



NOVA SCOTIA BARRISTERS' SOCIETY

SOCIETY COMMITTEES LIST JANUARY 2019 – DECEMBER 2020

Appointments are effective January 1, 2019, and expire December 31, 2020. Changes may be necessitated by circumstances. Council members are identified with a “C.”

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Scott Campbell	Dr. Rod Wilson (Public Rep/C)
Bronwyn Duffy	Tuma Young QC (C)
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Gavin Giles QC	Dr. Ian Reid (Public Rep)
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	<i>Staff: Andrew Taillon</i>
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Code of Professional Conduct Committee	
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	Staff: Tilly Pillay QC
Lawyers' Fund for Client Compensation Committee	
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Professional Standards (Criminal) Committee	
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Professional Standards (Real Estate) Committee	
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TBD	
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Jill Perry QC	
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