



AGENDA

Benchers

Date: Thursday, March 20, 2025

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
1.0 PRESIDENT'S WELCOME AND TREATY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT					
	The President will welcome benchers, guests and staff to the meeting.				
2.0 IN MEMORIAM					
	<p>Margaret Anne MacLeod, who passed away on December 23, 2024 at the age of 85. Ms MacLeod received her call to the Bar on June 24, 1982. She was a practising member of the Law Society for eight years.</p> <p>Robert Allan Simpson, who passed away on January 25, 2025 at the age of 76. Mr. Simpson received his call to the Bar on June 25, 1974. He practised with D'Arcy & Deacon for five years before joining Fillmore Riley LLP where he continued to practise up to the date of his death.</p>				

Marston Welland Grindey, who passed away on January 29, 2025 at the age of 80. Mr. Grindey served as a lay bencher and public representative for the Law Society from 2010 to 2022.

Sheldon Edward Pinx, KC, who passed away on February 4, 2025 at the age of 77. Mr. Pinx received his call to the Bar on June 26, 1973. He began his career as counsel with Legal Aid Manitoba. In 1976 he joined Wolinsky & Company where he practised for five years. In 1981 he joined the firm known today as Pinx & Company, where he continued to practise up to the date of his death. Mr. Pinx was appointed King’s Counsel in 1990.

Marion Lillian Ironquill Meadmore, who passed away on February 19, 2025 at the age of 89. A champion for Indigenous self-governance and economic development, Ms Meadmore was cofounder of the first Indian and Métis Friendship Centre in Canada (1959), cofounder of the organizations that are known today as the Assembly of First Nations and the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs (1963), and cofounder of Kinew Housing (1970). Ms Meadmore received her call to the Bar as the first Indigenous female lawyer in Canada on June 29, 1978. She was a practising member of the Law Society for six years. In 1984 Ms Meadmore was named a Member of the Order of Canada.

Boris Alexander Hwozdulych, who passed away on February 21, 2025 at the age of 72. Mr. Hwozdulych received his call to the Bar on June 25, 1976. He practised as counsel for Legal Aid Manitoba for the entirety of his career, retiring in 2019.

Kenneth Mark Tennenhouse, who passed away on February 27, 2025 at the age of 66. Mr. Tennenhouse received his call to the Bar on June 23, 1983. He then joined Manitoba Hydro where he practised for 36 years, serving as in-house counsel, Vice-President, General Counsel and Secretary. Mr. Tennenhouse continued to practice as a sole practitioner from 2020 until his retirement in 2024.

Joseph Jean Marcel Romuald Gregoire, who passed away on February 28, 2025 at the age of 78. Mr. Gregoire received his call to the Bar on June 25, 1974. He practised for two years as an associate with Wilson & Coppleman in Russell, Manitoba and then as a sole practitioner in Roblin, Manitoba until his retirement in 2016.

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<h3 data-bbox="115 1535 558 1577">3.0 CONSENT AGENDA</h3> <p data-bbox="115 1612 1572 1753">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.</p>					
3.1	Minutes of February 6, 2025 Meeting	5		Attached	Approval

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3.2	Complaints Investigation Committee Report			Attached	Information
3.3	Discipline Committee Report			Attached	Information
4.0 STRATEGIC PLAN					
4.1	2025 – 2028 Strategic Plan For Review and Approval	30	Andrew Norton Gerri Wiebe, KC	Attached	Discussion/ Decision
5.0 EXECUTIVE REPORTS					
5.1	President's Report	10	Gerri Wiebe, KC	Attached	Briefing
5.2	CEO Report	15	Leah Kosokowsky	Attached	Briefing
5.3	Strategic Plan Progress Report – March 2025	10	Leah Kosokowsky	Attached	Briefing
6.0 DISCUSSION/DECISION					
6.1	Electronic Banking Initiative – Proposed Rule Amendments	15	Rennie Stonyk Kathy Levacque	Attached	Discussion/ Decision
7.0 MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS					
7.1	FLSC Council Report – March 2025	10	Lynda Troup	Attached	Briefing
7.2	Anti-Money Laundering Activities	10	Leah Kosokowsky	Attached	Briefing
7.3	The Path	10	Leah Kosokowsky Eileen Derksen		Briefing

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7.4	Access to Justice Initiative – Phase I Update	10	Leah Kosokowsky	Attached	Briefing
7.5	Public Engagement Initiative	10	Leah Kosokowsky	Attached	Briefing
7.6	CPLED Report – March 2025 Update	10	Leah Kosokowsky	Attached	Briefing
8.0 MONITORING REPORTS					
8.1	Audit Department	10	Rennie Stonyk Kathy Levacque	Attached	Briefing
9.0 NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT					
9.1	Election of Executive Officers and Bencher and Committee Appointments	30	Wayne Onchulenko	Attached	Discussion/ Decision
9.2	Appointment of Election Scrutineers				Decision
9.3	Election of Incoming President				Decision
9.4	Election of Incoming Vice-President				Decision
9.5	Motion to Destroy Ballots				Decision
10.0 FOR INFORMATION					
10.1	Agenda – Joint Meeting with the MBA Council			Attached	Information
10.2	Media Reports			Attached	Information