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NUNAVUT LAW FOUNDATION
LA FONDATION DU DROIT DU NUNAVUT

ANNUAL REPORT

For the year ending December 31, 2021

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, 2021:

Appointed by the Law Society:	Sarah Arngna’naaq	Chair, Yellowknife (since October 2020)
	Kyle DeYoung	Director, Halifax
	Eamonn Carroll	Director, Iqaluit
	Eva Tache-Green	Director, Iqaluit
Appointed by the Minister:	Vacant	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* (the “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 am the Chairperson of the Board of Directors for the Nunavut Law Foundation. I was first appointed to the Board in the fall of 2018 and I have been the Chairperson since October 2020. I have welcomed the opportunity to continue the important work that the Foundation undertakes in this new role. My goal as Chair is to secure additional financial resources for the Foundation, while furthering the strategic plan and mandate of the Foundation.

After four years with the Foundation, our lay member, Lisa Tootoo, took her leave from the Board in the fall of 2021. On behalf of the Nunavut Law Foundation's Board of Directors: thank you Lisa, for all of your work during your time with us. Your input and valuable perspective will certainly be missed. To date, the Law Foundation's lay member position has not been filled.

Further, the Foundation welcomed a new Director, Éamonn Carroll, a lawyer with the Government of Nunavut's Department of Justice in Iqaluit.

Despite Covid-19 restrictions, the Foundation held eight Board meeting over the course of the year.

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 Qaujimagatuqangit Advisor in the Government of Nunavut Department of Justice in Iqaluit. He was also 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 2021, the Board was pleased to award one deserving recipient, a recent graduate from the Nunavut Law Program with this award. The applicant demonstrated a strong commitment to Nunavut and we wish them all the best as they transition into the practice of law.

General Grant

A review of the General Grant application process has been ongoing. The review process has not impeded any applicants from applying. We have nearly completed the process and will have it finalized this year.

Upinnaqtuq Awards

The Foundation wishes to acknowledge the extraordinary journey of Madam Justice Beverley Browne who passed away in March of 2021. The Awards were created in 2011 in honour of Justice Browne, who served as a justice in Nunavut from 1990 to 2009 and became the Senior Judge of the Nunavut Court of Justice when Nunavut was created. The Upinnaqtuq Awards were created to commemorate Justice Browne's active volunteerism in Nunavut's communities, her commitment to social justice, and her particular dedication to working with youth.

The Upinnaqtuq Awards were not awarded in 2020 due to COVID-related circumstances. The Award process was reinstated for the 2021 year, and nominations were welcomed for young people for both years. This process was undertaken during the winter of 2022. Seventeen recipients from all three regions received an Award. You can learn more about each recipient on our website.

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: 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. The return on investment for the year reflected the realities of the Canadian economy during the 2021 year.

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 minimal annual influx of interest and trust account levy payments are what we use for bursaries and other funding opportunities. During the 2021 year, the Board began to develop an action plan to secure additional funds for the Law Foundation. The Board expects that taking appropriate steps over the next couple of years will result in additional funds becoming available to the Foundation to fulfill its mandate.

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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Merci.
Thank you.



Sarah Arngna'naaq
Chair, Nunavut Law Foundation

SUMMARY OF DISBURSEMENTS	
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Awards and Grants	\$8,554
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Administrative Costs	\$7,533
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TOTAL	\$16,087
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