



Law Society of Yukon  
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Year Ended December 31, 2018

## EXECUTIVE

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President:	Mark Wallace
Past-President:	James Tucker
First Vice-President, Discipline:	Suzanne Duncan (Resigned) David J. Christie (Acting)
Second Vice-President, CLE:	David J. Christie
Secretary:	Marlaine Anderson-Lindsay
Treasurer:	Richard Smith
Public Representatives:	Linda Doll (Resigned *) Gina M. Nagano

# PRESIDENT

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## **Times of Change**

The last several years have brought many changes to the Law Society of Yukon, ("LSY"). The offices of LSY have moved to their current larger and more modern location, we have participated in the creation of a new Legal Profession Act, the LSY has undertaken a review of access to justice in the Yukon communities outside of Whitehorse and has taken positive steps to enhance access to justice in the Yukon generally. Now LSY must work to see the changes that have begun through to completion. Additionally, LSY is dealing with a change of personnel in its office.

## **Legal Profession Act**

After an extended period of consultation between LSY and Government of Yukon, a new *Legal Profession Act* was passed on November 23, 2017 and received assent on November 27, 2017. Work is currently underway on a new set of Rules for the legal profession which will properly align with the requirements of the new legislation.

A number of our Executive members have dedicated and continue to dedicate many hours towards the creation of the new Act and the new Rules. We all owe them our gratitude and thanks for their efforts towards creating a new, modern framework for the regulation of the legal profession in the Yukon.

The drafting of the new Rules continues at this time. It is hoped that they will be complete this fall, after which the new Act, with the new Rules, will be brought into force.

## **Access to Justice Initiative**

Since my last report, John Phelps, Jon Preston and I have continued to travel to the Yukon communities, meet with the leaders of those communities and gather information regarding access to justice. Since May of 2017, we have visited Faro, Ross River, Watson Lake and Pelly Crossing. We have met and had some excellent discussions with the Mayor and Council of the Town of Faro, representatives of the Ross River Dena Council, representatives of the Kluane First Nation, representatives of the Liard First Nation and representatives of the Selkirk First Nation.

All that remains is for us to travel to Beaver Creek to meet with the people of the White River First Nation, and to meet with the leadership of the Council of Yukon First Nations. We hope to complete these visits by mid-June, and to then produce our report from these visits by the late summer or early fall.

## **Staff Changes**

It is with a heavy heart that I bid farewell to Lynn Daffe as the LSY Executive Director. She has served as a wealth of knowledge and an excellent guide for the LSY, advancing this organization to where it is today. Thankfully, Lynn has agreed to continue to work with the LSY on a part time basis to assist our new Executive Director, Linda Doll, as she transitions into the role of Executive Director.

I have known Linda for many years and I have come to respect her greatly, both for the work she performed working with Austring Fendrick & Fairman, and for her work as a member of the Executive of LSY. I am excited to see where Linda will take the LSY.

## **Thank You**

Finally, I would like to thank all of you for your support as we have advanced the LSY to where it is today. I have been president of this organization since 2014, and it is time for someone else to assume that role. I look forward to continuing to work with your Executive, to improve the manner that the LSY regulates the legal profession in Yukon, to enhance access to justice and to work towards reconciliation. I am very proud of all we have achieved and I eagerly look forward to what the future will bring.

Respectfully Submitted  
Mark Wallace

# FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT (Discipline)

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## Mandate

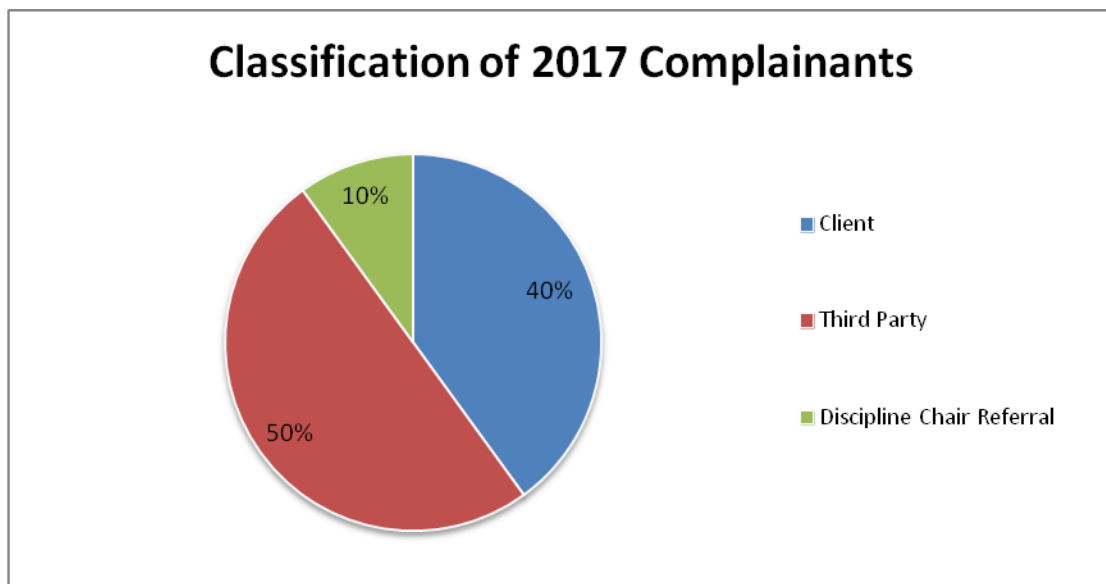
The Law Society is responsible for administering complaints about lawyers who are members of the Law Society of Yukon. The Law Society is also responsible for investigating concerns about the unauthorized practice of law in the Yukon.

