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AGENDA

Benchers

Date: Thursday, October 29, 2026

Time: 12:30 p.m.

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

ITEM	TOPIC	TIME (min)	SPEAKER	MATERIALS	ACTION
1.0	PRESIDENT'S WELCOME AND TREATY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT				
	The President will welcome new student bencher Oluwafisayo Ayita, benchers, guests and staff to the meeting.				
2.0	BENCHER OATH OF OFFICE				
	The President will administer the Bencher Oath of Office to the student bencher.				

3.0 IN MEMORIAM

Jeffrey John Plantje, who passed away on September 9, 2026 at the age of 61. Mr. Plantje received his call to the Bar on June 17, 1999. He practised primarily as a sole practitioner in Winnipeg and also served as in house counsel in the City of Winnipeg Legal Services Department for two years prior to his retirement in 2016.

Richard Scott Fulham, who passed away on October 9, 2026 at the age of 60. Mr. Fulham received his call to the Bar on June 20, 1991. He practised primarily as a sole practitioner for 33 years, retiring in February of 2026.

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4.0 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.				
4.1	Minutes of September 10, 2026 Meeting	5		Attached	Approval
4.2	Report of the Discipline Committee			Attached	Information
5.0 EXECUTIVE REPORTS					
5.1	President's Report	5	Ken Mandzuik, KC	Attached	Briefing
5.2	CEO Report	5	Leah Kosokowsky	Attached	Briefing
5.3	Progress Report 2025-2028 Strategic Plan	10	Leah Kosokowsky	Attached	Briefing
6.0 DISCUSSION/DECISION					
6.1	Bencher Policy - *In Camera* Sessions and *In Camera* Minutes	10	Leah Kosokowsky	Attached	Discussion/ Decision

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6.2	Equity Committee – Part-Time Practising Fees Pilot Project	15	Kathrine Basarab	Attached	Discussion/ Decision
6.3	Practice and Ethics Committee – FLSC Second Consultation on Model Code Amendments related to TRC Call to Action 27	10	Jason Gisser	Attached	Discussion/ Decision
6.4	General Fund Reserve and Surplus Policy	5	Sandra Alleyne	Attached	Discussion/ Decision
7.0	COMMITTEE REPORTS				
7.1	Indigenous Advisory Committee	10	Betta Wishart		Briefing
7.2	President's Special Committee on Access to Justice	10	Leah Unruh		Briefing
8.0	MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS				
8.1	FLSC Council Report – October 2026	10	Lynda Troup	Attached	Briefing
8.2	Thank You to FLSC Council Representative Lynda Troup		Ken Mandzuik, KC		
8.3	Rule of Law Update	10	Leah Kosokowsky	Attached	Briefing
8.4	Competencies for Entry to Legal Practice (CELP)	10	Leah Kosokowsky /Joan Holmstrom	Attached	Briefing
9.0	OTHER BUSINESS				
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10.0 IN CAMERA					
10.1	With Chief Executive Officer				
10.2	Without Chief Executive Officer				
11.0 FOR INFORMATION					
11.1	Media Monitor – October 2026			Attached	Information
11.2	2025-2028 Strategic Plan			Attached	Information