



**The Law Society
of Manitoba**

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AGENDA

Benchers

Date: Thursday, December 11, 2025

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 benchers, guests and staff to the meeting, including Stacey Soldier and Michelle Falk, President and Executive Director respectively, of the Manitoba Bar Association.				
2.0 IN MEMORIAM					
	<p>Edward Lipsett, who passed away on March 13, 2025 at the age of 79. A lifelong legal researcher, Mr. Lipsett was known to generations of law students at Robson Hall.</p> <p>Pierrette Alexandrina Marie Hebert, who passed away on October 24, 2025 at the age of 76. Ms Hebert received her call to the Bar on April 24, 2001. She practised in Manitoba for one year before relocating to Ontario.</p>				

	Sandra Carole Swystun , who passed away on November 1, 2025 at the age of 68. Ms Swystun received her call to the Bar on August 2, 1983. Over the course of 20 years, she served as legislative counsel to Justice Manitoba and in house counsel to several national agricultural grain-handling corporations. Ms Swystun was a practising member at the time of her death.				
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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 October 30, 2025 Meeting	5		Attached	Approval
3.2	Report of the Complaints Investigation Committee			Attached	Briefing
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 Activity Plan - December 2025 Update	10	Alissa Schacter	Attached	Briefing
5.0 DISCUSSION/DECISION					
5.1	Call to the Bar – Oaths and Bencher Oath of Office	15	Leah Kosokowsky	Attached	Discussion/ Decision
5.2	Articling Period Adjustment	10	Rennie Stonyk/ Joan Holmstrom	Attached	Discussion/ Decision
5.3	FLSC Proposed Amendments to Model Code - Duty to Report	15	Mathieu Lafrenière	Attached	Discussion/ Decision

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6.0 COMMITTEE REPORTS					
6.1	Admissions and Education Committee	10	Serena Ehrmantraut		Briefing
6.2	Equity Committee	10	Leah Unruh		Briefing
6.3	Indigenous Advisory Committee	10	Betta Wishart		Briefing
6.4	Professional Liability Claims Fund Committee	10	Tim Kurbis	Attached	Briefing
7.0 MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS					
7.1	Rule of Law Campaign Update	10	Leah Kosokowsky	Attached	Briefing
7.2	Access to Justice Initiative Update	15	Alissa Schacter	Attached	Briefing
8.0 MONITORING REPORTS					
8.1	Statements of Operations - April 1, 2025 to October 31, 2025	10	Sandra Alleyne	Attached	Briefing
8.2	Investment Compliance – September 30, 2025	5	Sandra Alleyne	Attached	Briefing
9.0 GUEST PRESENTATIONS					
9.1	Remarks from the President and Executive Director of the Manitoba Bar Association	20	Stacey Soldier /Michelle Falk		Briefing

10.0 IN CAMERA

10.1	Bill 13 – Regulated Professions Neutrality Act (Alberta)	15	Leah Kosokowsky	Attached	Briefing
10.2	NCA Language Assessment Policy	10	Leah Kosokowsky		Briefing

11.0 FOR INFORMATION

11.1	Invitation to Holiday Reception			Attached	Information
11.2	CPLED Report – December 2025			Attached	Information
11.3	Media Reports			Attached	Information
11.4	2025-2028 Strategic Plan			Attached	Information