## Complaint Statistics

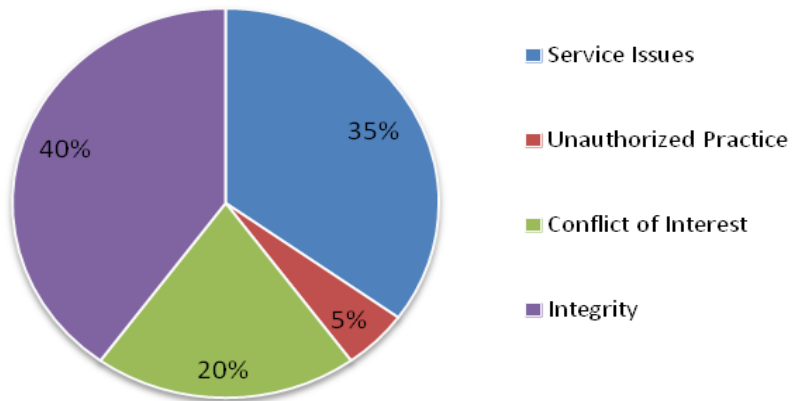
This past year the Law Society closed \* complaint files that had been opened in previous years. The dispositions were \* dismissals and \*referral to the Law Society of Ontario about possible unauthorized practice of law.

In 2018 we received \* new complaints. \* of these complaints were made by one complainant about four different lawyers. Seven of these files have been closed and three remain open at various stages of the process. Of the seven complaint files opened and closed in 2017, six were dismissed without investigation and one file was closed because the issue was outside our jurisdiction. None of the dismissed complaints was appealed.

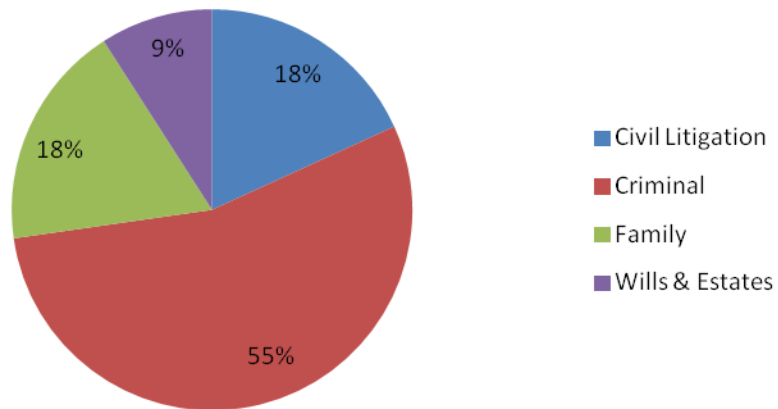
The percentage breakdown of the source of the complaints and their subject matter is set out in the charts below.



## Nature of 2017 Complaints



## 2017 Complaints By Area of Law



### Discipline Administrator's Conference (DAC)

The annual DAC aims to educate and provide support to law society discipline administrators across Canada, as we strive for excellence, fairness, and accountability in regulating the legal profession in the public interest. Improvements in ways to achieve these goals as well as suggestions for more national cooperation are always discussed at the DAC.

The DAC also provides an opportunity for those who work or volunteer in the field of conduct regulation to network with colleagues and exchange ideas about current trends and issues of national interest. Many regular attendees have worked full time in this area of professional regulation for years, and their experience and insights about ongoing challenges are invaluable. The participants have diverse backgrounds, including work in law enforcement, securities regulation, Crown prosecution, civil litigation, administrative law.

