



TANYA WALKER ELECTED AS BENCHER:

Tanya Walker of Toronto was elected as Benchers, filling the vacancy created by the election of Paul Schabas as Treasurer. Ms. Walker is a commercial litigator at the law firm of Walker Law Professional Corporation.

COMMITTEE MANADATES:

Much of the governance work of the Law Society is done by Convocation Committees. The Committees are populated by Benchers and supported by Law Society staff. An initiative of our new Treasurer was his delivery of memoranda to Committees setting out his expectations for the work of the Committee including targets for completion of work and decision-making by Convocation, where appropriate. This direction will assist in focusing the Committees' work and holding Committees and Benchers accountable for performance.

APPOINTMENTS:

Convocation has approved the following series of committee and other appointments:

Law Society Committee Chairs and Vice-Chairs

Access to Justice

Howard Goldblatt (Chair)
Janet Leiper (Vice-Chair)
Gina Papageorgiou (Vice-Chair)

Compensation

Paul Schabas (Chair)

Equity and Aboriginal Issues

Dianne Corbiere (Co-Chair)
Julian Falconer (Co-Chair)
Sandra Nishikawa (Vice-Chair)
Gina Papageorgiou (Vice-Chair)

Inter-Jurisdictional Mobility

Michael Lerner (Chair)
Jacqueline Horvat (Vice-Chair)

Law Society LLD Advisory

Paul Schabas (Chair)

Paralegal Standing

Michelle Haigh (Chair)
Janis Criger (Vice-Chair)

Professional Development and Competence

Peter Wardle (Chair)
Jacqueline Horvat (Vice-Chair)
Joanne St. Lewis (Vice-Chair)

Tribunal

Barbara Murchie (Chair)
Isfahan Merali (Vice-Chair)

Audit & Finance

Christopher Bredt (Chair)
Teresa Donnelly (Vice-Chair)
Suzanne Clément (Vice-Chair)

Compensation Fund

Carol Hartman (Chair)
Michelle Haigh (Vice-Chair)

Government and Public Affairs

John Callaghan (Chair)
Marion Boyd (Vice-Chair)
William McDowell (Vice-Chair)

Law Society Awards

Paul Schabas (Chair)

Litigation

Jacqueline Horvat (Chair)
Peter Wardle (Vice-Chair)

Priority Planning

Paul Schabas (Chair)

Professional Regulation

William McDowell (Chair)
Jonathan Rosenthal (Vice-Chair)
Malcolm Mercer (Vice-Chair)

Task Forces and Working Groups

Compliance-Based Entity

Regulation Task Force

Ross Earnshaw (Chair)

Advertising and Fee Arrangements

Issues Working Group

Malcolm Mercer (Chair)

Alternative Business Structures

Working Group

Susan McGrath (Co-Chair)

Malcolm Mercer (Co-Chair)

Disclosure Working Group

Malcolm Mercer (Chair)

Human Rights Monitoring Group

Teresa Donnelly (Chair)

GOVERNANCE TASK FORCE 2016 - YET AGAIN:

In 2015 Convocation identified governance as an important issue to be studied.

To address that decision, the Treasurer has approved a 2016 task force charged with responsibility for: reviewing the Law Society's corporate governance, and making recommendations for improvement through greater transparency, inclusiveness, effectiveness, efficiency and cost-effectiveness.

Sadly, the Task Force is only scheduled to report to Convocation with specific recommendations in 2017 and 2018. I say "sadly" because, if thought appropriate, recommended innovations, like a possible reduction in the size of Convocation or further term limit restrictions of elected Benchers, may not be implemented at the earliest until the Bencher election of 2019 if not 2023. Go figure?

LPP PATHWAYS PROJECT: STAY TUNED

The project has been evaluated in a report that outlines a number of recommendations to be deliberated at Convocation on November 9, 2016. This is very important to the profession. The controversial report contains various recommendations which should be considered in its entirety and is available on The Law Society's website (www.lsuc.on.ca).

The report recommends that the Pathways Pilot Project known as the Law Practice Program (LPP) should end following completion of Year Three (2016-2017.) However, the enhanced Articling Program will remain in place and be evaluated for effectiveness, consideration of further enhancements and future considerations respecting transitional experiential training.

Without new innovations, this may mean a return to the "bad old days" when there will be an insufficient number of available articling positions for qualified candidates and will not address the needs of the francophone legal community.

Written comments on the report may be submitted by email or regular mail until October 19, 2016 to:

**Re: Pathways Pilot Project Evaluation and Enhancements to
Licensing report
Policy Secretariat
The Law Society of Upper Canada
Osgoode Hall, 130 Queen Street West
Toronto, ON, M5H 2N6
policy@lsuc.on.ca**

2017 LAW PRO PREMIUM:

Convocation has approved LAWPRO's report setting out the Law Society's professional liability insurance program for 2017. The base premium for professional liability insurance coverage for Ontario lawyers will be \$2,950 in 2017, down \$400 from the 2016 premium. Look at the full report for all of the details (www.lsuc.on.ca).

ACCESS TO JUSTICE WEEK, OCTOBER 17-21, 2016:

The week will explore collaborative initiatives to:

- Diversify participants in the access to justice conversation.
- Increase awareness of effective access to justice initiatives.
- Advance collaborative access to justice solutions.

As encouraged by the Treasurer, check them out.

Monday, October 17

Redesigning Justice: How would you do it?

10:00am - 3:00pm

Law Society of Upper Canada

130 Queen Street West

Tuesday, October 18

Technology, Inclusion and Access to Justice: Broadening the Conversation

9am - 4pm

Barristers' Lounge

Law Society of Upper Canada

Thursday, October 20

Connect, Create, Communicate: Public Legal Education and the Access to Justice Movement

8am - 5pm

Chestnut Conference Centre

89 Chestnut Street

Toronto, ON

Friday, October 21

Connect, Create, Communicate: Public Legal Education and the Access to Justice Movement

8am - 3pm

Chestnut Conference Centre

89 Chestnut Street

Toronto, ON

Friday, October 21

Re-imagining Child Welfare Systems in Canada: A Symposium

9am - 4pm

1014 Osgoode Hall Law School

4700 Keele St

North York, ON

Friday, October 21

Stories From the Justice System with Raconteurs Storytelling

7:30pm - 9:30pm (doors at 6:30 p.m.)

Hart House

7 Hart House Cir, Toronto

For more information inquire of tag@theactiongroup.ca

416.947.3455

To learn more about the events and to register please visit the TAG website:

<https://theactiongroup.ca/access-to-justice-week/>

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