

Major Committees and Task Forces

Appeal Committee

The mandate of the Appeal Committee is to:

- review and decide appeals from dismissals of complaints
- review the written record that was before the Executive Director when the direction to dismiss the complaint was made
- if necessary, review new evidence if it is relevant and material and was not reasonably available prior to the dismissal
- upon completion of the review, direct that the matter be dismissed or referred to the Conduct Committee

Members:

Walter Pavlic, QC, C	Bob Philp, QC
Jim Lutz, VC	Kathleen Ryan, QC
Ryan Anderson	Darlene Scott, QC
Arman Chak	Deanna Steblyk
Corie Flett	Margaret Unsworth, QC
Elizabeth Hak	Cora Voyageur
Bill Hendsbee	Ken Warren, QC
Cal Johnson, QC	Louise Wasylenko
Linda Long, QC	Nate Whitling
Barb McKinley	
Bud Melnyk	
Corinne Petersen	Staff support:
Stacy Petriuk	Sarah Roach

Assurance Fund Adjudications (Finance) Committee

The mandate of the Assurance Fund Adjudications (Finance) Committee is to:

- adjudicate claims made to the Assurance Fund
- make decisions on matters referred to the committee for determination
- refuse or approve with or without conditions all or any part of the amount of compensation that may be claimed by a person who submits a claim based on a lawyer's misappropriation of funds or property entrusted to them in the course of their practice as a barrister and solicitor
- report to Benchers all dispositions of the claims brought to it

Members:

Stacy Petriuk, C	Volunteers:
Ryan Anderson, VC	Sheri Epp
Arman Chak	Michael Hokanson
Corie Flett	
Elizabeth Hak	
Bill Hendsbee	
Cal Johnson, QC	
Linda Long, QC	
Jim Lutz	
Barb McKinley	
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Walter Pavlic, QC	
Corinne Petersen	
Bob Philp, QC	
Kathleen Ryan, QC	
Darlene Scott, QC	
Deanna Steblyk	
Margaret Unsworth, QC	Staff support:
Cora Voyageur	Elizabeth Osler
Ken Warren, QC	Paule Armeneau
Louise Wasylenko	Jody Saunders
Nate Whitling	Jill Sletto

Audit and Finance Committee

The mandate of the Audit and Finance Committee is to:

- monitor the financial affairs of the Law Society including oversight of the audit of the annual financial statements
- review the Law Society annual business plan and budget and recommend to the Board
- act on behalf of the Board in regard to the review of quarterly interim financial results and investment performance
- set or recommend fees and costs payable by lawyers as required and as prescribed by the Rules
- make recommendations to the Board concerning financial matters

Members:

Kathleen Ryan, QC, C	Volunteers:
Bud Melnyk, VC	Garnet Matsuba
Ryan Anderson	Kelly Osaka
Jim Lutz	Bill Ostapek
Louise Wasylenko	David Sevalrud
Ex-officio:	
Elizabeth Osler	Staff support:
	Cori Ghitter
	Nadine Meade
	Colette Linton

Conduct Committee

The mandate of the Conduct Committee is to:

- provide timely, efficient, consistent and fair review and disposition of conduct matters
- as appropriate, dismiss a conduct matter or direct that the matter be dealt with by a Hearing Committee when appropriate
- hear and decide matters referred to it in connection with the professional status of students and lawyers
- refer conduct matters to the appropriate department of the Law Society as required

Members:

Darlene Scott, QC, C	Volunteers:
Bill Hendsbee, QC, VC	Emi Bossio
Bud Melnyk, VC	Roxanne Davis
Deanna Steblyk, VC	Colin Feasby
Ryan Anderson	Karen Fellowes
Arman Chak	Jamie Gagner
Corie Flett	Alifeyah Gulamhusein
Elizabeth Hak	Lise Houle, QC
Cal Johnson, QC	Denise Kiss
Linda Long, QC	Michell Plouffe
Jim Lutz	Andrew Wilson
Barb McKinley	Brent Windwick, QC
Walter Pavlic, QC	
Corinne Petersen	
Stacy Petriuk	
Bob Philp, QC	
Kathleen Ryan, QC	
Margaret Unsworth, QC	Staff support:
Cora Voyageur	Elizabeth Osler
Ken Warren, QC	Paule Armeneau, QC
Louise Wasylenko	Nicholas Maggisano
Nate Whitling	Meghan Thomlinson

