



NOVA SCOTIA BARRISTERS' SOCIETY

SOCIETY COMMITTEES LIST JANUARY 2023 – DECEMBER 2024

Appointments are effective January 1, 2023 and expire December 31, 2024. Changes may be necessitated by circumstances. Council members are identified with a “(C).”

The President is an *ex-officio* member of all Committees including Task Forces and Working Groups (*except the Hearing Committee*).

OFFICERS	
Melanie Petrunia – President	
Mark Scott KC – First Vice-President	
Andrew Nickerson KC – Second Vice-President	
REGULATORY COMMITTEES	
Complaints Investigation Committee	
Scott Campbell, Chair	
Philip Leefe KC, Vice-Chair	Kothai Kumanan (Public Rep/C)
Raffi Balmanoukian	Jack Townsend
Brian Bailey	Shannon Mason (C)
Mark Scott KC (C)	Bruce McLaughlin
Natalie Borden (Public Rep)	Andrew Nickerson KC (C)
Ryan Brothers	Jamie Vacon (C)
Sheree Conlon KC	Deepak Prasad (Public Rep/C)
Mark Heerema	
	<i>Staff: Elaine Cumming, Catherine Turcotte-Roy, Tammy Manning</i>
Complaints Review Committee	
Paulette Anderson, Chair (Public Rep.)	
Kim Johnson	David McNairn
Glenn Jones	Ronald Pizzo
Derek Land	
Credentials Committee	
Mark Everett, Chair	
Taylan Caliksan	Janice Maloney KC
Jessica Drohan-Burke	Anil Mohan
Sharon Goodwin	Aisha Mustafa
Rebecca Hiltz-LeBlanc KC	Tokunbo Omisade
David Hirtle KC (C)	Carolee Lee Reinhardt (Public Rep/C)
Michelle Higgins KC	Jonathan Shapiro
Claire Levasseur	Michelle Ward (Public Rep/C)
	<i>Staff: Jennifer Pink</i>

Fitness to Practise Committee	
Heather Totton, Chair	
Alison Aho	Aileen McGinty
Cheryl Canning KC	Timothy McLaughlin KC
Dr. Andrew Harris	Ian Pickard
Morgan Manzer (C)	
	<i>Staff: Elaine Cumming, Heather Burchill</i>
Hearing Committee	
Donald C. Murray KC, Chair	
Michelle Awad KC, Vice-Chair	Sarah Kirby
Douglas B. Shatford KC, Vice-Chair	Heidi Schedler KC
Angela Caseley KC	Celia Melanson
Julia Cornish KC	Harvey L. Morrison KC
Peter Dostal	Dr. Richard Norman (Public Rep)
Kymerly Franklin	Marc Njoh
Paul Goodman FCA (Public Rep)	Dr. Ian Reid (Public Rep)
Peter Harrison	
	<i>Staff: Elaine Cumming, Colleen Crowther</i>
COUNCIL COMMITTEES	
Code of Professional Conduct Committee	
Frank DeMont KC, Chair (C)	
Karen Anthony	David Mahoney
Carla Ball	TJ Wilson
Arthur Barry KC	Ethics:
Mark Covan	Michael Brooker KC
Prof. Richard Devlin	Malcolm Jeffcock KC
Nicholas Foran	Kimberley Turner KC
Meredith MacLeod	
	<i>Staff: Elaine Cumming, Heather Burchill</i>
Disability Equity Committee	
David Hirtle KC (C), Co-Chair	T. Alex LeBlanc
Archibald Kaiser, Co-Chair	Adam McQuarrie
Peter Harrison	Tova Sherman
Andrew Hill	Andrew Taylor
Mallory Adams	Allison Harris
	<i>Staff: Jennifer Pink</i>
Distinguished Service Award Committee	
Marjorie Hickey KC, Chair	
Jill Chisholm	Carole Lee Reinhart (Public Rep/C)
Sarah Lennerton	Deepak Prasad (Public Rep/C)
Patrick Young (C)	Annette Marshall (Public Rep)
	<i>Staff: Jacqueline Mullenger</i>

