

Law Society of Yukon
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Year Ended December 31, 2021

EXECUTIVE

President:	Meagan Lang
Past-President:	Mark Wallace
Vice-President:	Marlaine Anderson-Lindsay
Secretary:	Bruce Warnsby
Treasurer:	Megan Whittle
Member-at-Large:	Rick Smith
Public Representatives:	Chris Butler Melissa Carlick

PRESIDENT

Changes to the Executive

- In April 2021, I was appointed to the position of President to complete Mark Wallace's term following his resignation. At the time of writing, I was pleased to submit my nomination to run for the position of President for a two-year term commencing 2022.
- Following the 2021 election, Megan Whittle and Rick Smith joined the Executive as Members-at-Large.

Strategic Planning

- In April 2022, the Executive attended a one-day strategic planning session with a facilitator familiar with the operations of small law societies – Allan Fineblit.
- The session provided a very useful opportunity to consider the Law Society's operations, including its role in promoting access to justice.
- We identified several priorities and look forward to finalizing a strategic plan with workplans and milestones.

Rule Amendments

- In February 2020, the new *Legal Profession Act, 2017* and Rules of the Law Society of Yukon came into force. The Law Society continues to update its systems and operations in response to the changes. The most significant changes are in the area of Discipline.
- In June, 2021, amendments were approved to the transitional provisions of the new Rules to address complaints received prior to the new Act and rules coming into force.
- In addition, we drafted rules to address Limited Liability Partnerships which will be approved in June, and changed the rules so as to permit a principal to have up to two articled students at a time.

Looking Forward

- The Executive will be finalizing its strategic plan.
- The Executive will be looking to update the rules on books and accounting, including with respect to electronic banking.
- Nationally, the Law Society of Yukon along with all other jurisdictions continue to work on responding to the Calls to Action set out in the TRC Report; to this end the Executive created the TRC Advisory Committee to provide the Executive with recommendations. We expect to receive recommendations regarding mandatory professional education from the Committee.

Meagan Lang
President

CIC CHAIR REPORT

Mandate

The Law Society of Yukon (LSY) is responsible for administering complaints about lawyers who are members of the Law Society.

The LSY is also responsible for investigating concerns about the unauthorized practice of law in the Yukon.

Under the new *Legal Profession Act, 2017*, (LPA) complaints are reviewed and investigated by the Complaints Investigation Committee (CIC). Members appointed to the CIC in 2021 were:

- Keith Parkkari, CIC Chair
- Jean Whittow, Vice-Chair
- Sharleen Dumont, Vice-Chair
- Gregory Cavouras, Vice-Chair
- Jocelyn Barrett, Vice-Chair

A person whose complaint is dismissed by an investigator may appeal to the Complaint Dismissal Review Committee. Members appointed to the Complaint Dismissal Review Committee (CDRC) in 2021 were:

- Kathleen Kinchen, Chair of the CDRC
- Paula Pasquali, Public Representative
- Noreen McGowan, Public Representative
- Thomas Flavin, Member
- Daryn Leas, Member
- David Martin, Member
- Michael Preston, Member

If an investigator is unable to fully dispose of a complaint under s.64 of the LPA, the matter will be referred to the Discipline Committee for hearing. Three public representatives are appointed to the Discipline Committee by the Minister of Justice. Additional appointments to the Discipline Committee are made on an 'as needed' basis. In 2021, there were no matters referred to the Discipline Committee. The three public representatives appointed to the Discipline Committee in 2021 were:

- Laura MacFeeters
- Victoria Chan
- Dan Robinson

Summary of 2021 Complaints

At the start of 2021, the LSY had 3 ongoing discipline files from 2020. Two were commenced under the former *Legal Profession Act* and rules, and one was commenced under the new *Legal Profession Act, 2017*.

In order to proceed with the two complaints commenced under the former *Legal Profession Act*, it was necessary to introduce rule amendments to address the transitional provisions in the new rules. This was done in June 2021.

In addition to the three ongoing complaints from 2020, the LSY received 9 new complaints in 2021.

