



NEWSLETTER

PROGRESSIVE REGULATION

Benchers have approved the development of two (2) new programs: Fitness to Practice Program and Practice Management Program.

The envisioned Fitness to Practice Program will allow for an alternative to the disciplinary process that is outlined in the *Law Society Act, 1999*, where appropriate, for members with capacity related issues. The program will be voluntary. The Law Society is hopeful that it will be successful in its efforts to seek necessary legislative amendments to further develop this initiative.

The Practice Management Program will be a proactive and preventative tool for the regulation of the profession, geared toward advising and assisting members in a supportive manner. The program exists separate and apart from the disciplinary process. The Director of Practice Management is currently engaged in developing the program for Benchers' approval.

UPDATES & REMINDERS

Statement of Support – Law School at MUN

The Law Society has issued a statement of support for the creation of a Law Faculty at Memorial University. The Statement of Support highlights the positive impacts a law faculty might have on legal education, legal training and access to justice and can be found on the Law Society's website at <http://lsnl.ca/statement-of-support-law-school-at-mun/>

Survey

We have been asked by researchers at the University of Manitoba's Robson Hall Faculty of Law and University of Winnipeg's Criminal Justice Department to circulate the following survey about issues in Canadian juries. The survey focuses on three areas: peremptory challenges (current practice and opinions on the recent Criminal Code changes), judicial instructions to juries, and jurors with disabilities.

This research is supported and funded by the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC). Results of the survey will be aimed at informing legal practice and policy across Canada through recommendations developed in conjunction with participants' responses.

To participate in the survey, please follow this link:

https://uwinnipeg.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_87IHUHndhwK42Cp

Email Alerts

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