

## Requests for Proposals (RFP) for Creative Design Concepts for Law Society Awards

### SUMMARY OF THE OPPORTUNITY

The Law Society of British Columbia (LSBC) is requesting proposals for the design, production and delivery of awards that recognize lawyers who have made outstanding contributions in specific areas that are described below. This opportunity is open to professional artists and art students living in British Columbia.

### ABOUT THE LAW SOCIETY

Established in 1869, the LSBC is an independent organization that regulates the practice of law in British Columbia, in order to protect consumers of legal services in the province.

The LSBC's governing legislation also establishes a duty to uphold public confidence in the administration of justice, including by protecting the rights and freedoms of all persons. The LSBC fulfills these responsibilities through regulatory initiatives, as well as initiatives to improve the availability of legal services, support equity and diversity in the legal profession, inform the public about the rule of law, and address the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's calls to action.

The LSBC's board of governors, known as Benchers, establish professional conduct, ethics and learning standards for lawyers. Twenty-five of the Benchers are elected by the legal profession, six are appointed by the provincial government in order to ensure that the public is represented.

### ABOUT THE PROJECT

The LSBC is seeking original, creative design concepts for four distinct awards:

**Law Society Award** – presented every two years, in recognition of the recipient's integrity, professional achievement, service and law reform, and contributions to the advancement of the legal profession or the law

**Excellence in Family Law Award** – in recognition of the recipient's contribution to the advancement of justice for families

**Award for Leadership in Legal Aid** – in recognition of the recipient's exceptional commitment to the provision of legal aid in BC, including through public advocacy, writing articles or performing research designed to support a strong legal aid system, engaging in law reform to improve the state of legal aid, or participation in the governance of the Legal Services Society

**Diversity and Inclusion Award** – in recognition of the recipient's significant contribution to diversity and inclusion in the legal profession or the law.

Information about eligibility criteria for each of the awards may be found at Schedule "A".

These awards are the LSBC's pinnacle recognition pieces. The successful designs must be high quality and consistent with the overall brand and reputation of the LSBC as a regulator of the legal profession.

Proposals may be submitted for one or more award, but the proposal should reflect the unique qualities and attributes that each award represents. The successful artist or artists will work closely with LSBC staff to finalize designs and orders for the award products.

## **ELIGIBILITY**

The competition is open to professional artists and art students living in British Columbia. Preference will be given to proponents with reviewable portfolios. The selection panel will consider artistic diversity as one factor in the selection process.

Proponents should have a proven ability to fabricate their own work or to work with fabricators who can produce copies of the award on an ongoing basis.

## **HOW TO APPLY**

**Proponents interested in this project must prepare and submit the following:**

- **Proposed artwork concept for a specific award** – This proposal shall include conceptual design drawings, sketches and/or maquettes sufficient to communicate the artistic concept. It should describe the specifications for the artwork related to materials, size, and related information.
- **Price/budget** – Indicate the price per unit for creative design, as well as production and reproduction of the proposed design.
- **Letter of interest** – No more than one page in length, explaining your interest in the competition. Please include your name and contact information, and state the format of your sample submitted.
- **Artist's statement** – No more than 200 words in length, describing your work.
- **Current resume**
- **Three references** familiar with your work, including their addresses and telephone numbers.
- **Work samples** – on CD or DVD.

**Materials must be received by the Law Society of BC by 5:00 p.m. on July 18, 2019.**

**Hand deliveries will be accepted.**

**SUBMISSIONS FOR THE AWARDS DESIGN COMPETITION WILL NOT BE RETURNED.**

**PLEASE MAIL APPLICATION MATERIALS TO:**

Law Society Awards Design Competition  
Law Society of BC  
845 Cambie Street  
Vancouver, BC V6B 4Z9  
Attn: Jason Kuzminski

**FINAL DESIGN SELECTION**

A panel of representatives from the LSBC will review the submissions and select a design concept for each of the awards. The final commission of the awards will be determined and announced by September 20, 2019.

