

The Advocacy Club Social Committee is pleased invite you to our Spring Social on May 29th from 5:30-9:00 pm! This event is generously sponsored by Geller Law and Jewitt McLuckie & Associates LLP. All proceeds will be donated to the Ottawa Pro Bono Employment Law Legal Clinic ("Clinic") so that it can continue serving those who are facing employment law challenges who cannot afford a lawyer.

WHAT: This is an informal opportunity to network, socialize, and learn more about the important work that the Clinic is doing in the community. Pizza will be served (vegetarian options available) and there will be a cash bar. Rabbit Hole has generously offered to donate \$1 from each drink sale to the Clinic.

WHEN: Wednesday, May 29, 2024 from 5:30 pm to 9:00 pm

WHERE: Rabbit Hole, 208 Sparks Street, Ottawa (Lower Level Bar)

REGISTRATION: Please send an email to Kelli Day (<u>kelli@black-law.ca</u>) to reserve your spot on the registration list. If you are registering on behalf of someone else, please provide their name and email address. The minimum ticket price is \$25 + HST. There is also the option to purchase a ticket for \$50 or \$100 for those who wish to make a larger donation to the Clinic. Tickets can be purchased online at the Advocacy Club website: https://www.advocacyclub.ca/store/c1/Featured_Events.html

FUNDRAISING OBJECTIVES: The Clinic was initially founded in the Spring of 2020 in response to the job loss and employment law challenges faced by Ontarians following the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic. Since then, the Clinic has been registered as a not-for-profit corporation and has provided over 4,500 hours of free legal services to individuals who cannot afford a lawyer. In addition to providing free legal services to those in need, the Clinic provides mentorship and experiential learning opportunities for law students at the University of Ottawa Faculty of Law. The Clinic operates from May-August each year. It has received varying levels of funding since 2020 which has allowed the Clinic to provide modest compensation to the law student interns and, as the Clinic's operations have expanded, to a part-time executive director. Funding has steadily decreased "post-COVID" and, as such, the Clinic is calling upon the amazing Ottawa legal community for its support. For more information about the Clinic and its operations see: https://www.ottawalegalclinic.ca/

OTHER: This event is open to lawyers, paralegals, articling students, law students, and all community-minded individuals who wish to support this important cause. If you have any questions regarding this event, please contact Kelli Day at kelli@black-law.ca.