



Federation Launches Consultation on National Good Character/Suitability to Practise Standard

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As part of the Federation's project to develop consistent national standards for admission to the legal profession, a consultation report has been released on a standard for assessing good character/suitability to practise. A copy of the report is available [here](#).

Determining whether applicants for admission possess the required skills and knowledge to practise competently and are suitable for the practise of law is a key element of the responsibility of Canada's law societies to regulate the legal profession in the public interest.

In the first phase of its National Admission Standards Project, the Federation developed a profile of the competencies required upon entry to the profession. The National Entry to Practice Competency Profile for Lawyers and Quebec Notaries has now been adopted by 13 law societies.

The focus of the project is now on drafting a standard for assessing whether applicants are suitable for the practice of law and exploring options for implementing national admission standards.

The consultation on the good character/suitability to practise standard will continue until November 30, 2013.

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