



To: Members of the Law Society of Nunavut

From: Membership and Admissions Committee

Rohan Brown, Chair, and Jessi Casebeer, Vice-Chair

Re: Report for the 2022-2023 Annual General Meeting

Date: June 9, 2023

MAC reviews and provides a recommendation to the Executive on all applications to join the LSN. This includes applications to join as an articled student-at-law, transfers from other jurisdictions under the Territorial Mobility Agreement, and other types of applications.

A. Membership Statistics

The statistics are compiled annually at March 31 to include the outcomes of the annual membership renewals (resignations, suspensions, change of status, etc.).

At March 31, 2023, MAC had considered 60 regular applications for membership and 3 student-at-law applications. The regular membership application numbers increased 106% compared to those compiled at March 31, 2022.

As of March 31, 2023, there were 78 active resident lawyers, including a number of lawyers from the Nunavut Law Program. The average resident bar in the last ten years has been 76 lawyers.

In comparison to the non-resident bar, the figures are as follows: in 2013, there were 193 active non-resident lawers; ten years later at March 31, 2023, there were 253 active non-resident lawyers. The latter represents an increase of roughly 31% from 2013.

89 lawyers were practicing under a Restricted Appearance Certificates (RAC) whereas at March 31, 2022, 66 RACs had been issued which is an increase of 34.8%. It is important to note that of the 89 RACs, 9 applicants ultimately got called to the Nunavut bar after submitting a combined RAC/ regular membership application.

With the steady flow of applications, MAC amended its application cycle from every three to every two weeks in early 2022 at which time applications are submitted for review and recommendations to the Executive Committee. In addition to the application process and approval timeline, the LSN is committed to meeting its standard of service to ensure a fair process for all applicants. You can learn more here.

B. Other Activities and Projects

(I) Streamlining the Application Process

As part of the ongoing action plan and priorities, the Committee has continued to work with the Law Society and Executive to develop a consistent approach in recognizing articles completed in other jurisdictions and articles proposed to be split between resident and non-resident members.

Among the final steps to streamline the online application for all types of applications is the online renewal of Restricted Appearance Certificates (RACs). The <u>online Membership Directory</u> now includes both lawyers practicing under a regular membership or a RAC.

(III) Nunavut Statutes Examination

In light of the August 2022 Executive decision to put on hold the administration of the Exam, as applicable for admission to the Nunavut bar, the MAC remains committed to supporting the efforts of the LSN and taking careful note of the Exam Taskforce's Final Report (May 2023) to ensure the territory is served by competent lawyers.

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Membership and Admissions Committee 2022 Statistics

Membership year-end January 31, 2023 including outcomes from March 31, 2023, renewals (suspensions & resignations)

Breakdown of members authorized (active) to practice law			
	Resident	Non-Resident	Total
Private practice:	8	226	234
Employed: - Government (Federal)	23	19	42
- Government (Prov./Terr.)	22	6	28
- Corporate	1	1	2
- Education	0	0	0
- Community Legal Aid	20	0	20
 Other (Land Claims/Inuit Organizations) 	4	1	5
Sub-total	78	253	331
Student-at-law (articling)	3	0	3
Restricted Appearance Certificates	3	86	89
Total	84	339	423 ¹

¹ This number reflects all members called to the bar as well as students-at-law admitted on or before March 31, 2023.

Provinces/Territories Active – Inactive Members		
Alberta	49	3
British Colombia	34	4
Manitoba	15	0
New Brunswick	0	1
Newfoundland	4	0
Northwest Territories	33	7
Nova Scotia	2	2
Nunavut	77	8
Ontario	99	18
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Saskatchewan	4	0
Yukon	4	0
Other	1	1
Total	331	43

Breakdown of members not authorized to practice law			
	Resident	Non-resident	Total
Inactive	8	35	43
Suspensions (current year)	1	6	7
Resignations	7	9	18
Judicial appointment	0	0	0
Deceased	0	0	0
Total	1	50	66

Regular Members Active – Student-at-law		
Years	2022	
New Applications	60 ² +2	
Renewals	331	
Total	393	

Residence Active – Inactive - Student-at-law		
Years	2022	
Resident	81 + 8	
Student	3	
Total	92	

Membership Applications		
Years	2022	
New Applications called to the bar	29	

Waiting to take Oath		
Years	2022	
New Applications	31	

Restricted Appearance Certificates		
Years	2022	
New Applications	51	
Renewals	28	
Total	79³	

Includes 22 Combined applications.
 9 Combined Application got called to Bar.