

# Communiqué

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## President's Report



**WAYNE ONCHULENKO**  
President

### It Takes a Legal Community

Do you remember?  
The day you first thought about maybe becoming a lawyer.  
When you were first accepted into law school.  
The first exam.  
The job interviews.  
The last exam.  
When you learned you passed.  
Graduation.  
Articling.  
The Call to the Bar.  
Your first year of practice.

I attended graduation at the University of Manitoba this spring and was reminded it is a big deal. There were cow bells and airhorns. Those in attendance were proud of their graduate. It takes a community of family, friends, and colleagues, to raise a law grad. You were once that grad. Perhaps you are that grad.

As your representative, I welcomed the new lawyers at the Call to the Bar ceremony. Although a bit more reserved, the crowd was no less proud and the students no less excited. Again, a big deal. No one gets there on their own. You were once that student. Perhaps you are that student.

I vaguely remember my first year of practice. But now I get to see it played out in front of me regularly. The practice of law can be demanding. Sometimes very demanding. Maybe you don't have all the old supports.

The recent report sponsored by the Federation of Law Societies and the Canadian Bar Association confirmed what we expected: too many lawyers are struggling. The next phase of the report will hopefully provide some guidance on how we can encourage some improvements.

We are all part of the legal community, and we can all be part of the solution. Maybe it is a colleague that needs some support. Maybe we just need to look after ourselves. If we see someone that needs help outside our skill set, we could help them get it.

## What's New

**CAUTION**  
*to Trust Account Supervisors*

**NOMINATIONS FOR  
THE RICHARD J. SCOTT  
AWARD**

**WESTERN CANADA  
COMPETENCY PROFILE  
INITIATIVE**

**NATIONAL DAY FOR TRUTH  
AND RECONCILIATION  
SPECIAL JOINT EVENT**

Your Law Society has been taking steps to support those that can help. We think a healthy supported member is one that represents their clients well and this is a good way to protect the public. The Law Society is a proud supporter of Law(yer) Strong, and its executive director Tamara McCaffrey, who provides confidential, nonjudgmental, peer support for the profession. Call Peer Support at 204-201-1764.

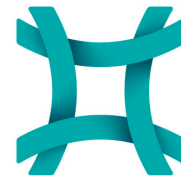
The Law Society also offers a confidential employee assistance program to all lawyers, articling students and their families through Manitoba Blue Cross. You can call 204-786-8880 or 1-800-590-5553. It takes a community.

## Artificial Intelligence

The Federation of Law Societies October conference will “focus on the rapid growth in generative AI, and what new AI tools like ChatGPT may mean for the legal profession and the provision of legal services. The discussion will unpack the benefits and risks associated with its use in the legal context. Presenters will explore the intersection of this revolutionary technology with legal ethics, access to justice and the future of legal regulation.” We are attempting to prepare for what may be our future. We will attempt to keep you all informed.

## Clear Lake Bencher Meeting

On September 7<sup>th</sup> the Law Society's bencher meeting will be held in Clear Lake (one of my old stomping grounds), followed by a full day of continuing professional development on Friday, September 8<sup>th</sup>. We look forward to gathering with our friends and colleagues from the Western Bar for our meetings and festivities.



# Law(yer) Strong

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## CEO Report



**LEAH KOSOKOWSKY**  
Chief Executive Officer



*The benchers also received a report regarding further amendments to the Fair Registration Practices in Regulated Professions Act, which affect the Law Society's processes for assessing, educating and admitting foreign trained lawyers into the practice of law in Manitoba.*

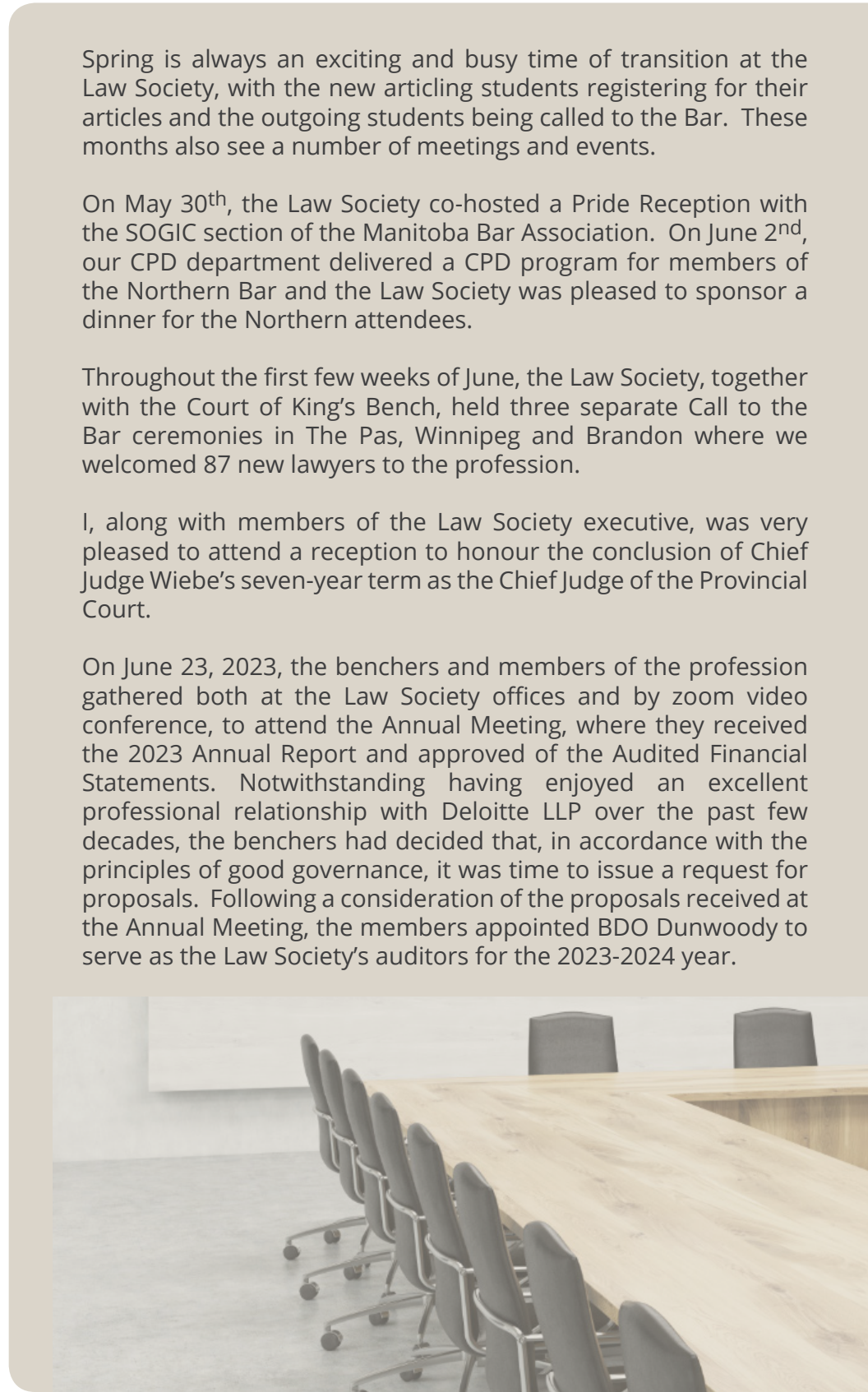
Spring is always an exciting and busy time of transition at the Law Society, with the new articling students registering for their articles and the outgoing students being called to the Bar. These months also see a number of meetings and events.