Executive Committee	
Melanie Petrunia, Chair (C)	
Bryan Darrell (Public Rep/C)	Andy Nickerson (C)
Mark Scott KC (C)	
	<i>Staff: Cheryl Hodder KC</i>
Finance Committee	
Maurice Chiasson KC, Chair	
Brian Awad KC	Melanie Petrunia (C)
John Boddie	Mark Scott KC (C)
Gregg Knudsen	Jessica Upshaw
Richard Dyke (Public Rep)	Hugh Wright
Cheryl Hodder KC	Andrew Nickerson (C)
	<i>Staff: Kate Shewan, Darlene Trenholm</i>
Gender Equity Committee	
Michelle Kelly KC, Co-Chair (C)	
Michelle Chai, Co-Chair	Rosemary Osasere
Fraser MacFadyen (C)	Melanie Petrunia (C)
Janice Maloney KC	Cheryl Schurman
Marc Njoh	Stacey O'Neill
	<i>Staff: Jennifer Pink</i>
Governance Committee	
Bryan Darrell, Chair (Public Rep/C)	
Michelle Higgins KC	Nancy Rubin KC
Rebecca Hiltz LeBlanc KC	Joshua Santimaw
Jennifer MacDonald (C)	J. Patrick Young (C)
Fraser MacFadyen (C)	Carole Lee Reinhardt (Public Rep/C)
Andrew Nickerson KC (C)	
	<i>Staff: Cheryl Hodder KC, Jacqueline Mullenger</i>
Lawyers' Fund for Client Compensation Committee	
Chair – To Be Determined	
Graham Dennis CA (Public Rep)	David Hirtle KC (C)
Kathryn Dumke KC	Matthew Moir
	<i>Staff: Elaine Cumming, Catherine Turcotte-Roy, Colleen Crowther</i>
Nominating Committee	
Mark Scott KC (C), Chair	
Michelle Awad KC	Lauren Scaravelli
Alisha Brown-Fagan	Phil Star KC
Peter Harrison	Jamie Vacon (C)
David Hirtle KC (C)	Kelly Rowlett (C)
Kothai Kumanan (Public Rep/C)	Alonzo Wright
	<i>Staff: Cheryl Hodder KC, Jacqueline Mullenger</i>

Professional Responsibility Policies & Procedures Committee	
Chair – To Be Determined	
Marjorie Hickey KC	Kim Turner KC
Michelle Kelly KC (C)	Frank DeMont KC (C)
Kelly Mittelstadt	Jonathan Tarlton
	<i>Staff: Elaine Cumming, Heather Burchill</i>
Professional Standards (Criminal) Committee	
Brian Bailey, Chair	
Sharon Goodwin	Brandon Rolle
Len MacKay	Mark Scott KC (C)
Alex MacKillop	Jade Pictou
Luke Merrimen	J. Patrick Young (C)
Allen Murray KC	
	<i>Staff: Robert McCleave</i>
Professional Standards (Family) Committee	
Terry Sheppard KC, Chair (C)	
Mary Brown	Shannon Mason (C)
Solange Boudreau	Sarah Lennerton
Darlene Lamey	
	<i>Staff: Caron Ferguson Eagan</i>
Professional Standards (Law Office Management) Committee	
Robert B. Carter KC, Chair	
John Boddie	Candee McCarthy
Natalie Clifford	Paul Saunders
Anna Manley	Julien Matte
	<i>Staff: Jennifer Pink</i>
Professional Standards (Real Estate) Committee	
Justin Adams, Chair	
Iola doucet	Janice McNenly (Public Rep)
Elliott Fraser	Matthew Moir
Shanisha Grant	David McNairn
Lindsay Hawker	Carmel Lavigne
W. Nicholas Lenco	
	<i>Staff: Lisa Wight, Robert McCleave</i>
Professional Standards (Wills, Power of Attorney & Personal Directives) Committee	
Jessica Lyle, Chair	
Tanya Butler	Shannon Ingraham-Christie
B. Paul Carver	Mary Jane Saunders
Jeanne Desveaux KC	Trinda Ernst KC
Erin O'Brien Edmonds KC	
	<i>Staff: Lawrence Rubin</i>

Racial Equity Committee	
Alexander MacKillop, Co-Chair	
Level Chan, Co-Chair	Jade Pictou
Ingrid Brodie KC (C)	Brandon Rolle
Alisha Brown-Fagan	Angeli Swinamer (C)
Godfred Chongatera	TJ Wilson
Bryan Darrell (C)	Cecil Woon
Desiree Jones-Matthias	Morgan Manzer (C)
Kelsey Jones	
	<i>Staff: Kate Shewan</i>
Rural Practice Working Group	
Chair – To Be Determined	
Carla Ball	Oliver Janson
Ingrid Brodie KC (C)	David Hirtle KC (C)
Jessie Denny	Candee McCarthy
Kathryn Dumke KC	Lawrence Rubin
Gordon Gear	Angeli Swinamer (C)
	<i>Staff: Jacqueline Mullenger, Jen Pink, Rob McCleave</i>
Truth and Reconciliation Working Group	
Jamie Vacon, Chair (C)	
Tanisha Blackmore	Armand Paul
Jessie Denny	Elder Ella Paul
Madison Joe	Peggy Handel
Mike MacDonald	Darryl Tracey
Marissa Prosper	TJ Wilson
Heather McNeill KC	
	<i>Staff: Jacqueline Mullenger</i>
LIAISON COMMITTEES	
Court of Appeal Liaison Committee	
Peter McVey KC, Chair	
Paul Adams	Peter Planetta
Paula Arab KC	Lori Ward
Michelle Awad KC	Mark Scott KC (C)
Roger Burrill	Jack Townsend
Scott Campbell	Angela Walker
Sandra Arab Clarke KC	
	<i>Staff: Jacqueline Mullenger</i>
Family Court Liaison Committee	
Chair – To Be Determined	
Jennifer Chiasson	Tammy MacKenzie
Carole Gillies	Celia Melanson
Sarah Lennerton	
	<i>Staff: Jacqueline Mullenger</i>

