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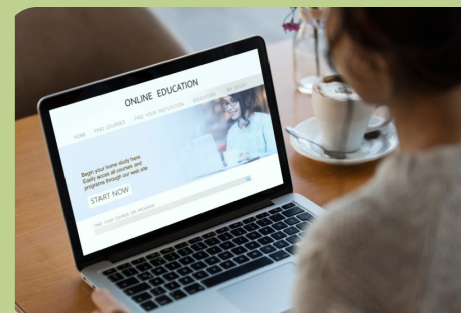


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CEO'S REPORT

LEAH KOSOKOWSKY

What's New

**2nd ANNUAL
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**Changes to
PREP Sessions**

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Centre**

The independence of the legal profession and the Law Society as an independent regulator remain top of mind for the benchers and were the subject of further discussion at the February 6, 2025 bencher meeting. First, the benchers were advised that the Law Society of Manitoba has been granted intervenor status in the challenge by the Law Society of British Columbia to the BC government's new legislation that creates a single legal regulator in British Columbia. While it is laudable and beneficial to have a single entity to regulate the delivery of all legal services in the province (lawyers, notaries public and independent paralegals), aspects of the legislation interfere with the independence of such regulator. While there are several pre-hearing issues, the hearing on the merits of the challenge is scheduled to proceed in November 2025.

On a similar front, the Government of Canada has introduced an Administrative Monetary Penalties and Related Consequences Regime which is intended as a regulatory enforcement mechanism for individuals who provide advice and/or representation under the *Immigration and Refugee Protection Act*, the *Citizenship Act* and the associated regulations. Lawyers have not been exempted in the proposed regime. The Law Society of Manitoba, along with most other Canadian law societies, has made a written submission to the proposed regulations in which we have raised concerns regarding exclusive authority of law societies to regulate lawyers, the potential intrusion into matters of solicitor and client privilege and the duplicative nature of the regulations.

CEO REPORT contined...

The benchers received a report on the financial operations of the Law Society to the end of the third quarter of the year and they also received the budget for the 2025-2026 fiscal year. Practising fees have remained static for the upcoming year and the Law Society's finances are in good shape. While there has been a substantial statutory grant from the Manitoba Law Foundation due to high interest earned on lawyers' trust accounts, such funding must be used for specific educational and audit related purposes and not for the general operations of the Law Society. Accordingly, fees have remained steady, but the Law Society has an opportunity to deliver even more comprehensive programming and initiatives to maintain and enhance the competence of the profession.

The benchers are nearing the conclusion of the strategic planning process for the 2025-2028 period and you can anticipate hearing about new initiatives to support the competence of newly called and internationally trained lawyers, to support the well-being of the legal profession, to enhance equity, diversity and inclusion in the profession, and to improve Manitobans' access to justice.



The Path
Your Journey through
Indigenous Canada

Completion Deadline April 1

For members who held practising status as of October to December 2023, your completion date requirement is **Tuesday, April 1, 2025**.

- The course is available to you at no-cost and is eligible for seven CPD hours (all EPPM).
- You can take the course at your own pace to meet your completion date requirement.

Start or continue The Path today!



Remembering Marion Ironquil Meadmore

WINNIPEG FREE PRESS: *Tireless Advocate for Change*

Trailblazing lawyer Marion Ironquil Meadmore was a champion for Indigenous self-governance, economic development

Marion Ironquil Meadmore, Canada's first Indigenous female lawyer, passed away peacefully on February 19, leaving behind a legacy of resilience, strength, and unwavering dedication to her community.

A tireless advocate for Indigenous rights, she broke barriers in the legal profession and made a profound impact on Winnipeg through her grassroots leadership. In recognition of her contributions, Marion was awarded the Order of Canada in 1984 and received an Honorary Doctor of Laws degree from the University of Manitoba in 2024.

Shaun Loney honors her life and work in a tribute article published in the Winnipeg Free Press on February 20, 2025. [Read Article](#)



Marion Ironquil Meadmore joined then Law Society President, Anita Southall, and Elder Ernie Daniels at a 2019 reception to celebrate the gifting of eagle feathers to the Manitoba Courts.