Karen Wenckebach, Lynn Daffe and I attended the DAC held in Toronto in October. Topics of discussion and presentation included

- Justice Harry S. Laforme as keynote speaker discussing the development of the law governing Crown-Indigenous relationship
- Strategies for Developing Culturally Competent Lawyers and Staff
- Developments in Early Complaints Intervention and Resolution
- Calculating Hearing Costs: Strategies for Calculation, Enforcement and Recovering Outstanding Monetary Orders
- Investigating in the Age of Social Media
- Managing Mental Health in the Regulatory Environment
- Context First Writing Training with Justice John I. Laskin
- Administrative Law Update
- Anti-Money Laundering Update

Every year each jurisdiction reports on major developments over the past year – a very useful exchange of information.

### **National Discipline Standards**

Over the last several years, the law societies, through the Federation, have developed the National Discipline Standards, now adopted across the country. These standards complement the national *Model Code of Professional Conduct* and are to ensure the rules of ethics are being applied in a similar manner in all jurisdictions in Canada.

On January 1, 2015, all law societies officially implemented new National Discipline Standards designed to ensure uniform standards for complaints and discipline processes. There are 21 standards that address issues such as timeliness, openness, public participation, transparency, accessibility and training of adjudicators and investigators.

The standards reflect law societies' awareness of the importance of consistency, efficiency, fairness and transparency in order to protect the public and foster public confidence in the regulation of the practice of law. On October 15, 2014 the Yukon Executive adopted the National Discipline Standards subject to appropriate statutory authority.



The Law Society of Yukon is meeting all but three of the standards. Standard #17 requires the law society to be able to report to police about criminal activity in a way that protects solicitor-client privilege. The new Legal Profession Act contains a provision that allows the Law Society of Yukon to meet Standard #17. Standard #20 requires that there be ongoing mandatory training for all adjudicators, including training on decision writing, with refresher training at least once a year. Although formal training was not offered to adjudicators this year, our counsel Jean Whittow, QC presented on various current discipline issues and answered questions at an education session last August for all members of our Discipline Committee.

Standard #21 requires orientation for all volunteers involved in conducting investigations or in the charging process to ensure that they have the knowledge and skills to do the job. We are currently speaking with larger law societies about access to their resources in this area.

### **2017 Committee Members**

The Law Society relies heavily on a number of our resident and non-resident committee members who generously donate their time and expertise to administer the complaints. This is a significant responsibility and I especially want to extend thanks to Acting Chairs Sharleen Dumont and Karen Wenckebach.

### **2017 Committee Members**

<u>Resident</u>	<u>Non-Resident</u>	<u>Public Representatives</u>
<b>Suzanne Duncan, Chair</b>	<b>Sharleen Dumont – A/Chair</b>	
<b>Karen Wenckebach – A/Chair</b>		
Rick Buchan	Daniel Bennett	Lee Pigage
Laura Cabott	Charles Bois	Paula Pasquali
Debra Fendrick	Tom Flavin	
Kathy Kinchen	David Martin	
Serge Lamarche	Mary Margaret McKinnon	
Leslie McRae	Scott Niblock	
David McWhinnie	Art Vertlieb	
Keith Parkkari	James Vilvang	
	Jean Whittow	

It was my privilege to have been elected to this position last year and I appreciate the opportunity to have served as your Chair of Discipline.

Suzanne M. Duncan  
First Vice-President (Discipline)

## SECOND VICE–PRESIDENT (CLE)

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The Continuing Legal Education Committee provides legal educational programs to members of the Law Society. The Committee focuses on programs that will assist members to increase their legal knowledge and practical skills, remain aware of their professional obligations, and provide better client service.

The Committee members appointed in 2017 were Brenda Jerome as Vice-Chair, Andrea Bailey, Megan Whittle, Lauren Whyte, Leo Lane and Bhreagh Dabbs. I would like to thank the members for volunteering their time for this work. Without their dedication, the Law Society would not be able to offer the excellent education programs we have all come to enjoy.

In 2017, the Committee continued to work to offer programs a variety of topics including:

- Lunch & Learn with Judge Schneider – Mental Disorder and the Law
- Children, Experts & the Law with Evelyn Wotherspoon
- New Taxation Rules – Trust & Estate Planning with Diana Mahortoff
- The Colonial Problem with Dr. Lisa Monchalin
- Taxation Update with Andrew Bateman and Craig McDougall, Q.C.
- Lunch & Learn with Judge Wyant – Bail
- Insurance Law with Kurtis Kruse
- Yukon First Nations 101 – In person
- Gladue Sentencing with Emily Hill, Shirley Hay, Shirley Adamson, Laura Hoversland and Georgina Sydney

The CLE Committee encourages members to bring forward ideas or topics for future CLE's at any time.

### **Compulsory Professional Development**

When reporting your CLE hours on Form 13, we remind you, where applicable, to separate out CLE hours spent as a presenter from those spent as an attendee.

As always, we encourage all members to review the CPD Rules, Guidelines, and Information, which are available on the Law Society website, to ensure that the CPD requirements for 2018 are met.

