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Pro-bono Legal Services a Boost

The Small Business Commissioner, David Eaton, recently joined the Minister for Small Business, Hon. Paul Papalia CSC, and the Attorney General, Hon. John Quigley, at the John Curtin Law Clinic to mark the establishment of its pro-bono legal service for small business.

The small business sector is a valuable contributor to the State's economy and the Clinic is one of several providers of pro bono legal assistance for small business owners who meet eligibility criteria and are unable to afford full cost legal advice.

Located in the CBD, services at the John Curtin Law Clinic are provided by final year law students supervised by qualified practising lawyers. As a result, students gain practical legal skills and specialist knowledge while small business clients get access to legal advice and remedies they could not otherwise afford.

For the period, February to August 2017, the clinic assisted 72 small business clients, at no cost. A total of 33 clients were referred by the SBDC. It's estimated that savings in legal fees for each small business client ranged from \$3,000 to \$9,000.

The SBDC provides a range of services for businesses involved in business-to-business or business-to-government disputes. If you require business advice or assistance with a business dispute, [contact us](#).

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