On May 30<sup>th</sup>, the Law Society co-hosted a Pride Reception with the SOGIC section of the Manitoba Bar Association. On June 2<sup>nd</sup>, our CPD department delivered a CPD program for members of the Northern Bar and the Law Society was pleased to sponsor a dinner for the Northern attendees.

Throughout the first few weeks of June, the Law Society, together with the Court of King's Bench, held three separate Call to the Bar ceremonies in The Pas, Winnipeg and Brandon where we welcomed 87 new lawyers to the profession.

I, along with members of the Law Society executive, was very pleased to attend a reception to honour the conclusion of Chief Judge Wiebe's seven-year term as the Chief Judge of the Provincial Court.

On June 23, 2023, the benchers and members of the profession gathered both at the Law Society offices and by zoom video conference, to attend the Annual Meeting, where they received the 2023 Annual Report and approved of the Audited Financial Statements. Notwithstanding having enjoyed an excellent professional relationship with Deloitte LLP over the past few decades, the benchers had decided that, in accordance with the principles of good governance, it was time to issue a request for proposals. Following a consideration of the proposals received at the Annual Meeting, the members appointed BDO Dunwoody to serve as the Law Society's auditors for the 2023-2024 year.





Immediately following the Annual Meeting, the benchers moved into the final regular benchers meeting before the summer break. A number of matters were on the agenda.

The benchers directed Law Society staff to ensure that life benchers and volunteer lawyer adjudicators who sit on Law Society complaints and discipline committees are aware that they cannot appear before Law Society panels during their tenure and for a period of three years following.

The benchers passed rule amendments that will require all practising lawyers to complete the Law Society's Indigenous Intercultural Awareness and Competency training. The program under development, The Path, will launch on October 2, 2023, following which Manitoba lawyers will have 18 months to complete it.

The benchers received an update on the development of the Western Entry to Practice Competency Profile which is a collaborative effort of the four Western Canadian law societies and which will establish the set of practice competencies that all individuals will be expected to have when entering the practice of law. The benchers also received, for feedback, a draft of the National Committee on Accreditation Competency Profile, which will establish the set of competencies that foreign trained applicants are expected to have when they are awarded their Certificate of Qualification (or the equivalency of a Canadian common law degree). The benchers agreed that the Western Competency Profile advisory council was well positioned to provide feedback on behalf of the four Western Canadian law societies.

The benchers were advised of the 2023-2024 Insurance Levy set by the Law Society's actuaries who take into account the number and severity of claims, the interest earned on the Fund's investments, the premium assessed by CLIA and the extent to which the claims fund is able to subsidize the levy with investment income. The levy increased fairly substantially over 2022-2023, mainly because of the high number of claims and the high dollar value of claims paid in Manitoba, many of which arose from the dismissal of civil actions due to delay. In addition, the levy could not be subsidized due to the poor performance of investments generally over the past year.



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The benchers also received a report regarding further amendments to the *Fair Registration Practices in Regulated Professions Act*, which affect the Law Society's processes for assessing, educating and admitting foreign trained lawyers into the practice of law in Manitoba. Contrary to previous assurances from the government, the amendments now impose specific time frames within which a regulated profession is to acknowledge receipt of materials, make admissions decisions, provide reasons for both admissions decisions and decisions on appeal. Furthermore, the amendments provide the government with the ability to set language testing requirements and to issue compliance orders that require a regulator to amend or revoke a language testing requirement, all of which intrude into the independence of the Law Society as the regulator of the legal profession. The benchers will continue to advocate for the independence of the bar in meetings with the Minister of Justice.

