

Terms of Reference for the Ad Hoc Land Titles Committee

These terms of Reference should be read in conjunction with the Law Society Act, Rules and any Benchers policies relating to the Committees.

Ad Hoc Land Titles Committee – Terms of Reference	
Type	Ad Hoc
Mandate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Committee is directed to create guidelines for the certification of land title by solicitors practicing real estate and property law, for consideration by Real Estate Committee and Benchers.
Responsibilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Committee shall prepare report to Benchers on the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review of existing Law Society materials relating to title standards and continued application of same; Identify areas of disagreement or other unsettled or subjectively-based matters relating to title certification; Identify changes in practice standards occasioned by legislative changes or judicial pronouncements; and Recommend to Benchers current practice standards for certification of land title.
Composition	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Committee shall consist of members appointed by Benchers at the 11 December 2023 Benchers’ Convocation, pursuant to solicited applications for positions on the Committee. Members and Chair are appointed for the duration of the project. Any vacancies for the members appointed by Benchers shall be filled by Benchers; The Committee shall be chaired by Bencher, Gregory J. French pursuant to appointment at the 25 September 2023 Benchers’ Convocation; As this is an ad hoc committee, with an anticipated work completion date of September 2024, members of the committee shall continue to be members unless they are replaced by Benchers on the recommendation of the Chair.
Procedures and Work Product	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Committee shall issue a written report summarizing its conclusions and recommendations, which shall be tabled for consideration by the Real Estate Committee and Benchers for further action. The Committee should endeavor to complete its work before September 2024 Benchers Convocation.
Reporting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Committee shall report as needed or requested by Benchers.
Staff Support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> At the discretion of the Executive Director.