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Sent via email

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Dear Jennifer:

Re: 2025 Mandate for Ethics and Lawyer Independence Advisory Committee

Thank you for agreeing to accept the appointment as Chair of the Ethics and Lawyer Independence Advisory Committee for 2025.

In order to fulfill its mandate for 2025, I would appreciate if the committee could endeavour to:

- 1. meet early in 2025 to establish a work plan for the year, which sets out, in general terms, the matters the committee expects to address this year, the outcomes the committee expects to achieve, and the time frames by which it intends to do so:
- 2. provide to the Executive Committee the committee's 2025 work plan by February 28, 2025;
- 3. be available for consultation on any proposed changes to the Model Code of Professional Conduct, including amendments in relation to:
  - a) the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's Call to Action 27;
  - b) the mandatory reporting provisions; and
  - c) other amendments proposed by the Federation Standing Committee on the Model Code of Professional Conduct; and
- 4. consider hearing from D. Geoffrey Cowper, K.C., who has requested an opportunity to meet with the committee to discuss his work on professional ethics in relation to delay and timeliness.

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Finally, please plan to meet with me and First Vice President Spraggs sometime in June, July, or August, for an informal update as to the status of the committee's work for the year.

Yours truly,

Brook Greenberg K.C.

President, Law Society of BC