

## CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPEMENT COMMITTEE

### MANDATE

#### Applicable Rules:

Pursuant to Rule 31(3), the Executive appoints a Continuing Professional Development Committee:

to provide professional development opportunities to members of the Law Society of the Northwest Territories (the “LSNT”) to assist with meeting annual continuing professional development requirements.

#### Responsibilities:

The Committee shall:

- Deliver twelve hours of continuing professional development sessions annually, including a minimum of two hours of education on ethics. The Committee can accomplish this through presentations by Committee members, other members of the LSNT or other speakers, or through the use of webinars or other electronic options;
- Ensure that members of the LSNT receive appropriate cultural competency training, which includes the history and legacy of residential schools, the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, Treaties and Aboriginal rights, Indigenous law, and Aboriginal– Crown relations. This will require skills-based training in intercultural competency, conflict resolution, human rights, and anti-racism (TRC, Calls to Action, No. 27)
- Ensure that members of the LSNT receive training on Indigenous cultures and histories (MMIWG, Calls for Justice, No. 10.1)
- Recommend resources in a variety of forms of media the LSNT may make available to the membership;

The Committee may:

- Provide education on legal issues and topics to the public; and
- Make recommendations to the LSNT Executive on trends and needs in continuing professional development and make recommendations to the Executive related to the development or revision of Rules, policies or practices related to continuing professional development.

### Committee Composition:

The Committee should have a minimum of five members.

The Chair of the Committee will be selected by Committee members.

Staff liaison to the Committee is provided by the Finance and Engagement Coordinator.

### Membership Qualifications:

Membership should reflect the diversity of law practice in the NWT. Members should have:

- An interest in continuing professional development.
- The ability to attend meetings, and research and recommend appropriate topics for presentations.
- A willingness to identify and develop topics for presentation.
- The ability to present or co-present seminars is an asset.

### Operations:

The Committee shall meet with the Executive before April 15 of each year to gather input for continuing professional development sessions and materials. In addition, the Committee and/or the Chair will meet with the Executive on an ad hoc basis at the discretion of the President or other Executive representative.

In their work, Committee members commit to:

- Work collaboratively in a collegial atmosphere.
- Meet regularly at the call of the Chair.
- Champion the Committee and its stated principles and goals.

### Reporting Requirements:

The Committee shall:

- Prepare an annual report for publication in the proceedings of the Annual General Meeting of the LSNT.
- Prepare any ad hoc reports requested by the President or other Executive representative.

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