

## ACCESS TO JUSTICE COMMITTEE

### Responsibilities

- Identify barriers that restrict access to justice for NWT citizens;
- Share information about existing programs, services, court procedures or protocols designed to enhance access to justice;
- Recommend enhancements to existing programs, services, court procedures or protocols that can remedy existing barriers; and
- Recommend new responses to identified barriers that may include
  - Alternative, innovative models of legal services delivery
  - Alternative mechanisms for dispute resolution
  - Early intervention measures
  - Litigation funding
  - Specialist courts, alternate processes
  - Revised/simplified court procedures
  - Enhanced use of technology or other expedited procedures
  - Recruitment, admission, or retention of counsel

### Membership Qualifications:

The Committee will be comprised of one representative for each of the following organizations:

- Law Society of the NWT - Chair
- Canadian Bar Association (NWT Branch)
- Department of Justice, Government of the NWT
- Legal Aid Commission
- Department of Justice, Canada
- The Supreme Court
- The Territorial Court

In their work members shall:

- Work collaboratively in a collegial atmosphere;
- Meet once every 6-8 weeks;
- Attend all scheduled meetings to the best of their ability; and
- Be a champion for the Committee and its stated principles and goals.

### Reporting Requirements:

- Prepare written reports of the work in progress to be distributed or published in a manner determined most appropriate by the Committee;
- Provide an annual report of the work of the Committee to the LSNT membership at the Annual General Meeting of the membership;
- Prepare any other written materials that may be needed to develop and create proposed new programs, services, protocols or procedures; and
- At the conclusion of the Committee's work provide a final report for public distribution.