The CPD Calendar is available on the Law Society website. CBA Yukon is also able to upload information about CBA organized CLEs. As well, Both Nunavut and Northwest Territories list their various CLE events, many of which can be attended by webinar.

David J. Christie  
Chair, CLE Committee

# SECRETARY'S REPORT

Pursuant to Rule 16, the Secretary is responsible for reviewing and presenting all applications for membership to the Executive for approval.

## New Members

In 2017 the following 34 individuals were approved for membership, bringing the total membership to 380.

### Resident

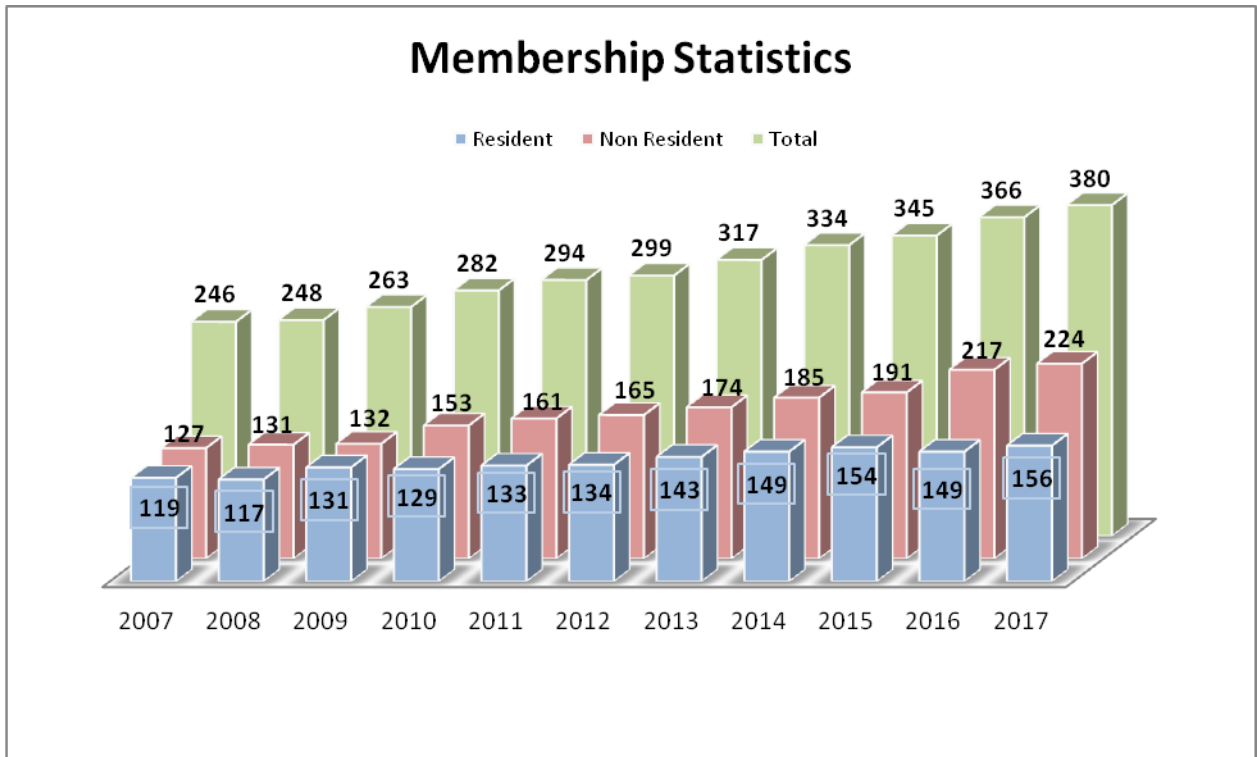
Chandler, Mark  
 DiLibero, Paul  
 Fraser, Ian  
 Gardiner, Gavin  
 Maningas, Aileen  
 Markman, Sandra  
 VanKessel, Katrina

### Non-Resident

Barr, Myron	Labranche, Jessica
Blok, Karen	Lecorre, Marc
Campbell, Chani	Liu, Dionne
Clark, Micah	McKinnon, Gordon
Cochrane, Christopher	Orr, Karen
Cook, Melissa	Robertson, Krista
Cordonier, Elizabeth	Rosling, Margaret
Ferdinand Catlyn, Ayanna	Seaman, Paul
Flight, Benjamin	Smith, Scott
Hoskins, Jeffrey	Syer, Timothy
Johannson, Helmut	Veylan, Saravan
Kraljevic, Sanja	

