



Benchers

Date: Thursday, February 6, 2025

Time: 12:30 p.m.

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

ITEM	ΤΟΡΙϹ	TIME (min)	SPEAKER	MATERIALS	ACTION		
1.0	1.0 PRESIDENT'S WELCOME AND TREATY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT						
	The President will welcome benchers, guests and staff to the meeting.						
2.0	2.0 IN MEMORIAM						
	Yude Maurice Henteleff, KC , who passed away on December 8, 2024 at the age of 97. Mr. Henteleff received his call to the Bar on July 20, 1951. He practised as an associate with McMurray & Company for five years. In 1956 Mr. Henteleff joined the firm which would become known as Buchwald Asper Henteleff and later merged with the firm known today as Pitblado LLP. He retired in 2024 after 60 years in practice. Mr. Henteleff was appointed King's Counsel in 1981, was named a Member of the Order of Canada in 1998, and was the recipient of the Queen Elizabeth II Golden Jubilee and Diamond Jubilee Medals in 2002 and 2012, respectively.						

Honourable Ruth Krindle, who passed away on December 22, 2024 at the age of 81. Ms Krindle received her call to the Bar on June 26, 1968. She practised as an associate with Mitchell, Green & Minuk until 1971, when she became the first woman appointed as a Crown Attorney for the Province of Manitoba. From 1976 to 1978 she served as the first female chairperson of the Manitoba Labour Board and then returned to private practice. In 1980 Ms Krindle was the first woman appointed a judge of the County Court of Winnipeg and in 1984 she was the first woman appointed a justice of the Court of Queen's Bench (Trial Division). She retired from the bench in 2002. From 2006 to 2011, Ms Krindle served as an arbitrator under the Northern Flood Agreement and also assisted in resolving numerous Manitoba Residential Schools claims.

Jackson Herbert Mugerwa, who passed away on January 22, 2025 at the age of 70. Mr. Mugerwa received his call to the Bar on June 19, 2003 and practised primarily as a sole practitioner up to the date of his death. He served as Law Society student bencher in 2002/2003.

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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.

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3.1	Minutes of December 12,	5		Attached	Approval
	2024 Meeting				

4.0 EXECUTIVE REPORTS

4.1	President's Report	10	Gerri Wiebe, KC	Attached	Briefing
4.2	CEO Report	15	Leah Kosokowsky	Attached	Briefing
5.0	DISCUSSION/DECISION				

5.1 Nominating Committee – Appointments and Potential Removal	20	Wayne Onchulenko /Leah Kosokowsky	Attached	Discussion/ Decision
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6.0	6.0 MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS						
6.1	Immigration Lawyers and the Proposed Administrative Penalties and Related Consequences Regime	10	Gerri Wiebe, KC /Leah Kosokowsky	Attached	Briefing		
6.2	Access to Justice Initiative – Phase I	10	Leah Kosokowsky	Attached	Briefing		
6.3	French Language Services and Professional Obligations	15	Leah Kosokowsky /Betta Wishart	Attached	Briefing		
6.4	2025/2026 Bencher Expense Budget	5	Gerri Wiebe, KC	Attached	Discussion/ Decision		
6.5	2025/2026 Budget	20	Sandra Alleyne	Attached	Briefing		
7.0	MONITORING REPORTS						
7.1	Statements of Operations - April 1, 2024 to December 31, 2024	10	Sandra Alleyne	Attached	Briefing		
7.2	Investment Compliance - December 31, 2024	10	Sandra Alleyne	Attached	Briefing		
8.0	COMMITTEE REPORTS						
8.1	Audit and Risk Committee	10	Gerri Wiebe, KC		Briefing		
8.2	Indigenous Advisory Committee	10	Leah Kosokowsky	Attached	Briefing		
8.3	Strategic Planning Committee	10	Gerri Wiebe, KC		Briefing		

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9.0	FOR INFORMATION				
9.1	Lawyers for Literacy - March 15, 2025			Attached	Information
9.2	Media Reports			Attached	Information