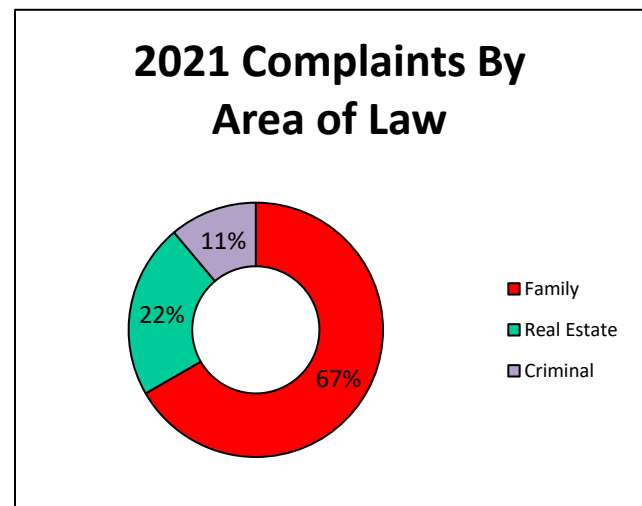
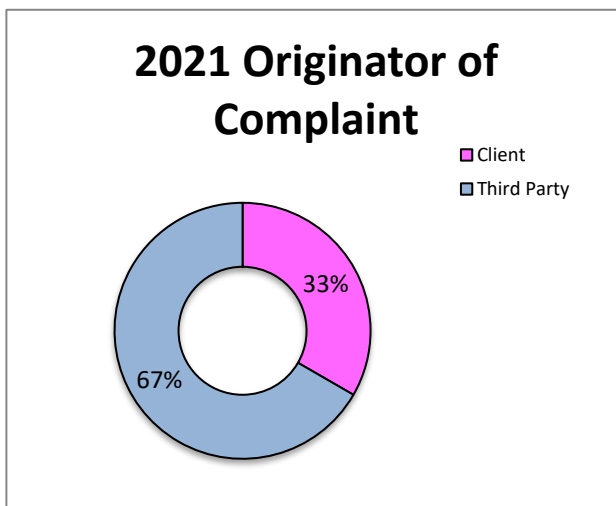
Of the 12 active complaints in 2021:

- Two did not proceed;
- One was referred to a Complaints Investigation Committee under Rule 117 for review, and subsequently disposed of under s. 64(e) of the LPA;
- Three were dismissed by the Investigator under s.64(a) of the LPA; and
- Six were referred to an Investigator by the CIC Chair, which reviews were ongoing as of December 31, 2021.

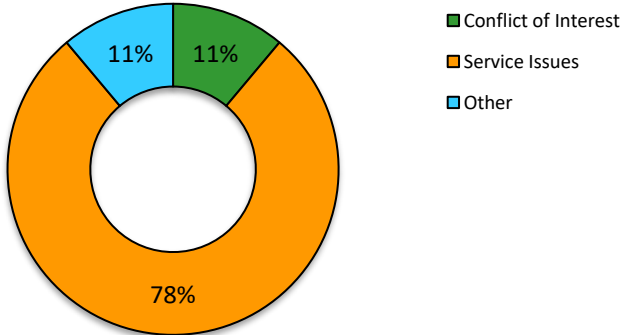
Two of the three complaints dismissed were appealed to the Complaints Dismissal Review Committee. Both appeals were reviewed by an Appeal Panel comprised of one public representative and two members of the LSY, and subsequently dismissed.

Complaint Statistics

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



Nature of 2021 Complaints



Keith Parkkari
CIC Chair

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE REPORT

Section 8(1) of the *Legal Profession Act, 2017* requires the Society to establish a Credentials Committee consisting of the Executive Director and a member of the Executive at a minimum. Under s.8(2) of the Act, the Executive has discretion to appoint one or more members of the Society to the Credentials Committee.

The Credentials Committee for 2021 was the Executive Director, Linda Doll and Bruce Warnsby, Secretary.

The Credentials Committee is responsible for reviewing and approving applications for membership and Certificates of Permission to Act.