Finally, the benchers welcomed Jill Perry, KC, the President of the Federation of Law Societies of Canada. Jill not only brought greetings from the Federation but provided the benchers with an update on much of the important work that is underway at the national level in the areas of equity, diversity and inclusion, anti-money laundering and updating the competency profiles at the NCA.

The month of June was brought to a close with the President's Reception at The Hotel Fort Garry, where members of the profession and the judiciary, along with Wayne's friends and family, celebrated Wayne Onchulenko's election as President of the Law Society for the 2023-2024 year.

## Special Presentation



President Wayne Onchulenko presents Jill Perry, K.C., President of the Federation of Law Societies of Canada, with an Honorary Bencher Certificate at the June meeting.

## Law Student Awards



### Congratulations

to the following recipients of the Margaret Hypatia Crawford Award for the highest standing in third year law:

1st Place: **Samantha Harvey**

2nd Place: **Audrey Bews**

3rd Place: **Mikal Sokolowski**

4th Place: **Aiyana McKenzie**

We were pleased to have Samantha Harvey attend the June Bencher Meeting where President Wayne Onchulenko officially congratulated her on her achievement and monetary award.

Law Society

# HEALTH RECOVERY PROGRAM

Focusing on support, rehabilitation and recovery.

The program offers a positive alternative to discipline where a lawyer's conduct or competence issues are linked to health conditions, such as addiction, depression, or other mental health issues.

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# 2023 CALLS TO THE BAR

**JOAN HOLMSTROM**, Director - Competence

On June 15, 2023, 79 candidates were presented to the Court of King's Bench at the RBC Convention Centre in Winnipeg where each took both the Barrister's and Solicitor's Oaths. Chief Justice Glenn Joyal presided over the ceremony while Justice Marc Monnin gave his remarks to the newly called lawyers. The A. Montague Israels Prize was awarded to Nikolai Bola.



**All in the Family!**

*The next generation following in their parents' footsteps.*



There was also a Call ceremony held in The Pas on May 29<sup>th</sup> at which three people were presented to the Court and another in Brandon on June 20<sup>th</sup> at which five people were presented to the Court.

Enjoy the photos of all three events on the pages that follow.

# 2023 MASS CALL TO THE BAR

June 15, 2023



## *Congratulations to the following new lawyers!*

Alevizos, Alexis  
Anderson, Ashley  
Anoba, Aminat  
Antonchuk, Taylor  
Armstrong, Jordan  
Ayoub, Mouchir  
Badejo, Michael  
Balagus, Laura  
Bisch, Jennifer  
Bola, Nikolai  
Boulanger, Binesi  
Brand, Shira  
Broggy, Alexandra  
Bueckert, Cassandra  
Burachynsky, Sebastian  
Cheyne, Lisa  
Chychula, Ulyana  
Dancel, Joseph  
Drews, Brenden  
Drummond, Alexander

Dyck, Caitlin  
Ennis, Amanda  
Fenwick, Andrew  
Friesen, Jayelle  
Girard, Reid  
Goderis, Jenna  
Greger, Rowan  
Gutowski, Patrick  
Hanna, Yousap  
Hasenack, Keira  
Hentig, Caitlin  
Isakov, Elisabeth  
Janovcik, Alexandra  
Jiwa, Frost  
Kamran, Faheem  
Kilgour, Allison  
Kok, Sarah  
Kulathunga, Kasun  
Lang, Jordan  
LeBeau, Gavin

Lempert, Alan  
Levi, Micaela  
Moeller, Nathan  
Monnin, Paul  
Mowatt, Brooke  
Munson, Kevin  
Ng, Amy  
Nwachukwu, Chioma  
Ohms, Alexis  
Packulak, Mark  
Pelland, Jacqueline  
Perron, Christopher  
Peyawary, Fatima  
Prenovault, Aidan  
Pulak, Mark  
Reid, Devan  
Reimer, Simon  
Robertson, Kayleigh  
Robinson, Jenna  
Rothwell, Katie

