



News Release

Law Society continues dialogue with Six Nations of the Grand River on access to justice perspectives

Six Nations of the Grand River Territory: Law Society Treasurer Janet E. Minor and Bencher Julian Falconer today met with Six Nations of the Grand River Territory Chief G. Ava Hill, members of the Six Nations Justice Committee and councillors from the Six Nations Elected Council to discuss their perspectives on access to justice.

The meeting was held in Ohsweken at the invitation of Chief Hill, following an [historic meeting](#) with Ontario's First Nations leadership in November 2014.

"We are here today to continue the productive dialogue that we began last year," says Treasurer Minor. "The Law Society recognizes that First Nation, Métis and Inuit people may face unique access to justice challenges.

"As part of the renewal of our Aboriginal Initiatives Strategy, and in the spirit of reconciliation, we are seeking to learn from First Nation, Métis and Inuit people. Dialogue will help us foster mutual understanding of how we can help support improved access to justice within our role as the regulator of Ontario lawyers and paralegals. Our meetings with all facets of First Nation, Métis and Inuit leadership and citizens will also help us identify how we can contribute to and support their initiatives."

In [April](#), Treasurer Minor and former Bencher Susan Hare met with Patrick *Wedaseh* Madahbee, the Grand Council Chief of the Anishinabek Nation, as well as Chief Marianna Couchie and representatives of the Nipissing First Nation.

The Law Society has largely completed the work set out in the [Final Report of the Aboriginal Bar Consultation](#) released in 2009. The report was the culmination of a four-year project to create a demographic profile of the First Nation, Métis and Inuit Bar in Ontario, as well as canvass support for Law Society initiatives to enhance access to the profession and provide support for First Nation, Métis and Inuit members of the professions. More information about initiatives is available at: www.lsuc.on.ca/aboriginal-initiatives.

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