

Convocation Agenda

Convocation Date:	June 17, 18 and 19, 2026
Location:	In-person at The Resort in Cypress Hills and virtually via Zoom on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday
Commencement and End Time:	Wednesday, June 17, 2026, lunch at 12:00 pm, Strategic Planning Session from 1:00 – 4:00 pm. Thursday, June 18, 2026, breakfast at 8:30 am, Strategic Planning Session from 9:00 am – 3:00 pm, Annual General Meeting at 12:00 pm, lunch at 12:30 pm. Friday, June 19, 2026, breakfast at 8:30 am, Convocation will begin at 9:00 am, lunch at 12:00 pm.

1. Approval of the Agenda

1.1 Apologies for Absence

Jonathan Bodvarson.

1.2 Confirmation of Agenda

1.3 Bencher Conflict of Interest Disclosures

Tiffany Paulsen, K.C is in a conflict in relation to agenda item 2.1.i. – King’s Counsel Committee and 2.1.ii – Practice Readiness Education Program Appeal Hearing Committee.

Idowu Adetogun, Jonathan Bodvarson and Daniel Booy are in conflict in relation to agenda item 2.iii – Saskatchewan Legal Aid Commission.

1.4 Committee Reports and Documents Which are Not Available to the Public

- i. Strategic Planning Session to be held in-camera on Wednesday and Thursday, June 17 and 18, 2026;
- ii. Appointments;
- iii. Standing Reports referred to under agenda item 3.1.i.; and
- iv. Minutes from the *Closed* Bencher meetings held on March 20, 2026 and April 30, 2026.

2. Decision Items

2.1 Appointments (*Discussions to be held in camera; Motions are public*)

The following appointments require consideration at June Convocation:

- i. King’s Counsel Committee

The designation of King’s Counsel is made by the Minister of Justice and Attorney General through a selection process that includes consultation with the Law

Society of Saskatchewan, the Canadian Bar Association and the Courts. Applications to the Law Society for King's Counsel appointments are reviewed by the King's Counsel Committee, which consists of the following:

- Past President of the Law Society
- A member Bencher of the Law Society
- A public representative Bencher appointed to the Law Society
- A member of the Law Society

The Nominations Committee will make a recommendation at June Convocation in relation to the member-at-large.

Motions will be required to approve the successful candidates.

ii. Practice Readiness Education Program (PREP) Appeal Hearing Committee

The term for the current Committee will expire on June 30, 2026 and four current members are willing to stand for a three-year term from July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2029.

The Nominations Committee will make a recommendation at June Convocation.

A motion will be required.

iii. Saskatchewan Legal Aid Commission

The term for one of the Law Society representatives on the Saskatchewan Legal Aid Commission will conclude effective September 30, 2026, and the representative is seeking reappoint for a second term.

The Nominations Committee will make a recommendation at June Convocation.

A motion will be required.

2.2 Society Regulation

i. Rule Amendments

There are no proposed amendments to the *Law Society of Saskatchewan Rules*.

3. Discussion Items

3.1 Society Governance

i. Standing Reports

- a. President's Report – James Fyfe, K.C.'s written report is included in the materials.
- b. Executive Director's Report – Tim Brown, K.C.'s written report is included in the materials.
- c. Federation Council Report – Andrea Argue, K.C.'s report is included in the materials.

ii. Financial Reporting

a. Financial Statements

The financial statements for the month ended May 31, 2026, are attached for review by the Board.

b. Investment Reports

The May 31, 2026, TDAM Investments Summary is attached for review by the Board.

The Quarterly Investments Report for the period January 1 to March 31, 2026, is attached for review by the Board.

iii. Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting will occur in person and virtually on Thursday, June 18, 2026, at 12:00 pm. The Agenda will include approval of the:

- audited 2025 financial statements;
- appointment of the auditor;
- Resolution respecting amendments to Part 3 – Elections and Part 10 – Alternative Legal Services Providers and Limited Licensees; and
- presentation of the 2025 Annual Report.

iv. Workplan 2026

An updated workplan is attached for review and discussion.

4. Informational Items

4.1 Strategic Initiatives Update

i. Strengthen Regulation (Goal 1)

a. Public Concerns Pathway

The Public Concerns Pathway continues to be the primary resource provided to members of the public who contact the Law Society regarding concerns with legal professionals. Feedback continues to be positive and usage is being tracked and recorded. An analysis will be presented to the Benchers at Convocation.

ii. Enhance Competency (Goal 2)

a. Firm Regulation

The current quarter of the Practice Management Assessment Tool began on May 1, 2026, and there are 25 firms assigned to the quarter. To date, there are 101 firms that have completed or are in progress completing the Assessment Tool for the second time. This may provide unique feedback on any progress made since the first assessments.