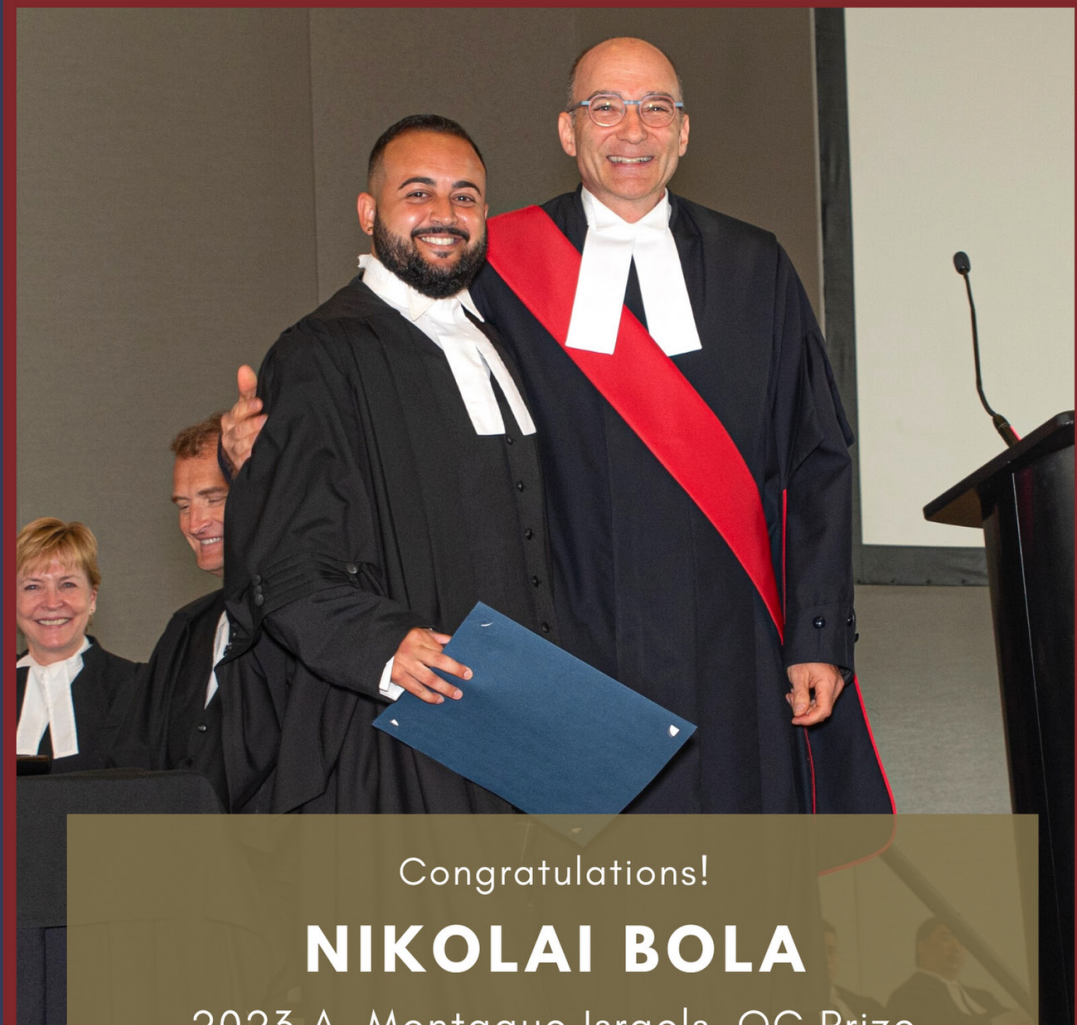
Sawatzky, Tiffani  
Segstro, Michael  
Shah, Atmaja  
Siemens, Anna  
Simoliya, Sushil  
Sinder, Jordan  
Singh, Sharon  
Stevens, Zoe  
Suderman, Catherine  
Tabachnick, Kevin  
Taylor, Hannah  
Thain, Kelsey  
Tisdall, Eric  
Toupin-McGillis, Jacques  
Ulrich, Bennett  
Verma, Nikhilesh  
Warkentin, Andrew  
Waschuk, Evann  
Yu, Celyna



# RBC Convention Centre, Winnipeg







Congratulations!

**NIKOLAI BOLA**

2023 A. Montague Israels, QC Prize

Established in 1974, this award honours the memory of A. Montague Israels, Q.C. (1904-1973) recognizing those attributes of scholarship, character, skill, and breadth of interest that he valued and so well exemplified in his own life and career. The A. Montague Israels, Q.C. Prize is selected by a special Selection Committee and awarded annually to a student from the graduating class of the Bar Admission Course who demonstrates a sense of justice transcending technical competence.

**Hon. Justice David Kroft presented Nikolai with his award.**

For more information about this award, the 2023 recipient and past honourees, visit the A. Montague Israels, QC Prize page found on the [About LSM Community](#) section of the Law Society website.



## *Call to the Bar - Brandon, Manitoba*

Congratulations to the following new lawyers who were called to the Bar in a special ceremony held in Brandon, Manitoba on June 20, 2023:



Sundeep Dhillon  
Shawn Eisler  
Jessica Humphries  
Dane Kingdon  
Keith Murkin



Hon. Mr. Justice John Menzies presided over the ceremony and bencher Blair Filyk was in attendance.

## *Call to the Bar - The Pas, Manitoba*

Congratulations to the following new lawyers who were called to the Bar in a special ceremony held in The Pas, Manitoba on May 29, 2023:

Tyler Joorisity  
Jonathan Squires  
Aaron Vallance

## WESTERN CANADA COMPETENCY PROFILE INITIATIVE

RENNIE STONYK, Deputy CEO

The Law Societies of Alberta, British Columbia, Manitoba and Saskatchewan are jointly engaged in an initiative to develop a Western Canada Competency Profile (WCCP) to identify the competencies required upon entry to legal practice. The WCCP will help inform lawyer training and education, including bar admission program development efforts and experiential learning opportunities. This work aligns with our ongoing efforts towards enhancing lawyer competence in Manitoba.

Leading this work is an appointed Task Force representative of jurisdictions, practice settings, and areas of law. The Task Force developed an initial Competency Profile, and over the summer, key stakeholders were invited to provide feedback, with several focus groups being held. The focus groups were comprised of lawyers in early practice, principals, law faculty, Indigenous lawyers, members of the judiciary, and representatives from social and business organizations. Feedback from these focus groups will be compiled for further consideration by the Task Force as it continues to develop the draft profile.

Publication of the finalized profile is expected in the spring of 2024.

For more information about this initiative, contact Rennie Stonyk at [rstonyk@lawsociety.mb.ca](mailto:rstonyk@lawsociety.mb.ca).



## Richard J. Scott Award



# Call for Nominations

**- Due September 29th -**

The Richard J. Scott Award is presented annually by the Law Society of Manitoba to an individual who advances the rule of law and contributes to a strong and independent legal profession through advocacy, litigation, teaching, research, writing or mentoring.

The award honours former Chief Justice Richard Scott, who served as Manitoba's Chief Justice for over 20 years and is a past president of the Law Society of Manitoba. The Honourable Richard Scott will serve as Chair of the Selection Committee. [Learn More](#)

## How to Submit a Nomination

Submissions should include the nominee's C.V. and an explanation as to why the nominee deserves this award. Previous nominees are welcome to submit their names for consideration. The deadline for nominations is Friday, September 29th.

