This presentation will be delivered by Gerald Tegart, Q.C and Brenda Hildebrandt, Q.C.

Brenda and Gerald are Benchers of the Law Society and serve as the Chair and Vice-Chair of the committee that has been overseeing the development of two major projects over the last few years. The first is related to the recently completed work of the Legal Services Task Team, which was struck by the Law Society and the Ministry of Justice to examine possibilities for non-lawyers to provide some legal services in Saskatchewan. The Benchers have accepted the Task Team’s recommendations and the Law Society will now begin working towards implementing them.

The second project that will be discussed is the work being developed relating to the proactive regulation of law firms. Last year, the Law Society conducted a pilot project to test a new resource, called the Law Firm Practice Management Assessment Tool, to assist firms in assessing their practice management systems and firm culture, identify areas in need of improvement and provide considerations and resources for addressing those areas. The Assessment Tool and the framework for proactive regulation of law firms is currently being refined in accordance with the feedback received through the pilot project from Saskatchewan firms.

Brenda and Gerald will provide an overview of this work and discuss the next steps of each initiative.