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NUNAVUT LAW FOUNDATION
LA FONDATION DU DROIT DU NUNAVUT

ANNUAL REPORT

For the year ending December 31, 2018

INTRODUCTION

- Inception* The Nunavut Law Foundation (Foundation) came into being on or about January 12, 2001 upon the transfer of the Nunavut share of capital assets of the Law Foundation of the Northwest Territories.
- Authority* The Foundation is established by and derives its authority from Part VII of the *Legal Professions Act*, RSNWT 1988, and c. L-2, (Act) as amended for Nunavut pursuant to section 76.05 of the *Nunavut Act* (Canada).
- Directors* Pursuant to section 52 of the Act, the affairs of the Foundation are governed by a Board of Directors composed of four persons appointed by the Law Society of Nunavut (Society) from among its members and one person who is not a member to be appointed by the Minister. Under the Act, the Directors have the authority to decide all aspects of its governance and are required annually to report on their activities to the Society.

The Directors of the Foundation at December 31, 2018:

Appointed by the Law Society:	Marie Belleau	Chairperson, Iqaluit (since August 2017)
	Thomas Lemon	Director, Toronto
	Kyle DeYoung	Director, Iqaluit
Appointed by the Minister:	Lisa Tootoo	Director – Public Representative, Iqaluit
Foundation Administrator:	Nalini Vaddapalli	

Auditors The auditors of the Foundation are Lester Landau, Chartered Accountants, Iqaluit.

Contact Persons interested in information about the affairs of the Foundation or about applying for a grant from the Foundation may direct enquiries as follows:

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MANDATE

The Nunavut Law Foundation (Foundation) provides grants for the purpose of encouraging and supporting projects and initiatives that generally serve to advance greater awareness of the law and promote greater access to justice in Nunavut.

Pursuant to section 57(2) of the Act, all members of the Society are legally required to maintain an interest bearing trust account in a bank which is to hold monies held in trust for clients related to legal transactions in Nunavut and to instruct the bank to remit interest earned on such trust monies to the Foundation. However, since the Foundation was established, there have been very few Nunavut practitioners who remitted interest accruing from a trust account. As a necessary alternative, the Society collects from all of its members a special levy which currently represents the source of the Foundation's revenues. The interest and capital from its fund are used for:

- I. Conducting and contributing to research into and recommending law reform and improving the administration of justice,
- II. Contributing to the establishment, maintenance and operation of law libraries,
- III. Contributing to the legal education and knowledge of members and of the people of Nunavut and providing programs and facilities for that purpose,
- IV. Awarding bursaries and scholarships for the study of law or related subjects, and
- V. Providing assistance to legal aid programs, restorative justice programs and programs of a similar nature.

REPORT FROM THE CHAIRPERSON

Board Composition

I have been serving on the Nunavut Law Foundation since May 2014. I was appointed as the Chairperson in August 2017. The other Directors appointed by the Law Society of Nunavut are Thomas Lemon who is based out of Toronto and Kyle DeYoung who is based out of Iqaluit. The Director who is a Public Representative is Lisa Tootoo, based out of Iqaluit. We are currently looking into filling the Law Society appointee vacancy on our Board.

Lucien Ukaliannuk Awards for Law or Law-Related Studies

Lucien Ukaliannuk was a respected Inuit Elder, who passed away on September 29, 2007. Prior to his passing, Mr. Ukaliannuk worked as the Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit Advisor in the Government of Nunavut Department of Justice in Iqaluit. He had also been the Inuit Law Instructor and Mentor to the first cohort of Akitsiraq Law Students. The Foundation wishes to honour Lucien's memory with this award for deserving persons who undertake studies that serve to assist the objects of the Foundation.

In September 2018, the Board was delighted to award 8 deserving recipients, the majority of which are attending the Nunavut Law Program. All of the applicants demonstrated a strong commitment to Nunavut and we wish them the best in their academic endeavours. The Foundation has provided Lucien Ukaliannuk Awards in the total amount of \$20,000 to:

- ❖ Alana Copland
- ❖ David Lawson
- ❖ Marion Lewis
- ❖ Colin Mackay
- ❖ Pascal MacLellan
- ❖ Nuka Olsen-Hakongak
- ❖ Jessika Whiter
- ❖ Peter Petaulassie

Upinnaqtuq Awards

The Upinnaqtuq Awards were established in honour of Justice Beverly Browne, who was the first senior judge in the Nunavut Court of Justice. She demonstrated great leadership in the community and had a strong commitment and passion for working with youth.

