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**DATE** May 29, 2025  
**TO** All CBA-NS Members  
**RE** CBA-NS Nominations Report

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## REPORT OF THE CBA-NS NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Nominating Committee of the Canadian Bar Association – Nova Scotia Branch (comprised of: Past President, Michelle Axworthy; President, Abha Romkey; Vice President, Jason Cooke, KC; and Equity Committee Chair, Katelyn Morton), hereby submits its Nominations Report for the 2025-26 Membership Year.

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS NOMINATIONS

The Committee nominates the following person to the CBA-NS Board:

1. Sean MacDonald to the position of Member Services Committee Chair
2. Jillian Houilhan to the position of Advocacy Committee Chair
3. Megan Ross to the position of Communications Committee Chair
4. Robbie Mason to the position of Young Lawyers Chair

The full list of 2025-26 Board of Directors is included in **Attachment A**.

### SECTION EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS

The Committee nominates the following persons as Section Executives:

1. Andrew W. Paul to the position of Chair, Aboriginal Law
2. Dakota Bernard to the position of Vice Chair, Aboriginal Law
3. Tarah Sawler to the position of Vice Chair, Charities and Not for Profit
4. Mary Rolf to the position of Vice Chair Constitutional & Human Rights
5. J. Patrick Young to the position of Chair, Criminal Justice
6. Erica Koresawa to the position of Vice Chair, Criminal Justice
7. Alexandra Gosse to the position of Vice Chair, Environmental, Energy & Resources
8. Jessica Chapman to the position of Secretary, Family Law
9. Lyndsay Scovil, to the position of Vice Chair, Government & Public Sector
10. Olivia Feschuk to the position of Vice Chair, Health
11. Ross Larkin to the position of Chair, In-House Counsel
12. Muriel Cookey to the position of Vice Chair, In-House Counsel
13. Sarah Makson to the position of Chair, Insurance
14. Jocelyne Le Blanc to the position of Secretary, Law Students
15. Meaghan Carlson to the position of Vice Chair, Municipal

16. Jessica Lumiere to the position of Chair, Privacy and Access
17. Catherine Forbes to the position of Vice Chair, Privacy and Access
18. Jasmine Walsh to the position of Vice Chair, Sexual and Gender Diversity Alliance Section (SAGDA)
19. Carly Morrison to the position of Secretary, Sexual and Gender Diversity Alliance Section (SAGDA)
20. Meghan MacGillivray Case to the position of Vice Chair, Small, Solo & General Practice
21. Megan Ross to the position of Secretary, Wills, Estates & Trusts
22. Rob Jollimore to the position of Secretary, Young Lawyers

The full list of the 2025-26 Section Executives is included in **Attachment B**.

### COUNCIL MEMBER NOMINATIONS

The Committee nominates the following persons to the CBA-NS Council:

1. Jeffrey Waugh to the position of Regional Representative for Region 1 (Digby, Yarmouth, Shelburne, Queens, Annapolis, Hants, Kings and Lunenburg Counties)
2. Jeremy Smith to the position of Regional Representative: Region 2 (HRM)
3. Lee-Ann Conrod to the position of Regional Representative: Region 2 (HRM)

The full list of 2025-26 Council Members is included in **Attachment C**.

### ALTERNATIVE NOMINATIONS

If no alternative nominations are received by the CBA-NS Executive Director by **Thursday, June 12, 2025**, a single ballot will be cast in favour of those named in the Report of the Nominating Committee set out above. An alternative nomination for any position may be made by any member of CBA-NS, if consented to in writing by the member nominated and recommended in writing by at least five (5) members of CBA-NS.

### OUTSTANDING VACANCIES

Nominations are still outstanding for the following positions:

1. Administrative (Vice Chair)
2. Business (Vice Chair)
3. Constitutional & Human Rights (Chair)
4. Construction (Vice Chair)
5. Insurance (Vice Chair)
6. Intellectual Property (Vice Chair)
7. Tax (Vice Chair)
8. Women Lawyers Forum (Secretary)
9. Counsel Regional Representative: Region 3 (Colchester, Cumberland, Pictou, Guysborough and Antigonish Counties)

The Nominating Committee and branch staff will continue their efforts to fill these vacancies.

## ATTACHMENT A: 2025-2026 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

POSITION	BOARD MEMBER
Past President	Michelle Axworthy (Cox & Palmer)
President	Abha Romkey (Emera Inc.)
Vice President	Jason Cooke, KC (BWB)
Treasurer	Joshua Santimaw (BONYECLARKE)
Equity Committee Chair	Katelyn Morton (Mi'kmaw Family and Children's Services of NS)
Member Services Committee Chair	Sean MacDonald (Manley Law)
Communications Committee Chair	Megan Ross (Ross Estate Law)
Advocacy Committee Chair	Jillian Houilhan (Pink Larkin)
Young Lawyers Section Chair	Robbie Mason (Carver Law)