### Students-at-Law

Dickson, Emma  
 Gillespie, Kevin  
 Macleod, Brandon  
 McCarthy, Shandell

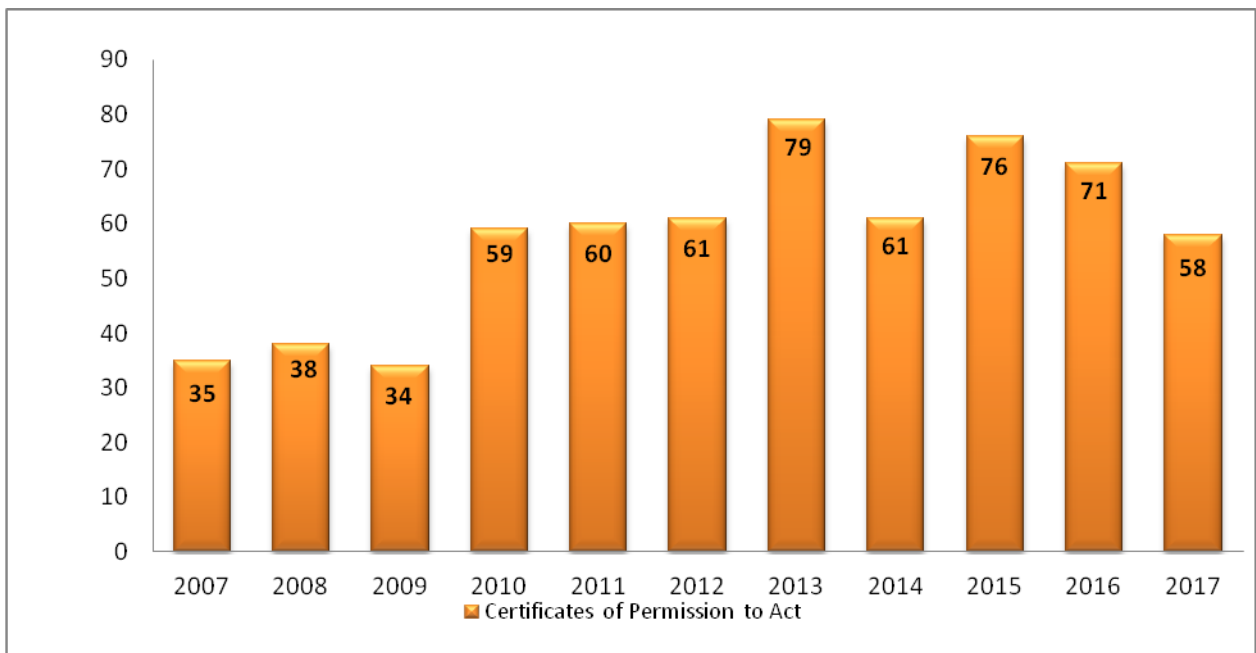


## Certificates of Permission to Act in the Yukon

Pursuant to section 20(2)(7) of the *Legal Profession Act*, the Executive can issue a Certificate of Permission to Act to an applicant in relation to a specific matter. In 2017, 58 new Certificates of Permission were issued. Comparatively, 71 Certificates were issued in 2016.

The following individuals were granted Certificate(s) of Permission to Act in the Yukon in 2017:

Andrews, Catherine	Flanagan, James	MacMillan, Scott
Armstrong, Michael	Foord, Allison	Mann, Cody
Astritis, Andrew	Frankel, Theodore	McCormick, David
Bellomo, Michael	Freedman, Bradley	McNeil-Hay, Tyson
Berman, Wendy	Girard, C. Eric	Miller, Brendan
Breder, Rebeka	Glanzberg, Stephen	Nijhawan, Nasha
Brown, Zebedee	Gould, Matthew	Oland, Barry
Bujar, Matthew	Gruber, David	Samuels, Melanie
Carrothers, Robert	Ho, Kemily	Sorenson, Ian
Coles, Daniel	Hoban, Lindsay x2	Stacknik, Daniel
Comba, Bruce	Hofley, Charles	Staunton, Amelia x2
Cotter, James	Howell, Ann x2	Stefanyk, Sharon
Dalziel, Ryan	Jones, David K.	Stephens, Scott
Donald, Christopher	Kennedy, Nicholas	Szakacs, Dale
Douglas, Gol-Azin	Kim, Jun	Thomas, Janie
Emanuelli, Paul	Lassonde, Julie	Virtue, Judson
Faulkner-Killam, Aurora	Lawson, Alanna	Wortzman, Susan
Fedder, Catherine	Legge, John	Zwack, Andrea
Fishman, Lauren		



## **Non-Practising Membership**

In 2017 the following members changed their membership status to non-practising:

Davis, Terry	Lent, Douglas	Pugh, Anna
Hawkins, Kimberley	Maxwell, Ean	Sanders, Doug
Laverdure, Brittane	Pawson, Owen	Stirling, Gregory
Lee, George	Petter, Celia	Tsukishima, Brenda
		VanKessel, Katrina

