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Official Appointment to Nunavut Law Foundation April 2014

The Law Society of Nunavut ("Society") and the Nunavut Law Foundation ("Foundation") are proud to announce the official appointment of Marie Belleau to the Board of Directors of the Foundation. Ms. Belleau was appointed during the Society's Executive meeting this past February.

Ms. Belleau was born in Iqaluit, Nunavut. In addition to receiving a fellowship from the International Training Center of Indigenous Peoples and a B.A. in International Studies and Modern Languages from the Université Laval, Ms. Belleau received her Civil (L.L.B.) and Common Law (J.D.) degrees from the University of Ottawa and was called to the Ontario and

Nunavut Bar in 2013 after articling with Nelligan O'Brien Payne LLP in Ottawa. Ms. Belleau is currently legal counsel for Nunavut Tunngavik Inc. in Iqaluit.

Ms. Belleau is committed to community advancement and defending Inuit rights. She served on many boards in various capacities. As a newly called member of the Nunavut Bar and a past recipient of the Lucien Ukaliannuk Award, she will no doubt bring invaluable perspectives and provide guidance on how the Foundation can meet its mandate and increase awareness among communities, students and youth across the Territory about opportunities to receive support from the Foundation.



Marie Belleau - Newly Appointed Board Member

Marie Belleau is appointed for a two-year term effective February 2014. The Foundation's Board of Directors consists of four lawyers appointed by the Society to serve as volunteers. They include Mandy Sammurtok and Cindy Kieu of Iqaluit, and Thomas Lemon of Toronto. In addition, a volunteer lay member is appointed by the Commissioner of Nunavut. Wendy Kootoo-Wood of Cambridge Bay was appointed in September 2013.

The Foundation is a non-profit foundation providing grants and funding throughout Nunavut that benefit Nunavummiut in the following areas: legal education, community justice, legal research and law reform. The monies received by the Foundation come from annual levies collected by the Society from all lawyers who apply for a license to practice in Nunavut.

The Foundation also provides general grants; the Upinnaqtuq Award, in honour of Justice Beverly Browne, to Nunavut high school students; and the Lucien Ukaliannuk Studies in Law award to law students or students engaged in justice-related studies.

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