

## Appendix A

### PART 1: *PRO BONO* LEGAL SERVICES CURRENTLY PROVIDED BY LAWYERS

1. If *pro bono* means “*legal services for persons of limited means or not-for-profit organizations, without expectation of a fee,*” do you currently provide *pro bono*?

78% Yes                      22% No                      ***If you answered no to this question, please skip ahead to Question 8.***

1.1 In providing *pro bono*, do you ever pay for disbursements without expectation of reimbursement?

11% Never                      29% Rarely                      40% Occasionally                      17% Frequently                      3% Always

2. Do you provide *pro bono* to charitable, religious, civic, community, governmental or educational organizations that primarily address the needs of persons of limited means?

58% Yes                      42% No

3. Do you provide *pro bono* to individuals, groups or organizations seeking to secure or protect civil rights, civil liberties or public rights?

44% Yes                      56% No

4. Please indicate the type of *pro bono* you provide: (check one or more)

31% poverty law (includes EI, GAIN, WCB, landlord/tenant, debtor issues)

18% criminal law

31% family law

6% immigration law

55% non-profit / society law

36% other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_

5. In an average/typical month, how many hours of *pro bono* do you perform? Average 8 hours per month

6. If you currently provide *pro bono* through a structured program, please name the program:

7. Why do you provide *pro bono*? (check only the most significant reason)

66% professional responsibility                      23% volunteerism 1% marketing exposure

1% educational experience                      9% other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_

***Please skip ahead to Question 10.***

8. If you are not currently providing *pro bono*, how likely are you to provide *pro bono* in the future?

7% very likely                      21% likely                      72% not likely                      0% not interested

9. Why do you not currently provide *pro bono*? (check only the most significant reason)

16% family commitments

7% other volunteer commitments

2% it is the government’s responsibility to provide adequate resources

5% not interested

9% my firm won’t support me in doing *pro bono*

61% other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_

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10. Does your firm have a <i>pro bono</i> policy? (Optional: If <b>yes</b> , please provide us with a copy.)	4% Yes	93% No	3% In the process of development
11. Do you believe that lawyers in British Columbia should voluntarily provide a minimum number of hours of <i>pro bono</i> annually? 17% agree strongly 8% don't know	30% agree somewhat	17% disagree somewhat	28% disagree strongly
11.1 If you agree, how many hours annually? Average of 46 hours per year			
12. Do you think it is important that lawyers who provide <i>pro bono</i> be formally recognized and acknowledged in a public manner? 17% agree strongly 8% don't know	30% agree somewhat	25% disagree somewhat	20% disagree strongly
13. Do you work for clients whose fees are paid by the Legal Services Society?	29% Yes	71% No	
14. It has been suggested that <i>pro bono</i> in B.C. could be enhanced through a non-profit service that would not deliver <i>pro bono</i> directly, but would promote, support and serve as a resource to organizations and lawyers in delivering <i>pro bono</i> . Would you support the creation of such a service? 14% agree strongly 19% don't know	34% agree somewhat	16% disagree somewhat	18% disagree strongly
15. Do you perform volunteer community service other than <i>pro bono</i> ?	76% Yes	24% No	
16. How many hours annually do you spend on volunteer community service other than <i>pro bono</i> ? Average of 37 hours per year			
<b>PART 2: THE LAW SOCIETY / CBA PRO BONO INITIATIVE</b>			
17. What legal services do you think should be included in the Law Society/CBA <i>Pro bono</i> Initiative? (check as many as apply) 64% the delivery of free legal services to persons of limited means who are not eligible for legal aid 51% the delivery of free legal services to charitable, religious, civic, community, governmental and educational organizations that primarily address the needs of persons with limited means 44% providing free legal assistance to individuals, groups or organizations seeking to secure or protect civil rights, civil liberties or public rights 29% other volunteer or community service 16% don't know / no opinion			
18. For the purposes of the Law Society/CBA <i>Pro bono</i> Initiative, do you think that <i>pro bono</i> should include work undertaken with the expectation of a substantially reduced fee? 56% Yes 26% No 18% Don't know / no opinion			
19. For the purposes of the Law Society/CBA <i>Pro bono</i> Initiative, do you think that <i>pro bono</i> should include work undertaken in expectation of a fee, when that fee is ultimately not received because the client cannot pay? 25% Yes 53% No 23% Don't know / no opinion			
20. Please list any suggestions you have about how lawyers can be encouraged to deliver <i>pro bono</i> to people who are ineligible for legal aid and cannot afford a lawyer.			
21. Comments (feel free to attach an additional sheet):			

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<b>PART 3: GENERAL INFORMATION</b>			
22. Describe your practising status:			
93% a practising lawyer    2% a non-practising lawyer    5% a lawyer practising part-time    1% a retired lawyer 0% an articulated student <b>(Skip to Question 27)</b>			
23. If practising law, are you:			
88% insured		12% exempt from insurance	
24. If you are a lawyer in private practice, check the statement that best describes your practice situation:			
29%	a sole practitioner practising on your own, or with one or more lawyers in shared facilities		
27%	an employee, associate or partner in a law firm of 2 to 5 lawyers		
15%	an employee, associate or partner in a law firm of 6 to 10 lawyers		
9%	an employee, associate or partner in a law firm of 11 to 25 lawyers		
5%	an employee, associate or partner in a law firm of 26 to 50 lawyers		
11%	an employee, associate or partner in a law firm of more than 50 lawyers		
2%	an independent contractor providing legal services to lawyers or law firms		
2%	other (please specify) _____		
25. If you are a lawyer in a setting other than private practice, check the statement that best describes your employment situation:			
22%	Crown Counsel		
38%	a government department, agency or Crown Corporation (other than as Crown Counsel)		
18%	a society, union, or other non-governmental organization		
0%	a faculty of law or other legal education organization		
10%	a business or corporation (other than a law corporation)		
12%	other (please specify) _____		
26. How many years has it been since you were called to the Bar?			
3%	16%	19%	17%
less than one	1 - 5	6 - 10	11 - 15
15%	14%	7%	10%
16 - 20	21 - 25	26 - 30	more than 30
27. If you are practising law or employed as an articulated student, where is your chief place of practice or employment? If you are not practising law or employed as an articulated student, where do you reside?			
62%	18%	9%	
Lower Mainland	Vancouver Island	Kamloops / Okanagan Valley	
5%	3%	3%	
Northern B.C.	Kootenays	other (please specify) _____	
28. Sex:			
72% Male		28% Female	
<b>PART 4: OPTIONAL INFORMATION</b>			
Name:			
Address:			
Telephone: (    )		Fax: (    )	
E-mail:			
Would you like to receive more information about <i>pro bono</i> opportunities in your community?			
33% Yes		67% No	