



# AGENDA

## Benchers

Date: Thursday, March 19, 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 benchers, guests and staff to the meeting.				
2.0 IN MEMORIAM					
	<p><b>Brenda Katherine Matte</b>, who passed away on January 23, 2026 at the age of 73. Ms Matte received her call to the Bar on June 27, 1985. She practised as an associate and sole practitioner for six years and then served as inhouse counsel with Great-West Life Assurance Company for three years. She retired from practice in 1997.</p> <p><b>Honourable Gerald Oliver Jewers</b>, who passed away on February 2, 2026 at the age of 93. Mr. Jewers received his call to the Bar on September 17, 1956. He practised as an associate and partner for 21 years before being appointed a County Court judge in 1978 and then a Justice of the Court of Queen's Bench in 1984. Mr. Jewers retired from the bench in 2007. In 2011 he returned to private practice, serving as an arbitrator and a volunteer at the Legal Help Centre for 13 years. He</p>				

	retired from practice in 2024. Mr. Jewers served as President of the Manitoba Bar Association in 1975 and also was appointed Queen's Counsel in 1975.				
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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 February 5, 2026 Meeting	5		Attached	Approval
3.2	Report of the Complaints Investigation Committee			Attached	Information
3.3	Reports of the Discipline Committee			Attached	Information
<b>4.0 EXECUTIVE REPORTS</b>					
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 – March 2026	10	Alissa Schacter	Attached	Briefing
<b>5.0 DISCUSSION/DECISION</b>					
5.1	Review of Good Character Requirements	15	Serena Ehrmantraut	Attached	Discussion /Decision
<b>6.0 MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS</b>					
6.1	Bencher Election Officers	5	Alissa Schacter	Attached	Discussion /Decision

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6.2	FLSC Council Report – March 2026	10	Lynda Troup	Attached	Briefing
<b>7.0 COMMITTEE REPORTS</b>					
7.1	Equity Committee	10	Leah Unruh		Briefing
7.2	Investment Committee	10	Tim Kurbis		Briefing
<b>8.0 MONITORING REPORTS</b>					
8.1	Professional Liability Claims Fund	10	Leah Kosokowsky /Tana Christianson	Attached	Briefing
<b>9.0 OTHER BUSINESS</b>					
9.1		10	Kyle Dear		Discussion
<b>10.0 NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT</b>					
10.1	Election of President and Vice-President and Recommendation for Lay Bencher Appointments	20	Gerri Wiebe, KC	Attached	Briefing
10.2	Appointment of Election Scrutineers				Decision
10.3	Election of Incoming President				Decision
10.4	Election of Incoming Vice-President				Decision
10.5	Motion to Destroy Ballots				Decision

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<b>11.0 IN CAMERA</b>					
11.1	CEO Performance Evaluation Process	15	Gerri Wiebe, KC /Kyle Dear		Discussion
<b>12.0 FOR INFORMATION</b>					
12.1	Agenda – MBA Council/LSM Benchers Joint Meeting			Attached	Information
12.2	Lawyers for Literacy Event - March 21, 2026			Attached	Information
12.3	Media Monitor – March 2026			Attached	Information
12.4	2025-2028 Strategic Plan			Attached	Information
12.5	CPLED Report – March 2026			Attached	Information