



**Ottawa Law Centre Becomes David W. Scott Centre for Justice
- Pro Bono Ontario Honors the Legacy of David W. Scott -**

[November 1, 2019] Ottawa, Ontario — Pro Bono Ontario pays tribute to the legacy of David W. Scott, renaming the Ottawa court-based Law Help Centre in his honour as the David W. Scott Centre for Justice. A celebrated trial and appellate lawyer, David will be commemorated for his ardent advocacy on behalf of access to justice for all people, regardless of their ability to pay.

The official name change will take place at a gala reception on Friday, November 1, 2019 with special keynote presentations by the former Chief Justice of Canada, the Right Honourable Beverley McLachlin, and Jeffrey S. Leon, past President of the American College of Trial Lawyers.

David passed away on March 21, 2019. Having first joined PBO's Board of Directors in 2002, he provided 17 years of dedicated service in a variety of capacities that included sitting as PBO's Chair between 2007 and 2010. He also routinely volunteered at the centre now being renamed in his honour. The recipient of several awards for his pro bono work, David was also an Officer of the Order of Canada. He was a strong mentor to many other lawyers, fervently impressing upon them the critical need to both give back to our communities and to ensure that the justice system continues to serve all citizens.

"We are profoundly honoured to have had the opportunity to work alongside David W. Scott and witness first-hand his unequivocal commitment and support for the most vulnerable people in our society. Without exaggeration, this centre would not exist without his leadership and the passion with which he advocated for advancing pro bono legal services in Canada," said Lynn Burns, PBO's executive director.

The (now named) David W. Scott Centre for Justice first launched in 2010. It is one of three court-based centres in Ontario that provides free legal advice and assistance to low-income unrepresented litigants with civil matters. Collectively, these centres help over **14,000** clients each year. While core funding is generously provided by the Law Foundation of Ontario, PBO also relies on donations to maintain the centres' operations. David's family has asked that gifts in his memory be made to PBO and directed to the David W. Scott Centre for Justice.

The reception will take place at the Ottawa courthouse from 5-7 pm and is sponsored by Ron Eastern Construction Ltd. & Arnon Corporation, Borden Ladner Gervais LLP, Bentham IMF, Arbitration Place, and the University of Ottawa Civil Law Section. To RSVP to the event or to donate to the centre, visit <https://probonoontario.org/voices-for-pro-bono/dws-centre/>.

About PBO

Founded in 2001, Pro Bono Ontario is a registered charity that provides free legal services to nearly **30,000** people each year, assisting vulnerable Ontarians with the civil, non-family legal problems that account for approximately 60 percent of unmet legal needs in the province. Donations are accepted year-round and an annual fundraising campaign (#InvestInJustice) is held each year in the fall.

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