

Note: This motion re: Twitter activity following the Equity and Indigenous Affairs Committee meeting was ruled out of order

## LAW SOCIETY OF ONTARIO (“LSO”)

### NOTICE OF MOTION

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** of the following motion to be moved at Convocation on February 27, 2020:

#### WHEREAS

- (1) Benchers shall govern the affairs of the LSO in accordance with s. 10 of the *Law Society Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. L.8 as amended*; and
- (2) The Equity & Indigenous Affairs Committee (“EIAC”) of the LSO conducts meetings with Equity Advisory Group (“EAG”) representatives present from time to time to discuss the affairs of the LSO; and
- (3) EAG’s proper role in the EIAC is to assist the EIAC and the LSO by carrying out its work according to the EIAC’s accepted practice of resolving debates and disagreements and disputes within EIAC to the extent possible; and
- (4) An EAG representative has egregiously disrupted the accepted practice of EIAC in that the EAG representative
  - a. Deliberately disregarded the EIAC practice of resolving disputes and disagreements within the EIAC not long after a gathering of EIAC at which said representative was in attendance, and
  - b. Published on Twitter a serious and highly damaging allegation against a specific bencher without identifying the bencher,
  - c. Thereby seriously impugning the integrity of all benchers and Convocation, and infringing the privileges of Convocation; and
- (5) The LSO’s department of Discrimination & Harassment Counsel and at least one bencher re-published the highly damaging allegation with retweets thereby magnifying the damaging allegation; and
- (6) Redress for the conduct of the EAG representative and the DHC, and the proper safeguarding of bencher privileges against any possible further such conduct, are required in order to restore the rights and role and privileges of Convocation and LSO committees so that they may continue to be fora in which open discussion may occur without fear that injurious social media campaigns will be initiated and prolonged by participants and others within the LSO;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that Convocation hereby expresses its censure of the EAG representative for his serious and highly damaging Twitter allegation; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that Convocation hereby expresses its censure of the DHC for the retweeting of the serious and highly damaging Twitter allegation.

Dated: February 6, 2020

John Fagan, Mover

Jared Brown, Seconder