Provincial Court Liaison Committee	
Karen Endres, Chair	
Tony Amoud	Douglas Lloy KC (CBA Rep.)
Brian Bailey	Kimberly McOnie
Shawnee Gregory	Daniel Rideout
Ian Hutchison	Denise Smith KC
Josh Judah KC	
	<i>Staff: Jacqueline Mullenger</i>
Supreme Court Liaison Committee	
Robert Carter KC, Chair	
Karen Bennett-Clayton	Matthew J.D. Moir
Angela Caseley KC	Geoffrey Newton
Mark Rieksts	John Nisbet
David Hutt	Shauna MacDonald KC
Michelle Kelly KC (C)	Robert Pineo
Caroline McInnes - Prothonotary	
	<i>Staff: Jacqueline Mullenger</i>
Supreme Court Liaison Committee (Family)	
Christine Doucet, Chair	
Nick Burke	James Leiper
Peter Crowther	Anastacia Merrigan
Amanda Dillman	Carolyn Nearing
Krista Forbes	Jennifer Knebel Reid
Elaine Gibney	Samira Zayid
Allison Kouzovnikov	
	<i>Staff: Jacqueline Mullenger</i>
OPERATIONAL COMMITTEES	
Civil Procedure Rules Committee	
J. Andrew Fraser KC, Chair	
Michael F. Donovan KC	Lisa Richards
Gavin Giles KC	Donald A.R. (Rollie) Thompson
Harvey Morrison KC	
	<i>Staff: Jacqueline Mullenger</i>
Land Registration Act Management Committee	
Service Nova Scotia Representatives	
Theresa Graham	Sandi Waterman
Nova Scotia Barristers' Society Representatives	
C. Danielle MacLean	
Cheryl Hodder KC, CEO	Lawrence Rubin
Real Estate Practice Working Group	
C. Danielle MacLean, Chair	
Raffi Balmanoukian	Ian MacLean KC
G. Bernie Conway	John Washington
	<i>Staff: Jacqueline Mullenger</i>

APPOINTMENTS TO OUTSIDE BODIES

Advisory Committee on Judicial Appointments– Federal

To Be Determined

Provincial Judicial Appointments Committee

Matthew Darrah
Jade Pictou

Federation of Law Societies of Canada Council

Frank DeMont KC (C)

Indigenous Black and Mi'kmaq Initiative – Advisory Council

To Be Determined

Judicial Council (NSBS Appointments) *Provincial Court Act 16(1)(e) and (f)*

Melanie Petrunia (C)

Law Foundation of Nova Scotia *Legal Profession Act s. 72(1)(b)*

Robert G. MacKeigan KC, Chair

Paulette Anderson

Tokunbo Omisade

Laura Broz

Douglas Ruck KC

Lee-Ann Conrod

Dwight Rudderham KC

Margaret M. MacKenzie

Estelle Theriault KC

Law Reform Commission *Law Reform Commission Acts 5(1)(a)*

Dwight Rudderham KC

Nova Scotia Legal Aid Commission *Legal Aid Act s3(3)*

George Ash, Chair

Chris Boyd

Oliver Janson

Ronald R. Chisholm

Jennifer Reid

Trinda L. Ernst KC

KC Appointments Advisory Committee

The Hon. Justice Cindy Bourgeois, Chair

Paula Arab KC

Jill Perry KC

Michelle Awad KC

Jim Rossiter KC

Annette Marshall (Public Rep)

Douglas Shatford KC

Heather McNeill KC

Alonzo Wright KC

James Musgrave KC

Secretary to the Committee: Glenn Anderson KC

Small Claims Court Adjudicators Advisory Committee

Gavin Giles KC

Judicial Council Review Committee

Darlene Lamey

Lawyers Insurance Association of Nova Scotia

Lawyers' Insurance Association of Nova Scotia Board of Directors (www.lians.ca) *Legal Profession Act s 61(2)*

Charles Thompson, Chair

Vice-Chair – To Be Determined

Oliver Janson

Sarah Almon

Joshua Martin

Greg Barro

Cheryl Hodder KC, CEO

Michelle Chai

Jade Pictou

Sean Foreman KC

Ivo Winter

Robyn Elliott KC

Staff: Lawrence Rubin