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Sent via email

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Lisa Hamilton, QC
President

Dear Michael:

Re: 2022 Mandate for Innovation Sandbox Advisory Group

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Thank you for agreeing to accept the appointment as Chair of the Innovation Sandbox Advisory Group for 2022.

The 2021-2025 Strategic Plan and the Terms of Reference should guide the Innovation Sandbox Advisory Group in its work this year.

The mandate of the Innovation Sandbox Advisory Group is:

The Law Society's innovation sandbox is intended to facilitate innovation in the delivery of legal services by taking no action against individuals and organizations, including lawyers and law firms, providing legal services that would otherwise be offside the Legal Profession Act, the Law Society Rules or the Code of Professional Conduct. To that end, the Working Group will consider proposals for participation in the Law Society's innovation sandbox and make recommendations regarding acceptance or rejection of the proposals for consideration by the Executive Committee.

I expect that you will ensure that all members of the Innovation Sandbox Advisory Group 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 Innovation Sandbox Advisory Group 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 Innovation Sandbox Advisory Group 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 Innovation Sandbox Advisory Group will work in a professional and respectful manner with our staff.

I look forward to hearing about the work of Innovation Sandbox Advisory Group over the balance of the year.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Lisa Hamilton', with a stylized, cursive script.

Lisa Hamilton, QC
President, Law Society of BC