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Dear Chris and Terri-Lynn:

Re: 2022 Mandate for Indigenous Engagement in Regulatory Matters Task Force

Thank you for agreeing to accept the appointment as Co-Chairs of the Indigenous Engagement in Regulatory Matters Task Force for 2022.

The 2021-2025 Strategic Plan and the Terms of Reference should guide the Indigenous Engagement in Regulatory Matters Task Force in its work this year.

The mandate of the Indigenous Engagement in Regulatory Matters Task Force is:

The Task Force will examine the Law Society's regulatory processes, specifically its complaints, investigation, prosecution and adjudication processes, as they relate to complainants and witnesses, particularly Indigenous persons, who may be experiencing vulnerability or marginalization and make recommendations to the Benchers to ensure that the Law Society's regulatory processes accommodate the full participation of such complainants and witnesses.

I expect that you will ensure that all members of the Indigenous Engagement in Regulatory Matters Task Force understand the Terms of Reference, the Benchers Code of Conduct and the Law Society's workplace policies and abide by them. I also expect that in your deliberations and decisions, the Indigenous Engagement in Regulatory Matters Task Force will expressly include consideration of the goals of facilitation of truth and

reconciliation and diversity and inclusion. Finally, I expect that you will ensure the Indigenous Engagement in Regulatory Matters Task Force acts in the public interest and makes evidence-based decisions that take into account the impact of the decisions on the public and the profession.

In particular, please keep in mind that the Benchers have directed that:

- a) Bencher committees are to help the Benchers do their job, not to help the staff do its jobs. Committees ordinarily will assist the Benchers by preparing policy alternatives and implications for Bencher deliberation.
- b) Bencher committees do not exercise authority over staff.
- c) In keeping with the Benchers' broader focus, Bencher committees will normally not have direct dealings with current staff operations.

I expect you and the members of Indigenous Engagement in Regulatory Matters Task Force will work in a professional and respectful manner with our staff.

I look forward to hearing about the work of Indigenous Engagement in Regulatory Matters Task Force over the balance of the year.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Lisa Hamilton', written in a cursive style.

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