

# The Law Society of Manitoba Strategic Plan 2017 - 2020

## Mission Statement

The aim of the Law Society of Manitoba is a public well-served by a competent, honorable and independent legal profession.

**Regulate proactively to protect the public interest by ensuring that legal services are delivered by competent and ethical lawyers.**

- Implement a “Cradle to Grave” approach by assessing and addressing the competence of lawyers at all stages of practice.
- Proactively assist lawyers and law firms to mitigate risk.
- Proactively ensure that lawyers are fit to practice by addressing members’ capacity issues.
- Safeguard client property.

**Build public and stakeholder confidence in the Law Society as the regulator of the legal profession.**

- Communicate effectively with the public and other stakeholders about the Law Society’s mandate as a regulator to protect the public interest.
- Increase the Law Society’s engagement with and education of the public.
- Increase the Law Society’s engagement with the profession.

**Demonstrate leadership in the advancement, promotion and facilitation of increased access to justice for all Manitobans.**

- Explore giving up the profession’s monopoly over the delivery of legal services.
- Increase and improve collaboration with the Courts and other justice system stakeholders to advance, promote and increase access to justice.
- Promote the unbundling of legal services as a way to increase access to justice.

**Promote and improve principles of equity, diversity and inclusion in the regulation of the legal profession and in the delivery of legal services.**

- Demonstrate commitment to equity, diversity and inclusion.
- Promote, support and facilitate equity, diversity and inclusion within the legal profession.
- Address the Calls to Action of the Truth and Reconciliation Committee.

