



# AGENDA

## Benchers

Date: Thursday, October 31, 2024

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
<b>1.0 PRESIDENT'S WELCOME AND TREATY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT</b>					
	The President will welcome new student bencher, Kalanit Faingold, as well as benchers, guests and staff to the meeting.				
<b>2.0 IN MEMORIAM</b>					
	<p><b>Roman Duncan Kozak</b>, who passed away on August 16, 2024 at the age of 72. Mr. Kozak received his call to the Bar on June 22, 1995. He practised as an associate with Wilder, Wilder &amp; Langtry for four years before joining Lowen &amp; Martens where he continued to practice for an additional 12 years.</p> <p><b>William Richard Stovel</b>, who passed away on August 26, 2024 at the age of 77. Mr. Stovel received his call to the Bar on June 25, 1974. He served as in-house counsel to the City of Winnipeg – Law Department for 33 years, retiring from practice in 2007.</p>				

**Harold (Bud) Kemp Irving**, who passed away on September 7, 2024 at the age of 98. Mr. Irving received his call to the Bar on September 14, 1951. He practised for 63 years as a founding member of the firm known today as D'Arcy & Deacon LLP. Mr. Irving retired from practice in 2015.

**Barbara Ruth Hochman**, who passed away on September 16, 2024 at the age of 72. Ms Hochman received her call to the on June 28, 1984. She practised with Aikins, MacAulay & Thorvaldson for 14 years, retiring in 1998. Ms Hochman resided in Kelowna, BC at the time of her death.

**Edward Ross Yarnell, KC**, who passed away on September 29, 2024 at the age of 92. Mr. Yarnell received his call to the Bar on October 23, 1956. He articulated and practised with Fillmore Riley LLP for 53 years, retiring in 2005. Mr. Yarnell was appointed King's Counsel in 1977.

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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 12, 2024 Meeting	5		Attached	Approval
3.2	French Corporate Name Change			Attached	Approval
3.3	Report of the Complaints Investigation Committee			Attached	Briefing
3.4	Reports of the Discipline Committee			Attached	Briefing

### 4.0 EXECUTIVE REPORTS

4.1	President's Report	10	Gerri Wiebe, KC	Attached	Briefing
4.2	CEO Report	15	Leah Kosokowsky	Attached	Briefing
4.3	Strategic Plan Activities Update and Progress Report - October 2024	10	Leah Kosokowsky	Attached	Briefing

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<b>5.0 DISCUSSION/DECISION</b>					
5.1	Bencher Removal – Proposed Rule Amendments and Bencher Policy	10	Rennie Stonyk	Attached	Discussion/ Decision
<b>6.0 MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS</b>					
6.1	National Study on the Psychological Health Determinants of Legal Professionals in Canada – Phase II	10	Leah Kosokowsky	Attached	Briefing
6.2	Articling Survey Update	5	Rennie Stonyk	Attached	Briefing
6.3	FLSC Council Report	10	Lynda Troup	Attached	Briefing
<b>7.0 COMMITTEE REPORTS</b>					
7.1	Investment Committee	10	Wayne Onchulenko		Briefing
7.2	Practice and Ethics Committee	10	Ken Mandzuik, KC		Briefing
7.3	Strategic Planning Committee	10	Gerri Wiebe, KC		Briefing
<b>8.0 MONITORING REPORTS</b>					
8.1	Complaints Resolution Department and Discipline Department	20	Leah Kosokowsky	Attached	Briefing

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9.0 IN CAMERA					
9.1	BC Single Legal Regulator and Independence	20	Leah Kosokowsky		Briefing
10.0 FOR INFORMATION					
10.1	Media Reports			Attached	Information