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Education Law Section
Ontario Bar Association
20 Toronto Street, Suite 300
Toronto, Ontario M5C 2B8

Dear Member:

RE: Referral Service for Families

The Child Advocacy Project (CAP) is a registered project of Pro Bono Law Ontario. Its mandate is to work with community partners, law firms, and private practice lawyers to develop pro bono legal advocacy projects for children and families who are unable to afford legal services. (For information on CAP projects, see www.childadvocacy.ca)

As one of the advocacy projects, the CAP Education Law Program helps safeguard the public education rights of children and youth across Ontario and ensure due process in education legal matters.

As a courtesy to the public, and in recognition of the serious nature of education matters, CAP endeavors to provide referral service to families who are beyond the financial threshold for its pro bono services. To date, CAP has referred families using an informal list of student-representing practitioners who are willing to accept cases on a reduced-fee basis, but it is unable to meet the increased demand for referral requests.

CAP is interested in identifying the number of student-representing practitioners in Ontario and would like to hear from you. We also welcome inquiries of joining the reduced-fee panel to refer those families who do not qualify for pro bono services, but are unable to pay full fees.

I welcome any questions you may have on this matter.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Wendy Miller', is written over a light blue horizontal line.

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