



NOVA SCOTIA BARRISTERS' SOCIETY

**STRATEGIC PLAN**

<b>2010-2013 STRATEGIC DIRECTIONS</b>		
<b>1 Excellence in Regulation &amp; Governance</b>	<b>2 Enhancing Lawyers' Competence</b>	<b>3 Administration of Justice</b>
<b>OBJECTIVES</b>		
NSBS continuously improves its governance and regulation of the legal profession by acting in the public interest and in a manner that is worthy of respect.	NSBS develops and implements continuing professional development requirements to assist lawyers in meeting their duty to be competent.	NSBS works to improve the administration of justice and access to the justice system for all Nova Scotians
<b>INITIATIVES</b>		
<b>2011-12</b>	<b>2011-12</b>	<b>2011-12</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Implement Code of Conduct including member education</li> <li>• Work towards the national harmonization of admission and discipline standards and the accreditation of law schools</li> <li>• Continue to ensure NSBS organizational structure aligns with its roles, strategic objectives and fiscal realities and refine decision making mechanism</li> <li>• Review Trust Account Regulations to ensure currency and effectiveness</li> <li>• Review regulatory issues affecting lawyers withdrawing from practice and in particular the requirement to transfer real estate files</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Implement Continuing Professional Development requirements</li> <li>• Ensure availability of professional development in areas as required by the Society's purpose and roles</li> <li>• Commence development of Law Office Management Practice Standards</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Determine how the <i>Legal Profession Act's</i> newly enacted purpose clause should impact Society's administration of justice work</li> <li>• Review the Society's Equity Office to clarify its goals and role</li> <li>• Work to improve access to Family Law services in the Province</li> <li>• Enhance level of collaboration between NSBS and justice stakeholders</li> <li>• Promote the development of a collaborative library service for DOJ, courts and lawyers</li> <li>• Work to enhance availability of legal services in the Province's rural communities</li> <li>• Work to improve the processes used by government to develop, enact and amend primary and secondary legislation.</li> </ul>
<b>YEAR 2</b>	<b>YEAR 2</b>	<b>YEAR 2</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Enhance trust account regulation compliance by members through research, assessment of risk and effectiveness of current risk management tools</li> <li>• Collaborate with other law societies and local regulators to conduct</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Consider quality assurance tools and programs across Canada and assess their feasibility and value for the Province</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Consider pro bono initiatives across Canada to assess appropriate role of NSBS in providing same</li> <li>• Consider the public interest aspect of expanding the scope of legal services work by non-lawyers</li> </ul>

<p>training program to enhance self regulatory processes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Examine the at-large seats on Council, the process for nomination and election and clarify role of the Governance &amp; Nominating Committee especially with regard to racialized lawyers and lawyers from other underrepresented communities</li><li>• Explore further alternatives to the discipline process to address concerns with member competency</li><li>• Review the Fitness to Practice program</li></ul>		
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*Approved by Council May 20, 2011*