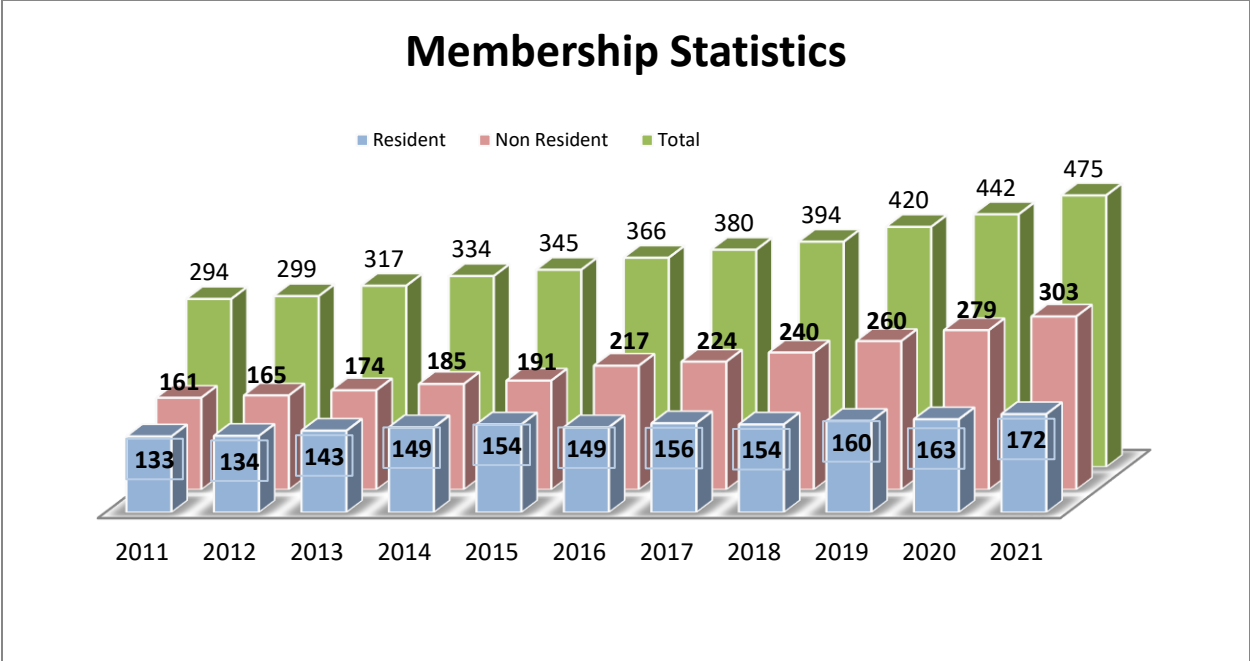
In 2021, the overall membership of the Society as of December 31, 2021 increased to 475, compared to 442 members as of December 31, 2020.

Of the 475 members as of December 31, 2021, 378 were active and 92 were non-practising, retired or administratively suspended for failing to pay fees. 12 members resigned their membership in 2021.

New Members in 2021

As of December 31, 2021, the following individuals were admitted to the Law Society of Yukon as active members:

<p>Resident Lesley Banton Amy Chandler Mina Connelly Simone Dumbleton Nathan Forester Susan Gans Caroline Grady Leeland Hawkings Ashley Hill Fatema Javija Karyn Leslie William McDiarmid Melissa McKay Nicolas Mercier Ronald Veale Ryan Wiens</p>	<p>Students-at-law Cindy Allen Natasha Weninger Adam Zarour</p> <p>Non-Resident Soudeh Alikhani Ammad Anwar Uba Anya Catherine Boies Parker Hollis Bromley Michael Colwell Michael Coombs Susanne Daudenault Kevin Drolet Andrew Duchene Aurora Faulkner-Killam Brian Filips Melody Foerster</p>	<p>Kathleen Gibney Brian Goldsworthy Daniel Goudge Katherine Hartshorne Peter Jones Keerit Jutla Nathan Lapper Julia Law Taryn Mackie Karen MacMillan Tasha Manoranjan Nicholas Mosky Ryan Prokopishin Philip Riddell Alyssa Tomkins Joanna Vince Catherine Whitehead Stephen Whitehead Chelsea Wilson Emma Wilson</p>
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Non-Practising Membership

In 2021 the following members changed their membership status to non-practising:

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| George Asquith | Naomi Kovak | Hannah McDonald |
| Susan Brown | Kelly Labine | Pam Muir |
| Michelle Chan | Jessica Labranche | Vida Nelson |
| Elizabeth Cordonier | Karyn Leslie | Allyssa Tone |
| Rita Davie | Mike Lewis | Bibhas Vaze |
| Tara Grandy | Rowan MacPhail | Ryan Wiens |
| Sarah Hart | Frances Mahon | Karen Zimmer |
| Leah Hughes | Baird Makinson | Kristie Zychowka |