**Teacher Danielle Frenette
with Destyni**



The Nunavut Law Foundation provided \$3,000 in Upinnaqtuq Awards to a remarkable group of young Nunavummiut who demonstrated a commitment to leadership, peacemaking and/or rehabilitation. The **2018 recipients of the Upinnaqtuq Award were nominated from all 3 Nunavut regions**. They were:

- ❖ Shane Adams Rankin Inlet
- ❖ Destyni Atatahak Kugluktuk
- ❖ Akutaq Williamson Bathory Iqaluit
- ❖ Tim Idlout Resolute Bay
- ❖ Lou Kopak Iqaluit
- ❖ Kirsten MacDonald Iqaluit
- ❖ Shawna Mike Pond Inlet
- ❖ Ryleigh MacPherson Iqaluit
- ❖ Miles Brewster Iqaluit
- ❖ Muckpah Otak Iqaluit

Shane



Kirsten



**Akutaq, Miles and Muckpah
(left to right)**



Ryleigh



Shawna



General Grants

We have provided General Grants in the total amount of \$15,800 in 2018. The following recipients have been awarded General Grants:

- ❖ University of Saskatchewan/Nunavut Law School Program: emergency funds and cultural programming
- ❖ Chris Hummel: Short-term internship

The Foundation had pledged its support to the Nunavut Law School Program and the Board made use of its discretionary authority under its Reserve Fund Policy to make the amount available.



Students from the Nunavut Law School Program after a mock trial at the Nunavut Court of Justice.

Students are joined by the Honourable Mr. Justice Neil Sharkey, Chief Justice (sixth from left).

Law Libraries

Part of our legislated mandate is to contribute to the establishment, maintenance and operation of law libraries. This has been an ongoing project for the Nunavut Law Foundation. The Foundation is nearing the final stages of the establishment of law libraries in Nunavut. After a selection process was made last year, a number of copies of 9 publications and 2 films were purchased and are ready to be distributed to libraries across Nunavut. The aim is to provide materials that meet the needs of members of the Society as well as the broader public.

The Foundation would like to acknowledge the support from our colleagues in Rankin Inlet and in Iqaluit, including Sara Siebert and lawyers with the Legal Services Board of Nunavut, who have helped with transporting and delivering these documents to Baker Lake as well as the assistance of Ron Knowling, Manager of the Nunavut Public Library Services at the Baker Lake Headquarters. Ron has been instrumental in organizing the distribution across Nunavut of what will be called the “**Legal Information Resource Collection**”:

AUTHOR	TITLE
John Burrows	Canada's Indigenous Constitution (2010)
Thomas Isaac	Aboriginal Law (2016)
Julien D. Payne and Marilyn A. Payne	Canadian Family Law (2015)
The Truth and Reconciliation Commission (McGill-Queens University Press)	The Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada Final Report: "The Inuit and the Northern Experience, V.2 (2015)
Christy Jordan-Fenton & Margaret Pokiak - Fenton	A Stranger at Home: A true story(2011)
Chelsea Vowel	Indigenous Writes (2016)
Nancy Wachowich	Saqiyuq: Stories from the Lives of Three Inuit Women (2001)
Frank Tester & Peter Kulchyski	Tammarniit (Mistakes): Inuit Relocation in the Eastern Arctic 1939-63 (1994)
Dorothy Harley Eber	Images of Justice
Marquise Lepage (DVD)	Martha from the North
IBC Productions (DVD)	Kikkik E-1 472

Association of Canadian Law Foundations

The Association of Canadian Law Foundations (ACLF) annual meeting was held in Vancouver in January 2018. It was held right after the Canada-USA IOLTA (Interest on Lawyers' Trust Accounts) annual meeting. Marie attended the meetings and took the opportunity to continue discussing possible revenue options for the Foundation, to network and learn from how the other Canadian law foundations function.

Other

Website: The Foundation’s website is in the process of being revamped and will be separated from the Society’s website for better clarity and manageability.

SUMMARY OF DISBURSEMENTS

Lucien Ukaliannuk Award for Law or Law-related Studies	\$20,000
General Grants	\$15,800
Upinnaqtuq Awards	\$3,000
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TOTAL	\$38,800