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Notice to the Profession

New Model Code of Conduct

The following serves as a notice to the profession of the Law Society of Nunavut (LSN) Membership;

During the November 7, 2016 Special General Meeting of the LSN, the FLSC Model Code of Conduct as amended was adopted as the LSN Code of Conduct in replacement of the Canadian Bar Association Code of Conduct adopted on March 15, 2005.

With national mobility of the profession, the law societies recognize the benefit of moving toward a harmonized national standard of rules of conduct so that the public can expect the same ethical requirements to apply wherever their legal advisor may practice law;

Accordingly, the Code of Conduct was drafted as a national code for Canadian lawyers. It is recognized, however, that regional differences will exist in respect of certain applications of the ethical standards. Lawyers who practise outside their home jurisdiction should find the Code useful in identifying these differences.

A breach of the provisions of the Code may or may not be sanctionable. The decision to address a lawyer's conduct through disciplinary action based on a breach of the Code will be made on a case-by-case basis after an assessment of all relevant information. The rules and commentaries are intended to encapsulate the ethical standard for the practice of law in Canada. A failure to meet this standard may result in a finding that the lawyer has engaged in conduct unbecoming or professional misconduct.

- You can now download the Nunavut version of the Model Code of Conduct ;
- You can also view the red line version .

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