Resignations

The following members voluntarily resigned their membership in 2021:

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| Buffy Blakely | Andrew Fox | Nasha Nijhawan |
| Geoffrey Bowman | Jutla Keerit | Dale Pope |
| Caily DiPuma | Aileen Maningas | Katrina van Kessel |
| Geoffrey Dittrich | Kelly McMillan | Gaynor Yeung |

Suspensions

The following members were suspended for non-payment of fees:

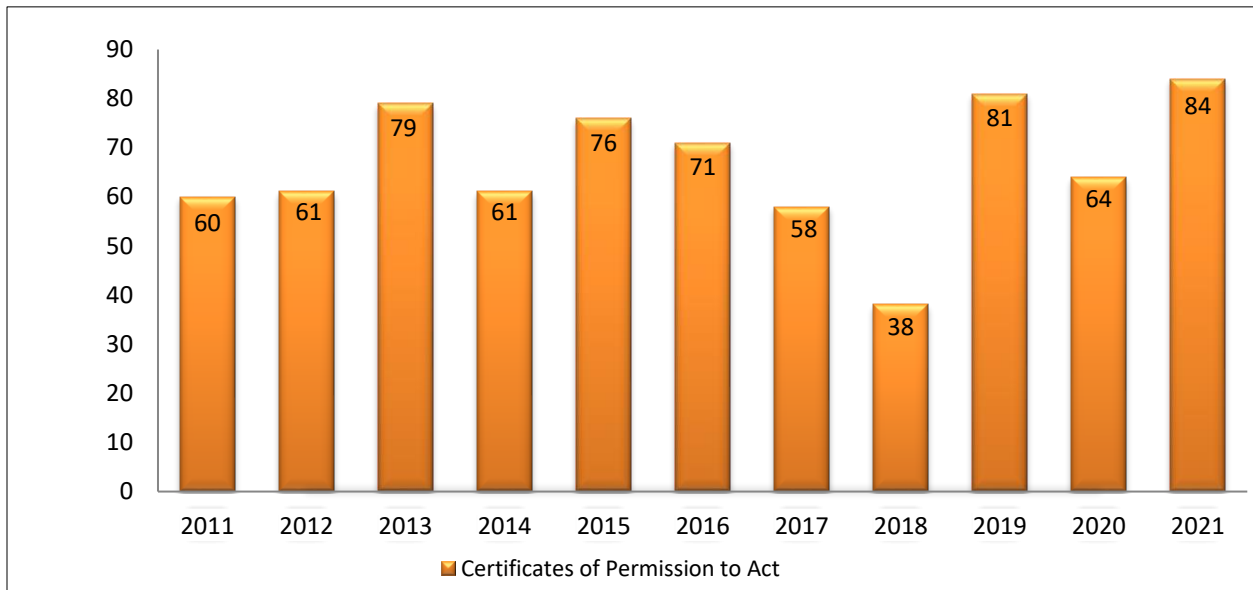
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| Buffy Blakely | Carrie Burbidge | Katrina van Kessel |
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Certificates of Permission to Act in the Yukon

Pursuant to section 38(1) of the *Legal Profession Act, 2017*, the Credentials Committee can issue a Certificate of Permission to Act to an interjurisdictional practitioner in relation to a specific matter. In 2021, 84 new Certificates of Permission were issued. In comparison, 63 Certificates were issued in 2020.

The following individuals were granted Certificate(s) of Permission to Act in the Yukon in 2021:

Uba Anya	Rodney Gregory	Stephanie Ovens
Abudi Awaysheh	David Hainey	Peter Pagano
Sarah Bird	Alecia Haynes	Eric Pedersen
Joseph Blinick	Lisa Hiebert	Michael Penner
Lindsay Burgess	Mercy Iannicello	Brian Poston
Taryn Burnett	Tevia Jeffries	Michelle Quinn
Taylan Caliskan	Christopher Johnson	Philip Riddell
Aidan Cameron	Annie Kaderly	Chris Roine
David Chow	Eliezer Karp	George Roper
Shayna Clarke	Mia Laity	Keegan Rutherford
Michael Colwell	Rayan Laity	Todd Shikaze
Scott Cozens	Hannah Lindy	Tammy Shoranick
Jordanna Cytrynbaum	Derek Lovatt	Sara Shuchat
Shane D'Souza	Tayran Mackie	Jonathan Silver (x2)
Shaliaza Dhanani	Brij Mahon	Eric Spink
Timothy Dunlap	Daniel Markovitz	Amelia Staunton (x2)
David Edinger	Ross McGowan	Boris Subara
Julie Fucchin	Paul McLean	Mary Ellen Turpel-Lafond
Michael Feder	Brenda McLuhan	Matthew Van Nostrand
Dale Fedorchuk	Kelley McMillan	Eamonn Watson (x2)
Andrew Fong	Michael McVey	Sarah Whitmore (x2)
Michel Fontaine	Joseph Miller	Jennifer Wiegele
Justine Forsythe	Naomi Moses	Patrick Williams
Mitch Foster	Kenneth Movat	Cheryl Woodin
Alan Gardner	Wesley Mussio	Joan Young
Virginie Gauthier	Seyed Nematollahi	Lawrence Zatlyn
Gabrielle Grant	Ayodeji Otiti	



Website

The Executive would like to remind members that the names and contact information of all lawyers who have a Certificate of Permission to Act is available on our website under "Find a Lawyer".

As 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.

Bruce Warnsby
Secretary

FINANCIAL REPORT

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 Compensation Fund (formerly called the 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

Our Combined Statement of Financial Position shows a net assets value of \$5,444,956. This represents an increase of \$323,201. This increase is primarily due to an increase in realized and unrealized gains on investments. The gain on realized and unrealized investments in 2021 was \$232,438, which represents a gain of \$192,197 over 2020.

The securities are recorded at fair market value (FMV), as this is a Generally Accepted Accounting Practices (GAAP) requirement. Note 4 in the Audited Financial Statement breaks down the cost, as well as the unrealized gain/loss, to give fair market value.

The net asset value of the General Fund is \$1,431,295. This represents an increase of \$908 from last year's value. The General Fund Statement of Operations shows a surplus of \$908. The surplus represents increased revenues and reduced expenditures as projects were delayed due to the impact of COVID-19 and spending in some areas reduced.

The net asset value of the Liability Insurance Fund is \$929,850. This represents an increase of \$48,720 from last year's value.

The per lawyer rate levied by the Law Society to its insured members for mandatory professional liability coverage is the same rate per lawyer that the Society is charged by CLIA.

In October, 2019, the Executive made adjustments to its financial policy for the Liability Insurance Fund. In 2020, the cost of the Lawyer's Assistance Program was transferred from the Liability Insurance Fund to the General Fund. This reduced expenses and increased the net asset value of the Fund.

The net asset value of the Compensation Fund is \$3,083,811. This represents an increase of \$273,573 from last year. The Compensation Fund is currently invested in marketable securities through RBC Dominion Securities.

As noted at Note 2 of the financial statement, the global outbreak of COVID-19 has resulted in governments worldwide enacting emergency measures to combat the spread of the virus. These measures have caused material disruptions to business, governments and other organizations resulting in an economic slowdown and increased volatility. The duration and impact of the COVID-19 outbreak is unknown.

At this time, as the Financial Statements indicate, the finances of the Law Society continue to be in a state of financial stability. The Executive will continue to monitor the impacts of COVID-19 but does not anticipate any change to its operations.

Megan Whittle
Treasurer

COMPENSATION FUND REPORT

The Statement of Operations and Changes in Fund Balances indicates that revenue in 2021 included member's assessments in the amount of \$47,900 and revenue from investments in the amount of \$69,422 for total revenue in the amount of \$117,322, an increase of \$24,987 from 2020.

The increase in member's assessments in 2021 reflects the changes in the *Legal Profession Act, 2017*, which came into effect in February 2020 and no longer exempts active members employed with Government from paying the Compensation Fund assessment.

The Statement of Financial Position prepared by Crowe MacKay LLP indicates the net asset value at December 31, 2021 was \$3,083,811, an increase in value of \$273,573 over 2020. The increase in value reflects an excess of revenue over expenditures in the amount of \$74,409, before the gain on sale of investments and unrealized gains on investments are taken into account.

