



2020/2021 PROFESSIONAL LIABILITY NOTICE

Insurance coverage for lawyers in the Northwest Territories is provided through the Canadian Lawyers Insurance Association (CLIA). The Professional Liability Claims Fund receives money collected from members for the payment of premiums payable by the Law Society under a group insurance contract entered into by the Society under subsection 61(1) of the *Legal Profession Act*. An annual assessment shall be levied on active members an amount fixed by the Executive of the Law Society under Rule 119(2) to maintain and augment the Professional Liability Claim Fund.

The Executive, on April 22, 2020, determined that the annual assessment for the \$1,000,000 mandatory coverage through CLIA for the July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021 policy year, including GST, is **\$2100.00** per member.

The levy may be paid two ways:

1. all at once before **June 15, 2020**, or
2. in two instalments, as follows:
 - \$1050.00 (tax included) on or before **June 15, 2020**, and
 - \$1050.00 (tax included) on or before **December 15, 2020**.

Members are reminded that every member enrolled in the mandatory insurance plan at the July 1, 2020 commencement of the policy year is **personally liable** for payment of the whole of the insurance levy, even if the member's circumstances may change so that they may not be required to be enrolled in the insurance plan at the time the second instalment comes due.

Members are also reminded that, pursuant to the Rules, a member who fails to pay a levy instalment on its due date is automatically suspended from membership. **There is no grace period and no reminder notice will be issued.**

Cheques can be made payable to the Law Society of the Northwest Territories, or you may complete the attached credit card authorization form.

Glenn Tait

Executive Director