### By Mail:

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The Law Society of Manitoba  
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### By E-mail:

Pat Bourbonnais, Executive Assistant to the CEO at  
[pbourbonnais@lawsociety.mb.ca](mailto:pbourbonnais@lawsociety.mb.ca).

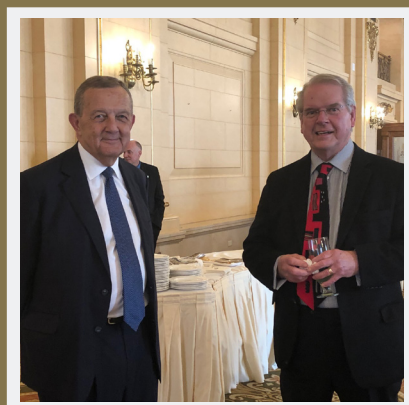
For more information, contact Leah Kosokowsky, CEO at 204-926-2030  
or by e-mail at [kosokowsky@lawsociety.mb.ca](mailto:kosokowsky@lawsociety.mb.ca).



# President's Reception







# THE DIRT ON CERTIFICATES OF JUDGMENT FOR DIRT LAWYERS

**KATE CRATON**, Insurance Counsel - Professional Liability Claims Fund

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There is news for lawyers acting on the sale of lands subject to a certificate of judgment. We now have clarity on which non-permitted judgments on title will need to be satisfied, which can be vacated as statute-barred, and in the latter case, how that can be done.

Those who attended last year's *Hot Topics in Real Estate* CPD remember Russell Davidson's presentation on how the new *Limitations Act (Manitoba)* changed the law regarding the expiry of unpaid judgments.

Under the old legislation, there was a basic limitation of 10 years for actions to enforce a judgment. After the right of action on the judgment was barred, the owner could apply to the court for an order to vacate the judgment, and that order could then be filed at the LTO with a request to have the judgment discharged from title.

The new *Limitations Act* made it clear that there is no longer any limitation for the enforcement of judgments pronounced after October 1, 2022 when the new *Act* was passed. They do not expire.

But there was a gap under the new *Act*, since it didn't expressly address the status of 10+ year-old judgments (that is, those pronounced before October 1, 2012 which would have been statute-barred under the old *Act*) or of judgments pronounced between October 1, 2012 and September 30, 2022 (which formerly required renewal within 10 years to survive).

On May 30, 2023, amending legislation to address this problem received Royal Assent. *The Limitations Amendment and Public Officers Amendment Act* (Bill 26) adds the two bolded provisions below (among others) to *The Limitations Act*:

## Application of this Act

3 This Act applies to a claim pursued in a court proceeding, but does not apply to

- (a) an appeal;
- (b) a proceeding for judicial review;
- (c) a proceeding for a declaration if no consequential relief is sought; or
- (d) a proceeding to enforce an order of a Manitoba court, or any other order, including a certificate evidencing an amount owing, that may be enforced in the same way as an order of a Manitoba court.

**3(2) For certainty, no limitation period applies to a proceeding to enforce an order referred to in clause (1)(d) made on or after October 1, 2012.**

## Expiry of former limitation period

**31.2 No proceeding may be commenced under this Act respecting a claim discovered before September 30, 2021, if its former limitation period expired before the claim's transition date [i.e. the day on which its former limitation period was repealed, which for our purposes is October 1, 2022].**

What does this mean for lawyers dealing with judgments on title?

We've had discussions with Russell Davidson who has reviewed these new sections with the legal team at Land Titles. Here is their position:

1. Orders of the court that were statute-barred prior to the date the new legislation became effective (October 1, 2022) remain statute-barred. They are not revived. Practically speaking, this would apply to orders made **on or before September 30, 2012**.
2. Orders of the court that were not statute-barred on October 1, 2022 *never* become statute-barred. This would apply to orders made **on or after October 1, 2012**.

Note that the relevant date is the date of the underlying order of the court, not the date of the judgment's registration on title. So all judgments registered before October 1, 2012 will be statute-barred (unless the order was renewed), since the order of the court will always pre-date the registered judgment. But a judgment registered on, say, December 13, 2012, may or may not be statute-barred, depending on whether the underlying order was pronounced before or after October 1, 2012.

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# Practice

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How do you deal with these old judgments? A judgment based on an order pronounced on or after October 1, 2012 will need to be addressed like any other encumbrance. Russell Davidson's *Hot Topics* materials contain some Q & A tips on discharging judgments once paid out.

But here's something new. There is a welcome change to the way statute-barred judgments can be cleared from title.

Section 75(12) of *The Real Property Act* has the mechanism long used for disposing of invalid instruments, including certain judgments (for example, a judgment issued against another person with the same name as the owner, or a judgment that has been paid out but not discharged).

It gives the District Registrar the authority to dispose of an instrument after issuance of a 30-day notice unless the claimant shows that court proceedings have been taken to establish the claim. But before the new *Limitations Act* came into effect, the s. 75(12) 30-day notice could not be used to vacate a statute-barred judgment because s. 11(1) of *The Judgments Act* gave the Court of Queen's Bench the exclusive authority to order a judgment vacated from title where barred under the old *Limitation of Actions Act*. An application to court for an order to vacate a statute-barred judgment could take months and many thousands of dollars to accomplish.

That section of *The Judgments Act* was repealed when the new *Limitations Act* was passed, which cleared the way for s. 75(12) of the RPA to operate here.



