

2010/2011 Pro Bono Report

Overview

Access Pro Bono (APB) was formed on April 1, 2010 following the merger of two of British Columbia's leading pro bono legal service providers, the Western Canada Society to Access Justice and Pro Bono Law of BC.

Vision

APB's vision is of a justice system in which having limited means is not a barrier to obtaining quality legal services.

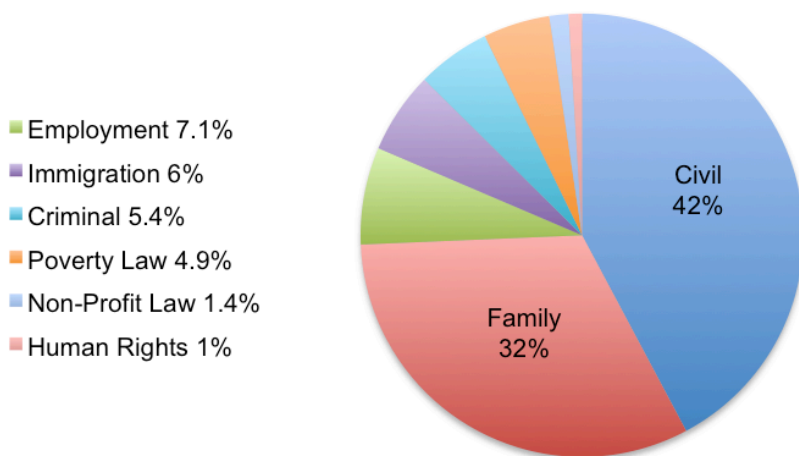
Mission

APB's mission is to promote access to justice in BC by providing and fostering quality pro bono legal services for people and non-profit organizations of limited means.

Services:

- 97 pro bono legal advice clinics operating in communities throughout BC, including remote locations by televideo;
- legal representation through the BC-wide Roster Program, the Civil Chambers Pro Bono Duty Counsel Program and the Nanaimo Children's Lawyer Program;
- full insurance coverage for pro bono lawyers, and disbursement coverage for registered pro bono cases;
- support for law firms developing formal pro bono policies and programs, and for partnerships between law firms and community organizations.
- legal training and materials for pro bono lawyers through CLE courses, publications and web links.
- legal advocacy through annual events and media outreach.

APB Service Areas



Expansion of Pro Bono Programs

In the past 12 months, APB:

- launched the Children's Lawyer Project in Nanaimo;
- launched the Pro Bono Paralegal Program in Vancouver—the first program of its kind in Canada;
- expanded the Civil Chambers Duty Counsel Program from one day per week to two days per week;
- opened 24 new legal advice clinics, including 2 televideo clinics.

Advocated for expanded legal aid before the Public Commission on Legal Aid in 7 different cities.

\$2.3 Million

- market value of pro bono legal services provided through APB programs;

\$30,500

- total of funds raised at Pro Bono Going Public 2010;

6,771

- total of service hours donated by APB volunteer lawyers in the past 12 months;

5,348

- number of low-income individuals and non-profits that received pro bono legal advice and representation through APB in the past 12 months;

615

- number of active APB volunteer lawyers;

232

- number of APB volunteer lawyers recruited in the past 12 months;

97

- total number of pro bono legal advice clinics located throughout BC.

Donate today & support APB

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