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Public Agenda

Bencher Meeting #529

November 26-27, 2026

Thursday, November 26, 2026 (1:00 p.m.)

Public Agenda

Item	Description	Purpose	Presenter
CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTION			
1	Opening Remarks from the President	Introduction	Bud Melnyk
2	Adoption of the Agenda	Decision	Bud Melnyk
3	Conflict of Interest	Standing Item	Bud Melnyk
ELECTION			
4	Election of the President-Elect and the Executive Committee	Decision	Bud Melynk
BREAK AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING			
5	Nominating Committee Appointment	Decision	Bud Melnyk

Friday, November 27, 2026 (9:00 a.m.)

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CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTION			
6	Opening Remarks from the President and Land Acknowledgment	Introduction	Bud Melnyk
STRATEGIC AND POLICY ITEMS			
7	Audit and Finance Committee Update	Information	Ron Sorokin
8	Approval of the 2027 Law Society of Alberta Budget	Decision	Ron Sorokin/ Nadine Meade

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9	Complaint Dismissal Appeals Working Group Update and Recommendation 17.1 Rule Amendments for Compliance with Amendments to the *Legal Profession Act* - Amendments to Section 54	Decision	Erin Runnalls/ Nancy Bains
10	Lawyer Competence and Ethics Committee Update	Information	Kelsey Meyer
11	Competencies for Entry to Legal Practice (CELP) Proposal	Decision	Barbra Bailey
12	Policy and Regulatory Reform Committee Update	Information	Erin Runnalls
13	Business Process Improvements – Rule and Guideline Amendments	Decision	Barbra Bailey
14	Annual General Meeting (AGM) and Special Meeting Rule Changes	Decision	Sarah Klein
15	Interim Suspension or Conditions Guideline	Decision	Noria Neuhart/ Karen Hansen
16	Publication and Redaction Guideline – Consequential Amendments	Decision	Noria Neuhart/ Karen Hansen
17	Rule Amendments for Compliance with Amendments to the *Legal Profession Act* Part 3	Decision	Christal Chapman
STRATEGIC REPORT			
18	Federation of Law Societies of Canada Update	Information	Stacy Petriuk
19	Tribunal Office Update	Information	Nancy Bains
CONSENT AGENDA			
20	20.1 October 6, 2026, Public Bencher Meeting Minutes 20.2 Continuing Professional Development (CPD) Program Guideline		
EXTERNAL REPORTS			
21	21.1 Alberta Law Foundation Report		Ron Sorokin
	21.2 Alberta Lawyers' Assistance Society Report		Loraine Champion
	21.3 Canadian Bar Association Report		Kathy Briere

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	21.4 Canadian Centre for Professional Legal Education Report		Liza Worthington
	21.5 Legal Education Society of Alberta Report		Presenter: Christine Sanderman Bencher Representative: Scott Matheson
OTHER BUSINESS			Bud Melnyk
ADJOURNMENT			Bud Melnyk