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NUNAVUT LAW FOUNDATION
LA FONDATION DU DROIT DU NUNAVUT

ANNUAL REPORT

For the year ending December 31, 2020

INTRODUCTION

- Inception* The Nunavut Law Foundation (the “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, (the “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 (the “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, 2020:

Appointed by the Law Society:	Sarah Arngna’naaq	Chair, Yellowknife (since October 2020)
	Kyle DeYoung	Director, Halifax
	Michael Chandler	Director, Iqaluit
	Eva Tache-Green	Director, Iqaluit
Appointed by the Minister:	Lisa Tootoo	Director-Public Representative, Iqaluit
Foundation Administrator:	Nalini Vaddapalli	

Auditors The auditors of the Foundation are EPR Yellowknife Accounting Professional Corporation, Chartered Professional Accountants, Yellowknife, NT.

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 was created through the *Consolidation of Legal Professions Act*. Through the Law Society of Nunavut (the “Society”), we collect and manage certain funds from lawyers practicing in Nunavut. We are mandated to advance several law-related objectives, as set out in the Act.

Pursuant to section 57(2) of the Act, all lawyers who are members of the Law Society are required to maintain an interest bearing trust account. Any interest earned on the monies held in trust are then supposed to be remitted to the Foundation. Unfortunately since the Foundation was established, there has been very little interest accruing from trust accounts actually held in Nunavut. As a necessary alternative, the Society collects a special levy from all members who are not required to maintain a trust account (i.e. government workers). The interest and capital from our 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 of Directors

My name is Sarah Arngna'naaq and I was appointed as Chairperson of the Board of Directors for the Nunavut Law Foundation in October 2020. I was first appointed to the Board in the fall of 2018 and I look forward to continuing the important work that the Foundation undertakes in this new role. My goal as Chair will be trying to secure additional financial resources for the Foundation, while furthering the strategic plan and mandate of the Foundation.

After six years with the Foundation, Marie Belleau took her leave from the Board at the end of June 2020. On behalf of the Nunavut Law Foundation's Board of Directors: thank you Marie, for all of your work during your time with us. Your exemplary leadership will certainly be missed, but we look forward to seeing what your next chapter holds.

Further, the Foundation welcomed a new Director, Eva Tache-Green, a lawyer with Maliiganik Tukisiinakvik Legal Services, in Iqaluit.

Despite Covid-19 restrictions, the Foundation held five Board meeting throughout this year.



Marie Belleau (right) receiving an Inuit-made wall hanging from **Eva Tache-Green** (left), newly appointed Director to the Foundation

*The wall hanging was made by
Gloria Putumiraqtuq*

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 Qaujimagajatuqangit Advisor in the Government of Nunavut Department of Justice in Iqaluit. He had also been the Inuit Law Instructor and Mentor to the Akitsiraq Law Students. The Foundation wishes to honour Lucien's memory with this award for deserving persons who undertake studies that further the objects of the Foundation.

In September 2020, the Board was pleased to award five deserving recipients, all of whom attended the Nunavut Law Program. Each applicant demonstrated a strong commitment to Nunavut and we wish them all the best as they transition into the practice of law. The Foundation has provided Lucien Ukaliannuk Awards in the total amount of \$16,000 to:

2020 Recipients

- ❖ **Tagalik Ecles**
- ❖ **Emily Karpik**
- ❖ **David Lawson**
- ❖ **Colin Mackay**
- ❖ **Jasmine Redfern**



Left to Right: **Jasmine, Lisa Tootoo (Director) and David**



Left to Right: **Tagalik, Lisa Tootoo (Director) and Emily**

General Grant

The Foundation embarked on an extensive review of the general grant policy to ensure it provides opportunities that are reflective of today's context within the Foundation's mandate.

The review includes revisiting the statutory objects of the Foundation and the criteria outlined in the current policy; and giving consideration to the values of Inuit Qaujimagatuqangit.

Upinnaqtuq Awards

The Upinnaqtuq Awards were established to honour Justice Beverly Browne. She was the first senior judge in the Nunavut Court of Justice and demonstrated great leadership in our legal community. She also had a strong commitment to working with youth. The Upinnaqtuq Award celebrates that passion.

Covid-related delay for the year 2020

Due to Covid-related circumstances, the Foundation deferred the 2020 call for nominations to the following year and will invite nominations for both the year 2020 and 2021. As such, nominations for a student who graduated in 2020 and any student or youth who met the criteria in 2020 will be welcomed.

Other

Website: The Foundation is maintaining its website: www.nunavutlawfoundation.ca. If you would like an update on our work throughout the year, please visit the [updates and announcements](#) webpage.

Investments: We have completed the process of transferring the Foundation's investment assets to RBC Dominion Securities. Over the last year, we have monitored the investment performance and are overall satisfied with the change in services. This year's financial statement will confirm a positive return on the Foundation's investments.

Revenue: The Foundation is limited in annual revenue. A lump sum that was transferred to the Foundation during division from the NWT is the totality of our investments. The annual minimal influx of interest and trust account levy payments are what we use for bursaries and other funding opportunities. In my tenure as Chair, I remain committed to pursuing this strategic file building on the efforts invested by former Chair, Marie Belleau.

Communications: We ensure continued communications with the Nunavut public through our website, posters, social media and general outreach. We thank every organization that help disseminate the Foundation's various funding opportunities. The Foundation continues to demonstrate its commitment to the Official Languages of Nunavut by ensuring that our public communications and annual report are available in English, French and Inuktitut.

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Nakurmiik.
Qujannamiik.
Quana.
Merci.
Thank you.



Sarah Arngna'naaq
Chair, Nunavut Law Foundation

SUMMARY OF DISBURSEMENTS

Lucien Ukaliannuk Award for Law or Law-related Studies	\$16,000
Administrative Costs	\$14,416
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TOTAL	\$30,416