

Pro Bono Law Saskatchewan

Awards and Recognitions for 2025

Volunteer of the Year Award - Sean Watson, Willows LLP

This award acknowledges a Pro Bono Law Saskatchewan (PBLs) volunteer lawyer who displays an exemplary dedication to the provision of pro bono services in their capacity as a PBLs volunteer.



Mr. Watson is the recipient of this award due to his long-term contributions to PBLs. He has volunteered in PBLs' Small Claims Clinic since 2017. However, he is flexible and is willing to meet with clients in various areas of law, including SGI, which is an area with few volunteer lawyers. Mr. Watson has a pro bono spirit, frequently attending PBLs events and encouraging junior lawyers to volunteer. He leads by example and has made a positive impact on many clients' lives.

Nominees for the award were Jola Fagbemi, Ben Feist, Allison Graham and Olesya Radionova.

Dedicated Firm Award - Retired Lawyers

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

PBLs is recognizing our crew of retired lawyers as recipients of this award. Our dedicated retired lawyer volunteers in 2025 were Betty Ann Pottruff K.C., Gene Josephson, George Thurlow K.C., Greg Willner, Norman Bercovich K.C., Ron Cherkewich and Ronald Kruzeniski K.C. These seven volunteers collectively provided 149 free legal advice appointments in 2025. These lawyers bring a wealth of knowledge to PBLs clients and set an example of volunteerism to junior lawyers.



Nominees for the award were McKercher LLP Regina and Parchomchuk Sherdahl Hunter.

Panel Matches

*Thank you to the following lawyers who represented clients through a Panel Program in 2025. An * indicates the lawyer represented two legal matters.*

- Graham Beke *
- Ron Cherkewich
- Kyla Eiffert
- Victoria Elliott-Erickson
- Jola Fagbemi
- Kerri Froc *
- Scott Giroux
- Sarah Gryba
- Nicole Hamm
- Omar Khayyam
- Pam Kovacs *
- Jamie LaRose
- Dan LeBlanc
- Ling Ma
- Neil McPhee *
- Jared McRorie
- Mark Persick
- Sam Rezazadeh
- Lucas Richards
- Camille Salovino
- George Thurlow K.C.
- Greg Willner
- Stephanie Yang Morris

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Milestones for Free Legal Clinic Lawyers

Thank you to the 118 lawyers who volunteered at a Free Legal Clinic in 2025. A special thanks to the following lawyers who have met milestones!

15 or more years

- Kara-Dawn Jordan K.C.
- Nicholas Cann K.C.
- Ron Cherkewich
- Victoria Elliott-Erickson
- Lindsay Gates
- Ron Parchomchuk K.C.

10 years

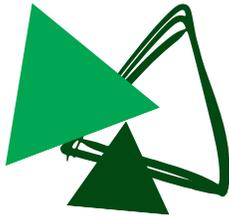
- Rob Feist
- Estelle Hjertaas
- Bhavendee Jaggi
- Gene Josephson
- Paul Kangles
- Rhiannon Montgomery
- Ashala Naidu

5 years

- Adedoyin Ajayi
- Deidre Brandt
- Darlene Wingerak K.C.

3 years

- Ada Aja
- Kristen Bates
- Dale Brown
- Alex Buchan
- Mo Depo-Fajumo
- Andrew Erhardt
- Andrew Gaucher
- Jamie LaRose
- Michelle McCrea
- Bryn Rees
- Devon Sletten
- George Thurlow K.C.
- Sonne Udemgba
- Kylee Wilyman



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

Tomi Olutunfese, Tomi Law Office

This award is jointly presented by the Law Society of Saskatchewan (LSS) and PBLs. It recognizes someone who engages in delivering, establishing, coordinating, and/or advocating for pro bono legal services in Saskatchewan. Victor P. Dietz K.C. was the founding Director and first President of PBLs.

Ms. Olutunfese was selected as the award recipient by the selection committee after being nominated by her peers. Ms. Olutunfese lives and works in Nipawin and has been a dedicated volunteer with PBLs since 2016. Ms. Olutunfese was vital to the establishment of the PBLs Northeast Free Legal Clinic, which offers in-person appointments in Nipawin, serving Nipawin, Melfort and Tisdale area. Ms. Olutunfese is also a Bencher with the Law Society of Saskatchewan.

Nominees for the award were Paul Kangles, Melissa Nicolls, Denim Martyn, Neil McPhee and Talon Regent.

