

LAW SOCIETY OF PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND
CALL TO ACTION POLICY

(Approved by Council of the Law Society of PEI on June 8, 2020)

In keeping with the spirit and intent of the 2015 Report of the Truth & Reconciliation Commission of Canada (TRC), including the 94 Calls to Action, the Law Society of Prince Edward Island acknowledges that it has an obligation to meaningfully address the *Calls to Action* and to promote reconciliation, which is a long-term and ongoing process of interaction between the Law Society and Indigenous People. To that end, and in accordance with its mandate, the Law Society is committed to the following:

1.1 Maintain a standing Call to Action Committee responsible for advising on the implementation of the Call to Action #27 set forth by the TRC, as follows:

“We call upon the Federation of Law Societies of Canada to ensure that lawyers receive appropriate cultural competency training, which includes the history and legacy of residential schools, the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, Treaties and Aboriginal rights, Indigenous law, and Aboriginal-Crown relations. This will require skills-based training in intercultural competency, conflict resolution, human rights and anti-racism.”;

1.2 Appoint a Council Member to the Call to Action Committee each year to act as a liaison between Council and the Call to Action Committee;

1.3 Engage and collaborate with Indigenous Peoples, the public and the legal profession to respond to Call to Action #27.

1.4 Assist the Call to Action Committee in its planning, development and promotion of educational and skill-based training opportunities for members of the legal profession and Bar Admission Course that address the topics as outlined in the Call to Action #27 and encourage the involvement of Indigenous People in decision-making, planning and content creation thereof.

1.5 Assist members of the legal profession in identifying biases and gaps in knowledge regarding Call to Action #27;

1.6 Identify and implement methods to foster inclusion of Indigenous Peoples and Mi'kmaq and other Indigenous culture at the Law Society and its events to encourage diversity and reconciliation;

1.7 Provide Law Society Council and staff with opportunities and encouragement to participate in training deemed useful to meet the goals of this Policy;

1.8 Seek and receive feedback and recommendations from the Call to Action Committee, members of the legal profession, students and staff to measure progress and to ensure accountability regarding Call to Action #27.
