

LAW SOCIETY OPERATIONAL HERITAGE PLAN

Introduction and Purpose

The Law Society is creating a medium-term Heritage Plan (approximately 3 years) which would be a component of the operations within the Law Society's Corporate Services Division's current heritage focus.

The purpose of the Plan is to continue operationally the direction that was expressed by the Heritage Committee to maintain a focus on heritage matters within the Law Society and the legal profession in Ontario and advance an awareness of heritage issues. Building on the legacy of the Heritage Committee's projects, the Plan will ensure that the Law Society's strategic direction related to conservation and preservation of heritage assets of the Law Society and engagement with Law Society stakeholders on heritage-related matters will continue.

The Plan

The Plan will include a heritage project or projects to be completed within the Plan's time frame consistent with the heritage focus noted above, utilizing as a resource the expertise of the former chair of the Heritage Committee, Professor Constance Backhouse, who has agreed to act as the Special Heritage Liaison to the Law Society on a volunteer basis. Professor Backhouse will assist in framing the project(s) within the Plan and provide expert advice.

Work associated with the Heritage Plan's projects would be performed by permanent staff at the Law Society and with the assistance from time to time, as required, of contract service providers. The work, as it was for many of the Heritage Committee's projects, will be carried out through the Facilities department (part of the Corporate Services Division) primarily by staff in the Curatorial Services and Corporate Records and Archives, and would be managed within those departments. The Plan will be supported by funds allocated for the heritage focus within the Division.

The Plan will provide an opportunity to report to Convocation from time to time through the CEO on heritage projects, which may be accorded to Professor Backhouse in her role as the Special Heritage Liaison.

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