Russell Davidson confirms:

- The District Registrar will now issue 30-day notices regarding certificates of judgment based upon orders pronounced by the court prior to October 1, 2012 where there is no supplementary certificate of judgment issued in the same matter (a judgment upon the judgment) registered against the affected title.
- For certificates of judgment based upon orders made on or after October 1, 2012, the District Registrar will never issue a 30-day notice where the only allegation is that the underlying order is statute-barred, because that is no longer possible.

In terms of what the s. 75(12) Request for 30-day notice should look like, our discussions with Russell suggest that the Request could simply be:

A request to issue a 30-day notice under s.75(12) of *The Real Property Act (Manitoba)* regarding Certificate of Judgment No. \_\_\_\_\_ based on the fact that the underlying order of the court is statute-barred under *The Limitations Act (Manitoba)*.

For supporting evidence, the Request would only require the owner's statements to the following effect:

1. Certificate of Judgment No. \_\_\_\_\_ was registered against title to the within lands on (date) in relation to the Judgment pronounced by the Manitoba Court of Queen's Bench (\_\_\_\_\_ Centre) in KB File No. CI \_\_\_\_\_ on (date) (the "Judgment").
2. The Judgment has not been renewed.

That evidence would fit in the signature box of the Request. It's not necessary to attach either the Certificate of Judgment or a KB Registry print-out to the Request. The lawyer can sign as agent. Simple.



Manitoba's Peer Support  
Program for Lawyers

# ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**SEPTEMBER 15, 2023**

**FRIDAY, 12:00PM - 1:30PM**  
BY ZOOM TELECONFERENCE

## Our Agenda

- Report from the Chair(s)
- Report from the Peer Support Coordinator
- Approval of Financial Statements
- Election of Directors
- Plans for the Next Year
- Thoughts from the Crowd



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## CONNECT WITH LAW(YER) STRONG

### *Law School Outreach Program*

Interested in connecting with and supporting our future lawyers? The law school outreach program starts up again in the fall. Beginning in the first Wednesday of October, Law(yer) Strong will have volunteer lawyers at the law school at Robson Hall every Wednesday at noon, over the lunch hour. We will be hanging out with our mugs of coffee or tea, and getting to know the students.



### *Workplace Presentations*

We love giving presentations with focused strategies, and the latest research to improve mental health and well-being while practicing law. We have presented to law firms of all sizes, public law offices such as Legal Aid Manitoba, and at conferences for both the Crown and Defence Bar.



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### *Upcoming Event*

**Terry Fox Run**  
**September 17, 2023**

Walk or run, feel great physically and about making a positive contribution to this important cause.

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## PREP and ARTICLING - *Important Dates*

With more than one offering of the bar admission program now provided each year, and to assist with managing schedules, below you will find an overview of some of the important dates for articling students according to the applicable PREP offering.

If you have articling students in your workplace, please familiarize yourself with this table so you can be aware of the bar admission program's demands on your students. Detailed schedules can be found [here](#).

	June 2022 Intake	December 2022 Intake	Accelerated PREP 2023	June 2023 Intake
August 2023	Capstone Re-Assessment results are issued	Phase Three - Virtual Law Firms continues	Phase Three is completed  Phase Four - Final Capstone is administered	Deadline to complete work on Phase One
September 2023		Phase Three - Virtual Law Firms concludes  Phase Four - Capstone is administered		Complete pre-work for Phase Two
October 2023			Results issued	Phase Two - Weeklong Workshops
November 2023		Results issued		Phase Three starts

## ELECTION FOR STUDENT BENCHER

An election for the position of Student Bencher will be held this September. Details will be sent out to all eligible articling students via email in late August/early September. The Student Bencher position lasts for a one-year term. The Student Bencher will be a part of the Law Society of Manitoba's bencher table, participating and voting at bencher meetings.

If you wish to find out more, please do not hesitate to contact Lisa Ehnes at 204-926-2042 or by email at [lehnes@lawsociety.mb.ca](mailto:lehnes@lawsociety.mb.ca).



**ELECTIONS AHEAD**

## Did You Pay Your Practising Fees by Instalment? Next Payment is Due: *September 1, 2023*



On August 1<sup>st</sup>, all lawyers who paid their practising fees by instalment received a reminder email about the upcoming payment which is due on or before **Thursday, September 1, 2023**.

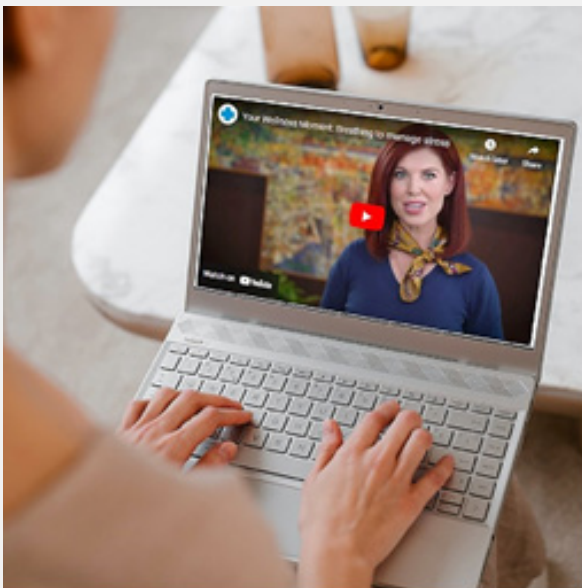
**Check your email!**  
Your invoice is in the [Member's Portal](#).

Our payment methods can be found [here](#).

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## Health and Wellness Resource Library

*Resources from the Law Society, Manitoba Blue Cross and other Partner Organizations*



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- And much more

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# RETURN TO ROBSON

## Homecoming 2023

Wednesday, September 20 at 5:00 p.m.

