

WINE ART AUCTION

THE ADVOCATES' SOCIETY'S CHARITABLE FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN
FOR THE INMATE APPEAL DUTY COUNSEL PROGRAM



About The Advocates' Society

The Advocates' Society was established in 1963 to ensure the presence of a courageous and independent bar and to maintain the role of the advocate in the administration of justice. The Advocates' Society is composed of over 5,200 lawyers and judges across Canada, practicing in every area of litigation. They are members of large and small legal firms or are sole practitioners, work in government and industry, and range in experience level from junior associate to senior partner to judicial member.

A primary tenet of The Advocates' Society is access to justice. As the voice of advocates, the Society upholds its principles by engaging its members in pro bono work, impacting law through intervening in court cases, and making submissions on legislation and policy. We support our members' professional development with over 100 signature advocacy skills training programs; mentoring sessions; and collegial events throughout the year.

About the Inmate Duty Counsel Appeal Program

This year, the Society's "TAS Gives Back" charitable fundraising campaign focuses on access to justice by raising money for the Inmate Appeal Duty Counsel Program.

This program provides experienced criminal appellate counsel for otherwise unrepresented inmate appellants in the Court of Appeal. A group of approximately 30 counsel staff the program by volunteering their time to represent the program's clients in the Court of Appeal. The clients have been convicted of serious offences and are appealing their convictions and/or sentences, without the benefit of counsel. Most of the clients are vulnerable and marginalized, and members of First Nations are disproportionately represented in the client group. Many of the clients struggle with challenges such as mental health issues, illiteracy, poverty, and lack of education.

We are raising money to fund a professional administrator/paralegal position for the program. It is too big and complex to be administered on an ad hoc basis.

About the Auction

Basic Information

When: Wednesday, May 20, 2015 at 6:00pm to 9:00pm

Where:

Convocation Hall, The Law Society of Upper Canada
Osgoode Hall, 130 Queen Street West
Toronto, Ontario M5H 2N6

The auction will consist exclusively of art and wine lots. The selected artists are invited to attend the event.

A charitable donation receipt will be issued by Pro Bono Law Ontario to artists who provide a letter from their gallery or agent indicating the fair market value of the piece being donated.

Auction Format

The majority of the items will be auctioned off live, but some items may be on silent auction. The auctioneer and Auction Committee will determine the items to be live and silent auctioned.

There will be approximately 20-25 pieces of art auctioned off, along with a similar number of wines, making a total of 40-50 lots. Anticipated attendance is 200 guests.

Artwork will be displayed on floor easels and table easels. Each art piece will be handled with care and displayed in the most flattering manner possible. Artist and artwork information will be included next to each art piece.

The Auction Catalogue

The auction catalogue will include the following information: artist photo, contact information (including email, website, social media handles), and bio; art piece photo, name, and description; and the fair market value and the recommended minimum bid for the piece.

Guests will have access to artist profiles via an electronic catalogue prior to the event and a printed catalogue available the night of the event. The auction catalogue will be distributed via email to the Society's 5,200+ members, via social media to 3,500+ Twitter followers, and posted online on the Society's website.

Artwork Guidelines

- Original pieces or signed and numbered prints will be accepted.
- \$500-\$1,500 price range per piece.
- Reserve/minimum bids will be set for all pieces. The Auction Committee will work with artists and the auctioneer to establish minimum bids.
- While no restrictions will be placed on subject matter or medium for the art piece, the audience will be comprised of legal professionals and members of the bench, many of whom are personal collectors or participate in firm art buying committees. Artists are encouraged to consider the audience when selecting their donated piece.
- There is no set size for art pieces. Ideally, pieces are transportable by car so winning bidders can bring their piece home with them. Please let us know in advance if your piece is heavy or particularly large so that we can make the appropriate accommodations.

Deadlines

Commitment deadline: April 1, 2015

Please submit registration form and photos by April 1, 2015 to Maia Miller, Marketing and Communications Coordinator at maia@advocates.ca. Please note that due to overwhelming interest, late submissions may not be accepted. Registration confirms the artist's willingness to participate in this auction.

Confirmation date: April 9, 2015

Submission of the registration form does not guarantee participation in the auction. Artists will be informed of inclusion by April 9, 2015.

Auction catalogue release date: April 10, 2015

Artwork delivery: Tuesday, May 19, 2015

Details will be provided after confirmation of inclusion.

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Artist Information And Donation Form

Artist Name:

Email:

Website:

Twitter Handle:

Instagram Handle:

Facebook Page:

Other Social Media:

Artwork Name:

Artwork Description:

Fair Market Value:

Recommended Minimum Bid:

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Artist/Artwork Bio: 150-200 words

I certify that I am donating this art piece(s) to The Advocates' Society to benefit "TAS Gives Back" charitable fundraising campaign.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO INCLUDE JPEG PICTURES OF THE DONATED ART PIECE AND OF THE ARTIST WHEN SUBMITTING THIS FORM. DEADLINE IS APRIL 1, 2015.

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Artists will be informed April 9, 2015 of their involvement.*

We are pleased to have received such a positive response from the artist community,
and we sincerely thank everyone who has offered to share their talent in support of our cause.