



**The Law Society  
of Manitoba**

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# 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<br>(min) | SPEAKER | MATERIALS | ACTION |
|--|--|---------------|---------|-----------|--------|
| 1.0 PRESIDENT'S WELCOME AND TREATY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT |  |               |         |           |        |
|  | The President will welcome Kirsten Wurmman, Manitoba Library Association Program Coordinator, benchers, guests and staff to the meeting.   |               |         |           |        |
| 2.0 IN MEMORIAM                                    |  |               |         |           |        |
|  | <p><b>Arthur Wortzman</b>, 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 practioner for 50 years, retiring in 2008.</p> <p><b>Gregory Robert Shane Rodin, KC</b>, 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.</p> |               |         |           |        |

|   | <b>Brian Robert Bell</b> , 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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| <b>3.0 CONSENT AGENDA</b>   |   |               |                 |           |                      |
| 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          |
| <b>4.0 PRESENTATION</b>   |   |               |                 |           |                      |
| 4.1   | Prison Libraries  | 10            | Kirsten Wurmman |           | Briefing             |
| <b>5.0 EXECUTIVE REPORTS</b>  |   |               |                 |           |                      |
| 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<br>- February 2026 Update   | 10            | Alissa Schacter | Attached  | Briefing             |
| <b>6.0 DISCUSSION/DECISION</b>  |   |               |                 |           |                      |
| 6.1   | Call to the Bar – Oaths and Bencher Oath of Office  | 15            | Leah Kosokowsky | Attached  | Discussion/ Decision |
| <b>7.0 MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS</b>   |   |               |                 |           |                      |
| 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 Benchers Expense Budget                                   | 5             | Kyle Dear          | Attached  | Discussion/<br>Decision |
| 7.5                           | 2026/2027 Budget  | 20            | Sandra Alleyne     | Attached  | Briefing                |
| <b>8.0 MONITORING REPORTS</b> |   |               |                    |           |                         |
| 8.1                           | Statements of Operations<br>- April 1, 2025 to December 31,<br>2025 | 10            | Sandra Alleyne     | Attached  | Briefing                |
| 8.2                           | Administration and Operations                                       | 15            | Leah Kosokowsky    | Attached  | Briefing                |
| <b>9.0 COMMITTEE REPORTS</b>  |   |               |                    |           |                         |
| 9.1                           | Admissions and Education<br>Committee                               | 10            | Serena Ehrmantraut |           | Briefing                |
| 9.2                           | Indigenous Advisory Committee                                       | 10            | Betta Wishart      |           | Briefing                |
| <b>10.0 NEW BUSINESS</b>      |   |               |                    |           |                         |
| 10.1                          |   | 5             | Kyle Dear          |           | Discussion              |
| <b>11.0 FOR INFORMATION</b>   |   |               |                    |           |                         |
| 11.1                          | Law(yer) Strong – December 2025<br>Report and 2024-25 Annual Report |               |                    | Attached  | Information             |
| 11.2                          | Media Reports   |               |                    | Attached  | Information             |
| 11.3                          | 2025-2028 Strategic Plan  |               |                    | Attached  | Information             |