

AGENDA

Benchers

Date: Thursday, February 5, 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 Kirsten Wurmann, Manitoba Library Association Program Coordinator, benchers, guests and staff to the meeting.				
2.0 IN MEMORIAM					
	Arthur Wortzman , who passed away on December 21, 2025 at the age of 96. Mr. Wortzman received his call to the Bar on April 8, 1958. He practised as a sole practitioner for 50 years, retiring in 2008.				
	Gregory Robert Shane Rodin, KC , who passed away on January 18, 2026 at the age of 71. Mr. Rodin received his call to the Bar on June 28, 1979. He practised with Wolch, Pinx, Tapper, Scurfield for 18 years and then relocated to Calgary where he continued to practise up to the date of his death. Mr. Rodin was appointed King's Counsel in 2009.				

	Brian Robert Bell , who passed away on January 19, 2026 at the age of 66. Mr. Bell received his call to the Bar on June 28, 1990. He served as a Crown Attorney for Justice Manitoba – Public Prosecutions for 26 years, retiring in 2016.				
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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 December 11, 2025 Meeting	5		Attached	Approval
3.2	Report of the Complaints Investigation Committee			Attached	Information

4.0 PRESENTATION

4.1	Prison Libraries	10	Kirsten Wurmann		Briefing
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5.0 EXECUTIVE REPORTS

5.1	President's Report	10	Kyle Dear	Attached	Briefing
5.2	CEO Report	15	Leah Kosokowsky	Attached	Briefing
5.3	2025-2028 Activity Plan - February 2026 Update	10	Alissa Schacter	Attached	Briefing

6.0 DISCUSSION/DECISION

6.1	Call to the Bar – Oaths and Bencher Oath of Office	15	Leah Kosokowsky	Attached	Discussion/Decision
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7.0 MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

7.1	Bencher Survey Results	10	Leah Kosokowsky	Attached	Briefing
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7.2	Rule of Law Campaign Update	10	Leah Kosokowsky		Briefing
7.3	Access to Justice Initiative Update	10	Alissa Schacter		Briefing
7.4	2026/2027 Bencher Expense Budget	5	Kyle Dear	Attached	Discussion/Decision
7.5	2026/2027 Budget	20	Sandra Alleyne	Attached	Briefing

8.0 MONITORING REPORTS

8.1	Statements of Operations - April 1, 2025 to December 31, 2025	10	Sandra Alleyne	Attached	Briefing
8.2	Administration and Operations	15	Leah Kosokowsky	Attached	Briefing

9.0 COMMITTEE REPORTS

9.1	Admissions and Education Committee	10	Serena Ehrmantraut		Briefing
9.2	Indigenous Advisory Committee	10	Betta Wishart		Briefing

10.0 NEW BUSINESS

10.1		5	Kyle Dear		Discussion
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11.0 FOR INFORMATION

11.1	Law(yer) Strong – December 2025 Report and 2024-25 Annual Report			Attached	Information
11.2	Media Reports			Attached	Information
11.3	2025-2028 Strategic Plan			Attached	Information