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Federation names new President for 2022-2023

The Federation of Law Societies of Canada is pleased to announce that Jill Perry, K.C. of Sydney, Nova Scotia has been elected President for 2022 - 2023. She joined the Federation Council in 2018 as the nominee of the Nova Scotia Barristers' Society (NSBS).

Jill is the Managing Lawyer (Family) with Nova Scotia Legal Aid in Sydney, where she has worked as a staff lawyer since 2001. Her current practice is concentrated in the area of child protection and she is a past chair of Nova Scotia Legal Aid's Children and Family Services Act Committee.

Jill received her LLB from the University of Victoria in 2000, her MA (History) from Memorial University in 1997, and her undergraduate degree in history from McGill University in 1994. She was called to the Nova Scotia Bar in 2001, and served three terms as a member of Council of the Nova Scotia Barristers' Society prior to being elected as 2nd Vice President. Jill was President of the Nova Scotia Barristers' Society in 2015-2016.

Jill has been a member of the Steering Committee for the National Action Committee on Access to Justice in Civil and Family Matters since 2015. She represented the Federation on the Independent Advisory Board for Supreme Court of Canada Judicial Appointments in 2021. In her home community, Jill is a board member for the YMCA of Cape Breton.

"I am honoured to be entrusted with the important responsibility of leading a major national justice system stakeholder", the new Federation President says. "The Federation is the vehicle law societies use to share information and explore opportunities for collaboration on national issues. One of our key priorities is to support our national project on wellness of the legal profession, and that will continue in the coming year."

The first phase of the project is focused on the results of a study conducted by a research team led by Dr. Nathalie Cadieux at the Université de Sherbrooke. Funding was provided by the Federation of Law Societies of Canada and the Canadian Bar Association. The initial report of the study's findings was released in October.

"Our wellness project will soon move into the next phase, which involves interviews with members of the legal profession in all jurisdictions to help define regional differences in the results published to date. We will also turn our attention to the report's recommendations and specific actions that may be taken to address the serious and very concerning issues that emerge from the data."

The Federation President says other projects will also continue to be top priorities. "The Federation is developing tools for law societies to use to help educate the legal profession about the risks of money laundering. We will also press ahead with our review of the standards new members of the profession must meet in order to be admitted to law society bar admission programs in common law jurisdictions."

The Federation of Law Societies of Canada is the national association of the 14 law societies mandated by the provinces and territories to regulate Canada's legal profession in the public interest. It is the body through which Canada's law societies collaborate at the national level, share information on trends and issues affecting the legal profession, and engage in collective action and decision-making.

The Federation is also the law societies' national and international voice on important issues related to the regulation and core values of the legal profession. For more information on the Federation, please visit our web site at www.flsc.ca.

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