



CERTIFIED SPECIALIST PROGRAM

Statement of Reference Form

Indigenous Legal Issues Specialty — Indigenous Community Member Referee

Referees are requested to complete this form in a frank and objective manner on the basis of their direct knowledge of the applicant's work in the specialty area. If more space is required, please attach additional sheets. If you have any questions please contact the Certified Specialist Program via phone at (416) 947-3414 or 1-800-668-7380 ext. 3414 or via email at certspec@lso.ca.

Applicant's full name:

Name of referee:

Firm/Employer of referee:

Referee telephone: _____ ext: _____

1. How long have you known the applicant?
2. Please describe your position in the Indigenous community such as a chief, band councillor, band administrator, regional and/or national chief and leader, Indigenous Elder, Indigenous community leader, Clanmother, Indigenous academic, or other:
3. Are you aware of any unprofessional, unethical or immoral conduct by the applicant toward another person?

Yes No

If yes, please describe: _____

4. Are you aware of any incidents in the applicant's legal practice which, in your opinion, reflect a lack of competence and/or legal, ethical and/or moral judgment?

Yes No

If yes, please describe each such incident (if you would be more comfortable giving your comments verbally, please contact the Certified Specialist Program at the number below)

5. Based on your knowledge, please indicate whether you agree or disagree with the following statements. Indicate “unknown” where applicable.

Agree Disagree Unknown

- a) The applicant demonstrates knowledge of and respect for Indigenous Laws
- b) The applicant demonstrates curiosity about and willingness to expand his or her understanding of Indigenous Laws
- c) The applicant demonstrates respect for Indigenous views, values, norms, and way of life
- d) The applicant demonstrates curiosity about and willingness to expand his or her understanding of Indigenous views, values, norms, and way of life
- e) The applicant demonstrates willingness to initiate and develop relationships between members of Indigenous and non-Indigenous communities, nations, or Peoples

If you would like to explain any of your particular ratings please do so:

6. In your opinion, does the applicant have the skills, aptitude and experience in the specialty area to warrant identifying to the public as a certified specialist?

Yes No

Please explain:

7. Do you have any further comments that you feel may be helpful in the assessment of this applicant?

8. I certify that any information in this Statement of Reference Form is from my personal knowledge and is correct. I am providing this information to the Certified Specialist Board and staff of the Law Society with the understanding that it will not be disclosed to the applicant. I also understand that a composite summary of all assessments received may be provided to the applicant upon request without identifying their sources. I agree that I will keep this information confidential.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Please submit this completed form in one of the following formats:

- written hard copy in a sealed envelope – mailed directly to the Law Society’s Certified Specialist Program;
- written hard copy in a sealed envelope, with the signature of the referee along the seal – included in the application package sent by the applicant; or
- emailed directly to the Certified Specialist Program (certspec@lso.ca) by the referee – provided that nobody else copied on the email