

LEGAL ETHICS AND PRACTICE COMMITTEE

MANDATE

Applicable Rules:

The Legal Ethics and Practice Committee whose duties are:

- (i) to report and make recommendations on any question concerning the ethics of the profession submitted to the Committee,
- (ii) to report and make recommendations respecting any complaint of unauthorized practice submitted to the Committee;

Responsibilities:

- To research, and make recommendations to the Executive on matters of ethics or practice referred to the Committee by the Executive;
- To annually review the LSNT Code of Professional Conduct and to respond to requests from the Federation of Law Societies of Canada (FLSC), on issues related to the LSNT Code or the FLSC Model Code of Professional Conduct;
- To ensure that any amendments to the Code of Conduct reflect commitments and actions taken in response to TRC Call to Action #27;
- To ensure that any proposed amendments to the Code of Conduct do not create systemic barriers to Indigenous peoples' participating as Members or clients;
- To monitor trends in legal ethics and practice and make recommendations to the Executive; and
- To provide the membership of the LSNT with an annual CPD on the Model Code and/or on current ethics and practice issues and trends.

Committee Composition:

- The Committee should have a minimum of three members, not including the Chair. Two of the members will be from the private bar.
- The Chair will be selected from among the members
- Staff support to the Committee is provided by the Executive Director.

Membership Qualifications:

- An interest in, and understanding of legal ethics and the principles of ethical practice of law;
- Familiarity with the LSNT Code of Professional Conduct and the FLSC Model Code of Professional Conduct; and
- The ability to attend meetings at the call of the Chair or the request of the Executive Director.

Reporting Requirements:

The Committee will:

- Provide an annual report to the Executive on activities.
- Prepare an annual report for publication in the proceedings of the Annual General Meeting of the LSNT.
- The Committee and/or the Chair will meet with or report to with the Executive on an ad hoc basis at the call of the President.

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