Celebrating an Impactful Black History Month Event



2ND ANNUAL SANKOFA LECTURE FEBRUARY 3, 2025

Congratulations to the Black History Month Committee and sponsors on a successful near capacity event! Special thanks to Laurelle Harris, Jean-René Kwilu, and Zilla Jones and the Manitoba Chapter of the Canadian Association of Black Lawyers (CABL) and the Manitoba Bar Association for their dedicated efforts in bringing the community together.



A sincere thank you to Dr. Adelle Blackett for her inspiring and thought-provoking keynote presentation. We are especially grateful for her participation, knowing she headed straight to the UN right after!





LAWYERS FOR LITERACY

Saturday, March 15, 2025

10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Mulvey School
750 Wolseley Avenue

There's still time to participate!

Dedicate a morning to reading with the children from the West Broadway Youth Outreach Program. It's an opportunity to make a difference.

Register with drossol@lawsociety.mb.ca

[Donate Here](#)



View the highlight video from last year's fun-filled event.

JUSTICE CANADA SURVEY OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM STAKEHOLDERS

You are encouraged to share your views and experiences to better inform the development of criminal justice system laws and policy in Canada.

About the Survey

This survey examines stakeholders' perceptions of criminal justice system (CJS) efficiencies in general as well as explores the potential impacts of recent legislation concerning criminal court efficiencies, remote court attendance, and bail, and the COVID-19 pandemic on the CJS.

Who can Participate?

Professionals who have experience within Canada's criminal court system within the last six months.

[Read more...](#)




TAKE THE SURVEY


Survey Deadline: March 21, 2025.

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 www.lawyerstrong-mb.ca

THE RICHARD J. SCOTT AWARD NOMINATIONS DUE MARCH 28TH

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 was a past president of the Law Society of Manitoba. For the past 12 years, the Law Society has had the good fortune to have had Mr. Scott chair the Selection Committee. With his passing, the Law Society remains committed to continue this important work with the deepest honour and respect for Mr. Scott.

How to Submit a Nomination

Email the nominee's C.V. and explain why the nominee deserves this award to pbourbonnais@lawsociety.mb.ca by or before **Friday, March 28**.

Past Recipients

- Garth Smorang, KC (2023)
- Helga D. Van Iderstine, KC (2022)
- Heather Leonoff, KC (2021)
- Robert L. Tapper, KC (2020)
- Saul Simmonds, KC (2019)
- Karen Dyck (2018)
- John Myers (2017)
- Jeff Hirsch, KC (2016)
- Allan Fineblit, KC (2015)
- Irene Hamilton, KC (2014)
- Byron Williams (2013)

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Making Rights Matter

Public Interest Advocacy Conference

Save the Date

May 30, 2025

Wyndham

Garden Hotel

Join us for a day of engaging speakers focused on legal strategies and tools for successful public interest advocacy geared towards community, Nations, legal practitioners, and students. More details to follow.





2025-2026 Practising Fee **RENEWAL**

April 1, 2025

An email was sent on March 1st with instructions on how to retrieve your personalized invoice in the

Member Portal



If you did not receive your email or invoice, you can contact **Carol Hiebert**



chiebert@lawsociety.mb.ca



204-926-2046



Payment Due:
April 1, 2025

DO YOU QUALIFY AS A **PART-TIME PRACTITIONER?**

FIND OUT HERE

Lawyers who were approved as part-time practitioners last year are required to re-apply for part-time status again for the 2025-2026 practising year. To re-apply, sign in to the **Member's Portal**.

Questions? Contact Alissa Schacter



aschacter@lawsociety.mb.ca



204-926-2029

FAST TRACK PHOTO ID RENEWAL

YOUR FAST TRACK PHOTO ID CARD EXPIRES ON MARCH 31ST

You will have a 30-day grace period where your 2024-2025 card will allow you access to the Law Courts. After April 30th, Manitoba Sherriff's Officers will confiscate any expired cards.



RENEWAL IS FAST AND EASY!

If you had a card last year, the renewal is included on your personalized invoice in the [Member's Portal](#). Cards are automatically issued when your practising fees and fast track payment are received.

For assistance, contact SHARI LOUGH

 slough@lawsociety.mb.ca  204-942-5571

PAYMENT OPTIONS

1

CHEQUE

Payments can be dropped off in person or by courier between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday to Friday.

