



# Information

## Mentee recruitment

The Aboriginal Lawyers Mentorship Program is now recruiting mentees. This Program is intended to enhance the retention and advancement of lawyers with Aboriginal ancestry, who are currently underrepresented in the legal profession in British Columbia.

### Eligibility

The Law Society of British Columbia is currently seeking mentees who possess the following attributes:

- Self-identified Aboriginal ancestry; and
- Membership in the Law Society of British Columbia, or active enrolment in the Law Society of British Columbia Admission Program.

Although the mentorship program is focused on pairing experienced lawyers with Aboriginal lawyers who are junior, returning to practice after a period of non-practicing status, or changing practice areas, all Aboriginal lawyers, regardless of experience, are welcome to apply to be mentored.

### Objectives

The Aboriginal Lawyers Mentoring Program is intended to:

- Promote collegiality, strengthen the social and professional networks of Aboriginal lawyers, and foster a welcoming and supportive profession;
- Support the development of the knowledge, skills and attributes needed by Aboriginal lawyers to be successful in their legal careers;
- Assist Aboriginal lawyers in developing strategies to overcome common issues that arise for many Aboriginal legal professionals; and
- Enhance the retention and advancement of Aboriginal lawyers in British Columbia.

Mentorship pairs should aim to meet at least once per month for one full year. Meetings may be in person, by phone, at social gatherings, or at networking events. Informal (fun) activities are encouraged.

## **Deadline**

The deadline for applications for the Aboriginal Lawyers Mentorship Program is on September 15, 2013. To apply, please complete and submit the application form from the Law Society website: (link to form).

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