The market value of the investment portfolio, cash and prepaid expenses was \$3,084,767 whereas the market value at the end of 2020 was \$2,811,622.

The funds in the Compensation Fund are invested in marketable securities, principally Canadian GICs. Investment income has been re-invested on a conservative basis.

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

Serge Lamarche
Chair, Compensation Fund Committee

CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

The Continuing Professional Development Committee [CPDC] 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 services.

Members consisted of Bruce Warnsby – Chair, Lauren Whyte – Vice Chair, Bhreagh Dabbs, Mike Reynolds, Leo Lane, and Cathy Rasmussen. In August 2021 the CPDC welcomed Amy Chandler and Emma Dickson to the team. The CPDC would like to thank members David Christie, Megan Whittle and Amy Steele for their work on the CPDC.

In 2021 the CPDC hosted 11 events in a Zoom live-webinar format at no charge to members. The events are recorded and available to members on the Law Society of Yukon's [website](#) for viewing and CPD credit.

The CPDC offered the following events in 2021:

Title of Event	Date of Event	Panelists	Attendance Total	Non-Resident
Children & Criminal Law	Feb 23 3.0 CPD hours	Cpl. Kelly Manweiller, RCMP; Simon Renouf, Lawyer; Noel Sinclair, Lawyer	56	13
Law Firm Trust & General Books, Records and Accounts – Best Practices & the Use of Electronic Banking/Transaction Methods	March 30 2.5 CPD hours	Sara Jimenez, CPA and Gustavo Jimenez, CPA	35	1
Human Rights Law – Near & Far	April 29 2.0 CPD hours	Birju Dattani, Director of Yukon Human Rights Commission and Suneeta Millington, Deputy Director General International Security Policy for Canada's Department of Defence	65	26
Judicial Review with Justice Wenckebach	May 6 1.5 CPD hours	Justice Wenckebach	73	30

Title of Event	Date of Event	Panelists	Attendance Total	Non-Resident
From Birth to Burial: The Lifecycle of a Litigated File	June 30 1.5 CPD hours	Sandy Kovacs, Lawyer	48	33
Getting Back to Work: Developing Well-Being to Deal with the Changing Times	July 13 1.5 CPD hours	Derek LaCroix, QC and Director of Lawyers Assistance Program of British Columbia	30	18
Sexual Harassment in the Legal Profession	Aug 10 1.5 CPD hours	Birju Dattani, Director of Yukon Human Rights Commission and Amna Bhatti, Human Rights Officer	34	14
Amendments to the Yukon's <i>Wills Act, 2021</i>	Aug 26 1.0 CPD hours	William Steinburg, YG Senior Policy Analyst, DOJ	20	5
Pitfall Potpourri: Employment Edition	Sept 21 1.5 CPD hours	Jocelyn Barrett, Lawyer and Elizabeth Reid, Lawyer	51	18
Children and Family Law	Nov 9 1.5 CPD hours	Justice Wenckebach; Shayne Fairman, Lawyer and Dr. Zoe Armstrong, Counselor	32	16
Vaccine-mandates and Human Rights	Dec 14 1.5 CPD hrs	Birju Dattani and Amna Bhatti	73	33

Although First Nations 101 was planned, we were unable to offer this important CPD event in 2021. Dates for First Nations 101 for 2022 are already reserved. The Committee welcomes topic ideas for future CPD events.

Bruce Warnsby
CPD Chair

Federation of Law Societies of Canada

I am pleased to present my fourth annual report as the Law Society of Yukon representative to the Federation of Law Societies.

In 2021 all four of the regular Federation Council meetings were via tele-conference on account of the Covid-19 crisis, as was the annual fall conference – which was much reduced in scope.

Though I was not required to travel to attend any Federation meetings in 2021, the advance preparation and material to be reviewed for each is still considerable, and I am always grateful for the assistance of Linda Doll and Shannon Kmyta in keeping me 'on track' and prepared.

In spite of the challenges thrown up by the pandemic, work has continued and advanced on key Federation priorities, albeit primarily 'on-line', and possibly a little more slowly than might be hoped in some instances. At times in-person meetings and discussions can more quickly highlight areas of consensus, and identify those matters where specific further review and consideration can be efficiently addressed.

