

Professional Development

To ensure that members have the competency to provide quality support, the LSN is pleased to welcome member Margaret Hollis who will offer a professional development training on advising societies and not-for-profit corporations. The training will take place on Thursday December 3rd. This training will review the basics of incorporation and governance for non-profits, including policies that should be in place. It will also discuss the characteristic risks faced by non-profits, special cases such as condominium corporations and charitable organizations, and the roles and risks of members sitting on a board.

Resolution to adopt a new pro bono activity under the Law Society of Nunavut Access to Justice Program

WHEREAS the members of the Law Society of Nunavut (“LSN”) approved, on December 4, 2014, an amendment to Rule 93 of the *Rules of the Law Society of Nunavut* (“Rules”) to allow members, who are normally exempted from professional liability insurance, to be entitled to indemnification for approved pro bono legal services rendered through the Access to Justice Program (“Program”) established earlier the same year;

AND WHEREAS pursuant to ss. 93(4) of the Rules, members who are not otherwise entitled to indemnification under the group contract, namely the Canadian Lawyers Insurance Association (“CLIA”), are now entitled to indemnification under the group contract for approved pro bono legal services rendered through the Access to Justice Program;

AND WHEREAS not-for-profit corporations and societies often play vital roles in the territory in providing valuable services to Nunavummiut and would benefit greatly from the assistance of members with respect to certain work, such as drafting and reviewing memoranda of understanding, by-laws and filings;

AND WHEREAS providing insurance coverage for LSN members who are not otherwise entitled to indemnification through CLIA would increase the number of pro bono contributions to meet access to justice needs in the territory, and also support members who would like to give back to their community;

AND WHEREAS the LSN Executive has taken steps to provide professional development training to its members to support not-for-profit corporations and societies within the scope of their skills and competency;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Law Society of Nunavut members approve the new proposed pro bono activity, support for not-for-profit corporations and societies, under the Access to Justice Program.