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INFORMATION ITEM

TO: Students-at-Law & Articling Principals

DATE: March 10, 2024

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SUBJECT: Extension of Student-at-Law Status after the end of an articling term

The Law Society wishes to bring to your attention the possibility of extending a student’s status as ‘student-at-law’ beyond the length of the articling term.

Upon completion of an articling term, a student may, if all the requirements have been satisfied, apply for enrolment as a member of the Law Society (call to the Nunavut Bar). The Law Society requires time to process these applications. We recognise that this means there will be a gap between the date a student’s articling term ends and the date of a call to the Bar.

If a student wishes to continue to provide legal services as a student-at-law during this period, they must notify the Law Society. The Law Society will grant a **120-day extension** provided the student remains working with their current principal and the principal agrees to continue to provide supervision.

Why is it important to obtain an extension?

Without an extension a student cannot lawfully provide legal services as a student-at-law.

Students-at-law have the right to practice law (act as counsel and provide legal services) because they are admitted to the Law Society as ‘students-at-law’. As proof of this status the society issues a Certificate of Admission. The certificate is issued for a period that reflects their articling term (usually 12 months).

Without an extension of their status as student-at-law a student may not lawfully provide legal services in Nunavut. The Law Society may take regulatory action against anyone engaged in the unauthorised practice of law whether as a student or a lawyer.

Can I renew my extension for another 120 days?

No, the extension is not renewable without prior approval of the Executive Committee.

How do I notify the Law Society?

To obtain an extension, including to seek a renewal of the extension, you must complete the **‘Student-at-law Status Extension Notification’ form** and return it to the CEO: ceo@lawsociety.nu.ca. The form must be completed and signed by both the student-at-law and the principal. Incomplete forms will not be processed.

Once your form is received you will be issued with a Certificate of Admission (Extension) reflecting your status as Student-at-Law for the 120-day period following the end of your articling term.

When can I notify the Law Society?

You can notify the Law Society anytime before the end of your articling term or within the 120-day period. Your Certificate of Admission (Extension) will be dated from the date your articling term ended. A copy will be provided to the Student-at-Law and the Nunavut Court of Justice.

Is there a fee?

No, there is no applicable fee.

The terms of this extension policy come into effect on June 1st, 2022.