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FRANKLYN (FRANK) BENNETT, L.S.M., LL.M.

The Law Society has awarded to Frank a Doctor of Laws, honoris causa, in recognition of his outstanding achievements in the legal profession through scholarship, mentorship and volunteering. He is a pre-eminent expert in creditor-debtor, bankruptcy and insolvency law. He has authored numerous texts that serve as guidance to the public and the bar. Throughout his career Frank has been an educator and active council member of the Ontario Bar Association. His prior contributions were recognized when he was awarded a Law Society Medal in 1995. Through his entire career Frank maintained a mental and physically healthy work life balance dedicated to his family, clients and the profession. Like the concentric circles created when a pebble is thrown into a pond, Frank's contributions will serve as an enduring legacy and a gold standard to be pursued by others.

[Read the Gazette article about Franklyn Harris Bennett.](#)

LAWPRO 2022

2020 claims were reduced from 2019 (presumably related to COVID) but have increased in 2021 and are expected to ramp up in 2022. In addition defence claim costs have increased as well as the average cost per claim now at \$37,200 from \$30,000. in 2019.

The good news is that the same \$3,000. base premium will be maintained for next year. Your actual premium may be less depending upon the options you select and the discounts you may qualify for.

SEPTEMBER 30th NATIONAL DAY FOR TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION aka ORANGE SHIRT DAY

The Law Society, many law firms and other institutions as well as Ontario Courts were essentially closed yesterday to recognize the new statutory federal holiday. It was enormously important for us to remember the horrible consequences of residential schools on victims, survivors and their communities. In addition, this is a vital step in efforts to achieve reconciliation with Canada's indigenous peoples.

Many of us wore orange yesterday. That is a reminder of the shiny orange shirt given to 6 year old Phyllis Webstad by her granny on the first day of school in 1973. It was stripped from her, never to be seen again. The shirt was recalled by Ms. Webstad when she first recounted her experiences in 2013.

COMMITTEE CHAIR APPOINTMENTS

This is the Treasurer's line up approved by Convocation

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ACCESS TO INNOVATION – A2I

The Law Society has taken another step forward in the pursuit of innovative technological legal services which are to be provided in a competent and ethical manner. An Advisory Council has been established of independent experts with a wide range of professional backgrounds and perspectives. This volunteer group will provide strategic advice, review application materials, make approval recommendations and monitor outcomes. Led by Will Morrison, as manager, the first Council members are:

- Lynne Vicars (Chair) – Principal, Lynne Vicars Legal Consulting
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- Andrew Arruda – Chief Executive Officer, Automate Medical
- Rui Chen – Chief Technology Officer, TalentLift
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- Amy Salyzyn – Associate Professor, University of Ottawa Faculty of Law
- Nye Thomas – Executive Director, Law Commission of Ontario
- Thomas Wardman – Chief Technology Officer, Chartered Professional Accountants of Canada

A2I will begin accepting applications from ITLS providers later this year.

COMING EVENTS: Mark your calendar

[Hispanic Heritage Month 2021 Program](#) October 19, 2021 [Gazette](#): 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM

[Access to Justice Week 2021](#) October 25, 2021 [Gazette](#): 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Law Society Remembrance Day Ceremony November 10, 2021: 5:00 PM – 5:30 PM

[Louis Riel Day 2021 Program](#) November 16, 2021 [Gazette](#): 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM

IN MEMORIAM: NEIL ABBOTT

Until this week Neil had been a brilliant advocate, dedicated mentor and wise counsel. As a construction lawyer he introduced himself as “Neil, that is lien spelled backwards”. He practiced his shortened 30 year career at Gowling WLG in Toronto. He was enthusiastic about everything around him including, arts, travel,

reading and food. His sense of humour, bright smile and energy helped many of us through dark times. Neil was an outstanding committed, husband, father and family person. Throughout his illness, he bravely and optimistically undertook experimental treatments to overcome his cancer and help doctors pursue research that one day may lead to a cure. Remembering Neil is not possible without also recalling his affection for his beloved dog, Moskie. Neil will be missed by all who had been privileged to know him.

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