Credentials and Education Committee

The mandate of the Credentials and Education Committee is to:

- assess the competency and risk factors of an individual who wishes to enter or re-enter the practice of law in Alberta
- review and decide applications for admission to the Law Society and for a change of professional status, including reinstatement
- review and decide good character matters
- hear and decide CPLED appeals
- otherwise hear and decide matters referred to it in connection with the professional status of students and lawyers
- as otherwise required, hear and decide appeals from decisions of the Executive Director

Members:

Bob Philp, QC, C	Volunteers:
Margaret Unsworth, QC, VC	Kelsey Becker Brookes
Ryan Anderson	Connie Mah
Arman Chak	Maureen McCartney-Cameron
Corie Flett	Kelly Robinson
Elizabeth Hak	Wendy Rollins, QC
Bill Hendsbee	Sukhi Sidhu
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Barb McKinley	Dean Paul Paton
Bud Melnyk	
Walter Pavlic, QC	
Corinne Petersen	
Stacy Petriuk	
Kathleen Ryan, QC	
Darlene Scott, QC	
Deanna Steblyk	
Cora Voyageur	Staff support:
Ken Warren, QC	Tina McKay
Louise Wasylenko	Brianne Mason
Nate Whitling	Katie Shea

Executive Committee

The mandate of the Executive Committee is to:

- make recommendations to the Board for motions to be passed by the Benchers;
- monitor the Strategic Plan and Business Plan
- make decisions on any matter arising between Board meetings that in the opinion of the Committee requires immediate consideration
- determine the remuneration payable to the Executive Director

Members:

Rob Armstrong, QC, C	Staff support:
Kent Teskey, QC, VC	Elizabeth Osler
Cal Johnson, QC	Cori Ghitter
Darlene Scott, QC	Ruth Corbett
Margaret Unsworth, QC	
Ken Warren, QC	
Louise Wasylenko	

Governance Committee

The mandate of the Governance Committee is to:

- make recommendations to the Executive Committee and the Board on issues of Board authority, processes, decision making and accountability
- ensure the Law Society's Comprehensive Governance Plan remains current and effective

This committee is currently in abeyance

Innovating Regulation Task Force

The mandate of the Innovating Regulation Task Force is to:

- research the current state of the regulation of alternate service providers across Canada and beyond and report to the Benchers on the potential implications for regulation in Alberta
- research and consider issues surrounding the regulation of law firm ownership structures and report to the Benchers on the potential implications for regulation in Alberta

Members:

Cal Johnson, QC, C	Staff support:
Bill Hendsbee, VC	Elizabeth Osler
Arman Chak	Cori Ghitler
Walter Pavlic, QC	Andrew Norton
Stacy Petriuk	Len Polsky
Kent Teskey, QC	Shabnam Datta
Louise Wasylenko	Raj Atkar
	Christine Schreuder

Practice Foundations Task Force

The mandate of the Practice Foundations Task Force is to:

- critically assess how students and new lawyers are trained in Alberta
- examine alternatives for training students and new lawyers in Alberta and present options to the Benchers
- engage with the legal profession and other stakeholders regarding student training and objectives

Members:

Kent Teskey, QC, C	Staff support:
Kathleen Ryan, QC, C	Elizabeth Osler
Corie Flett	Cori Ghitler
Linda Long, QC	Christine Schreuder
Jim Lutz	
Corinne Petersen	
Darlene Scott, QC	
Cora Voyageur	

Strategic Plan Task Force

The mandate of the Strategic Plan Task Force is to:

- produce a 2020-2022 Strategic Plan for the Law Society that will provide a framework for all major directions and decisions of the Law Society

Members:

Rob Armstrong, QC, C	Staff support:
Louise Wasylenko, VC	Elizabeth Osler
Cal Johnson, QC	Cori Ghitler
Bud Melnyk	Christine Schreuder
Bob Philp, QC	
Deanna Steblyk	
Ken Warren, QC	

Nominating Committee

The mandate of the Nominating Committee is to:

- recommend to the Board individuals for appointment to committees
- recommend to the Board individuals for appointment to other bodies as Committee members or representatives
- when additional people are required to staff a task force or sub-committee, make recommendations to the Board to fill vacant positions from the list of practicing lawyer applicants who were not appointed to a committee

Members:

Rob Armstrong, QC, C	Staff support:
Don Cranston, QC	Elizabeth Osler
Kathleen Ryan, QC	Cori Ghitler
Kent Teskey, QC	Christine Schreuder

Pension Committee

The mandate of the Pension Committee is to:

- oversee the administration of the employee pension plans of the Law Society in accordance with the applicable pension legislation
- make recommendations to the Executive Committee related to changes in governance, funding and fund investment policies and other plan documents
- regularly review pension fund financial statements, actuarial valuations and investment performance
- oversee the ongoing administration of the pension plans by Law Society management

Members:

Kent Teskey, QC, C	Consultant:
Bud Melnyk	Pat Johnson
Chris Brown	
Brita Wahl	
<i>Ex-officio:</i>	
Elizabeth Osler	Staff support:
Nadine Meade	Colette Linton

Policy Committee

The mandate of the Policy Committee is to:

- as directed by the Executive Committee and in consultation with the Executive Director, support the Board's policy making process by ensuring due diligence and analysis of policy issues before they are placed before the Board for consideration
- in consultation with the Executive Committee and the Executive Director, develop and maintain processes and tools to monitor the progress of all active policy initiatives
- generally coordinate, in accordance with the current Strategic Plan policy, initiatives that arise from time to time

Members:

Darlene Scott, QC, C	Staff support:
Ken Warren, QC, VC	Elizabeth Osler
Elizabeth Hak	Cori Gitter
Bill Hendsbee	Paule Armeneau
Linda Long, QC	Barbra Bailey
Barb McKinley	Nancy Carruthers
Deanna Steblyk	Shabnam Datta
Nate Whitling	Jennifer Freund
<i>Ex-officio</i>	Raj Atkar
Rob Armstrong, QC	Christine Schreuder
Kent Teskey, QC	

Practice Review Committee

The mandate of the Practice Review Committee is to:

- identify lawyers who may be encountering difficulties in their law practice
- take proactive steps to assist such lawyers, including providing timely, practical, and achievable recommendations to them
- as appropriate, refer such lawyers to Law Society staff for such assistance
- as appropriate, refer such lawyers to the Conduct Committee or a Hearing Committee
- monitor such lawyers' progress over a reasonable period of time
- ensure appropriate reporting to relevant parties

Members:

Linda Long, QC, C	Volunteers:
Stacy Petriuk, VC	Mohamed Amery
Ryan Anderson	Denise Bright
Arman Chak	Andrew Lamb
Corie Flett	Waverly Muessle
Elizabeth Hak	Erin Runnalls
Bill Hendsbee	Angela Saccomani
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Jim Lutz	
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Cora Voyageur	Donna Moore
Ken Warren, QC	Tera Yates
Louise Wasylenko	Merry Rogers
Nate Whitling	Laurie Sniher

Professional Responsibility Committee

The mandate of the Professional Responsibility Committee is to:

- determine whether or not to re-examine a complaint dismissed by the Executive Director, the Conduct Committee, or the Appeal Committee; and commence such determination only if the Chair of the Conduct Committee is of the view that the person dismissing the matter may have overlooked a significant legal or factual element or may not have been aware at the time of dismissal of all of the significant legal and factual elements

Members:

Bob Philp, QC, C	Linda Long, QC, VC
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Trust Safety Committee

The mandate of the Trust Safety Committee is to:

- adjudicate claims to undisbursable trust funds
- hear appeals from decisions of the Manager, Trust Safety, or Executive Director
- ensure compliance with mandatory Trust Safety condition requirements
- ensure compliance with statutory and regulatory requirements concerning lawyer trust accounts

Members:

Walter Pavlic, QC, C	Staff support:
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Ryan Anderson	Chioma Ufodike
Arman Chak	Anjanie Marathe
Corie Flett	
Elizabeth Hak	
Bill Hendsbee	
Cal Johnson, QC	
Linda Long, QC	
Jim Lutz	
Barb McKinley	
Bud Melnyk	
Corinne Petersen	
Stacy Petriuk	
Bob Philp, QC	
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