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**Report to Convocation
December 4, 2015**

Professional Development & Competence Committee

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Howard Goldblatt (Chair)

Jeffrey Lem, Vice-Chair

Barbara Murchie (Vice-Chair)

Raj Anand

Fred Bickford

Jack Braithwaite

Robert Burd

Gisèle Chrétien

Dianne Corbiere

Teresa Donnelly

Ross Earnshaw

Joseph Groia

Vern Krishna

Michael Lerner

Marian Lippa

Virginia MacLean

Sandra Nishikawa

Jonathan Rosenthal

Andrew Spurgeon

Joanne St. Lewis

Gerald Swaye

Sid Troister

Jerry Udell

Anne Vespry

Peter Wardle

Purpose of Report: Information

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COMMITTEE PROCESS

1. The Committee met on November 12, 2015. Committee members Howard Goldblatt (Chair), Barbara Murchie (Vice-Chair), Jeffrey Lem (Vice-Chair), Raj Anand, Fred Bickford, Jack Braithwaite, Robert Burd, Gisèle Chrétien, Dianne Corbiere, Teresa Donnelly, Ross Earnshaw, Joseph Groia, Michael Lerner, Marian Lippa, Virginia MacLean, Sandra Nishikawa, Jonathan Rosenthal, Joanne St. Lewis, Gerald Swaye, Sid Troister, Anne Vespry and Peter Wardle. Staff members Diana Miles and Sophia Sperdakos attended the meeting.

FOR INFORMATION

APPOINTMENT TO CERTIFIED SPECIALIST BOARD

2. By-law 15 (Certified Specialist Program) provides that the PD&C Committee will appoint members to the Certified Specialist Board. **TAB 10.1.1: Excerpt from By-law 15** sets out the provisions for appointment.
3. Pursuant to the by-law, the PD&C Committee's decision is final. It reports its decision to Convocation for information only.
4. The Board composition is to include one lay bencher. Former lay bencher, Dow Marmur, was the appointee, but as he is no longer a bencher the spot became vacant.
5. On November 12, 2015 the Committee approve the appointment of Marion Boyd to fill the vacancy.

EXCERPT FROM BY-LAW 15

PART II

CERTIFIED SPECIALIST BOARD

Board to be established

3. (1) There is established the Certified Specialist Board.

Composition of Board

- (2) The Board shall consist of not fewer than eight and not more than twelve persons appointed by the Committee as follows:

1. Two benchers who are certified specialists.
2. One lay bencher.
3. Not fewer than five and not more than nine persons who are certified specialists who are not benchers.

Same

- (2.1) If the Committee is unable to comply with paragraph 1 of subsection (2), the Committee may appoint the required number of benchers who are licensed to practise law in Ontario as barristers and solicitors.

Term

- (3) Subject to subsection (4), a person appointed to the Board shall hold office for a term not exceeding three years and is eligible for reappointment.

Appointment at pleasure

- (4) A person appointed to the Board holds office as a member of the Board at the pleasure of the Committee.

Chair

4. (1) The Committee shall appoint one member of the Board as chair of the Board.