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August 31, 2022

Statement from the Law Society of Nunavut President

re: the Nunavut Statutes Examination

The Law Society of Nunavut ("Law Society") thanks all Nunavut Law Program ("NLP") students, members of the Law Society bar, and members of the public who sent us letters with respect to the admission process for students-at-law. Thank you for engaging us. The Law Society always encourages respectful dialogue, especially over such important issues.

The Law Society has carefully considered the feedback provided and is immediately waiving the requirement for NLP graduates to complete the Statutes Examination. The Law Society recognizes the special training that NLP graduates have received through their education, articling experience, and CPLED training. The Law Society also acknowledges NLP graduates that completed the Statutes Examination. We are issuing refunds to those who participated in the May sitting and to those who have registered for the September sitting.

We acknowledge the role we play in striving for a more representative and inclusive bar. The Law Society commits to consider the purpose and structure of the Statutes Examination more broadly. The Statutes Examination will not be administered to any other applicant for admission to the bar until March 31, 2023, at the earliest. To be clear, NLP graduates will not have any such requirement reimposed for the admission process.

The Law Society will continue to consider ways to incorporate Nunavut's unique history, culture, and legal context in its bar admission requirements to make it more relevant and reflective of our community values.

We thank our community in reaching out to us with their concerns; we must all do our part to strive for a better Nunavut.

If you have any questions or comments, they can be brought to the attention of the CEO of the Law Society, Nalini Vaddapalli, by email to ceo@lawsociety.nu.ca.

Yours Truly,

Lauren Shadley

President of the Law Society of Nunavut

The Statement will be provided in Inuktitut as soon as it becomes available.