryba

VOLUNTEERS

Panel Volunteers

Alexandra Barlas
 Amy Banford
 Bhavandeep Jaggi
 Britannia Mohrbutter *
 Chris Veeman
 Ciara McIlwaine
 Dan Leblanc
 Erik Heuck
 Gregory Lee
 Holli Kuski Bassett
 James Steele *

John Benesh *
 Kyla Dilling
 Laura Klemmer
 Neil McPhee *
 Owen Griffiths
 Rebecca Flanagan
 Roch Dupont
 Ron Cherkewich *
 Sean Watson
 Simon Hutton *
 Wayne Bernakevitch



*indicates taking on more
 than one file

Victor P. Dietz, Q.C. Pro Bono Service Award

PBLs partners with the Law Society of Saskatchewan to recognize outstanding pro bono contributions by a lawyer in the province. In 2018, the award was named the Victor P. Dietz, Q.C. Pro Bono Service Award to honour the life of one of the founding board members and long-time support of PBLs.

In 2021, **Jonathon Adams** was the recipient of the award.



VOLUNTEERS

Volunteer of the Year Award

This award acknowledges volunteer lawyers, across Saskatchewan, who display an exemplary dedication to the provision of pro bono services as a PBLS volunteer.

In 2021, the award recipients were six volunteers at the Prince Albert Free Legal Clinic: **Daniel Arnot, Randi Arnot, Victoria Elliott-Erickson, Estelle Hjertaas, Ron Parchomchuk, QC, and Henry Siwak.**



Dedicated Firm Award

This award acknowledges a law firm in Saskatchewan that displayed an exemplary dedication to the provision of pro bono services within their firm.

In 2021, **Kanuka Thuringer LLP** from **Swift Current** was the award winner.



PBLS TEAM

Board of Directors

Riva Farrell Racette (President)
Josh Morrison (Vice-President)
Norman Bercovich, QC (Secretary-Treasurer)
Kim Newsham
David Stack, QC
Jim Hall
Nicholas Cann, QC
Karen Hoeft
Beau Atkins
Ronald Parchomchuk, QC



Staff

Carly Romanow, Executive Director & Staff Lawyer
Lindsey Beaudry, Programs Director & Staff Lawyer
Davida Bentham, Outreach Director & Staff Lawyer
Kaitlynn McArthur, Programs Coordinator
Nnaemeka Ezeani, Interim Programs Coordinator (June 2021 - June 2022)
Catherine Osborne, Intake and Administrative Assistant
Mason Van Luven, Intake and Administrative Assistant
Margaret Akpedeye, Intake and Administrative Assistant
Wyatt Seidlik, Summer Student
Katheryn Neigum, Practicum Student



SUPPORTERS & FUNDERS

Funders

PBLS relies on the **Law Foundation of Saskatchewan** for the majority of our annual funding. We thank the Law Foundation of Saskatchewan for its commitment to access to justice in Saskatchewan.

PBLS would also like to acknowledge and thank the **Law Society of Saskatchewan** for their generous financial and in-kind support.



Supporters

CBA Saskatchewan Disbursement Fund

PBLS partners with the **Saskatchewan Branch of the Canadian Bar Association** to offer the Disbursement Fund. The Fund is used by volunteer lawyers providing pro bono assistance through PBLS programs to cover out-of-pocket expenses associated with client files.

Insurance Partnership

PBLS continues to work with the **Saskatchewan Lawyers' Insurance Association** and the Law Society of Saskatchewan to ensure that there are no barriers regarding insurance coverage and membership for lawyers engaging in the delivery of pro bono legal services through PBLS.

Summer Student

The Salvation Army provides annual funding for our summer student position from May to August. This funding is essential to have a PBLS staff member host our Regina Free Legal Clinics during the summer months.

Pro Bono Law Saskatchewan Inc.

Financial Statements

December 31, 2021

Management's Responsibility for Financial Statements

The accompanying financial statements of Pro Bono Law Saskatchewan Inc. have been prepared by the Organization's management in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations and necessarily include some amounts based on informed judgement and management estimates.

To assist management in fulfilling its responsibilities, a system of internal controls has been established to provide reasonable assurance that the financial statements are accurate and reliable and that assets are safeguarded.

The Board has reviewed and approved these financial statements.

These financial statements have been examined by the independent auditors, Virtus Group LLP, and their report is presented separately.

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Carly Romanow
Executive Director

Ruth Armstrong

Ruth Armstrong
Office Administrator/Accounting



INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

**To the Members,
Pro Bono Law Saskatchewan Inc.**

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Pro Bono Law Saskatchewan Inc. (the "Organization"), which comprise the statement of financial position as at December 31, 2021, and the statements of operations, accumulated surplus and cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Organization as at December 31, 2021, and its financial performance and cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are independent of the Organization in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in Saskatchewan, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Information Other than the Financial Statements and Auditors' Report Thereon

Management is responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the annual report, but does not include the financial statements and our auditors' report thereon. The annual report is expected to be made available to us after the date of this auditors' report.

Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information identified above when it becomes available and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated.

When we read the annual report, if we conclude that there is a material misstatement therein, we are required to communicate the matter to those charged with governance.

Responsibilities of Management and Those Charged with Governance for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations, and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is responsible for assessing the Organization's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the Organization or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the Organization's financial reporting process.

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT continued

Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditors' report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Organization's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of management's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Organization's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditors' report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditors' report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Organization to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.
- We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

April 20, 2022
Regina, Saskatchewan

VIRTUS GROUP LLP
Chartered Professional Accountants

Pro Bono Law Saskatchewan Inc.
Statement of Financial Position
For the year ended December 31, 2021
(with comparative figures for the year ended December 31, 2020)

	2021	2020
Assets		
Current Assets		
Cash	\$ 507,674	\$ 439,204
Accounts receivable	3,532	4,184
Receivable from the Law Society of Saskatchewan	-	18,656
Prepaid expenses	2,027	4,555
	<u>513,233</u>	<u>466,599</u>
Trust Assets - Disbursement Fund (Note 3)	<u>90,729</u>	<u>88,871</u>
	<u>\$ 603,962</u>	<u>\$ 555,470</u>
Liabilities and Net Assets		
Current Liabilities		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 10,525	\$ 730
Annual fees received in advance	59,340	58,800
Deferred grant revenue	-	8,000
Payable to the Law Society of Saskatchewan	83,850	-
	<u>153,715</u>	<u>67,530</u>
Trust Liabilities - Disbursement Fund (Note 3)	<u>90,729</u>	<u>88,871</u>
	<u>244,444</u>	<u>156,401</u>
Net Assets		
Unrestricted Surplus	<u>359,518</u>	<u>399,069</u>
	<u>\$ 603,962</u>	<u>\$ 555,470</u>

See accompanying notes to the financial statements

Commitments (Note 4)

Approved by:



Director



Director

Pro Bono Law Saskatchewan Inc.
Statement of Operations and Surplus
For the year ended December 31, 2021
(with comparative figures for the year ended December 31, 2020)

	2021	2020
Revenues		
Annual fees	\$ 58,800	\$ 56,970
Disbursement fund (Note 3)	3,142	1,565
Donations	14,716	6,562
Fundraising events	650	10,669
Investment income	1,201	3,518
Law Foundation of Saskatchewan grant	500,000	500,000
Ministry of Justice grant	-	50,000
Grant income	8,000	-
	<u>586,509</u>	<u>629,284</u>
Expenses		
Board meetings and travel	-	228
Fundraising events	-	1,881
Disbursement fund (Note 3)	3,142	1,565
Insurance	172	1,762
Management fees to the Law Society of Saskatchewan	17,400	17,400
Office and sundry	8,272	11,035
Office rent	53,018	43,301
Professional development	3,559	3,650
Professional fees and services	12,209	7,768
Program development costs	2,334	1,545
Public relations	818	3,100
Salaries and benefits	520,250	477,914
Server hosting and communications	4,886	6,261
	<u>626,060</u>	<u>577,410</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenses for the year	(39,551)	51,874
Unrestricted surplus - beginning of year	<u>399,069</u>	<u>347,195</u>
Unrestricted surplus - end of year	<u>\$ 359,518</u>	<u>\$ 399,069</u>

See accompanying notes to the financial statements

Pro Bono Law Saskatchewan Inc.
Statement of Cash Flows
For the year ended December 31, 2021
(with comparative figures for the year ended December 31, 2020)

	2019	2020
Cash provided by (used in) operating activities:		
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenses for the year	\$ (39,551)	\$ 51,874
Non-cash operating working capital (Note 5)	108,021	(131,021)
	<u>68,470</u>	<u>(79,147)</u>
Increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	68,470	(79,147)
Cash and cash equivalents - beginning of year	<u>439,204</u>	<u>518,351</u>
Cash and cash equivalents - end of year	<u><u>\$ 507,674</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 439,204</u></u>

See accompanying notes to the financial statements

Pro Bono Law Saskatchewan Inc.
Notes to the Financial Statements
For the year ended December 31, 2021

(with comparative figures for the year ended December 31, 2020)

1. Governing statutes and nature of operations

Pro Bono Law Saskatchewan Inc. is provincially incorporated under *The Non-Profit Corporations Act, 1995* and is a registered charity. The Organization's mandate is to improve access to justice in Saskatchewan by creating, facilitating, and promoting opportunities for lawyers to provide high-quality pro bono legal services to persons of limited means who are in need and/or disabled. As a registered charity, the Organization is exempt from income taxes under Section 149(1)(f) of the *Income Tax Act*.

