

## David Asper Centre for Constitutional Rights

The Asper Centre is devoted to advocacy, research and education in the area of constitutional rights in Canada. The cornerstone of the Centre is a legal clinic that brings together upper year students, faculty and members of the bar to work on significant constitutional cases and advocacy initiatives for credit. Students in all years can volunteer with one of our working groups led by upper year students. Working groups prepare policy briefs, draft public legal information materials, organize workshops, and conduct research on current or emerging constitutional law and Charter rights issues. Find out more about this year's working groups at Clubs Fair and at our working group Info Session (see below). Students are also welcome to attend our workshops and conferences on constitutional law topics throughout the year. Sign up for our Mailing List on our website or at Clubs Fair to keep updated.



David Asper Centre for Constitutional Rights  
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**Website:** [aspercentre.ca](http://aspercentre.ca)  
**Info Session Time:** Fri., Sept. 18th, 12:45  
**Info Session Link:** [Zoom \(link\)](#)  
**How to Apply:** [Public Interest Lottery \(link\)](#)

## Downtown Legal Services (DLS)

DLS is the Faculty's flagship public interest clinic. We have been providing innovative legal services to low income communities for almost 50 years. Working under the close supervision of expert staff lawyers, our law student caseworkers provide assistance in a variety of areas of law including criminal, family, human rights, refugee and immigration, tenant housing and academic appeals and offences. In addition to direct legal services, DLS runs an expansive community outreach and public legal education program. Given the current environment due to the COVID-19 pandemic, it is not possible to run our 1L volunteer program as we have done in previous years. However, we will be putting out a general call for volunteers for special projects as these arise throughout the year. Please keep an eye out for these emails if you are interested in volunteering with DLS.



Downtown  
Legal Services

**Website:** [downtownlegalservices.ca](http://downtownlegalservices.ca)

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## International Human Rights Program (IHRP)

The first clinic of its kind in Canada, The IHRP involves law students in international human rights law advocacy, knowledge exchange, and capacity-building. Through our award-winning legal clinic and volunteer working groups, students develop experience in the practice of international human rights law and international criminal law. 1L projects focus mostly on providing research support to our ongoing projects. Learn more about first year volunteer opportunities at the IHRP working group info session (see below). Join our mailing list at the Clubs Fair for updates on IHRP summer internships, upcoming events, and ways to be involved with the IHRP's student edited magazine, Rights Review.

Find us on Facebook and Twitter @IHRP\_UofT.



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HUMAN RIGHTS  
PROGRAM

**Website:** [ihrp.law.utoronto.ca](http://ihrp.law.utoronto.ca)  
**Info Session Time:** Tue., Sept. 15th, 12:45 p.m.  
**Info Session Link:** [Zoom \(link\)](#)  
**Where to Apply:** [Public Interest Lottery \(link\)](#)

## Investor Protection Clinic (IPC)

The new Investor Protection Clinic at UofT provides free legal services and public legal education to members of vulnerable communities who are at risk of suffering harm, or may have suffered harm and loss, relating to their investments. The IPC gives law students unique opportunities to learn through assisting clients with their legal claims, developing and delivering public legal education, and collaborating with regulators and key stakeholders on policy projects and litigation to promote investor protection. Students, including 1Ls, can volunteer with our working groups (Explorer and CLEO) by applying through the Public Interest Lottery. Upper years can volunteer for the working group on Project SRO by applying by email at [ipc.law@utoronto.ca](mailto:ipc.law@utoronto.ca) by 12pm September 15, 2020 with a statement of interest (maximum 100 words). Find out more about the IPC's working groups at Clubs Fair and the online information session.

### Investor Protection Clinic

**Website:** [IPC Website \(Link\)](#)  
**Info Session Time:** Mon., Sept. 14, 12:45 p.m.  
**Info Session Link:** [Zoom \(link\)](#)  
**Where to Apply:** [Public Interest Lottery \(link\)](#)  
[ipc.law@utoronto.ca](mailto:ipc.law@utoronto.ca)

## Law in Action Within Schools (LAWS)

Founded by U of T Law in 2005, LAWS is Canada's leading law school youth outreach program. As an award-winning model of collaboration, LAWS offers interactive and transformative educational programming to high school students who face personal or systemic barriers to academic success and postsecondary access. LAWS's programming increases legal knowledge, encourages academic engagement and promotes diversity and inclusion in the legal profession. In partnership with Osgoode Hall Law School, LAWS programs with over 1,200 high school students annually and relies on the support of over 400 justice sector volunteers. Volunteering for LAWS is a great way for law students to enhance their own classroom learning, develop important professional skills, and make a positive and lasting contribution to the community. Time commitments vary and can be flexible.

Law in  
Action  
Within  
Schools

**Website:** [lawinaction.ca](http://lawinaction.ca)  
**Info Session Time:** Wed., Sept. 16, 12:45 p.m.  
**Info Session Link:** [Zoom \(link\)](#)  
**Where to Apply:** [Apply Online \(link\)](#)

## Pro Bono Students Canada (PBSC)

PBSC is on a mission to provide free legal support to people and communities facing barriers to justice. Founded in 1996 at the University of Toronto Faculty of Law, and with Chapters at 22 law schools throughout Canada, we are the largest pro bono organization in the country. Our students have the opportunity to develop their legal skills by supporting the work of community organizations under the supervision of lawyers in nearly every area of law, including family, constitutional, human rights, immigration and refugee, LGBTQ2S+ rights, health, and business law. Last year alone, our volunteers at the Faculty provided over 7,600 hours of pro bono service. For more information, attend our 1L information session to find out how you can join PBSC (info below)!

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**Website:** [pbsc.law.utoronto.ca](http://pbsc.law.utoronto.ca)  
**Info Session Time:** Thu., Sept. 17, 12:45 p.m.  
**Info Session Link:** [Zoom \(link\)](#), Pass: 720130  
**Where to Apply:** [Public Interest Lottery \(link\)](#)

**Applications are due on Tuesday, September 22nd at 2:00 p.m. EDT.**