Criteria for selection will include:

- An initial proposal that reflects the Project Outline as described in this RFP document
- A body of work reflecting artistic excellence
- Experience fabricated and reproducing copies of artwork or creative design products
- References provided as part of this application.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

The successful proponent or proponents and the LSBC will enter into a contractual agreement or agreements for all elements of the project, including the creative design concept, fabrication, and delivery of the awards.

The Law Society of BC is under no obligation to award a commission or contract for artwork based on any creative design proposal submitted.

**QUESTIONS**

If you have any questions or need any additional information, please call Jason Kuzminski at (604) 697-5845 or email him at [JKuzminski@lsbc.org](mailto:JKuzminski@lsbc.org)

## SCHEDULE "A"

### Law Society Award

The Law Society Award honours the lifetime contribution of the truly exceptional in the legal profession, the person who stands out from the crowd, who has contributed more than anyone could ask and who inspires others to a pursuit of excellence.

Four criteria are considered when selecting the award recipient:

- **Integrity** – The recipient is of unimpeachable good character with a reputation for high professional integrity and honesty.
- **Professional achievements** – The recipient is known for significant accomplishments in her or his professional career.
- **Service** – The recipient has made exceptional volunteer contributions of time and energy to the advancement of the legal profession, either personally or through a recognized society or organization.
- **Reform** – The recipient has made an outstanding contribution to the betterment of the law or the improvement of the justice system.

The award is made primarily in recognition of contributions to the advancement of the legal profession or the law, but public service outside the legal profession is also considered.

## Law Society Excellence in Family Law Award

The Law Society Excellence in Family Law Award recognizes lawyers who have contributed to the advancement of justice for families.

Nominees must demonstrate how they have:

- helped people solve their family disputes in a manner consistent with the Canadian Bar Association's *Best Practice Guidelines for Family Lawyers*;
- demonstrated innovation in the area of family law, with particular consideration to finding creative and non-adversarial ways to help families resolve disputes;
- developed innovative models and practices for helping people achieve efficient, cost-effective and lasting outcomes to their family law disputes;
- demonstrated a commitment to pro bono and/or legal aid services; and
- improved access to justice in family matters for people and groups that face systemic barriers to enjoying equal justice in society.

## **Law Society Award for Leadership in Legal Aid**

The Law Society Award for Leadership in Legal Aid recognizes lawyers who have demonstrated exceptional commitment to the provision of legal aid in British Columbia.

Nominees must demonstrate their commitment to the provision of legal aid in one or more of the following ways:

- by consistently taking on legal aid files over a number of years; and
- by performing legal aid duty counsel.

Additional consideration may be given to lawyers who publicly demonstrate a commitment to legal aid, whether through public advocacy, writing articles or performing research designed to support a strong legal aid system, engaging in law reform to improve the state of legal aid, or participating in the governance of Legal Services Society.

## Law Society Diversity and Inclusion Award

The Law Society Diversity and Inclusion Award recognizes lawyers who have made significant contributions to diversity and inclusion in the legal profession or the law in British Columbia.

Nominees must demonstrate:

- **Professional achievements:** significant commitment and accomplishments with respect to improving diversity and inclusion in the legal profession in British Columbia;
- **Service:** exceptional volunteer contributions of time and energy to the removal of barriers to enhance the advancement of diversity and inclusion in the legal profession in British Columbia, either personally or through recognized societies or organizations;
- **Impact:** contributions to diversity and inclusion initiatives that have had positive impact on removing barriers to greater diversity and inclusion in the legal profession in British Columbia.

## **Law Society Pro Bono Award**

The Law Society Pro Bono Award recognizes lawyers who have demonstrated exceptional commitment to the provision of pro bono legal services in British Columbia, exhibiting professionalism and a high degree of competence, by:

1. by consistently taking on pro bono files over a number of years; and
2. by taking an active and ongoing role in promoting pro bono in British Columbia.

Nominees must demonstrate these characteristics, with additional consideration given to lawyers who publicly demonstrate a commitment to pro bono, whether through public advocacy, writing articles or performing research designed to support greater pro bono engagement, participating in law reform to improve the state of pro bono, having participated in the governance of pro bono organizations.