## **Resignations**

The following members voluntarily resigned their membership in 2017:

Bethel, John	Iyer, Nitya	McCormick, Teresa
Claridge, Nicolas	Jarock, Cherie	McNaughton, William
Coyle, Stephen	Kaur, Himmatpreet	Noseworthy, Micheal
Eikland, Mark	LaPrairie, Peter	Smith, Bradford
Guild, Jeremy	Lawrence, Tess	Teillet, Beverly-Jean
Hunter, John	MacLachlan, Letha	Van Nostrand, Matthew

## **Suspensions**

The following member was suspended for non-payment of fees:

Guest, Kristina

## **Website**

The Executive would like to remind the members that there is a section on the Society's website with names and contact information of all lawyers who have Certificates of Permission to Act. Because there is no limit to the number of Certificates of Permission that a lawyer may hold at one time the Law Society may be contacted to provide clarification, subject to privacy concerns, regarding the exact matter(s) on which the lawyer is permitted to act.

Secretary  
Mark E. Wallace

# TREASURER

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This report is intended to highlight various matters of significance as outlined in the Law Society's financial statements accompanying this report. The Law Society's auditors, Crowe Mackay LLP, have audited the financial statements.

The financial statements are prepared using the fund accounting method of reporting. The consolidation of statements provides a Combined Statement of Operations and Changes in Fund Balances, together with a breakdown that includes separate statements for each of the General Fund (day-to-day operations), Liability Insurance Fund and Special Fund. This allows each fund's management to be viewed in a clearer format, with a more transparent accounting of the day-to-day operating costs of the Society. Budget figures are also included in the General Fund Statement of Operations.

## **Financials**

The net asset value of the Special Fund is \$2,503,590; an increase of \$133,091 from last year. The Special Fund is currently invested in marketable securities through RBC Dominion Securities.

The net asset value of the General Fund is \$1,486,041, which represents an increase of \$66,985 from last year's value. The General Fund Statement of Operations shows a surplus of \$66,985. The surplus was due primarily to a decrease in anticipated expenses including discipline, wages and travel even after taking into account the additional professional fees incurred due to drafting the new *Legal Professional Act* and ongoing work up-dating the Rules.

The net asset value of the Liability Insurance Fund is \$827,187.

Our Combined Statement of Financial Position shows a net asset value of \$4,816,818, which represents an increase of \$223,492. The securities are recorded at fair market value (FMV), as this is a GAAP requirement. Note 3 in the Audited Financial Statement breaks down the cost as well as the unrealized gain/loss to give fair market value.

In 2017 the Executive adopted a Financial Policy which clearly defines the roles of the Executive, Treasurer and Executive Director and sets out written expectations for oversight and accountability.

As the Financial Statements indicate, the Law Society continues to be financially stable.

Marlaine Anderson-Lindsay  
Treasurer

## SPECIAL FUND

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The Statement of Financial Position prepared by Crowe Mackay LLP indicates that the net asset value at December 31, 2017 is now \$2,503,590, an increase in value of \$133,091 over 2016.

The Statement of Operations and Changes in Fund Balances indicates that revenue in 2017 included member's assessments in the amount of \$30,100 and revenue from investments in the amount of \$56,619.

The market value of the investment portfolio, cash and prepaid expenses was \$2,506,743 whereas the market value at the end of 2016 was \$2,373,313.

The Special Fund money is invested in marketable securities, principally Canadian GICs. Investment income has been re-invested on a conservative basis.

The Special Fund Committee is comprised of Chair, Serge Lamarche and Keith Parkkari.

Serge Lamarche  
Chair, Special Fund Committee



# Council Member – Federation of Law Societies of Canada

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In 2017 I attended four face-to-face Council meetings as Yukon's Council member on the Federation of Law Societies of Canada. We met in Iqaluit in June which was the first time the Federation held a meeting in Nunavut. We were fortunate to be there for National Aboriginal Day and were exposed to many aspects of Inuit tradition and culture. In addition to the Iqaluit meeting, we met in Quebec City in March, Victoria in October and Ottawa in December.