Perhaps the most notable casualty of pandemic restrictions in 2021 to the Federation was the cancellation for a second consecutive year of the well received and attended National Criminal Law and National Family Law CPD programs. At the time of writing however, both programs are now scheduled to proceed: the Criminal Law program in Victoria, B.C., July 4-8, 2022, and the Family Law program in Whistler, B.C., July 25-28, 2022. By the time this report is published either or both programs may already be fully subscribed. However, for those seeking/hoping to attend this year, or in coming years, the Federation main page has links to both programs: <https://www.flsc.ca/>

With travel and in-person meetings being severely restricted during 2021, the Federation was again able to 'hold the line' financially. Increased expenses for technology and communications were largely offset by reduced travel and meeting costs. In the end, as anticipated last year, the annual allotment ('dues' paid by the constituent Law Societies to fund Federation activities) will remain essentially the same this year as last.

The 'per member' amount was reduced last year over the last 'pre-Covid' year by approximately 10 per cent, which reduction is planned to remain in place this year and next, as we transition to the post-Covid environment. Anticipating travel and meeting costs likely rising substantially in the near future, the Federation plan is to mitigate those increased costs by using technology for virtual meetings more frequently, and reducing the overall number of in-person meetings and conferences compared to pre-pandemic years.

Ongoing Federation Activities:

Model Rules and Code of Conduct

One of the key functions of the Federation is, in a consensus driven process, to develop and promulgate Model Codes of Conduct and Rules for Law Societies across the country.

Further to my last annual report, the process is well underway regarding two proposed *Code of Conduct* amendments – one addressing Chapter 6.3 of the Code ('Harassment and Discrimination'), the other to codify the principles governing *ex parte* communications with the Courts. Two rounds of consultation with the member Law Societies have occurred, and detailed analyses are ongoing in light of the responses received. It currently appears we will have proposed final drafts by the coming summer.

Lawyer Well-being Study

Phase I of the national well-being study jointly sponsored by the Federation and the Canadian Bar Association is mostly through the information gathering stage, and it is anticipated that a preliminary report will be available this summer. Outside funding is being secured for Phase II of the project, which will involve individual interviews with volunteer members across the country. As with the initial survey, it is anticipated that the process will start with the northern regions, and 'roll out' over time to the other provinces/regions. To ensure anonymity/privacy of the respondents, the results of the northern member interviews will be aggregated.

As previously reported, a similar study of Quebec legal professionals several years ago identified troubling issues with respect to mental and physical wellness (including substance abuse concerns). Corresponding concerns have been identified with legal professionals in other countries. The ongoing national study here should show whether the issues seen in Quebec are congruent with the national situation, and how they impact the proper regulation of Canadian lawyers and notaries.

Accreditation / Professional Standards

Accreditation of foreign trained lawyers who wish to practice in Canada continues to be a significant ongoing activity for the Federation. The current Federation initiative to modernize the process is at the stage of more precisely identifying/specifying the measurable competency standards against which foreign trained applicants will be assessed. A similar review of the National Requirement, which serves essentially the same function for Canadian trained graduates - assessing whether such individuals will/can be presumed to meet the necessary competency standards – is now underway.

Public Advocacy / Case Intervention

When appropriate and necessary the Federation will take a public position or make submissions to legislators or other authorities on matters of general concern to Canadian law societies. In some instances, the Federation will seek to intervene in court cases, generally at the Supreme Court of Canada level, where matters of particular concern to Canadian law societies are in issue.

In 2021 the Federation sought and obtained leave to intervene in the *Law Society of Saskatchewan v. Abrametz*¹ appeal to the Supreme Court of Canada, which was heard late last fall, and remains on reserve. At issue is whether and to what extent *Charter* based principles inform or limit the time frame for Law Societies to complete disciplinary proceedings addressing alleged member misconduct.

The Federation has become aware of several proposed changes to federal tax legislation/regulations regarding so-called “aggressive tax planning” which have the potential to significantly impact solicitor-client privilege, and put burdens on counsel to provide confidential information about their clients to the Canada Revenue Agency. Submissions to the government on these issues are ongoing.

Also on the federal agenda are proposed regulations regarding border officials searching electronic devices. Submissions to the government regarding inadequate or potentially unconstitutional provisions regarding solicitor-client privilege are being made by the Federation.

