

New *pro bono* legal services for refugees and aid organizations

Montreal, March 30, 2016 – As part of the arrival of Syrian refugees, Pro Bono Québec and CN are proud to announce that starting today, refugees in Quebec and aid organizations will be able to use volunteer lawyer services. Based on Pro Bono Québec's public interest program, which started in 2009, the assistance program to refugees and organizations will meet the legal needs of individuals who would not have access to legal services from a lawyer without the help of Pro Bono Québec.

"We realized that refugees welcomed in Canada are in great need for legal assistance with respect to immigration, housing, consumer protection, employment, family, etc. Furthermore, non-profit organizations involved in their integration have limited resources to provide answers to questions arising from these concerns. That is why, thanks to CN's financial contribution, Pro Bono Québec decided to set up a project offering support to these people", says Nancy Leggett-Bachand, Pro Bono Québec Executive Director.

For CN, this contribution went without saying: "Our company is committed to ensuring integration of refugees in our society and this contribution to Pro Bono Québec's project is in line with CN's \$5M donation to a welcome fund used to provide front-line services to the Syrian community recently arrived in Canada, such as housing, food, clothing and education", noted Olivier Chouc, CN's Vice-President Law.

Refugees and organizations seeking to use these services will need to complete a form (www.probonoquebec.ca) that will be examined as to determine the exact nature of required services, and then, where needed, the individual or organization will be assigned to a volunteer lawyer.

About Pro Bono Québec

Pro Bono Québec is a nonprofit organization created in 2008 on the initiative of the Quebec Bar, whose mission is to mobilize the legal community in giving expertise and time for the benefits of particulars and NPOs in Quebec that do not have the required resources to have access to legal services. www.probonoquebec.ca

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