

2013 – 2016 Strategic Framework

Purpose	The purpose of the Society is to uphold and protect the public interest in the practice of law.					
Vision	The Society is an independent, trusted and respected regulator of the legal profession. Acting in the public interest, we provide leadership, value and support to a competent, ethical, inclusive and engaged legal profession. We enable the legal profession to enhance access to justice and uphold the rule of law.					
Strategic Directions	Excellence in Regulation and Governance			Improving the Administration of Justice		
Priorities	Transforming regulation and governance in the public interest			Enhancing access to legal services and the justice system for all Nova Scotians		
Strategic Initiatives 2014-2015	Examine and approve an outcomes focused regulatory model Incorporate approved Regulatory Objectives into new models for regulation	Examine and approve a framework for risk identification and management	Examine and approve regulatory changes to enhance access to legal services	Advocate for enhanced access to legal services and to the justice system for equity-seeking ¹ and economically disadvantaged groups		
Strategic Initiatives 2015-2016	Implement and evaluate the outcomes focused regulatory model	Implement and evaluate the approved framework for risk management	Evaluate effectiveness of regulatory changes designed to enhance access to legal services	Evaluate the effectiveness of advocacy activities and the experience of equity-seeking groups in the justice system		
Foundational Activity	Establishing outcomes and consistently measuring performance Building effective relationships and promoting partnerships through meaningful, transparent and deliberate engagement Adopting best practices and contributing to national regulatory initiatives					
Values	Commitment to Excellence	Fairness	Respect	Integrity	Visionary Leadership	Diversity Accountability

The Society achieves this Strategic Plan through the work of dedicated professional staff, elected members of Council and volunteers in Committees. The Society follows a written Annual Activity Plan, which establishes the specific outcomes, initiatives and timeline to achieve the Society's strategic objectives. The Society strives to work collaboratively and in partnership with justice system participants.

¹ Equity-seeking groups include women, Aboriginal peoples, racialized peoples, persons with disabilities and persons seeking equality on the basis of their sexual orientation and gender identity.