



TAB 7

Report to Convocation October 30, 2014

Access to Justice Committee and Equity and Aboriginal Issues Committee/Comité sur l'équité et les affaires autochtones

Equity and Aboriginal Issues Committee

Julian Falconer, Co-Chair
Janet Leiper, Co-Chair
Susan Hare, Vice-Chair and Special Liaison
with the Access to Justice Committee
Beth Symes, Vice-Chair
Constance Backhouse
Peter Festeryga
Avvy Go
Howard Goldblatt
Jeffrey Lem
Marian Lippa
Dow Marmur
Barbara Murchie
Judith Potter
Susan Richer

Access to Justice Committee

Cathy Corsetti, Co-Chair
Paul Schabas, Co-Chair
Susan Hare, Vice-Chair and
Special Liaison with the Equity and
Aboriginal Issues Committee
Beth Symes, Vice-Chair
Raj Anand
Marion Boyd
Mary Louise Dickson
Robert Evans
Avvy Go
George Hunter
Brian Lawrie
Michael Lerner
Virginia MacLean
Malcolm Mercer
Susan Richer
Baljit Sikand
Bradley Wright

Purposes of Report: Information

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COMMITTEE PROCESS

1. The Access to Justice Committee and the Equity and Aboriginal Issues Committee/Comité sur l'équité et les affaires autochtones (the "Committees") met jointly on October 14, 2014. Committee members Cathy Corsetti, co-Chair, Julian Falconer, co-Chair (by telephone), Janet Leiper, co-Chair, Paul Schabas, co-Chair, Susan Hare, Vice-Chair and Special Liaison with the Committees, Beth Symes, Vice-Chair, Raj Anand (telephone), Marion Boyd, Robert Evans, Avvy Go, Brian Lawrie, Michael Lerner, Marian Lippa, Virginia MacLean, Dow Marmur, Susan Richer and Bradley Wright (telephone) attended. Lawrence Eustace also attended. Staff members Julia Bass, Josée Bouchard, Ross Gower, Denise McCourtie (telephone), Zeynep Onen, Marisha Roman and Grant Wedge also attended.

Setting the Platform: A Vision for the Renewal of the Aboriginal Initiatives Strategy

SUSAN HARE

PRESENTATION TO CONVOCAATION

OCTOBER 30, 2014

Agenda

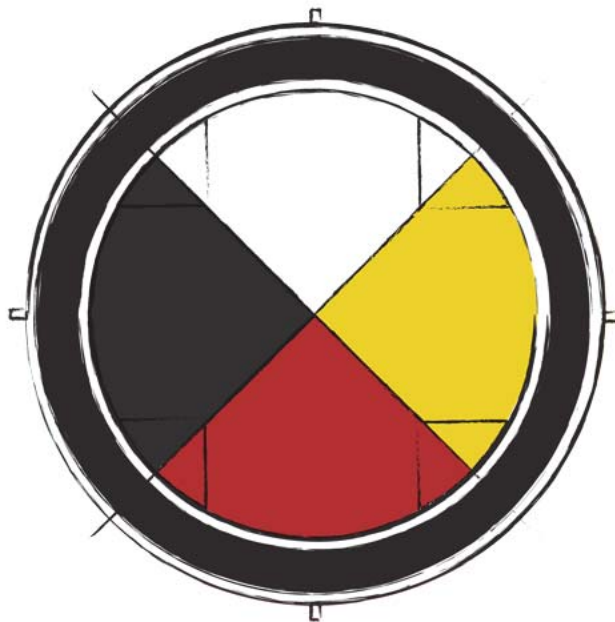
1. Vision for the Guiding Principles for the Renewal Process
2. Model for Understanding these Principles from the Aboriginal Perspective – The Medicine Wheel
3. Applying the Medicine Wheel to the Vision for the Renewal Process for the Law Society's Aboriginal Initiatives Strategy
4. Next steps
5. Conclusion

The Vision

In its relationship with the Aboriginal legal profession, leadership and community, the Law Society should strive to be:

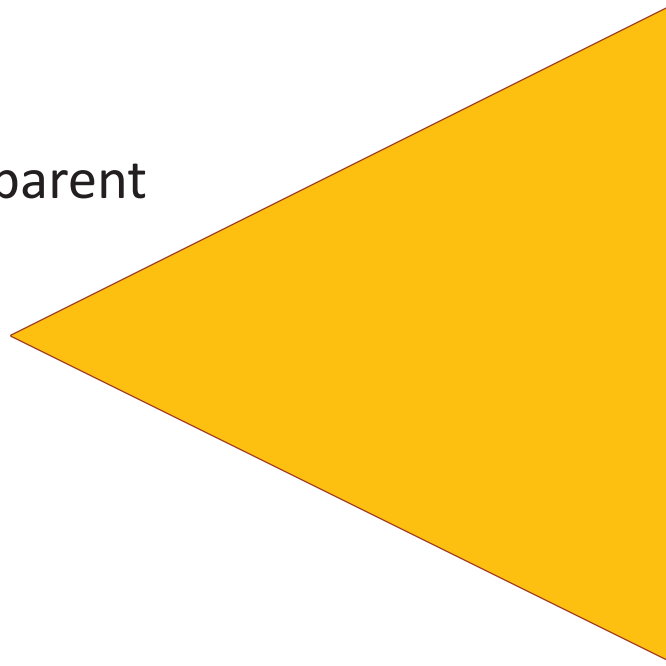
1. Transparent
2. Respectful
3. Proactive
4. Competent

