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To: Law Society of Nunavut Members

From: Deputy Secretary

Re: Report for the 2021 – 2022 Annual General Meeting

Date: June 13, 2022

In 2021, resident lawyers still constituted a majority of the Discipline Committee composition with
one new appointment to the Committee. Committee members who were involved in the
investigation of complaints this past year were once again 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.

In 2021

- One outstanding matter from 2020 resulted in advice and direction while the other two remaining from that year concluded without sanctions defined under ss 24.1 (1) of the *Legal Profession Act*;
- Three new matters were open in 2021 for which two concluded without further actions as the concerns raised did not constitute professional misconduct or conduct unbecoming a barrister and solicitor; and
- One matter is still ongoing.
- In early 2022, two new matters were open and are ongoing.
- The Law Society purchased a new management software (Wrike) dedicated to discipline matters, to begin with, that allows designated Law Society staff, Committee members, counsels and parties involved to communicate and exchange documents in a secured and organized manner with selected permissions. The software structure is built to incorporate the National Discipline Standards and generate automated updates.
- 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 and increased options for the Chairperson once the investigation has concluded.