

Victor P. Dietz K.C. Pro Bono Service Award

Terms of Reference

Background

In recognition of the contribution of lawyers in Saskatchewan to supporting access to justice for persons of limited means, Pro Bono Law Saskatchewan and the Law Society of Saskatchewan established an annual award in 2008/2009 to recognize outstanding pro bono service. In 2018 the Award was renamed the Victor P Dietz K.C. Pro Bono Service Award in recognition of the contributions of the late Victor P Dietz K.C. to access to justice in the province of Saskatchewan.

Eligibility

To be eligible for the award, an individual must:

- Be a resident of Saskatchewan;
- Be a member in good standing of the Law Society of Saskatchewan;
- Have demonstrated outstanding contribution in the area of pro bono work, including any or all of the following activities:
 - Delivering pro bono legal services;
 - Assisting with the establishment of pro bono programs;
 - Coordinating pro bono services;
 - Education and advocacy to promote a pro bono culture.

Nomination Procedure

Using the Nomination Form, please provide a summary of the nominee's pro bono service detailing why the nominee is deserving of this award. If the Nomination Form does not provide enough room, please provide the information in a separate document.

An individual may nominate themselves, or another lawyer. Every nomination must be supported by three members in good standing of the Law Society of Saskatchewan. For the three supporting members in good standing, their names, phone numbers and email addresses must be included on the Nomination Form where specified. Signatures and letters of support by the three supporting members are not required but encouraged.

Completed Nomination Forms are to be submitted to info@pblsask.ca by the annual deadline.

Deadline for Nominations

The deadline is December 20, 2024.

Selection Process

Selection of the award recipient is made by a panel of three people: the Executive Director of the Law Society of Saskatchewan, the Past President of the Law Society of Saskatchewan, and a representative from Olive Waller Zinkhan & Waller LLP as the law firm of the late Victor P Dietz KC.

The Selection Panel selects an award recipient based on the eligibility criteria as well as the following considerations:

- equity and diversity of the award recipient such that award recipients are diverse, for example in age, gender, ethnicity, location, ability, etc.

The Selection Panel selects one award recipient annually from the nominations, however, the Panel can select more than one award recipient in a year.

Pro Bono Law Saskatchewan and/or the Law Society of Saskatchewan will inform the Selection Panel of:

- the award recipients for the proceeding 10 years
- if applicable, nominees or nominators that are not in good standing with the Law Society of Saskatchewan

Award Presentation

The award recipient will receive a commemorative work of art and a physical award. A tribute will be published in the Law Society of Saskatchewan's member communication, on their website, and on Pro Bono Law Saskatchewan's member communications and social media.

Depending on the location of the award recipient, the award may be presented to the award recipient at an event held by CLASSIC Law (in Saskatoon) or Pro Bono Law Saskatchewan (in Regina).

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Nomination Form

Nominee:

Name: _____

Current Employer (if applicable): _____

Email Address: _____

Work Address: _____

Nominators:

1. Name: _____

Employer (if applicable): _____

Email Address: _____

Signature (optional): _____

2. Name: _____

Employer (if applicable): _____

Email Address: _____

Signature (optional): _____

3. Name: _____

Employer (if applicable): _____

Email Address: _____

Signature (optional): _____

Provide information about the nominee's characteristics that may be considered to facilitate selecting a diversity of award winners such as age, gender, ethnicity, location, ability and so on.

Does the nominee consent to their diversity characteristics being publicly disclosed?

