



Public Agenda

Bencher Meeting #526

February 26, 2026

9:00 a.m.

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Item	Description	Purpose	Presenter
CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTION			
1	Call to Order and Land Acknowledgment	Introduction	Bud Melnyk
2	Remarks from the Outgoing President	Introduction	Stacy Petriuk
3	Opening Remarks from the President and Adoption of the Agenda	Introduction	Bud Melnyk
STRATEGIC AND POLICY ITEMS			
4	2026 Committees, Liaisons and External Bodies	Decision	Bud Melnyk
5	Statement of Investment Policies and Goals Amendment	Decision	Mary Ellen Neilson/ Nadine Meade
6	Draft Amendments to Rules Respecting Bencher Elections	Decision	Barbra Bailey
STRATEGIC REPORTS			
7	Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Committee Update	Information	Kene Ilochonwu
8	Lawyer Competence Committee Update	Information	Levonne Louie
9	Policy and Regulatory Reform Committee Update	Information	Ron Sorokin
10	Federation of Law Societies of Canada Update	Information	Carsten Jensen
INFORMATION ITEMS			
11	Audit and Finance Committee Update	Information	Mary Ellen Neilson
12	Tribunal Office Update	Information	Nancy Bains
CONSENT AGENDA			
13	13.1 November 27, 2025, Public Bencher Meeting Minutes		



Item	Description	Purpose	Presenter
	13.2 Law Society 2026 Annual General Meeting Date		
	13.3 Appointment of the Auditor for 2026		
EXTERNAL REPORTS			
14	14.1 Alberta Law Foundation Report		Ron Sorokin
	14.2 Alberta Law Reform Institute Report		Presenter: Sandra Petersson
	14.3 Alberta Lawyers' Assistance Society Report		Presenter: Loraine Champion
	14.4 Canadian Bar Association Alberta Report		Sarah Coderre
	14.5 Canadian Centre for Professional Legal Education Report		Liza Worthington
	14.6 Legal Education Society of Alberta Report		Presenter: Christine Sanderman Bencher Representative: Scott Matheson
	14.7 Pro Bono Law Alberta Report		Presenter: Christine Laing Bencher Representative: Sharilyn Nagina
15	Other Business		Bud Melnyk
16	Adjournment		Bud Melnyk