Since integration of the Practice Management Course (PMC) into the New Sole Practitioner and Small Firm Program on January 1, 2025, 63 firms have been notified of the requirement to complete the course with a completion rate as follows:

- 53 firms have completed the course;
- 4 firms are in progress;
- 3 firms have not yet started the course; and
- 3 firms were also advised of the requirement but ceased operations before completing the course.

In addition, 12 reports have been received from Practice Reviews.

Administration is in the process of integrating limited licensees into the New Sole Practitioner Small Firm Practice Program.

b. Continuing Professional Development (CPD) Renewal Project

Administration is engaged in development of the new CPD self-assessment and reporting tool under license from the Law Society of Alberta, as well as work to revise the Law Society of Alberta Professional Development Profile. A pilot to test the CPD Tool and gather member feedback is scheduled for July 15 to October 15, 2026, with a full launch to membership in January 2027. Further updates will be provided and consultation with the Competency Committee/Benchers will occur in due course as these items progress.

c. Western Canada Competency Profile

The Western Canada Competency Profile (WCCP) Implementation Working Group, comprising representatives from the five participating Law Societies, has advanced recommendations to support a revised approach to entry to practice. Under the proposed model, all five Law Societies would adopt a standardized, sequential process requiring bar admissions candidates to complete the Practice Readiness Education Program (PREP) followed by a term of articles prior to call to the bar.

To inform this work, structured consultations were conducted with impacted stakeholders to assess potential risks and benefits, as well as the educational soundness and operational feasibility of the proposed approach. A broader invitation to comment on the proposal will take place in June 2026.

Administration anticipates bringing this matter back before the Competency Committee in September 2026.

iii. Increase Equity, Diversity and Inclusion (Goal 3)

a. Nominations Form

Administration developed a process for equity, diversity, and inclusion demographic data collection as part of the transition to an online application form for nominations to support the work of the Nominations Committee.

b. Mentorship Program

The mentorship program is being offered again in 2026 from May to August. Currently, there are 15 mentors and 27 mentees participating.

iv. Advance Truth and Reconciliation (Goal 4)

a. Mandatory Education

Administration continues to advance renewal of the Law Society's continuing professional development systems as described under item 4.1.ii.b above. Considerations for mandatory Truth and Reconciliation education, based on discussion with and feedback from the Truth and Reconciliation Advisory Group, will be advanced through the Competency Committee and the Benchers as the project progresses.

b. Statement of Commitment to Truth and Reconciliation

The Statement of Commitment has been translated in audio format in Cree, Dëne, Michif (Northern and Southern) and Saulteaux and released online to align with National Indigenous Languages Day.

c. Review of Regulatory Processes

Administration continues its equity-focused review of admissions forms and processes and is engaging an external consultant to conduct an environmental scan of Canadian jurisdictions' approaches to suitability to practice (good character). This work will inform the Law Society's review, support national-level discussion and be reported back as review progresses. It is anticipated that a report of the environmental scan will be available in late Q3 or early Q4 2026.

v. Increase Access to Legal Services and Justice (Goal 5)

a. Limited Licensing Pilot

The Final Report of the Future of Legal Services Initiative has been published online, following review at April Convocation. The report provides a detailed summary of the Limited Licensing Pilot which served 9,165 clients in over 300 locations across Saskatchewan during four years of operations. The Report and the formalization of limited licensing was co-presented with the Saskatchewan Ministry of Justice at the *Advancing People-Centred Justice in Canada: Data Sharing and Knowledge Building* conference on May 28, 2026.

5. New Business

6. Consent Agenda

The Consent Agenda includes items which are not considered controversial and will collectively be enacted by one motion at Convocation.

The items included on the consent Agenda are set out below:

6.1 Approval of Bencher Minutes

The following Bencher Minutes are attached for review and approval:

- i. Minutes from the Bencher meeting held March 20, 2026;
- ii. Minutes from the *Closed* Bencher meeting held March 20, 2026;
- iii. Minutes from the Bencher meeting held April 30, 2026; and
- iv. Minutes from the *Closed* Bencher meeting held April 30, 2026.

7. Meeting Finalization

7.1 Review Actions to be Taken

7.2 Meeting Evaluation

7.3 Next Meeting

The next Convocation will be held on September 24 and 25, 2026, at the Delta Downtown in Saskatoon.

7.4 Motion to Adjourn