2. Summary of significant accounting policies

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations which require management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amount of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amount of revenues and expenses during the period. These estimates are reviewed periodically, and, as adjustments become necessary, they are reported in earnings in the period in which they become known. The financial statements reflect the following policies:

Financial instruments - recognition and measurement

Financial assets and financial liabilities are recorded on the statement of financial position when the Organization becomes party to the contractual provisions of the financial instrument. All financial instruments are required to be recognized at fair value upon initial recognition, except for certain related party transactions. Measurement in subsequent periods of equity instruments is at fair value. All other financial assets and liabilities are subsequently measured at amortized cost adjusted by transaction costs, which are amortized over the expected life of the instrument.

Fair value is the amount at which a financial instrument could be exchanged at arm's length between willing, unrelated parties in an open market. Changes in fair value of financial assets and financial liabilities measured at fair value are recognized in excess of revenues over expenses.

When there is an indication of impairment and such impairment is determined to have occurred, the carrying amount of financial assets measured at amortized cost is reduced to the greater of the discounted cash flows expected or the proceeds that could be realized from the sale of the financial asset. Such impairments can be subsequently reversed if the value subsequently improves.

The Organization recognized financial instruments consist of cash, accounts receivable, accounts payable and accrued liabilities. The fair value of cash, accounts receivable, accounts payable and accrued liabilities, approximate their carrying value given the short term nature of the amounts.

Tangible capital assets

In previous years, the Organization's average total revenues were less than \$500,000 and the Organization had chosen to expense the purchase of capital assets. In fiscal 2020, the Organization no longer met the appropriate threshold and thus, all future purchases of tangible capital assets will be recognized. At the end of the year, the Organization's assets consisted of office furniture. There were no tangible capital assets purchased in 2021 (2020 - \$nil).

Revenue recognition

The Organization uses the deferral method of accounting to recognize revenue. Annual fees received in advance are deferred and recognized as revenue in the period to which they apply. Grant revenues are recognized in the period to which they apply. Grants that are restricted to a specific purpose are recognized as the related expenses are incurred. Investment income is recognized as it is earned. Fundraising and donation revenues are recognized when the funds are received.

Pro Bono Law Saskatchewan Inc.
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3. Disbursement trust fund

The Disbursement Trust Fund consists of restricted donations received by the Organization. These amounts are used to cover the costs incurred by volunteers, such as photocopying or filing costs, in providing litigation services to clients. As the funds are restricted, revenues are recognized as expenses are incurred.

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
Opening balance - beginning of year	\$ 88,871	\$ 79,936
Donations received	5,000	10,500
Expenses	(3,142)	(1,565)
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Closing balance - end of year	<u>\$ 90,729</u>	<u>\$ 88,871</u>

4. Commitments

The organization has commitments for premises under agreements requiring aggregate minimum payments (rent and operating costs) over the next three years as follows:

2022	\$	52,052
2023	\$	47,714

5. Non-cash operating working capital

Details of net change in each element of working capital relating to operations excluding cash are as follows:

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
(Increase) decrease in current assets:		
Accounts receivable	\$ 652	\$ (1,009)
Prepaid expenses	2,528	(4,255)
Receivable from Law Society of Saskatchewan	18,656	(18,656)
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	21,836	(23,920)
Increase (decrease) in current liabilities:		
Annual fees received in advance	540	(670)
Deferred revenue	(8,000)	(42,000)
Payable to the Law Society of Saskatchewan	83,850	(58,660)
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	9,795	(5,771)
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	86,185	(107,101)
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	<u>\$ 108,021</u>	<u>\$ (131,021)</u>

6. Economic dependence

Pro Bono Law Saskatchewan Inc. currently receives the majority of its revenues in the form of grants from The Law Foundation of Saskatchewan. As a result, the Organization is dependent upon the continuance of this grant to maintain operations at the current level.

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7. Financial risk management

The Organization has a risk management framework to monitor, evaluate and manage the principal risks assumed with financial instruments. The significant risk to which the Organization is exposed to is:

Liquidity Risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that an entity will encounter difficulty in meeting obligations associated with financial liabilities. The Organization's exposure to liquidity risk is dependent on the receipt of funds from its operations and other related sources. Funds from these sources are primarily used to finance working capital and are considered adequate to meet the Organization's financial obligations.

8. Significant Event

On March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization declared a global pandemic for the COVID-19 virus. The Organization is following health advisories and mandatory requirements from local, provincial and national health and government organizations. The Organization has continued to operate since the pandemic was declared. The future impact of the pandemic on the Organization's operations and finances, if any, is known at this time.
