

LEGAL PROFESSION ACT

**RULES OF THE LAW SOCIETY
OF THE NORTHWEST TERRITORIES, amendment**

The Executive of the Law Society of the Northwest Territories, under section 8 of the *Legal Profession Act* and every enabling power, orders that the *Rules of the Law Society of the Northwest Territories* established by regulation numbered R-005-2014, are amended as follows:

1. The following is added after rule 73:

73.1. (1) After receiving either a complaint or an investigation report, the chairperson of the Discipline Committee may attempt to resolve the complaint with the agreement of the complainant and the member or student-at-law using any process the chairperson considers appropriate.

(2) The chairperson may participate in a mediation process to ensure that any mediated resolution meets the public interest.

(3) If a complainant and the member or student-at-law are unable to reach a mediated resolution that the chairperson considers to meet the public interest, the chairperson may refer the matter back to the investigation and inquiry process.

(4) If the chairperson considers that a member or student-at-law has failed to fulfill the terms of a mediated resolution, the chairperson may bring the matter to the attention of the Discipline Committee

(5) Any matter brought to the attention of the Discipline Committee under subrule (4) is deemed to be a complaint under section 24 of the Act.

2. Rule 86.1 is repealed and the following is substituted:

86.1. (1) The Law Society of the Northwest Territories, *Code of Professional Conduct* (March 16, 2021), is adopted as amended from time to time.

(2) Each provision of the code adopted under subrule (1) is a rule and has the same legal effect as a rule.

(3) If a person is disciplined under the Act or rules for a breach of the code adopted under subrule (1), a copy or printout the code is admissible as evidence in a proceeding against the person.

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