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NUNAVUT LAW FOUNDATION
LA FONDATION DU DROIT DU NUNAVUT

ANNUAL REPORT

For the year ending December 31, 2019

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, 2019:

Appointed by the Law Society:	Marie Belleau	Chairperson, Iqaluit (since August 2017)
	Kyle DeYoung	Director, Halifax
	Sarah Arngna'naaq Michael Chandler	Director, Yellowknife 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 Kyle DeYoung and new this year is Sarah Arngna'naaq and Michael Chandler. The Director who is a Public Representative is Lisa Tootoo. We are currently at full Board capacity.

We would like to thank Thomas Lemon for all the years (2013- 2018) that he has dedicated to volunteering with the Foundation.

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 2019, the Board was delighted to award 4 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 \$14,000 to:

- ❖ Nuka Olsen-Hakongak
- ❖ Emily Karpik
- ❖ Jessika Withers
- ❖ Marley Dunkers

Lucien Ukaliannuk 2019 Recipients



Marley Dunkers (Right)
Nunavut law school program
with Chair, Marie Belleau



Jessika Whitters, University of Ottawa



Emily Karpik (Left)
Nunavut law school program
with Chair, Marie Belleau



Nuka Olsen-Hakongak (Left)
Nunavut law school program
with Director, Lisa Tootoo

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.

The Nunavut Law Foundation provided close to \$2,200 in Upinnaqtuq Awards to a remarkable group of young Nunavummiut who demonstrated a commitment to leadership, peacemaking and/or rehabilitation. The 2019 recipients of the Upinnaqtuq Award were:

❖ Ashley Curley	Arviat
❖ John Ashevak	Cape Dorset
❖ Eden Aglukark	Iqaluit
❖ Lily Hickes	Iqaluit
❖ Simon McDonald	Iqaluit
❖ Mariah Erkloo	Pond Inlet
❖ Russell Kaput	Rankin Inlet

General Grants

We have provided General Grants in the total amount of \$9,500 in 2019. The following recipients have been awarded General Grants:

❖ Intensive Trial Advocacy Program, September 4-7, 2020, Iqaluit



Photo provided by Member of the Organizing Committee, Sara Siebert

❖ Law Society of Nunavut – Continuing Professional Development

The Law Society of Nunavut (LSN), as part of its own mandate, must ensure members of the public are served by competent lawyers. As such, the Foundation was pleased to continue supporting the legal education and knowledge of LSN's members by contributing to the delivery of programs and facilities for that purpose.

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 for a number of years and we are happy to have finally completed this project. The Foundation is now providing a collection of materials that meet the needs of members of the Society as well as the broader public which is called the **Legal Information Resource Collection**.

The Foundation is thankful to Cindy Kieu, past Chair and Director of the Foundation, who lead this important initiative during her tenure.

You can learn more about the community library initiative in the [2018 Annual Report](#).

Association of Canadian Law Foundations

The Association of Canadian Law Foundations (ACLF) annual meeting was held in Fredericton in September 2019. I attended the meetings on behalf of the Nunavut Law Foundation as Chairperson 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.



Legal Information Resource Collection

- Canada's Indigenous Constitution (2010)
- Aboriginal Law (2016)
- Canadian Family Law (2015)
- The Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada Final Report: "The Inuit and the Northern Experience, V.2 (2015)
- A Stranger at Home: A true story (2011)
- Indigenous Writes (2016) Saqiyuq: Stories from the Lives of Three Inuit Women (2001)
- Tammarniit (Mistakes): Inuit Relocation in the Eastern Arctic 1939-63 (1994)
- Images of Justice (2008)
- Martha from the North (DVD)
- Kikkik E-1 472 (DVD)

Other

Website: The Foundation's has updated its website and now has a stand-alone webpage www.nunavutlawfoundation.ca This will help with differentiating the Foundation from the Nunavut Law Society as well as for better clarity and manageability.

Investments: A review of our investments has occurred in order to ensure that the Foundation is maximizing interest on investment revenues. As such, RBC Dominion Securities has been retained by the Foundation to manage the investment of the its reserve funds. This is an ongoing process.

Revenues: The revenues of the Foundation are limited, especially in comparison to other Canadian law foundations that have millions of dollars of income per year, have full time staff, etc. However, the needs in Nunavut are great and the initiatives that the law foundation could undertake and/or support with more funding are considerable. The Board is looking at ways to maximize the Foundation's revenues in order to be able to fully implement all aspects of our mandate to the best of our capacity. Discussions about the Foundation's revenue sources are ongoing.

Communications: We ensure continued communications with the Nunavut public through our website, posters, general outreach, etc. The Foundation continues to demonstrate its commitment to the Official Languages of Nunavut by ensuring that our public communications and documents are available in Inuktut, French and English.

Respectfully submitted.

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Marie Belleau
Chairperson, Nunavut Law Foundation

SUMMARY OF DISBURSEMENTS	
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Lucien Ukaliannuk Award for Law or Law-related Studies	\$14,000
General Grants	\$9,500
Upinnaqtuq Awards	\$2,173.63
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TOTAL	\$25,673.63