



To: Members of the Law Society of Nunavut

From: Rules Committee

Re: Report for the 2021 – 2022 Annual General Meeting

Date: June 2, 2022

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. The Committee reviews proposed Rules and provides recommendations to the Executive in accordance with subsection 8.1(4).

This year, the Committee was able to complete a few long-term projects. Following the adoption of the Continuing Legal Education amendments at last year's AGM, the Executive approved the respective internal policy on November 29, 2021. These changes came into effect on January 1, 2022 in relation to the license renewal application to be submitted by January 31, 2023.

CURRENT PROJECTS

A. Proposed Amendments to Provide for Changes of Membership Status

This project had been in the sights of the Law Society of Nunavut for some time in order to clarify the procedure in the event of cessation of practice. The Law Society team presented several versions of the amendments to the Committee for their review.

The amendments introduce a new form (R.1) which must be completed by members wishing to:

- 1) resign from the Law Society of Nunavut ;
- 2) cease their private practice ; or
- 3) become an inactive member.

B. Proposed Amendments to Provide for Electronic Signature

This project follows last year's implementation of the electronic signature in the application process for Students-at-Law. The proposed amendments are the result of great collaboration

between the Law Society's team and the Committee and aim to facilitate the use of the electronic signature by adding a standardized way to electronically sign the LSN forms.

C. Proposed Amendments to Form J

Changes to Form J are intended to make the membership application for Students-at-Law consistent with the other application forms.