



NOVA SCOTIA  
BARRISTERS' SOCIETY

## COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

The Nova Scotia Barristers' Society Council met **Friday, September 23, 2011** at the Society's offices and conducted the following business:

1. **Special Presentation** – Prof. A. Wayne MacKay, CM, QC, presented “Cyberbullying Task Force: A Lawyer’s Primer” to give Council a sense of the work currently underway, and why it’s important to the province’s legal profession. (See upcoming October edition of the *Society Record* for a detailed report, or visit <http://cyberbullying.novascotia.ca/> for more information.)
2. **Minutes** – Council approved the July 15, 2011 Council Minutes.
3. **Terms of Reference** – Council approved terms of reference for the Continuing Professional Development Working Group, and for the new Rural Practice Working Group. (See <http://www.nsbs.org/committees.php> for details.)
4. **President’s Report** – President Daniel M. Campbell QC provided a report to Council on his activities, which included meetings with the CBA Council and Task Force on Conflicts of Interest; the swearing-in ceremony for the Hon. Judge Paul Scovil in Bridgewater; receptions for Ed Dunsworth, recipient of the Weldon Unselfish Public Service Award, and for the CBA’s new national President Trinda Ernst QC; and the launch of a new book by Schulich law professor Philip Girard.
5. **Executive Director’s Report** – Executive Director Darrel Pink provided updates on a number of items including preparations for the Society’s move to new offices, slated for the spring of 2012; and his work in three committees with the Federation of Law Societies of Canada (Code of Conduct, Access to Justice, and Discipline Standards).
6. **Annual Activity Plan 2011-2012** – Council reviewed the Activity Plan 2011-2012, September grid, which can be accessed [here](#).
7. **12-Month Calendar 2011-2012** – Council reviewed the 12-Month Calendar.
8. **Monitoring/Liaison Reports** – Council received the Trust Account Monitoring Report, as well as the Report on the 2011 Annual Member Report, both presented by Glen Greencorn, Director, Finance and Administration. Visit the Society’s website for the latest [Statistical Snapshot](#).
9. **Committee Work Plans** – Council reviewed and approved Work Plans from the Family Court Liaison Committee, the Finance Committee, the Governance and Nominating Committee, the Professional Responsibility Policies & Procedures Committee, the Professional Standards Committee (Real Estate), the Racial Equity Committee, and the Rural Practice Working Group.
10. **Compensation Claim Fraud** – Council approved a recommendation from the Lawyers’ Fund for Client Compensation Committee to deny a claim against the former practice of A. Mark David, and to pay a claim regarding the former practice of J. William Jordan.



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11. **Organizational Review** – Council approved the next phases of the Society’s Organizational Review, which will encompass the Equity Office, Library and Information Services, and Communications. Three working groups were struck and will begin their reviews by late October or early November.
12. **Federation of Law Societies - Common Law Degree** – Council adopted the report and recommendations of the Federation’s Common Law Degree Implementation Committee, dated August 2011.
13. **Regulations - Amendment re Investigation of Complaints** – Council made a minor amendment to Regulation 9.2.13(c), regarding investigation of complaints.
14. **Code of Professional Conduct** – Council reviewed the final version of the *Code of Professional Conduct*, and approved regulations to bring the Code into effect in Nova Scotia on January 1, 2012. This version is available for review by the membership on the Society’s [Regulation and Licensing](#) webpage. It is now complete, pending the Federation of Law Societies of Canada’s approval of a provision regarding Conflicts.  
For more details, see the “Current Issues in Legal Ethics” column in the September 26 edition of *InForum*.
15. **Administration of Justice - The Society’s Role - Council Workshop** – Second Vice-President René Gallant addressed Council on plans for a workshop in November to discuss the appropriate role for the Society in improving the administration of justice.
16. **Provincial Family Law Statutes - Maintenance and Custody Act** – Council was notified of a request from the Department of Justice for consultation with the legal profession on proposed amendments to the Act, with a deadline of Oct. 28 for input. (See *InForum*’s “From the Province” section for details.)
17. **Council approved the following appointments:**  
**Council Evaluation Committee:** René Gallant, Darren MacLeod, Lora MacEachern, Annette Marshall  
**Law Office Management Standards Committee:** Gavin Giles QC, Chair  
**Hearing Committee:** Christopher M. Manning, Harvey L. Morrison QC, James W. Stanley
18. **Changes of category:**  
*Practising – Non-practising:* Joseph A. Chedrawe, Malcolm S. Jeffcock QC, Sarah R. MacDonald, J. Melissa Mackay, Thomas J. Hudak, Karin D. McLay, William M. Wilson QC, David R. Thomas, Matthew H.D. Walker  
*Non-practising – Practising:* Brenda A. Roberts-Harmon, Heather E. Burchill, Dorianne M. Mullin, Dawn M. Watters, Vanessa G. Nicholson, Michelle J. Rogers, Claire Levasseur, James S. Janson, Jamie A. Vacon, Alanna R. Mayne, Shannon Webb, Ian J. Breneman, R. Paul Thorne  
*Retired:* Kathleen J. Hall

The next meeting of Council is scheduled for **Friday, November 25, 2011 at 12:00 noon** at the Society’s offices.