**VOLUNTEER LAWYERS WANTED**

Indigenous Human Rights Program

Pro Bono Students Canada (PBSC) and the Ontario Federation of Indigenous Friendship Centres (OFIFC) launched the Indigenous Human Rights Program in September 2020, and in January 2021 launched an Indigenous Human Rights Clinic at Odawa Native Friendship Centre in Ottawa.

At the Clinic, PBSC law students work with volunteer lawyers to provide free summary legal advice and legal information about discrimination and human rights to Indigenous adults that live in the Ottawa area. The Clinic is currently operating virtually.

Currently, all of our volunteer lawyers are licensed to practice law in Ontario and provide advice under Ontario’s *Human Rights Code* and the *Canadian Human Rights Act*. However, since launching in January 2021, we have received calls from individuals who live or work in Gatineau and other nearby Québec communities.

In order to meet the needs of these individuals, we are looking for 1-2 lawyers who are licensed to practice law in Québec, who have knowledge and experience practicing in the area of Québec human rights law, and who otherwise meet our Clinic eligibility criteria.

Volunteer time would be minimal, but completion of the Ontario Federation of Indigenous Friendship Centres’ cultural competency training program is mandatory. If you are interested in supporting the Clinic and the urban Indigenous community living in and around Gatineau, please contact Julia Tousaw, PBSC Program Manager at [julia.tousaw@probonostudents.ca](mailto:julia.tousaw@probonostudents.ca).

Thank you in advance for your allyship, time, and consideration!