Welcoming grads of 2023, 2013, 2003, 1993, 1983, 1973, 1963 and 1953!

*Save the date! Details to come.*



Manitoba Law  
Reform Commission

### ***Final Report #145***

### ***The Use of Non-Disclosure Agreements in the Settlement of Misconduct Claims***

On June 29<sup>th</sup>, the Manitoba Law Reform Commission (“MLRC”) released a final report titled “The Use of Non-Disclosure Agreements in the Settlement of Misconduct Claims.” In this report, the MLRC considers the advisability of, and options for, law reform regarding the use of NDAs in the settlement of misconduct claims in Manitoba. Ultimately, the Commission makes 25 recommendations. The [full report](#) can be found on the MLRC’s website.



## Notice of Benchers' Meeting

The next regular meeting of the benchers of the Law Society of Manitoba will be held on:

Thursday, September 7, 2023  
at 12:00 p.m.  
at Elkhorn Resort in Clear Lake  
and via videoconference.

The dates of future meetings of the benchers are as follows:

- November 2, 2023
- December 14, 2023
- February 8, 2024
- March 21, 2024
- May 16, 2024
- June 27, 2024

*Members of the Law Society are encouraged to attend and participate in the deliberations of the governing body.*

*If you wish to attend a meeting via videoconference, please contact Pat Bourbonnais at [pbourbonnais@lawsociety.mb.ca](mailto:pbourbonnais@lawsociety.mb.ca).*

Agenda and meeting minutes are published on the website [here](#).

## IN MEMORIAM

**Mathew Patrick Good**, who passed away on April 27, 2023 at the age of 37. Mr. Good received his call to the bar on November 19, 2013 and practised primarily in British Columbia.

**Brendan Terrill Surendra Mahatoo**, who passed away on May 29, 2023 at the age of 30. Mr. Mahatoo received his call to the bar on June 14, 2018, following which he practised with several firms in the City of Winnipeg, mainly with Levene Tadman Golub Law Corporation.



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## **NOTICE OF SUSPENSION**

### **Thomas William Turner**

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Pursuant to a resolution of a Panel of the Discipline Committee of The Law Society of Manitoba made on June 30, 2023, **THOMAS WILLIAM TURNER** of **HOOK & SMITH** was found guilty of professional misconduct and is suspended from the practice of law for a period of sixty (60) days, commencing on July 1, 2023 through to and including August 29, 2023.

July 1, 2023

**Leah Kosokowsky**  
Chief Executive Officer

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*Issued: July 1, 2023*



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## **NOTICE OF INTERIM SUSPENSION**

### **Paul Walsh**

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By resolution of the Complaints Investigation Committee dated August 23, 2023, **PAUL WALSH** is suspended from the practice of law, effective immediately, for engaging in the unauthorized practice of law while an inactive member.

August 23, 2023

**Leah Kosokowsky**  
Chief Executive Officer

*Issued: August 23, 2023*

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## Membership Changes

### Inactive to Practising:

June 5, 2023	Tyler R. Joorisity
June 12, 2023	Aaron B. Vallance
June 22, 2023	Tiffani J. Sawatzky
July 4, 2023	Reid J. Girard
July 4, 2023	Simon A. Reimer
July 10, 2023	Rowan R. Greger
July 10, 2023	Jenna L. Robinson
July 10, 2023	Amanda M. Ennis
July 10, 2023	Devan M. Reid
July 10, 2023	Katie A. Rothwell
July 10, 2023	Caitlin E. Hentig
July 10, 2023	Lisa R. Cheyne
July 10, 2023	Paul S. Monnin
July 17, 2023	Mark A.P. Pulak
July 17, 2023	Binesi S. Boulanger

### Practising to Inactive:

June 2, 2023	Melissa L. Mason
June 13, 2023	Mark R. Kantor
June 23, 2023	Kathy L. Kalinowsky
June 30, 2023	Paul Girdlestone
June 30, 2023	Tyler R. Joorisity
July 10, 2023	Marc D. Pelletier
July 20, 2023	Stefan Bounket

### New Admissions:

June 5, 2023	Danielle L. Graff
June 20, 2023	Sundee (Sunny) S. Dhillon
June 26, 2023	Sonia E. Kelly
June 30, 2023	Gerard J.T. Kennedy

### Practising to Non-Practising:

June 3, 2023	Geoffrey L. Mackwood
June 7, 2023	David A. Ireland
June 28, 2023	G.W. Michael Boyd
June 30, 2023	Kenny S.R. Costa
June 30, 2023	Lavonne M. Ross
June 30, 2023	Gordon M. Pullan, K.C.
June 30, 2023	Tanis B. Jury
June 30, 2023	Gary S. Stern
June 30, 2023	Brian E. Clarke
July 1, 2023	Karen L. Webb
July 1, 2023	Marla A.P. Bettencourt
July 1, 2023	Lynn A. Ryzniczuk
July 1, 2023	Tatiana S. Bubnowicz
July 7, 2023	Karlee B. Blatz
July 9, 2023	Trinda E. de Monye
July 17, 2023	Megan L. Roberts
July 17, 2023	Rex C. Osivwemu
July 20, 2023	Richard J. Scott
July 25, 2023	Bradley V. Sinclair
July 28, 2023	Menal M. Al Fekih

### Non-Practising to Practising:

July 1, 2023	Irene A. Hamilton, K.C.
July 10, 2023	Katrine M. Dilay

### Practising to Suspended:

July 1, 2023	Thomas W. Turner
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July 4, 2023	Alexander Barnes
July 4, 2023	Akinwumi O. Ogunranti
July 12, 2023	Colleen E. Arsenault
July 17, 2023	Muhammad A. Riaz
July 20, 2023	Sentil J. Thomson
July 24, 2023	Leighton B.U. Grey

Update your membership information by using the [Member Forms](#) located in the For Lawyers, Membership Services section of the Law Society's website.

