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To: Law Society of Nunavut Members

From: Deputy Secretary

Re: Report for the 2020 – 2021 Annual General Meeting

Date: June 21, 2021

- In 2020, resident lawyers still constituted a majority of the membership of the Discipline Committee with one new appointment to the Committee. Committee members who were involved in the investigation of complaints this past year were invited to provide feedback and suggestions for the development of a new handbook for investigators which incorporates the National Discipline Standards. The handbook will also serve as the foundation for the development of in-house training modules that will be accessible online. The table of content is available here.

- In 2020, eight new disciplinary matters were opened for investigation by the Discipline Committee:

  - Three complaints are still ongoing;
  - Three have resulted in advice and direction; and
  - One matter was concluded by the Chair with no further actions as the concerns raised did not constitute professional misconduct or conduct unbecoming a barrister and solicitor.

- A disciplinary matter from 2018 that was referred to inquiry was heard on June 25, 2020. The Order was published on CanLII. Two other disciplinary matters from before 2020 remain under investigation with an expected completion date by December 31, 2021.

- Necessary amendments to the *Legal Profession Act* and the *Rules of the Law Society of Nunavut* to modernize and improve the disciplinary process have been identified and include a designated fitness to practice-related process.