## ATTACHMENT B: 2025-2026 SECTION EXECUTIVES

SECTION	CHAIR	VICE CHAIR	SECRETARY
Aboriginal	Andrew W. Paul (Burchell Wickwire Bryson)	Dakota Bernard (Pink Larkin)	
Administrative	Kristen Stallard (Patterson Law)	Vacant	
Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR)	Andrea MacNevin (Barteaux)	Jillian Houlihan (Pink Larkin)	
Bankruptcy & Insolvency	David Wedlake (Stewart McKelvey)	Meaghan Kells (Cox & Palmer)	
Business	Robert Cowan (McInnes Cooper)	Vacant	
Charities & Not-For-Profit	Leo Bourgeois (initio Law Clinic)	Tarah Sawler (McInnes Cooper)	
Citizenship & Immigration	Sara Espinal Henao (Grace Allen Immigration Law)	Hanaa Al Sharief (McInnes Cooper)	
Civil Litigation	Danielle Keating (Burchill Wickwire Bryson)	Jeff Waugh (Carver Estates Law)	
Constitutional & Human Rights	Vacant	Mary Rolf (Pink Larkin)	
Construction & Infrastructure	Jeff Flinn (Cox & Palmer)	Vacant	
Criminal Justice	J. Patrick Young (NS Public Prosecution Service)	Erica Koresawa (NS Public Prosecution Service)	
Environment, Energy & Resources	Emily Hunter (Patterson Law)	Alexandra Gosse (McInnes Cooper)	
Family	Sydney Hull (Patterson Law)	Jessie Chisholm (MDW Law)	Jessica Chapman (Chapman Law)
Government & Public Sector Lawyers	Emma MacIntosh (Province of NS)	Lyndsay Scovil (Department of Justice)	
Health	Raylene Langor (McInnes Cooper)	Olivia Feschuk (McInnes Cooper)	
In-House Counsel	Ross Larkin (IMP Group)	Muriel Cookey (NS Power)	
Insurance	Sarah Makson (Pink Larkin)	Vacant	
Intellectual Property	Charlotte N. Henderson (Stewart McKelvey)	Vacant	

<b>Internationally Trained Lawyers</b>	Elizabeth Salami (NS Health Authority)	Taylan Caliskan (MacGillivray Law)	
<b>Labour &amp; Employment</b>	Michael Murphy (Pink Larkin)	Zoe Roberts (Burchell Wickwire Bryson)	
<b>Law Students</b>	Sophia King Gillis (Schulich Law)	Bailey Kaye (Schulich Law)	Jocelyn Le Blanc (Schulich Law)
<b>Municipal</b>	Andrew Gough (Halifax Legal Services)	Meaghan Carlson (Halifax Legal Services)	
<b>Privacy &amp; Access</b>	Jessica Lumiere (Torys)	Catherine Forbes (Torys)	
<b>Sexual &amp; Gender Diversity Alliance Section (SAGDA)</b>	Melanie Petrunia (Petrunia Law)	Jasmine Walsh (NS Labour Board)	Carly Morrison (Harris North Law)
<b>Small, Solo &amp; General Practice</b>	Nick Burke (Lorway MacEachern McLeod Burke)	Meghan MacGillivray Case (MacGillivray Case Boyd Law)	
<b>Taxation</b>	Matthew Orrell (McInnes Cooper)	<b>Vacant</b>	
<b>Wills, Estates &amp; Trusts</b>	Louis J. Matorin (TD Wealth)	Bill Toulany (BoyneClarke LLP)	Megan Ross (Ross Estate Law)
<b>Women Lawyers Forum</b>	Morgan Knox (Torys LLP)	Mukisa Kakembo (Torys LLP)	<b>Vacant</b>
<b>Young Lawyers</b>	Robbie Mason (Carver Estates Law)	Cydney Kane (NS Department of Justice)	Rob Jollimore (HRM Legal)

## ATTACHMENT C: 2025-2026 COUNCIL MEMBERS

POSITION	COUNCIL MEMBER
<b>CBA-NS Directors</b>	As set out in <b>Attachment A</b>
<b>Member representing Region 1 (Digby, Yarmouth, Shelburne, Queens, Annapolis, Hants, Kings and Lunenburg Counties)</b>	Jeffrey Waugh – Carver Law
<b>Members representing Region 2 (Halifax Regional Municipality)</b>	Jeremy Smith – NS Department of Justice Lee-Ann Conrod – Public Prosecution Service Canada
<b>Member representing Region 3 (Colchester, Cumberland, Pictou, Guysborough, and Antigonish Counties)</b>	<b>Vacant</b>
<b>Member representing Region 4 (Inverness, Victoria, Cape Breton, and Richmond Counties)</b>	Sean MacDonald – Manley Law
<b>CBA Nova Scotia Section Chairs</b>	As set out in <b>Attachment B</b>
<b>Member appointed to the Canadian Bar Insurance Association to represent Nova Scotia</b>	David Cameron – Burchell Wickwire Bryson LLP
<b>Member appointed to the board of directors of CBA National to represent Nova Scotia</b>	Kathleen McManus, KC – Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board
<b>Council Members-at-Large</b>	Amber Penney – Lenehan Musgrave LLP Jared B. Schwartz – Patterson Law
<b>Past CBA National and CBA Nova Scotia Presidents resident in Nova Scotia</b>	Michelle C. Awad, KC – McInnes Cooper Clarence A. Beckett, KC – Patterson Law David Cameron – Burchell Wickwire Bryson LLP Julia E. Cornish, KC – Conrad Dillon Robinson Gary J. Corsano – Sampson McPhee Justice C. Richard Coughlan Robyn L., Elliott, KC – Elliott Law Trinda L Ernst, KC – Waterbury Newton Justice Gail L Gatchalian Jack A. Innes, KC – Pressé Mason Dennis J. James, KC – Patterson Law Brian G. Johnston, KC – Stewart McKelvey Yvonne M.R. LaHaye, KC – Crowe Dillon Robinson Jessica L. Lyle – Touchstone Legal Inc. Judge Daniel A. MacRury Timothy C. Matthews, KC – Stewart McKelvey Mary E. Meisner, KC – Barrister & Solicitor Ronald A. Pink, KC – Pink Larkin

James G. Rossiter, KC – Parks Canada

Judge Amy Sakalauskas

Brian A. Tabor, KC – Stewart McKelvey

Daniel Wallace – McInnes Cooper

Agnes E. MacNeil, KC – Nova Scotia Department of  
Justice

Justice Terrance G. Sheppard

Kathleen McManus, KC – Nova Scotia Utility and  
Review Board