»»» *National Day for Truth and Reconciliation Special Joint Event*

## The Journey Forward: Moving Toward Economic Reconciliation

Wednesday, September 27, 2023  
@12:00 noon  
In-person and Video Webinar



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### ***NEW Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)***

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**Monday, October 2, 2023**

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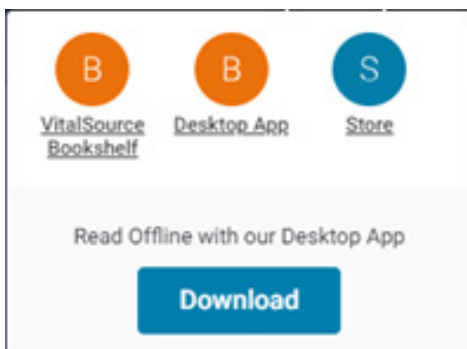
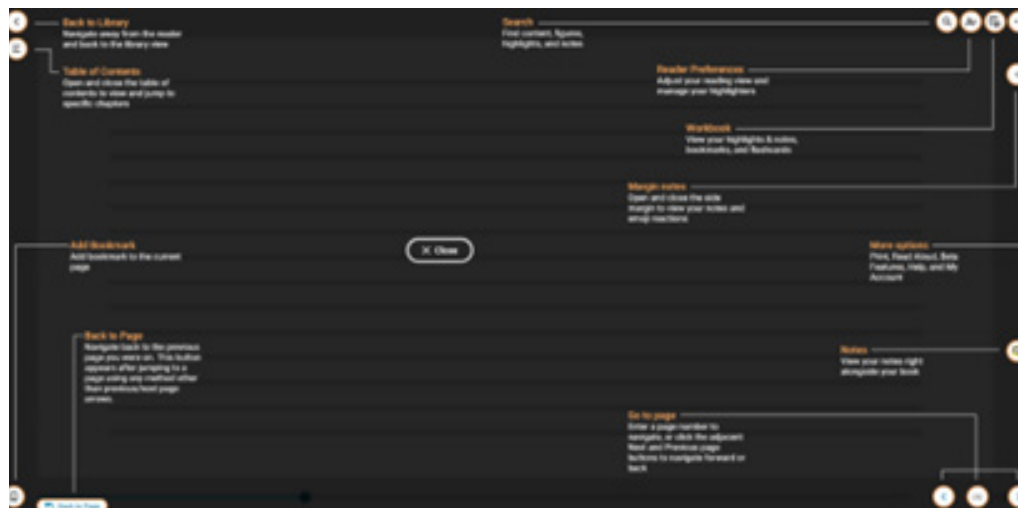


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# CPD Events and Resources

## Upcoming Programs

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### Western Bar CPD

*In-person at Clear Lake, MB*

September 8

[Register](#)

### Central Bar CPD

*In-person at Portage La Prairie, MB*

September 22

[Register](#)

### The Journey Forward: Moving Toward Economic Reconciliation

*Joint Hybrid Event for the National Day for Truth & Reconciliation.*

September 27

Save the Date!

### Sleep and Your Wellness

*Video Webinar*

October 19

[Register](#)

### Access to Justice Week Event

*Video Webinar*

October 25

Save the Date!

### 2023 Pitblado Lectures: Artificial Intelligence in Legal Practice

*In-person at Robson Hall, Faculty of Law, University of Manitoba*

November 16

[Register](#)

## Big Changes in Family Law!

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**Practice Area Fundamentals:** [Family Law & Child Protection](#) chapters are updated to reflect the July 1, 2023 repeal of *The Family Maintenance Act*.



**On-demand webinar:** [Big Changes in Family Law](#) covers the new legislation, and highlights changes to King's Bench Rule 70.



**On-demand webinar:** [Overview of An Act Respecting Child and Family Services](#) covers the significant recent amendments to the CFS and King's Bench Acts.

## New and FREE Practice Management Resources

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### Assess and improve your practice management!

Our [interactive online tool](#) is designed for both sole practitioners and designated representatives (or those responsible for operations at multi-lawyer firms).

### Help block cyber criminals!

Our [cyber security resource library](#) offers helpful resources and CPD on-demand opportunities, including our online learning Bytes, created specifically for Manitoba lawyers and law firm staff.

# Upcoming IMPORTANT DATES At a Glance



## **SEPTEMBER 1** **PAYMENT DUE**

2023-2024 Practising Fee  
(2<sup>nd</sup> Installment)  
for Lawyers paying by instalment

## **SEPTEMBER 7** **BENCHER MEETING**

Elkhorn Resort, Clear Lake  
12:00 p.m.

## **OCTOBER 2** **PAYMENT DUE**

2023-2024 Practising Fee and Insurance  
(2<sup>nd</sup> Instalment)  
for lawyers called to the Bar on June 15, 2023

**OCTOBER 2**  
**THE PATH - LAUNCHES**  
Mandatory Indigenous Intercultural Awareness  
and Competency Training

## **NOVEMBER 2** **BENCHER MEETING**

12:30 p.m.

**NOVEMBER 16**  
**2023 Pitblado Lectures**  
Robson Hall, Faculty of Law  
University of Manitoba



## **SEPTEMBER 30**

September 30<sup>th</sup> is Orange Shirt Day and National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, a day to recognize and reflect on the legacy of residential schools.



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