BUZZ EMAIL:

I am pleased to advise that on November 1, 2012, at the 4th National *Pro Bono* Conference in Montreal, Fraser Milner Casgrain LLP (FMC) was awarded the **2012 Canadian National** *Pro Bono* Law Firm Award for its outstanding contribution to the provision of *pro bono* legal services. Nominated by the National Director of *Pro Bono* Students Canada, FMC received this honour due to the service we provide to low-income and vulnerable Canadians, as well as not-for-profit and charitable organizations who serve these groups, and cultural, diversity and community organizations that serve the communities in which FMC practices. Our active *Pro Bono* Program, under <u>Barbara Grossman</u>'s leadership, strives to engage opportunities for our professionals to offer *pro bono* services which provide needed access to justice while broadening the firm's experience and developing participants' skills. This honour confirms FMC's leadership in the legal and business communities in this area. Congratulations FMC on this exceptional achievement!

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Our <u>pro bono</u> work continues to be an integral part of FMC's culture and our overall national strategy, directing our services to low-income and vulnerable Canadians, as well as not-for-profit and charitable organizations who serve these groups, and cultural, diversity and community organizations that serve the communities in which FMC practices. With participants from all practice areas and a lead lawyer in each of FMC's six offices, its active *Pro Bono* Program, under <u>Barbara Grossman</u>'s leadership, strives to engage opportunities for its professionals to offer *pro bono* services which provide needed access to justice while broadening the firm's experience and developing participants' skills.

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PRESS RELEASE:

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*Recognizing outstanding achievement in pro bono legal services

TORONTO, ON — **November 6, 2012**— Fraser Milner Casgrain LLP (FMC), one of Canada's leading business and litigation law firms, is pleased to announce that it has been honoured with the 2012 Canadian National *Pro Bono* Law Firm Award, which recognizes a Canadian national law firm that has made an outstanding contribution to the provision of *pro bono* legal services.

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"It is a privilege for our firm to be recognized by these organizations with such a prestigious award," said Chris Pinnington, FMC's Chief Executive Officer. "The delivery of *pro bono* services is essential to FMC's culture and business strategy, and we continue to foster an environment where our dedication to *pro bono* enriches our community, our firm, and our professional practice and client relationships."

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"Having earned this prestigious award demonstrates that we are making a positive impact in both the legal community and the community at large," says <u>Barbara Grossman</u>, the FMC Partner who leads the firm's National *Pro Bono* Program. "It motivates us to continue building on our initiatives to advance *pro bono* services in our firm and in the legal profession."

As a leader in this area, FMC received this award in recognition of its national contribution to the provision of *pro bono* services, details of which can be viewed on FMC's *pro bono* webpage at www.fmc-law.com.

About FMC

Fraser Milner Casgrain LLP (FMC) is one of Canada's leading business and litigation law firms with more than 500 lawyers in six full-service offices located in the country's key business centres. We focus on providing outstanding service and value to our clients and we strive to excel as a workplace of choice for our people. Regardless of where you choose to do business in Canada, our strong team of professionals possess knowledge and expertise on regional, national and cross-border matters. FMC's well-earned reputation for consistently delivering the highest quality legal services and counsel to our clients is complemented by an ongoing commitment to diversity and inclusiveness to broaden our insight and perspective on our clients' needs. Visit: www.fmc-law.com or follow @FMC_Law on Twitter at www.twitter.com/FMC_Law.

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FMC is honoured to receive the 2012 Canadian National *Pro Bono* Law Firm Award And congratulates all other award recipients at the 4th National *Pro Bono* Conference