2

E-TRANSFER

Simply initiate the e-transfer to: accounting@lawsociety.mb.ca

Be sure to include the following information in the message section of the transfer details:

- 1) Your Name
- 2) Member Number
- 3) Invoice Number

3

ONLINE BILL PAYMENT

The Law Society of Manitoba is set up with all the major banking platforms.

Simply add us as a payee. You will also require your 7-digit member number.

4

CAFT

If you are set up to pay by CAFT, we require at least **four** days notice instructing us to withdraw the funds. Send the email to accounting@lawsociety.mb.ca.

Include your name and the dollar amount that you are permitting us to withdraw.



Comedy Night Fundraiser

MARCH 26, 2025

Doors open: 6:30pm / Show starts: 7:45pm

Comedian: Kelly Taylor

Tickets: \$20

A portion of each ticket sold supports Law(yer) Strong

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- Support lawyer well-being
- Gonna be fun!!



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Digital Wellness Platform from Manitoba Blue Cross

www.wellness.mb.bluecross.ca

From one central location you can now access:

- Counselling support
- Relationship learning program
- Yoga and meditation program
- Sleep assessment
- Budgeting and financial self-directed courses
- And much more

For curated content, tips and resources to help YOU, start by taking a quick 10-minute [wellness assessment](#).



[Learn More](#)

ARE YOU COVERED?

TANA CHRISTIANSON, Director - Insurance



Have you ever wondered about what professional liability insurance coverage you have as a Manitoba lawyer? Information for Manitoba lawyers about their insurance coverage is available on the [Member Portal](#) of the Law Society's website under the [Insurance tab](#), including:

1. [Coverage at a glance](#)
2. [Mandatory Professional Liability Insurance Policy](#)
3. [Mandatory Cyber Policy](#)
4. [Directors and Officers coverage](#)
5. [Additional information about excess insurance](#)
6. [How to report a professional liability insurance claim](#)
7. How to report a [cyber claim](#)
8. Contact information for [Insurance Department staff](#)

If you can't find the answer to your question about professional liability coverage, feel free to contact anyone in the Insurance Department. We would be pleased to help.

PREP IMPORTANT DATES

	Accelerated PREP 2024	June 2024 Intake (Traditional PREP)
March 2025	Capstone Assessment re-attempts	Capstone Assessments
April 2025	Applications for A. Montague Israels' Prize due April 11, 2025	
May 2025	Capstone re-attempts results issued	Capstone results issued
Friday, June 20, 2025 9:00 a.m.	Mass Call to the Bar Ceremony RBC Winnipeg Convention Centre	

To successfully complete PREP, a student must successfully complete a full Capstone Assessment.

If a student is unsuccessful on the March Capstone Assessment, the next opportunity to attempt a Capstone Assessment will be in August 2025.

Students must successfully complete both PREP and their required articling period to be eligible to be called to the Bar and to participate in the Call Ceremony in June.

Students and their principals are reminded to make sure that they have sufficient time to prepare for their Capstone Assessment in March and that there are no other office duties assigned during their Capstone Assessment week.

Questions? Contact
Joan Holmstrom, Director - Competence
204-926-2017 or by email at
jholmstrom@lawsociety.mb.ca

Manitoba Articling Recruitment Guidelines

For the 2026-2027 Articling Year



These Guidelines are prepared pursuant to Law Society Rule 5-6.1 and concern the recruitment of articling students for positions within the City of Winnipeg. They set out the procedures for the recruitment of articling students in Winnipeg and were developed by representatives of the Manitoba Bar Association (MBA), the Law Society of Manitoba, the Manitoba Law Students Association and the University of Manitoba, Faculty of Law. **All Winnipeg firms and organizations engaged in the recruitment of articling students for the 2026–2027 articling year, and all candidates applying to such employers, are expected to adhere to the guidelines and dates set out below. Workplaces outside of Winnipeg who also wish to participate in this recruitment may do so by submitting their firm profile in accordance with the guidelines. By doing so, they will be required to follow the deadlines and procedures set out in these guidelines.**

Guidelines & Important Dates to Remember for Firms, Organizations and Students

Firm Profiles

Employers are to provide profiles containing information about the firm's practice, office facilities, the number of articling positions available, the documents required for the application (resume, cover letter, copies of transcripts, etc.), the contact person, address to which applications must be sent, and all other pertinent information to both:

