

Name of Policy	Bencher Code of Conduct
Society References	Governance Policy Manual Section 3.1, 3.2, 6, 10 of the LPA Rules 205, 501-506, 601-606 Code of Conduct
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### i. Purpose

As governors of the Law Society of Saskatchewan (the “Society”) and the legal profession, the Benchers recognize an obligation to carry out their duties with the highest level of ethical behavior and integrity and in a manner consistent with the Society’s [purpose, mission and values](#).

This policy sets out the standards of conduct expected of Benchers. It is intended to complement and enhance the requirements that arise at law, and those that are specifically set out in the *Legal Profession Act, 1990*, the Rules of the Law Society of Saskatchewan, and in Society policy.

### ii. Application

This Policy applies to all Benchers and to all areas of Bencher responsibility.

### iii. Code of Conduct

Each Bencher shall:

- be informed of and comply with the *Legal Profession Act, 1990*, the Rules of the Law Society of Saskatchewan, the Code of Professional Conduct, and Society policy;
- act in the best interests of the Society, at all times placing the public interest before personal interests and any conflicting interests of other organizations, groups, or individuals;
- exercise vigilance for and disclose any real or perceived conflict of interest and comply with the Bencher Conflict of Interest Policy;
- maintain confidentiality with respect to information received as a Bencher in accordance with the Bencher Confidentiality Policy;
- refrain from acting or speaking publicly on behalf of the Law Society except as specifically authorized by Society policy or otherwise by the Board;



- f. attend Convocation meetings and committee, advisory group, and task force meetings;
- g. serve on committees, task forces, advisory groups and/or adjudicative panels;
- h. be informed about the activities of the Law Society and general trends related to its mandate;
- i. prepare to participate in Board deliberations by becoming familiar with the issues for consideration and materials provided and seeking further information where required;
- j. offer viewpoints and perspectives on issues that are the subject of Board deliberation and express any objection to items for decision at the time of decision making;
- k. be respectful of and give fair consideration to different perspectives and viewpoints;
- l. support the decisions of the Board once made;
- m. understand and respect the roles of the Board, Executive Director, and Staff as outlined in Society policy; and
- n. treat fellow Benchers, management, staff and the public in a courteous and respectful manner.

**iv. Review**

This policy will be reviewed by the Benchers on an annual basis.