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June 21, 2016
Notice to the Profession
Re: LSN Model Code Consultation

## Context and FLSC's Model Code

Each of Canada's law societies enforces a code of conduct for members of the legal profession in their jurisdiction. With national mobility of the profession, the law societies recognize the benefit of moving toward a harmonized national standard of rules of conduct so that the public can expect the same ethical requirements to apply wherever their legal advisor may practice law<sup>i</sup>.

The Model Code of Professional Conduct (Model Code) was drafted as a national code for Canadian lawyers, and was approved by the Federation of Law Societies of Canada (FLSC) on October 15, 2009.

## LSN Model Code Review Working Group

With the invaluable efforts and commitment from the Law Society's Model Code Review Working Group and guidance from Ross McLeod<sup>iii</sup>, the Law Society is now in a position to provide a Mode Code draft version and invites its members to submit comments.

## Proposed draft (red line version) - 2014 FLSC Model Code and deadline

- Submit your comments by Friday September 2, 2016 @ 5pm ET to support@admnistrator.nu.ca
- <u>Download</u> the proposed LSN red line Model Code version.
- Read the May 2016 Memo by Working Group Vice-Chair Sacha Paul. The Memo was delivered during the recent LSN May 28, 2016 AGM.

**Please Note**: The proposed red line version does not only include "Nunavut" changes but includes changes made by the Federation that occurred (or are occurring) after October 2014. You can access the Federation 2014 Model Code.

<sup>i</sup> FLSC Website: http://flsc.ca/national-initiatives/model-code-of-professional-conduct/federation-model-code-of-professional-conduct/ [ Accessed on June 20,2016] .

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>ii</sup> FLSC Website: <a href="http://flsc.ca/national-initiatives/model-code-of-professional-conduct/">http://flsc.ca/national-initiatives/model-code-of-professional-conduct/</a> [Accessed on June 20,2016].

Members of the LSN Model Code Working Group are Vice-Chair – Sacha Paul; Thomas Ahlfors, Shelley Miller (Chair, Ethics and Unauthorized Practice Committee) and Barbara Winters. Ross McLeod, Practice Advisor, Law Society of Alberta and Advisor to the LSN Working Group.