



AGENDA

Benchers

Date: Thursday, May 14, 2026

Time: 12:30 p.m.

Location: Law Society Offices, 200 - 260 St. Mary Avenue, Winnipeg, Manitoba
and Via Videoconference

ITEM	TOPIC	TIME (min)	SPEAKER	MATERIALS	ACTION
1.0 PRESIDENT'S WELCOME AND TREATY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT					
	The President will welcome newly elected benchers Maria Mitousis and Ian Scarth, benchers, guests and staff to the meeting.				
2.0 IN MEMORIAM					
	<p>Leon Nicholas Mercury, KC, who passed away on February 25, 2026 at the age of 94. Mr. Mercury received his call to the Bar on December 5, 1956. He practised with the firm known today as MLT Aikins for 40 years, retiring in 1997. Mr. Mercury was appointed King's Counsel in 1985.</p> <p>Garfield (Gary) Vernon Brickman, KC, who passed away on March 8, 2026 at the age of 88. Mr. Brickman received his call to the Bar on June 2, 1967. He served as a Crown Attorney for the Department of the Attorney General for one year before joining the firm known today as Thompson Dorfman Sweatman LLP where he practised for 43 years, retiring in 2011. Mr. Brickman was appointed King's Counsel in 1979.</p>				

Melvin (Mel) Myers, KC, who passed away on March 24, 2026 at the age of 89. Mr. Myers received his call to the Bar on July 27, 1961. He served as a Crown Attorney for the Department of the Attorney General for three years before joining the firm known today as Myers LLP where he practised for 37 years. From 2001 to 2016 Mr. Myers served as chairperson of the Auto Injury Compensation Appeal Commission. He was appointed King's Counsel in 1971.

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3.0 CONSENT AGENDA

The Consent Agenda matters are proposed to be dealt with by unanimous consent and without debate. Benchers may seek clarification or ask questions without removing a matter from the consent agenda. Any bencher may request that a consent agenda item be moved to the regular agenda by notifying the President or Chief Executive Officer prior to the meeting.

3.1	Minutes of March 19, 2026 Meeting	5		Attached	Approval
3.2	Minutes of April 10, 2026 Special Meeting			Attached	Approval
3.3	Report of the Complaints Investigation Committee			Attached	Information

4.0 EXECUTIVE REPORTS

4.1	President's Report	10	Kyle Dear	Attached	Briefing
4.2	CEO Report	15	Leah Kosokowsky	Attached	Briefing
4.3	2025-2028 Strategic Plan Activities Update – May 2026	10	Alissa Schacter	Attached	Briefing

5.0 NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

5.1	Officer-at-Large Appointment	10	Gerri Wiebe, KC	Attached	Discussion /Decision
5.2	Awarding of Life Bencher Status to Kyle Dear	10	Ken Mandzuik, KC		Discussion /Decision

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5.3	Thank You to Past President Gerri Wiebe, KC	10	Ken Mandzuik, KC		
5.4	Thank You to Outgoing Officer-at-Large, Carmen Nedohin	10	Kyle Dear		
6.0 DISCUSSION/DECISION					
6.1	Oaths - Translation	10	Leah Kosokowsky	Attached	Discussion /Decision
6.2	Complaints Review Commissioner	10	Leah Kosokowsky	Attached	Discussion /Decision
7.0 MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS					
7.1	National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation	15	Leah Kosokowsky	Attached	Discussion /Decision
7.2	2026 Awards	10	Leah Kosokowsky	Attached	Discussion /Decision
7.3	Rule of Law Campaign Update	10	Leah Kosokowsky	Attached	Briefing
8.0 COMMITTEE REPORTS					
8.1	Equity Committee	10	Leah Unruh		Briefing
9.0 MONITORING REPORTS					
9.1	Investment Policy Changes and Compliance – March 31, 2026	10	Tim Kurbis Sandra Alleyne	Attached	Briefing
9.2	Complaints Resolution Department	20	Jamie Jurczak	Attached	Briefing

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10.0 OTHER BUSINESS					
10.1					
11.0 IN CAMERA					
11.1	Fair Registration in Regulated Professions Office – NCA Language Assessment Policy	20	Leah Kosokowsky	Attached	Discussion
12.0 FOR INFORMATION					
12.1	2026 Bencher Election Results			Attached	Information
12.2	Decision - Law Society of British Columbia v British Columbia (Attorney General) – April 29, 2026			Attached	Information
12.3	CPLED Report – May 2026			Attached	Information
12.4	Media Monitor – May 2026			Attached	Information
12.5	2025-2028 Strategic Plan			Attached	Information