



To: Members of the Law Society of Nunavut

From: Rules Committee

Re: Report for the 2020 – 2021 Annual General Meeting

Date: June 18, 2021

INTRODUCTION

The Rules Committee was established in April 2018 after the coming into force of amendments to the *Legal Profession Act* that included a new section 8.1 requiring the committee's establishment as follows:

Rules Committee

8.1. (1) The Executive shall establish a committee called the Rules Committee composed of not less than three members at least one of whom is an active member resident in Nunavut, and shall, in accordance with the rules, appoint the members of the Rules Committee from among the members of the Society.

Forwarding proposed rule

(2) Prior to making a rule under this Act, the Executive or the Society shall forward a copy of the proposed rule to the Rules Committee.

Examination

(3) The Rules Committee shall examine any proposed rule forwarded to it to ensure that it

- (a) is authorized by this Act;
- (b) is consistent with the enactments of Nunavut and Canada;
- (c) does not trespass unduly on existing rights and freedoms; and
- (d) does not constitute an unusual or unexpected use of the authority under which it is to be made.

Advice

(4) Following the examination under subsection (3), the Rules Committee shall advise the Executive and the members of the Society that the proposed rule has been examined and indicate any matter referred to in that subsection to which the attention of the Executive and the members of the Society should be drawn.

Restriction on making rules prior to examination

(5) Despite any other provision of this Act, the Executive and the Society may not make or confirm any rule prior to receiving advice under subsection (4) respecting that rule.

After the June 18th 2019-20 AGM, special counsel to the Executive, Merrilee Rasmussen, continued to work on the Rules Committee's summary of examination provided to the Executive in the spring of 2019. The summary outlines the Rules for which authority was lacking or minimal.

Accordingly, a Special Meeting took place on November 26th where the following amendments were approved by the membership after the Rules Committee's examination and advice:

Items for approval:

- Rules of the Law Society of Nunavut
 - Memo and resolutions: [Inuktitut](#) ; [English](#)
 - [Schedule A](#) - E-Voting for Executive Elections
 - [Schedule B](#) - Anti-Money Laundering Model Rules
 - [Schedule C](#) - Québec Mobility (Amendments to the Canadian Legal Advisor Certificate)
 - [Schedule D](#) - Procedures at Special Meetings

A copy of the updated Rules available [here](#).

The Rules Committee continues to review proposed Rules and provides recommendations to the Executive in accordance with subsection 8.1(4). For example: amendments related to Mandatory Continuing Legal education is now before the membership at this year's 2020-21 AGM.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Rules Committee,

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