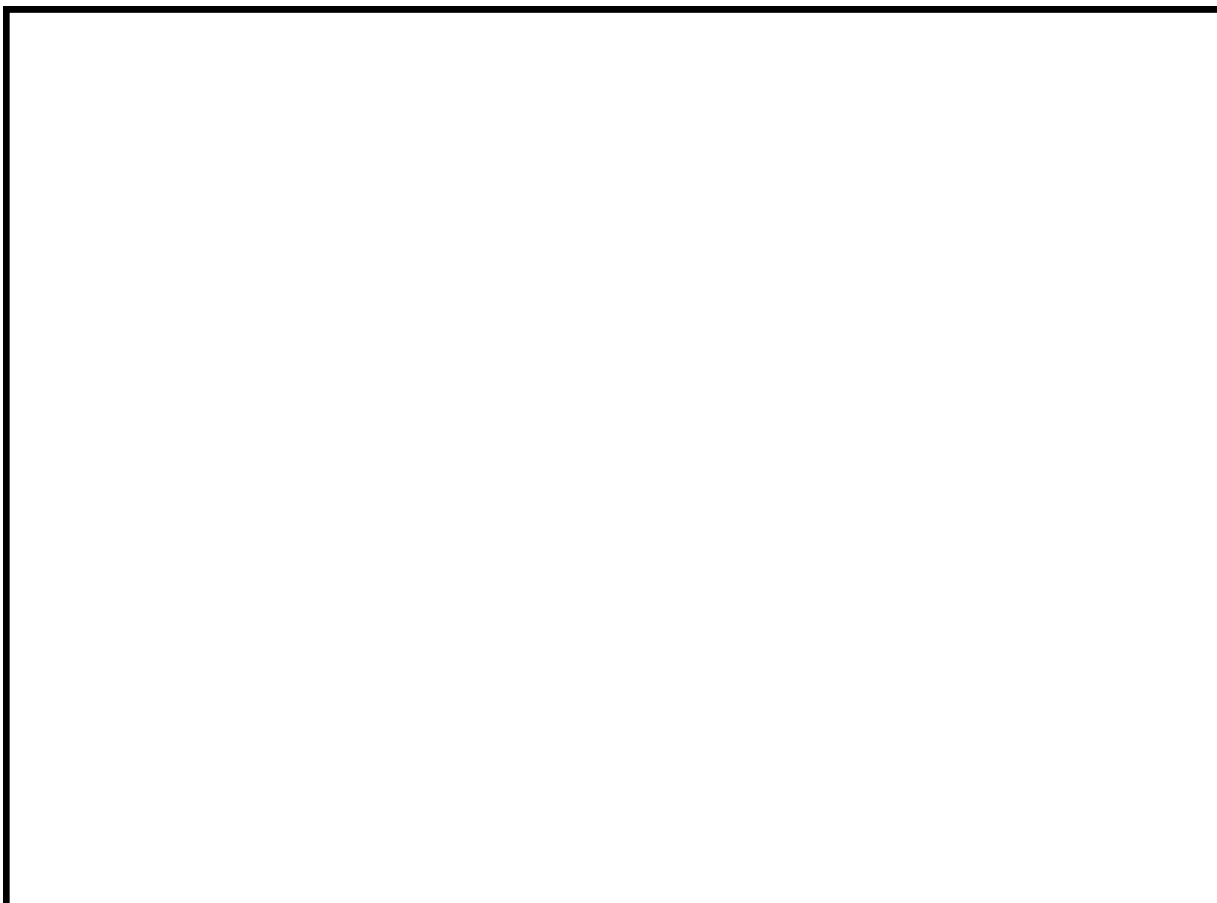
Yes

No

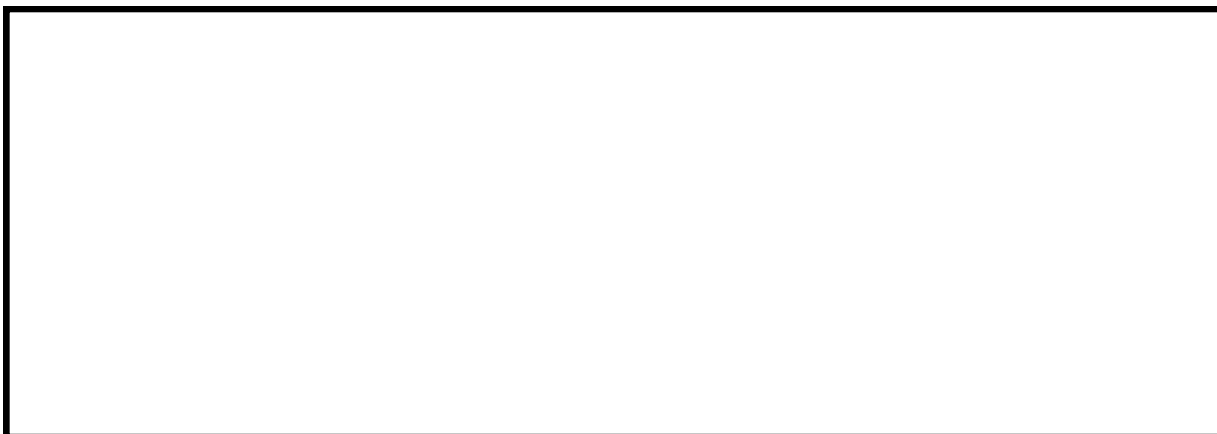
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Describe how the nominee has demonstrated outstanding contribution in the area of pro bono work, including any or all of the following activities:

- Delivering pro bono legal services;
- Assisting with the establishment of pro bono programs;
- Coordinating pro bono services;
- Education and advocacy to promote a pro bono culture.

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Provide any further details relating to the nominee's professional and/or education background.

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