

President's Holiday Message



Lauren Shadley, President;

Photo taken at the Community Hall, Kinngait Court Circuit (2021)

Dear Members and Friends of the Law Society of Nunavut,

The holiday season is approaching. It is the time of year for reflection, to be grateful for all the positive in our lives, and wonderful people around us.

For the constant support to the Law Society, we extend our gratitude to all of you. It is because of our dedicated members that we have overcome obstacles and have achievements to share.

I would like to again congratulate our Nunavut Law Program graduates, many of whom are now practicing lawyers. We look forward to welcoming the legal community at large to a celebratory reception in the new year. We are proud of all of you and your accomplishments, we are watching with eager and confident eyes on what you will achieve next. Good luck in your next endeavours.

In the summer of 2022, the Law Society had the opportunity to meet with the Honourable Justice Minister Lametti. We held a roundtable where members shared successes and areas needing improvement within our justice system here in Nunavut.

The Law Society has continued its mission of access to justice by inviting organizations such as the Legal Services Board of Nunavut and the Public Prosecution Services of Canada, as well as private bar members to bring awareness to Nunavummiut through the development of tools and delivery of public legal education initiatives.

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' claim on behalf of family members (wills or powers of attorney).

As part of our contributions to the Access to Justice for Family Violence in Nunavut Project, the Law Society brought numerous organizations and stakeholders together, to meet on neutral grounds towards strengthening networking and collaborative working on intervention, projects, and support systems. In efforts to raise awareness on the importance of breaking the silence on family violence and ensure resource availabilities for Inuit women, the Law Society has hosted roundtable discussions, and co-hosted events with Pauktuutit Inuit Women of Canada.

We also continued to play a strong role, both in Iqaluit and the communities, in the Prevention of Sexual Harassment in the Workplace Project in addressing gender-based violence and barriers to the employment.

This year we made a lot of progress in support of our language projects and social media presence. We have been able to provide a significant number of tools in all four languages and have increased our efforts with respect to social media and to diversify our communication tools such as the [Talking About Justice in Nunavut](#) podcast series.

The Law Society continues to recognize the invaluable contributions made by our member volunteers by donating to a number of Nunavut-based organization chosen by these members:

Kamatsiaqtut Help Line; Qajuqturvik Community Food Centre; Rotary Club Holiday Hampers; Uquutaq Society; and YWCA Agvik Nunavut.

We also thank our members who have made generous donations of goods and supplies when travelling to Nunavut.

To the executive members and members of the committees of the Law Society of Nunavut, I thank you all for your dedication and tremendous input into the governance of our organization.

On behalf of the Executive and everyone at the Law Society of Nunavut, we hope this holiday season is an especially good one and that the New Year brings much health, happiness, and prosperity.

Best wishes,
Lauren Shadley
President