The Medicine Wheel



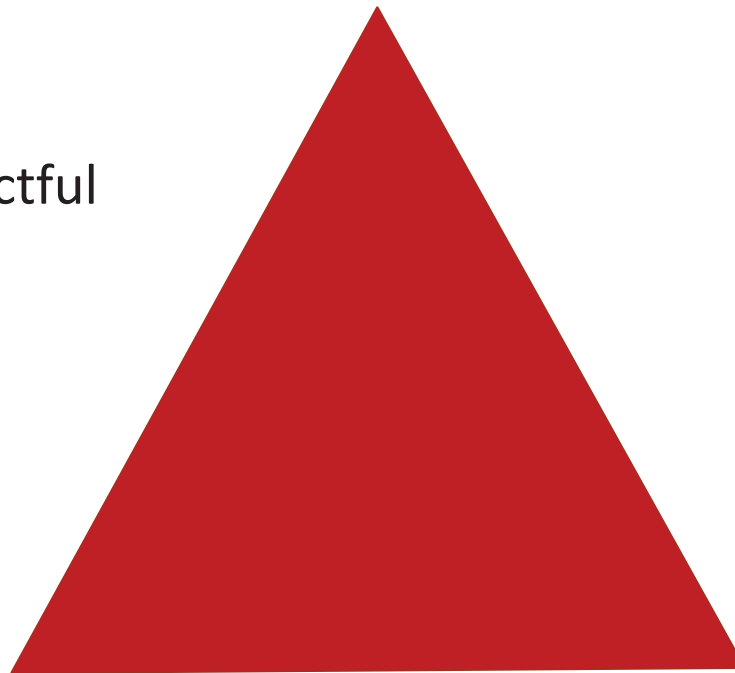
The Medicine Wheel - East

Strive to be Transparent

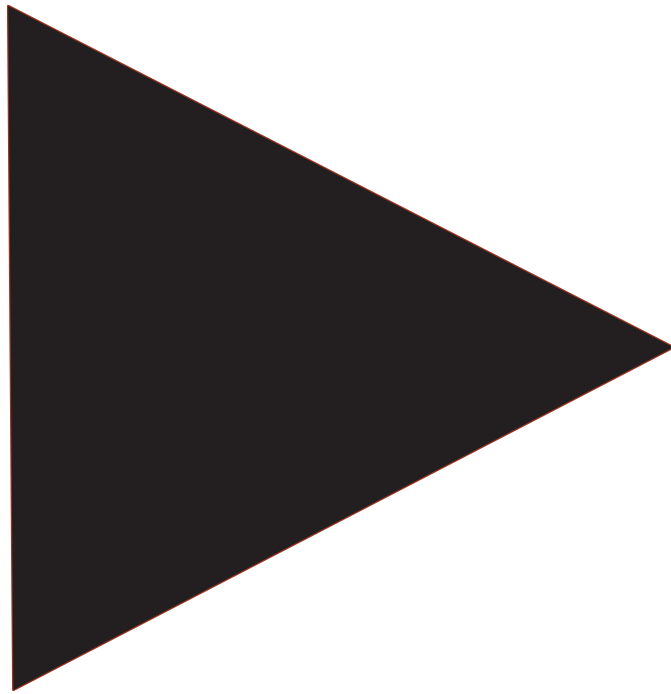


The Medicine Wheel - South

Strive to be Respectful

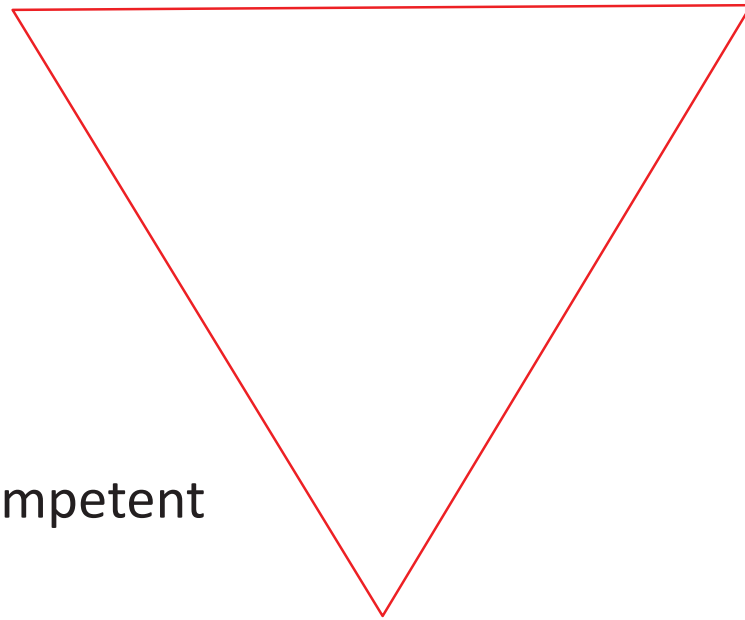


The Medicine Wheel - West



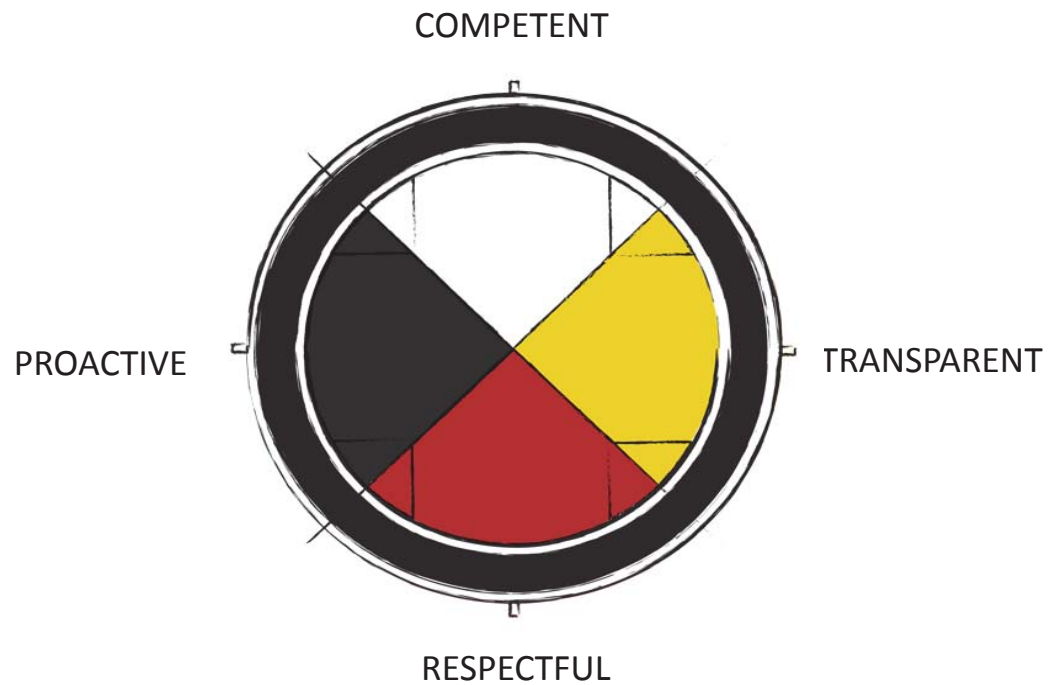
Strive to be Proactive

The Medicine Wheel - North



Strive to be competent

Guiding Principles



Conclusion

“In my experience dealing with Aboriginal issues as a lawyer ... and a judge, too often I have seen evidence or examples of mistrust and disrespect between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal Canadians, whether the latter are government or private institutions or individuals. Although the evils of racism and discrimination have diminished over time, much more is needed to foster a relationship of harmony and enlightened co-existence between Aboriginals and non-Aboriginals... [R]espect and trust has to be earned not proclaimed.”

Former Justice Frank Iacobucci