

RECONCILIATION AND THE LAW SOCIETY COMMITTEE

The Truth and Reconciliation Commission and Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls Response Committee is established to provide recommendations to the Law Society of the Northwest Territories on steps it could take to facilitate reconciliation, recognizing the role of the Law Society as regulator of lawyers in the public interest.

Responsibilities:

Members of the Committee would:

- familiarize themselves with the Calls to Action from the Truth and Reconciliation Commission and the Calls to Justice from the National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls;
- familiarize themselves with the Federation of Law Societies of Canada Report of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission Calls to Action Advisory Committee;
- recognizing the regulatory role of the Law Society, recommend to the Executive effective and practical steps the Executive can take to facilitate reconciliation, with the Indigenous Community, including Indigenous women, girls and 2SLGBTQQIA people. This would include implementing both the Calls to Action from the Truth and Reconciliation Commission and the Calls to Justice from the National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls;
- participate and assist in implementing actions chosen by the Executive to facilitate reconciliation.

Staff support to the Committee is provided by the Executive Director.

The Committee would ideally have up to four members, in addition to the Chair.

The Chair of the Committee will be a member of the Executive.

Membership Qualifications:

- An interest in facilitating reconciliation by the Law Society with the Indigenous Community, including Indigenous women, girls and 2SLGBTQQIA people, including acting on both the Calls to Action from the Truth and Reconciliation Commission and the Calls to Justice from the National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls;
- The ability to prepare for and attend meetings, and participate in Committee discussions;

- The ability to work with other members of the Committee to generate recommendations for the Executive;
- The willingness to participate and assist in implementing actions chosen by the Executive.

Reporting Requirements:

The Committee the Committee will meet with or report to the Executive as requested by the Executive.

Expressions of Interest – to run in Bulletin

The Law Society is seeking expressions of interest from members interested in joining the newly formed Reconciliation and the Law Society Committee.

This Committee will provide direction to the Executive on how the Law Society can implement the Calls to Action from both the Truth and Reconciliation Commission and the National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls. The Committee will be Chaired by a member of the Executive, and will ideally have four additional members.

The Terms of Reference for the Committee can be found here (hyperlink).

The Executive will strive for membership on the Committee which reflects the diversity of the membership of the Law Society and of the public that the Law Society serves.

Members interested in applying should complete the Expression of Interest Form (hyperlink) and forward it to communications@lawsociety.nt.ca by XXX 2020.