1. The Faculty of Law, Career Development Office, via email: lisa.griffin@umanitoba.ca (phone: 204-474-7932); and
2. The Law Society of Manitoba, via email: lehnes@lawsociety.mb.ca (phone: 204-926-2042)

no later than 4:00 p.m., Monday, March 17, 2025. All postings received by this date will be accessible to Robson Hall students through the Faculty of Law Career Development website on Friday, March 21, 2025 by noon and to all others from the Law Society of Manitoba by emailing a request to lehnes@lawsociety.mb.ca. Profiles received after Monday, March 17, 2025 will be posted as quickly as possible.

Application Deadline

The application deadline for students to submit resumes, cover letters and unofficial transcripts directly to the employers for 2026-2027 articling positions shall be **12:00 (noon), Tuesday, May 13, 2025.**

Interview Call Day

Employers may contact students only between **10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Friday, May 23, 2025**, to offer an Interview time slot during the Interview Period. No communication regarding interviews may be made prior to the Interview Call Day. Students must respond to an offer of an interview within this same time frame.

Recruitment Suspension Period

Between **4:00 p.m. on Friday, May 23, 2025 and 8:00 a.m. on Monday, June 2, 2025**, neither students nor employers should be involved in any recruitment activity, including but not limited to participating in open houses, firm tours, or similar activities directed at encouraging employment, conducting of interviews, and discussing offers of employment.

Communications and interactions between employers and students related to a summer job placement, and not concerning an articling placement, are not prohibited in this context.

Interview Period

8:00 a.m., Monday, June 2, 2025, to 5:00 p.m., Tuesday, June 10, 2025. Interviews shall not be conducted prior to 8:00 a.m. on Monday, June 2, 2025. Firms and organizations may interview students at a location of their choosing. Both the Law Society of Manitoba and the Faculty of Law may provide space upon request. Please contact lehnes@lawsociety.mb.ca or lisa.griffin@umanitoba.ca if you require a space to conduct your interviews.



No Contact Period

There is to be no contact between students and employers between the end of the interview period and the earliest offer date.

Eligible Students

Approved principals or their delegates may make an offer of an articling position only to students who have, at a minimum, completed their second year of law studies. Only students who have, or will have obtained an LL.B., J.D. or CQ from the National Committee of Accreditation on or prior to June 30, 2025 will be eligible to apply for 2026-2027 articling positions

Earliest Offer Date

Approved principals or their delegates may **not** make an offer of an articling position in Winnipeg for the 2026-2027 articling term **before 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, June 11, 2025**. Offers made on June 11, 2025 must remain open until 10:00 a.m. of the following morning. Offers made on June 11, 2025 can be accepted or rejected by students anytime before 10:00 a.m. on June 12th, but must be responded to by that time. *Offers made **after** June 12, 2025 must be responded to no later than 10:00 a.m. the following morning.*

Content of Offers

At the time the offer is made, employers must provide students with the name and contact information of the person to whom the student should communicate acceptance or rejection of the offer. Employers are also encouraged to include pertinent information with the offer, such as the proposed start date, salary and benefits.

Communication of Acceptance/Rejection

As a courtesy to employers and fellow students, students shall deal with offers received as soon as reasonably possible. Once a student has accepted an offer from one employer, the student must promptly communicate his/her rejection to any other employer that has extended an offer to the student. Failure to promptly communicate rejection of an offer prejudices the offering employer, as well as fellow students to whom subsequent offers may be made.



Accepted Offers

Once an offer has been accepted, neither the employer nor the student may withdraw from the agreement without the permission of the Chief Executive Officer of the Law Society of Manitoba.

Offer of Articling Positions after June 12, 2025

Employers may contact students directly to fill any unfilled articling positions. Offers made after June 12, 2025 must remain open until 10:00 a.m. the following day, unless accepted or rejected by the student.

Communication of Results

Once an offer has been accepted, the student and the employer **must immediately** advise **both**:

1. Lisa Griffin; Career Development, University of Manitoba, Faculty of Law by email: lisa.griffin@umanitoba.ca or phone: 204-474-7932); and
2. Lisa Ehnes, The Law Society of Manitoba, by email: lehnes@lawsociety.mb.ca or phone: 204-926-2042)

These [recruitment guidelines](#) for workplaces looking to hire articling students to start in the spring/summer of 2026 are also posted on our website.