In 2017 I was the Chair of the Federation's Litigation Committee. The highlights for 2017 were:

- On March 30, 2017, the Supreme Court of Canada released its decision in the matter of *Green v. Law Society of Manitoba*. It held that the standard to be applied in reviewing a law society rule is reasonableness and it found that the law society's decision to administratively suspend Mr. Green for failure to complete the required CPD hours was not unreasonable.
- The Federation successfully obtained leave to intervene at the Supreme Court of Canada in the case of *Groia v. Law Society of Upper Canada*. This case raises a number of important issues, including:
  - Whether it is constitutionally permissible for a law society, or a court reviewing a law society's decision on appeal, to discipline a lawyer for in-court conduct that is not faulted by the trial judge;
  - What limits, if any, should be placed on a lawyer's freedom of expression when defending a client in a court of law? and
  - What is the boundary line that divides passionate, aggressive and zealous advocacy from professional conduct?*Groia* was argued on November 7, 2017.
- The Federation successfully obtained leave to intervene at the Federal Court of Appeal in the case of *Iggills Holdings Inc. and others v. Minister of National Revenue et. al.* This case brings into question the scope and validity of common interest privilege as an exception to the waiver of solicitor-client privilege. The matter was heard on October 4, 2017 and the decision was released on March 6 of this year. The Court reversed the decision of the Federal Court, effectively reinstating the status quo. As a result, common interest privilege remains alive in the transactional context. This was the result the Federation argued for. Our counsel provided the following summary for the decision (citation: 2018 FCA 51):

- First, the memo was subject to solicitor-client privilege even though it was jointly authored by lawyers acting for different parties. The court noted that there was no dispute that if each lawyer authored a separate memo that was then shared with the other party, those memos would be subject to solicitor-client privilege (subject to waiver). The court held that parties to a transaction are better served if lawyers can collaborate and provide a joint opinion on the effect of the transaction without thereby losing or forgoing privilege.
- Second, transactional common interest privilege exists. The court held that the application judge erred by not following existing precedents in British Columbia and Alberta (the relevant provinces for these parties and this transaction). The court also referred to Federal Court decisions recognizing transactional common interest privilege. In line with its first conclusion, the court confirmed that transactional common interest privilege applies “whether the opinion is first disclosed to the client of the particular lawyer and then to the other parties or simultaneously to the client and the other parties”.
- The Federation successfully obtained leave to intervene in *R v Brassington* which was heard by the Supreme Court of Canada on March 14, 2018. Arising out of a criminal prosecution of former RCMP officers, where the Crown contested the accused's ability to disclose information about confidential informers to their counsel, the case asks if informer privilege can fetter a client's right to share information with his or her counsel. The Federation argued that restricting the information that clients can share with the lawyers – who are themselves bound by a duty of confidentiality and a duty to uphold the law – unduly interferes with the legal rights of the client and threatens the integrity of the legal system.

In 2017 I sat as a member on the Standing Committee on the Model Code of Professional Conduct. Some minor amendments were made in 2017 to address translation issues between the English and French versions. Additionally, significant effort went into drafting rules governing post-judicial return to practice. There has been broad consultation and debate on the rules which will go before Council in 2018 for consideration.

Currently, the top priority work for the Federation includes:

- the work of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission Calls to Action Advisory Committee in considering the recommendations of the Truth and Reconciliation Committee;
- implementing the recommendations arising from the National Committee on Accreditation Program Review; and
- the efforts of the Anti-Money Laundering and Terrorist Financing Working Group established to examine law society anti-money laundering rules for the profession and the approaches for how those rules are enforced.

Reconciliation continues to be an important focus of activity for Canada's law societies in the wake of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's 2016 report. The Federation established the TRC Calls to Action Advisory Committee to focus on Calls to Action 27 and 28 that deal with cultural competency of the legal profession.

The Terms of Reference require the Advisory Committee to work with the National Requirement Review Committee on how the National Requirement could be amended to include cultural competency training and education on the history and legacy of residential schools, the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples and other important aspects of Aboriginal rights and Indigenous law for future law graduates. A cultural competency working group was established to advise the full committee on the meaning of Indigenous cultural competency in the context of the legal profession and discussions on these issues continue.

In 2017, the Federation undertook a comprehensive review of the National Committee on Accreditation. While the report pointed to a high level of efficiency in the processes by which we carry out assessments, it included a recommendation that law societies should consider moving to a competency-based assessment model. The current model consists of an assessment of whether an applicant's credentials are equivalent to training received through a Canadian common law program. Law society leaders considered the issue last October and there was a consensus to move forward with exploring how this might be achieved. In March, the Federation Council approved terms of reference for a new committee tasked with that objective in mind. The NCA Assessment Modernization Committee will consist of members drawn from the law societies and the legal academy and will begin its work later in the spring.

