

**Agenda Items for the Meeting of the Benchers
December 8th and 9th, 2011
Bessborough Hotel, Saskatoon**

- 1. CALL TO ORDER**
- 2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence have been received from Reg Watson, Q.C. and Thomas Healey.

- 3. ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA**
- 4. AGENDA ITEMS WHICH ARE NOT OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**
- 5. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

Enclosed for approval are the Minutes of the meeting held October 21, 2011.

- 6. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**
- 7. AGENDA ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**

a. Reports

- i. President's Report
- ii. Executive Director's Report

b. Committee Reports

Attached are the Minutes of committee meetings. (The Chair of each committee is not required to report unless there is an issue requiring the attention of the Benchers.)

- i. Admissions & Education
Minutes from the meeting held September 8, 2011.
- ii. Discipline
Minutes for the meeting held September 8, 2011
- iii. Ethics
Minutes from the meeting held September 8, 2011.
- iv. Professional Standards
Minutes from the meeting held September 8, 2011.

v. Executive Committee

Minutes from the meeting held October 5, 2011.

c. **New Website**

Toby Willis-Camp will demonstrate the new website.

8. **AGENDA ITEMS FOR DECISION**

i. **Election of President**

Gregory Walen, Q.C. is the only declared candidate for President of the Law Society for 2012.

ii. **Election of Vice-President**

Joel Hesje Q.C, Heather Laing and Michael Megaw Q.C. are standing for election. They will be invited to make a five minute statement to the Benchers. The Benchers will then be invited to cast their ballots for the election of the Vice-President for 2012.

iii. **Appointments**

a. *College of Law Endowment Fund*

Attached is a memo from Tom Schonhoffer, Q.C.

b. *Public Legal Education Association (PLEA)*

Attached is a memo from Tom Schonhoffer, Q.C.

c. *Law Foundation*

Attached is a memo from Tom Schonhoffer, Q.C.

iv. **Model Code**

The *Model Code of Professional Conduct* has previously been circulated to the Benchers and it is anticipated that there may only be minor amendments from the Ethics Committee. The Benchers will be asked to consider approval of the *Model Code*.

v. **Counsel Tariff**

Attached is a copy of the existing tariff and the proposed tariff. The Executive recommends increasing the counsel tariff to a top rate to \$250/hour and the remaining rates in proportion. The Executive also recommends allowing the Executive Director discretion to increase rates under special circumstances.

vi. Law Society Achievements 2011 – A Look Back

Attached is a report from Tom Schonhoffer, Q.C. for information.

vii. Law Society Objectives for 2012

Attached is a report from Tom Schonhoffer, Q.C. for discussion.

9. DANIEL DEMARIA REVIEW

Tim Huber will represent the Law Society of Saskatchewan. Daniel DeMaria is self-represented.

10. INFORMATION

- a. **PLEA Application to Law Foundation of Ontario Access to Justice Fund** – proposal approved to create a self-help family law website for Saskatchewan
- b. **Quality marks must not “usurp” regulators** – Law Society Gazette, Nov. 24, 2011, United Kingdom
- c. **Bar aptitude pilot a success** – Law Society Gazette, Nov. 24, 2011, United Kingdom
- d. **Are grads prepared to confront real world?** – Lawyers Weekly print Dec. 2, 2011, issue/online posted Nov. 28, 2011 (third part of a 3 part series)

11. DATE AND PLACE OF THE NEXT MEETING

The next Convocation is scheduled for February 9th and 10th, 2012 in Regina.