Timeline Summary	
Employer profiles/postings due at both Robson Hall and the Law Society of Manitoba	Monday, March 17, 2025 at 4:00 p.m. CDT
Profiles/postings available to students	Friday, March 21, 2025 at 12:00 p.m. (noon) CDT
Application deadline for students	Tuesday, May 13, 2025 at 12:00 p.m. (noon) CDT
Interview call day	Friday, May 23, 2025 between 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. CDT
Recruitment suspension period	Friday, May 23, 2025 at 4:00 p.m. CDT to 8:00 a.m. CDT, Monday, June 2 2025
Interview period	Monday, June 2, 2025 at 8:00 a.m. CDT to 5:00 p.m. CDT, Tuesday, June 10, 2025
No contact period	Tuesday, June 10, 2025 at 5:00 p.m. CDT to 2:00 p.m. CDT, Wednesday, June 11, 2025
Earliest offer date	No earlier than Wednesday, June 11, 2025 at 2:00 pm CDT

A. MONTAGUE ISRAELS QC PRIZE

Application Deadline: April 11, 2025

We encourage all eligible candidates to consider applying.

Details about the prize, information on how to submit a nomination and past recipients can be found [here](#).

CHANGES TO UPCOMING PREP SESSIONS

JOAN HOLMSTROM, Director - Competence

CPLED is making changes to the schedules for Accelerated PREP and Regular PREP starting in May 2025. CPLED is also adding, on a pilot basis, a second Accelerated PREP offering operating in the fall of 2025.

Here are important things to know:

	ACCELERATED PREP 2025	REGULAR PREP 2025
Registration Opens	May 5, 2025	May 5, 2025
Registration Deadline	May 9, 2025	May 23, 2025 This is a month earlier than past years.
1st Tuition Instalment Due	May 15, 2025	May 23, 2025 This is a month earlier than past years.
Foundation Modules	May 26, 2025	June 2, 2025
Students work through Foundation Modules and attend six synchronous online workshops	May 26, 2025 to June 22, 2025 Previously attended one week long workshop session in late June – these activities are now separated and spread across this period as six three-hour workshops.	June 2 – September 7, 2025 Previously attended one week long workshop session in late September– these activities are now separated and spread across a 12-week period in the summer as six three-hour workshops.
Virtual Law Firm	June 25, 2025 to August 8, 2025	September 12, 2025 to January 23, 2026
Capstone Assessment	Oral Evaluations: August 18, 2025 to August 22, 2025 Written Evaluations: August 25, 2025 to August 29, 2025 THIS IS NEW! Capstone Assessment activities will be a few days in each of the two weeks listed instead of one long week.	Oral Evaluations: February 2, 2026 to February 6, 2026 Written Evaluations: February 9, 2026 to February 13, 2026 THIS IS NEW! This is a month earlier and the Capstone Assessment activities will be a few days in each of the two weeks listed instead of one long week. Students no longer sign up for one of three evaluation weeks as they all participate at the same time.

Workplaces are expected to provide no assignments to students enrolled in the Accelerated program.

CHANGES TO PREP SESSIONS contined...

Students enrolled in the regular program must be given time to not only attend the six workshops in the summer period but to also prepare the required background work expected for the six workshop sessions. Further, workplaces should not be assigning any duties to students which may prevent a student from completing the required activities in the two week Capstone period.

Only students already registered with the Law Society as an articling student are eligible for the PREP tuition subsidy. We recommend students who may be delayed in having their articling student application processed before the first installment due date to simply pay CPLED the unsubsidized first installment amount. Subsequent installment amounts can be recalculated by CPLED to reflect the application of the subsidy once your articling student application has been fully submitted and processed.

