



**CREATE Justice**  
 Centre for Research, Evaluation,  
 and Action Towards Equal Justice  
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## Consent Form

*Creating a Seat at the Table: Reflections From Women in Law & Dear Beth...A Women in Law Podcast*

You are invited to participate in an online survey aimed at capturing the impact of *Creating a Seat at the Table: Reflections from Women in Law* (the book); and *Dear Beth...A Women in Law Podcast* (the podcast), and prioritizing areas and issues for action in the future. This survey is part of our broader project to increase equity, diversity, inclusivity, and belonging in the legal profession, and thus improve people-centred justice and access to justice.

**Researchers:** The study is being conducted by the Centre for Research, Evaluation, and Action Towards Equal Justice (CREATE Justice); the College of Law’s Well-Being Coordinator; instructors associated with a variety of topics including Kwayeskastasowin, a course in Indigenous people and the law, and systemic and law reform in the legal profession; and experts in research methodology, reflective practice and well-being, and legal history, including women in law.

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**Procedures:** The survey will take approximately 10 minutes and consists of an online questionnaire to collect information about the impact of the book/podcast. The survey will also ask you about strategies that can be adopted to address any limitations you identify related to the project.

**Study Funders:** N/A

**Potential Risks:** There are no known or anticipated risks to you by participating in this study. It is possible that you may experience some anxiety when you are asked to share your thoughts about the book/podcast, given the variety of topics covered. You might not want to talk about some of the impacts you have observed. If this is the case, you can answer only the questions you feel comfortable

answering. If you experience any discomfort related to this research project, you can use the links below to access resources:

- “Lawyers Concerned for Lawyers”, immediate confidential assistance 24 hours per day, 7 days per week (1,800.663.1142), available to any Saskatchewan lawyers, judges, articling students, law students, and their immediate family members.
- The Saskatchewan Government Database of Community Resources <https://sk.211.ca>.
- HealthLine 811 - <https://www.saskatchewan.ca/residents/health/accessing-health-care-services/healthline>.
- Mobile Crisis Services (Saskatchewan) - <https://mobilecrisis.ca>.
- The Canadian Mental Health Association - <https://cmha.ca/find-help/find-cmha-in-your-area/>
- USask wellness centre and supports: <https://students.usask.ca/health/centres/wellness-centre.php>.
- Dr. Judy Jaunzems-Fernuk is also a trained counsellor and can direct you to services if they are needed.

**Potential Benefits:** Your participation in this study will add to the limited data currently available about the impact of our approach in the justice sector – i.e., creating reflective spaces for change. Based on the survey’s findings, recommendations and initiatives will be developed to build on what respondents find helpful, as well as address the gaps that are identified.

**Confidentiality:** All information collected through this survey will be anonymous, unless respondents prefer to leave their name. While the survey is intended to be anonymous if respondents choose not to leave their name, it is possible that your responses may include some identifying information about you or your organization. Any identifying information will not be included in any reports, articles, presentations, or fact sheets created to disseminate the findings, unless respondents indicate at question 8 of the survey that they prefer to be named. The data will be reported in aggregate form so that it will not be possible to identify individuals.

**Storage of Data:** This survey is hosted by Survey Monkey. Your data will be stored in facilities hosted in Canada. Please see the following for more information on Survey Monkey’s Privacy Policy: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/mp/legal/privacy/> Once the survey is closed, your responses will be stored securely at the University of Saskatchewan on a secure network drive and will only be accessible to the research team. Data will be stored for ten years post-publication; at that time, it will be destroyed permanently and beyond recovery. The Principal Investigator, Brea Lowenberger, is responsible for the storage of the data.

**Right to Withdraw:** Participation in this survey is voluntary. You can decide not to participate at any time by closing your browser or choosing not to answer any questions you do not feel comfortable with. Survey responses will remain anonymous. Since the survey is anonymous, once it is submitted it cannot be removed (unless you choose to include your name). If you choose to withdraw, your responses will not be shared with anyone outside of the research team. If you chose to withdraw and have provided your name, the deadline to withdraw is one week after your participation has ended.

**Follow-up:** A summary of the results of this study will be posted on CREATE Justice’s website: <https://law.usask.ca/createjustice/>. The results may be available as soon as Fall 2024/Winter 2025. The results of this study will also be submitted for publication in an academic journal.

**Questions or Concerns:** This research project has been approved on ethical grounds by the University of Saskatchewan Behavioural Research Ethics Board. Any questions regarding your rights as a participant may be addressed to that committee through the Research Ethics Office: [ethics.office@usask.ca](mailto:ethics.office@usask.ca); 306-966-2975; out of town participants may call toll free 1-888-966-2975.

If you have any questions about the survey, please do not hesitate to contact Brea Lowenberger at 306-966-8635 or [b.lowenberger@usask.ca](mailto:b.lowenberger@usask.ca) or any of the other researchers listed above.

By completing and submitting this questionnaire, **your free and informed consent is implied** and indicates that you understand the above conditions of participation in this study.