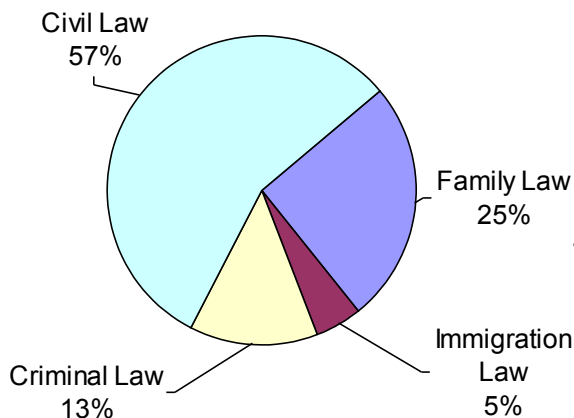




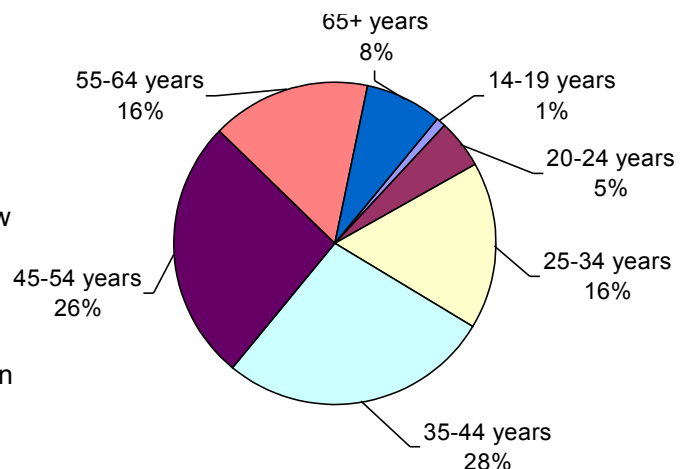
FACT SHEET

- Western Canada Society for Access Justice (Access Justice) aims to improve access to the Canadian justice system by people on low-income
- Since 1999, Access Justice main service has been to provide *free* one-on-one legal advice through *pro bono* clinics
- Every year, thousands of clients consult with one of the 470 volunteer lawyers for a variety of legal matters, including Family, Criminal, Personal Injury, Bankruptcy, Small Business, Wrongful Dismissal & Employment, and Housing
- Access Justice provides free legal advice for up to approximately 500 clients each month
- By serving clients whose monthly net income falls below \$2,700*, Access Justice serves those ineligible for Legal Aid and unable to afford a lawyer
- *Pro Bono* lawyers will give legal advice and assist clients in doing the work, they will not prepare typed legal documentation or represent clients in court
- 65 *Pro Bono* Legal Advice Clinics are offered through local community organizations located throughout BC, Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba, such as community centres, neighbourhood houses, and women’s centres
- Televideo Legal Clinics allow lawyers located in areas like Vancouver and Victoria to provide face-to-face legal assistance to rural areas through the simple means of using a webcam, telephone, and fax machine
- There are currently TeleVideo Legal Clinics operating in six different rural communities across BC – Trail, Prince Rupert, Terrace, Smithers, Williams Lake, and Grand Forks

Legal Advice provided by
Access Justice Pro Bono Clinics



Age of Clients attending
Access Justice Pro Bono Clinics



* The income threshold eligible for Access Justice services is \$2,700 per month for singles, with increases of \$100 for each dependent and includes \$10,000 for family assets and \$60,000 for home equity, excluding single custodial parents, the senior and the disabled.