Pilot Fall Accelerated Program:

	ACCELERATED PREP FALL 2025 (PILOT)
Registration Opens	August 5, 2025
Registration Deadline	August 12, 2025
1st Tuition Instalment Due	August 19, 2025
Foundation Modules Open	September 2, 2025
Students work through foundation Modules and attend six synchronous online workshops	September 2, 2025 to September 28, 2025
Virtual Law Firm	October 1, 2025 to November 14, 2025
Capstone Assessment	Oral Evaluations: November 24, 2025 to November 28, 2025 Written Evaluations: December 1, 2025 to December 5, 2025

NOTICE OF BENCHERS' MEETING

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

 **Thursday, March 20, 2025**

 **The Law Society offices
and via videoconference**

 **12:30 p.m.**

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



**Dates for the next meetings
of the benchers are as follows:**

- May 15, 2025
- June 26, 2025

If you wish to attend a meeting via videoconference, please contact Pat Bourbonnais at pbourbonnais@lawsociety.mb.ca.

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

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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.

MEMBERSHIP CHANGES



Non-Practising to Practising:

February 3, 2025	Sonali Garg
February 10, 2025	Alexandra C.C. Derwin
February 24, 2025	John J.R. Isfeld
March 1, 2025	Rohit Sanggar
March 1, 2025	Zeeshan C. Sarwar
March 1, 2025	Nee-klu (Lance) Adjetey
March 3, 2025	Caroline N. Lacey
March 3, 2025	Kathleen M. McLean
March 3, 2025	Lianni Nair
March 3, 2025	Donald G. Baker
March 4, 2025	Liam A. Pollock

Practising to Non-Practising:

January 10, 2025	Lisa D. LaBossiere
January 19, 2025	Sarah J. Lugtig Riezebos
January 20, 2025	Ruth Owusu
January 24, 2025	Amandeep K. Khillon
February 1, 2025	Cassandra J. Bueckert
February 3, 2025	Jessica L.M. Isaak
February 15, 2025	Alan R. Goddard
February 21, 2025	Taylor M.A. Dignan
February 28, 2025	J. Douglas Deans
March 1, 2025	Richard J. Handlon
March 4, 2025	Karolina M. Dec
March 6, 2026	Joelle M.F. Pastora Sala

New Admissions:

December 9, 2024	Mena M.O.M. Eremutha
January 29, 2025	Emily K. Sutherland
February 10, 2025	Cara L. Hill
February 19, 2025	Nee-Klu (Lance) Adjetey
March 1, 2025	Dustin E. Seguin

Suspended to Practising:

February 7, 2025	Lauren N.F. Clemens
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[Member Forms Available Here](#)



**The Law Society
of Manitoba**

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NOTICE OF DISBARMENT

Rishi Ganesh Bharath

By resolution of a Panel of the Discipline Committee of The Law Society of Manitoba, **RISHI GANESH BHARATH** was found guilty of professional misconduct. He was ordered to be disbarred and his name struck from the Rolls of Barristers and Solicitors of the Society.

March 5, 2025

Leah Kosokowsky
Chief Executive Officer

Issued: March 5, 2025



ANNUAL MEMBER REPORT

Due April 1, 2025

This year's Annual Member Report is now available in the Member Portal and is due April 1, 2025. It combines your annual report on your continuing professional development activities in 2024 and your Law Corporation renewal (for those that have them). For trust account supervisors, there are additional reporting requirements. This report must be filed by every lawyer who had practising status in Manitoba at any time in 2024.

Completing and submitting this report is mandatory. Notification that your personalized online form was ready for completion was sent to your preferred email address for Law Society communications during the week of January 6th. The email notification would also have contained your user ID and login instructions on how to access the Member Portal for easy completion and filing of the report. If you have not received your email notification but believe you should have, first check your spam or junk mail folder. To avoid Law Society emails mistakenly being flagged as spam, add the email address no_reply@lawsociety.mb.ca to your contacts/safe sender list.

If you are still unable to locate this notice in your inbox, then please email us at membership@lawsociety.mb.ca or by phone at 204-942-5571 to confirm we have your correct preferred email address.

Complete Online



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Learn more about how to use this resource in an online training session.

- Tues, 08 Apr, 2:00 – 3:30pm
- Mon, 14 Apr, 10:00 – 11:30am
- Wed, 23 Apr, 2:30 – 4:00pm

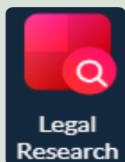


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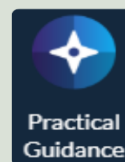
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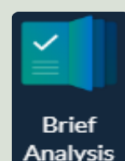
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