



To: Members of the Law Society of Nunavut

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Re: Report for the 2022 Annual General Meeting on the Law Society of Nunavut

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The Federation of Law Societies of Canada (“Federation”)

The Federation of Law Societies of Canada is the national coordinating body of Canada’s 14 provincial and territorial law societies, which regulate more than 136,000 lawyers and 4,200 Quebec notaries and Ontario’s nearly 10,600 licensed paralegals in the public interest. It is a leading voice on issues of national and international importance relating to the administration of justice and the rule of the law.

The Council of the Federation is the governing body of the Federation and is responsible for the strategic direction and oversight of the organization. The Council consists of elected Council members nominated by the Federation’s 14 member law societies.

2022 Annual Conference:

The Federation’s Annual 2022 Conference and Business Meetings were held on October 12-13 in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan. The discussions focussed on the competencies required of legal professionals in the future, and what they mean for legal education and training today.

Federation Initiatives and Committee work – updates:

The following highlights some of the Federation initiatives that may be of particular interest to the LSN membership. Additional information on the work of the Federation is available on the Federation's website: <https://flsc.ca/national-initiatives/>

Amendments To The Model Code Of Professional Conduct

To address the ongoing problems of harassment and discrimination faced by members of the profession whose personal characteristics are covered by human rights protections the Federation Council approved amendments to the *Model Code* related to discrimination, harassment. The amendments reflect contemporary understandings of discrimination and harassment law, while also acknowledging that legal professionals must stay abreast of developments in the law, understand the past and ongoing impacts of colonialism on Indigenous members of the profession, and remain aware of their own biases.

In addition, amendments to rules and commentary to Chapter 5: Relationship to the Administration of Justice were made to note the exceptional nature of *ex parte* proceeding and to highlight the care lawyers should take when engaging in routine, single-party correspondence with a tribunal.

Reconciliation Initiatives

As reported to you last year, in October 2021, the FLSC established an Indigenous Advisory Council and adopted Terms of Reference setting out its composition and the required competencies for members. In June 2022, Council appointed 7 members to the IAC. Of note, Beth Kotierk a member of the LSN was appointed to the IAC.

Thank you to Sara Siebert

I would like to personally take this opportunity to thank Sara for her years of commitment made to Council on behalf of Nunavut. Sara dedicated countless hours and her vast expertise to bettering the regulation of the legal profession through her work as Council Member and on numerous FLSC standing committees. It is an honour to take over from Sara and I will strive to live up to the level of excellent service Sara delivered to the Federation. Mark Mossey.