Reconciliation Initiatives

As one aspect of the Federation's commitment to Reconciliation Initiatives, the Federation Council resolved to establish an Indigenous Advisory Council, comprised of eight to ten indigenous members, to provide advice and guidance to the Federation on an ongoing basis. It is anticipated the Advisory Council members will be identified and in place during 2022.

Two key standing committees of the Federation, the Model Code committee and the National Discipline Standards committee, have retained indigenous consultants to address whether and what changes the reconciliation process may require for the Code of Conduct and/or discipline/complaint/adjudication processes.

The ongoing review of the National Requirement will be informed by indigenous perspectives, and the need for reconciliation - reflecting the specific recommendation of the TRC Call to Action 28 – ensuring cultural competency amongst law students. To ensure that perspective is considered, an Indigenous academic has been appointed to the committee reviewing the Requirement.

¹ *Abrametz v Law Society of Saskatchewan*, 2020 SKCA 81 (CanLII)

Further information

Of necessity, reports such as this can but scratch the surface of the ongoing activities and initiatives of the Federation. Their website (<https://www.flsc.ca>) is very user friendly, and contains a great deal of information of interest to practitioners.

David A. McWhinnie
Federation Council Member for LSY

MEET WITH A LAWYER PROGRAM

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 participate in the Meet with a Lawyer Program. 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 2021 there were 172 certificates issued in the following areas of law:

Aboriginal – 2	Administrative – 7	Civil Litigation – 53
Conveyancing – 5	Corporate/Commercial - 3	Criminal – 18
Debtor/Creditor - 4	Family Law – 20	Labour/Employment - 37
Landlord/Tenant – 1	Personal Injury – 11	
Wills/Estates - 11		

Guidelines for Meet with a Lawyer Program

- ✓ 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 have a certificate to meet with a lawyer 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 program 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 their meeting 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

In 2021 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
Meagan Lang

Mark Wallace

Access to Justice

Paul Di Libero – Chair
Alex Benitah
Robert Kilpatrick
Mark Stevens

Eden Alexander – Vice Chair
Cathy Rasmussen
Jim Tucker

Continuing Professional Development

Bruce Warnsby – Chair
Megan Whittle [resigned Aug 2021]
Mike Reynolds
Cathy Rasmussen
Amy Chandler
David Christie [resigned June 2021]

Lauren Whyte – Vice Chair
Bhreagh Dabbs
Leo Lane
Amy Steele [resigned July 2021]
Emma Dickson

Conduct & Competence Committees

Complaints Investigation Committee

Keith Parkkari – Chair
Sharleen Dumont – Vice Chair
Jean Whittow – Vice Chair

Jocelyn Barrett – Vice Chair
Greg Cavouras – Vice Chair

Complaint Dismissal Review Committee

Kathleen Kinchen – Chair
Paula Pasquali, Public Representative
Noreen McGowan, Public Representative
Thomas Flavin, Member
Daryn Leas, Member
David Martin, Member
Michael Preston, Member

Discipline Committee – Appointed by the Minister

Laura MacFeeters Victoria Chan Dan Robinson

Credentials Committee

Bruce Warnsby
Linda Doll

Lawyers Assistance Program [LAP]

Megan Whittle – Chair Kathy Kinchen *Stephen Walsh

*LAP would like to honour Stephen Walsh who was a dedicated member of the LAP Committee since January of 2018. Stephen passed away in July of 2021.

Social Committee

Kevin Gillespie - Chair	Joni Ellerton
Lauren Whyte	Vida Nelson
Cathy Rasmussen	Nicolas Mercier

Compensation Fund

Serge Lamarche, Chair	Keith Parkkari
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Truth & Reconciliation Advisory Committee

Melissa Carlick – Chair	Robert Kilpatrick	David Joe
Gavin Gardiner	Erin Linklater	Marlaine Anderson-Lindsay, <i>ex officio</i>

EXTERNAL LAW SOCIETY APPOINTMENTS

Federation of Law Societies of Canada

David McWhinnie, Council Member

Judicial Council of the Territorial Court

Leo Lane

Federal Judicial Advisory Committee

Lynn MacDiarmid

Yukon Foundation

Kevin Gillespie [resigned Dec 2021]

Yukon Law Foundation

Carmen Gustafson
Alex Benitah
Kelly McGill

Yukon Legal Services Society Board

Megan Whittle