The Anti-Money Laundering and Terrorist Financing Working Group issued a discussion paper on draft revisions to the anti-money laundering Model Rules. The discussion paper was circulated to our membership and comments were invited. The Working Group is also considering how best to enforce law society rules in this area and will bring forward guidance in time for our June Council meeting. The Federation President recently reported on this topic to the Law Societies:

The Federation shares the government's objectives in this area, but continues to maintain that initiatives to fight money-laundering and terrorist financing must respect principles of fundamental justice including solicitor-client privilege and the duty of commitment to the client's cause as laid out by the Supreme Court of Canada. On March 20th, I brought these messages to the House of Commons Finance Committee as part of its review of the *Proceeds of Crime (Money Laundering) and Terrorist Financing Act*. With Frederica Wilson, Executive Director, Policy and Public Affairs, and Deputy CEO, we explained how law societies are taking important steps through the Federation to play an effective role in this area. In addition, the Federation's submission called on the federal government, working with all provincial governments, to introduce legislation that would require the public registration of beneficial ownership of corporate structures. Doing so would make it possible for the legal profession to have a more effective and reliable method to verify the identity of the individuals who really control corporate clients in the context of certain financial transactions. This has been identified as a serious gap in Canada's international commitments. The draft amendments to the Model Rules proposed a new requirement for legal counsel to obtain and verify beneficial ownership information and we have made the government aware of our support for a better corporate registry system.

John W. Phelps  
Council Member

# LAWYER REFERRAL REPORT

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This is the service operated by the Law Society of Yukon for members of the public. It is to help clients determine if they have a legal problem for which they require the services of a lawyer.

The Law Society Executive wishes to thank those lawyers who have agreed to accept lawyer referral certificates. This service is much appreciated by members of the public. If you are not currently listed as accepting certificates and wish to do so, please feel free to contact the Law Society office to make the necessary arrangements.

In 2017 there were 168 certificates issued in the following areas of law:

Aboriginal – 0	Administrative – 3	Civil Litigation – 49
Conveyancing – 2	Corporate/Commercial - 2	Criminal – 16
Debtor/Creditor - 7	Family Law – 47	Labour/Employment - 26
Landlord/Tenant – 1	Personal Injury – 4	Tax – 0
Wills/Estates - 11		

## **Guidelines for Lawyer Referral Certificates**

- ✓ The client is responsible for contacting the lawyer of his/her choice from a list and making the appointment.
- ✓ When the client makes the appointment they are to advise the lawyer that they are on a referral from the Law Society and when they attend at the lawyer's office, they are to present the certificate to the lawyer at the beginning of the consultation.
- ✓ The lawyer will provide the client with some basic legal information and advise them whether or not they require a lawyer for their problem.
- ✓ The lawyer is not responsible under the referral certificate for doing any legal work or taking any further action on the client's behalf beyond the one half-hour consultation.
- ✓ If the client would like that lawyer to represent them after the initial consultation and the lawyer agrees to represent the client, the fee and retainer arrangements and instructions will be a private matter between the client and the lawyer

The cost for the consultation is \$30.00 (inclusive of GST) and is payable directly to the lawyer.

# COMMITTEES

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In 2018 the following people volunteered their time to serve on Law Society Committees or as Law Society of Yukon representatives on the following boards and committees.

## **INTERNAL LAW SOCIETY COMMITTEES**

### **Audit**

Keith Parkkari – Chair

Mark Wallace

### **Access to Justice**

Paul Battin – Chair

Alex Benitah

Jim Tucker

Eden Alexander – Vice Chair

Paul Di Libero

### **Continuing Legal Education**

David Christie – Chair

Andrea Bailey

Leo Lane

Lauren Whyte

Brenda Jerome – Vice Chair

Bhreagh Dabbs

Megan Whittle

### **Discipline**

Suzanne Duncan, First-Vice President and Chair

### **Resident Members**

Karen Wenckebach – Acting Chair

Rick Buchan

Laura Cabott

Debra Fendrick

Kathy Kinchen

Serge Lamarche

Leslie McRae

David McWhinnie

Keith Parkkari

### **Non-Resident Members**

Sharleen Dumont – Acting Chair

Daniel Bennett

Charles Bois

Tom Flavin

David Martin

Mary Margaret MacKinnon

Scott Niblock

Art Vertlieb

James Vilvang

Jean Whittow

### **Public Representatives**

Paula Pasquali

Lee Pigage

### **Law Office Searches**

Rick Buchan

Keith Parkkari

### **Lawyers Assistance Program**

Megan Whittle – Chair  
Kathy Kinchen

Brenda Jerome

**Social Committee**

Paul Battin – Chair  
Joni Ellerton  
Cathy Rasmussen

Paul Di Libero  
Kevin Gillespie  
Lauren Whyte

**Special Fund**

Serge Lamarche, Chair

Keith Parkkari

**EXTERNAL LAW SOCIETY APPOINTMENTS**

**Federation of Law Societies of Canada**

Council Member: John W. Phelps

**Judicial Council of the Territorial Court**

David Christie

**Federal Judicial Advisory Committee**

David Christie

**LTO Stakeholder Advisory Committee**

Kim Sova

**Yukon Foundation**

Lauren Whyte

**Yukon Law Foundation**

Paul Battin  
Rick Smith  
Kelly McGill

**Yukon Legal Services Society Board**

Megan Whittle