

# **CONVOCATION AGENDA**

Convocation Date: September 14, 15 and 16, 2016  
Location: Radisson Hotel, Saskatoon  
Commencement and End Time: Wednesday, September 14<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm (new Benchers training session) until Friday, September 16<sup>th</sup> at Noon

## **1. Approval of the Agenda**

### **1.1 Apologies for Absence**

An apology for absence was received from Judy McCuskee. Ronni Nordal will be present for Committee meetings on Thursday only. Rosanne Newman, Q.C. will be absent from the PSC meeting and will arrive late for Access to Legal Services due to prior obligations.

### **1.2 Confirmation of Agenda**

### **1.3 Benchers Conflict of Interest Disclosures**

### **1.4 Agenda Items, Committee Reports and Documents Which Are Not Open to the Public**

## **2. Approval of the Minutes of June 17, 2016**

### **2.1 Amendments**

### **2.2 Confirmation of Minutes**

### **2.3 Business Arising from Minutes**

## **3. Strategic Planning**

### **3.1 Improve Confidence in the Law Society among Stakeholders**

Informational items:

- i. Trust Accounting Rules

Substantive Trust Accounting Rule amendments made by the Accounting Department are to be reviewed by the Trust Safety Committee at Convocation.

### **3.2 Improve Capacity, Competency and Knowledge of Members**

Informational items:

- i. Lawyers Concerned for Lawyers

At June Convocation, the Executive Committee was tasked to come back to the Benchers table in September with recommendations concerning the future of LCL. Attached is a memo from Donna Sigmeth, Q.C.

- ii. Code of Professional Conduct

Attached is a memo from Stacey McPeck regarding proposed re-numbering of the *Code* to align with the current numbering system adopted by a majority of other law societies.

A copy of the newly numbered *Code* has not been included, as it is 130 pages in length. Copies will be available at September Convocation for Benchers who wish to review it.

### **3.3 Improve Access to Legal Services**

Informational items:

- i. Paralegal/Non-Lawyer Legal Service Providers

For information, attached is a memo from Barbra Bailey. Gerald Tegart, Q.C. will provide an update to the Benchers.

- ii. Innovating Regulation

For information, attached is a copy of *Innovating Regulation, Consultation Report, September 2016*. It contains results of the compliance-based entity regulation consultation survey that will be published for review by the members in October, subject to the approval of the Access to Legal Services Committee.

## **4. Society Governance**

### **4.1 Performance Measures**

All committees are to address performance measures at their meetings and report to Convocation.

### **4.2 Pre-Budget Planning**

All committees are to have a budget discussion and report to Convocation. Attached is the 2015 Work Plan that was provided earlier, along with an updated Activity Report from Barbra Bailey.

### **4.3 Appointments**

- i. Federation of Law Societies of Canada

For discussion, the term for Federation Council, Gregory Walen, Q.C., expires December 31, 2016. Mr. Walen is prepared to serve a 3<sup>rd</sup> term.

## **5. Reports**

### **5.1 President's Report**

### **5.2 Executive Director's Report**

### **5.3 Federation Council Report**

## **6. Committee Reports**

- a. Admissions & Education
- b. Audit
- c. Conduct Investigation
- d. Discipline
- e. Ethics
- f. Executive
- g. Governance
- h. Insurance
- i. Professional Standards
- j. Library Review
- k. Access to Legal Services

## **7. Informational Items**

- a. *Opinion: Self-regulating professions must regulate in the public interest – or else*, Federation of Law Societies of Canada website
- b. CanLII Interim Strategic Plan Proposal and copy of letter to CanLII with comments

## **8. Meeting Finalization**

- 8.1 Review Actions to be Taken**
- 8.2 Confirm Items under 1.4**
- 8.3 Meeting Evaluation**
- 8.4 Next Meeting**
- 8.5 Motion to Adjourn**

## **9. Bencher In-Camera Session**