



**The Law Society
of Manitoba**

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AGENDA

Benchers

Date: Thursday, October 30, 2025

Time: 12:30 pm

Location: Law Society Offices, 200 – 260 St. Mary Avenue 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 Kirsten Nynych, benchers, guests and staff to the meeting.				
2.0 IN MEMORIAM					
	Donald Sigurd Fjeldsted, who passed away on December 25, 2024 at the age of 82. Mr. Fjeldsted received his call to the Bar on June 29, 1971. He practised as a partner and sole practitioner in Brandon for 37, retiring in 2008. Edwin Kenneth Morrison, who passed away on August 26, 2025 at the age of 80. Mr. Morrison received his call to the Bar on June 25, 1974. He was a practising member of the Law Society until 1980.				

	Bjorn Neil Johansson, who passed away on September 3, 2025 at the age of 72. Mr. Johansson received his call to the Bar on June 29, 1978. He practised with Tallin and Kristijansson for 12 years and then joined Fillmore & Riley LLP, where he practised up to the date of his retirement in 2018. Honourable Morris Kaufman, who passed away on October 2, 2025 at the age of 84. Mr. Kaufman received his call to the Bar on June 26, 1968. He practised as an associate and partner for 30 years in several Winnipeg firms, including the firm known today as Cassidy Ramsay. In 1998 Mr. Kaufman was appointed a Justice of the Court of Queen's Bench, where he served until his retirement in 2015.				
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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 September 4, 2025 Meeting	5		Attached	Approval
3.2	Governance Policies – Housekeeping Amendment			Attached	Approval
3.3	Report of the Complaints Investigation Committee			Attached	Briefing
3.4	Report of the Discipline Committee			Attached	Briefing
4.0 PRESENTATION					
4.1	Request to Address Benchers	10	Kyle Dear		Discussion/ Decision
5.0 EXECUTIVE REPORTS					
5.1	President's Report	10	Kyle Dear	Attached	Briefing
5.2	CEO Report	15	Leah Kosokowsky	Attached	Briefing

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5.3	2025-2028 Activity Plan – October 2025 Update	10	Alissa Schacter	Attached	Briefing
6.0 DISCUSSION/DECISION					
6.1	Electronic Banking Initiative – Approval of Finalized Rule Amendments	10	Rennie Stonyk Kathy Levacque	Attached	Discussion/ Decision
6.2	Appointment of Vice Chair of the Indigenous Advisory Committee	5	Betta Wishart	Attached	Discussion/ Decision
7.0 MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS					
7.1	Rule of Law Campaign Update	10	Leah Kosokowsky Alissa Schacter	Attached	Briefing
7.2	Access to Justice Initiative Update	10	Leah Kosokowsky Alissa Schacter	Attached	Briefing
7.3	FLSC Council Report – October 2025	5	Lynda Troup	Attached	Briefing
7.4	CPLED Report – October 2025	5	Leah Kosokowsky	Attached	Briefing
8.0 COMMITTEE REPORTS					
8.1	Practice and Ethics Committee	5	Mathieu Lafrenière		Briefing
9.0 IN CAMERA					
9.1	With Staff	10	Lynda Troup		Briefing
9.2	With Staff	15	Leah Kosokowsky	Attached	Briefing
9.3	Without Staff	10	Wayne Onchulenko		Briefing

10.0 FOR INFORMATION

10.1	Media Reports			Attached	Information
10.2	2025-2028 Strategic Plan			Attached	Information