



Since the launch of the Law Society's Access to Justice Program in 2014, the Law Society continues to coordinate projects that bring partners together to fill access-to-justice gaps with invaluable support and contributions from the membership.

- For example:

- Hosted roundtable discussions, and co-hosted events with Pauktuutit Inuit Women of Canada.
- Continued involvement in the *Prevention of Sexual Harassment in the Workplace Project* in addressing gender-based violence and barriers to employment.
- With a financial contribution from the Nunavut Law Foundation, the Law Society coordinated the *Bridging the Gap Initiative* to assist Nunavummiut in filing Indian Day Schools' claims on behalf of family members (wills or powers of attorney).

### 3. Language projects and social media presence

We have provided a significant number of tools in all four languages and look forward to sharing the Law Society's Inuit language plan. We have increased our efforts respecting social media and diversifying our existing communication tools, such as the *Talking About Justice in Nunavut* podcast series and recorded Law Society continuing legal education (CLE) events, which are made available on our YouTube channel.

### 4. National presence

The Law Society continues to be an active participant in Federation of Law Societies of Canada meetings. This past year, we placed particular focus on competency-based assessments and wellness in the legal profession. In the summer of 2022, the Law Society was proud to welcome and meet with the Honourable David Lametti, Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada, to discuss our jurisdiction's successes and concerns.

### 5. Regulatory initiatives

We have continued ongoing efforts on the statutory reform of the *Legal Profession Act*. The Law Society has also been working towards creating an educational-based audit program for privately practising lawyers in Nunavut. In December of last year, the Law Society welcomed members Sara Siebert and Meghan O'Brien to deliver a CLE on Practice Management - Reminders and Updates.

### 6. Finances

Once again, in 2022, the Law Society took strategic steps with our investment returns to increase limited reserves in our operational, assurance, and liability funds.

It was a busy 12 months for the Law Society, and I already know there are many exciting projects planned for the forthcoming year. The Law Society could not operate without our dedicated members who volunteer time and effort, and work hard to ensure the Law Society's objectives and duties are met. I would also like to thank our staff at the Law Society of Nunavut: I am continually impressed with the level of professionalism and loyalty they demonstrate.

Thank you for the opportunity to showcase the Law Society's recent work and to have volunteered on your Executive.

Sincerely,

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