



**AJEFNE**

L'ASSOCIATION DES JURISTES D'EXPRESSION FRANÇAISE DE LA NOUVELLE-ÉCOSSE

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Ms. Jennifer Palov  
Director –Legal Services Division  
Department of Justice  
5151 Terminal Road  
Halifax, NS B3J 2L6

Dear Ms. Palov,

**Re: Legal Profession Act amendments – AJEFNE**

This will confirm that we have reviewed proposed wording submitted by the Barristers' Society for an amendment to the *Legal Profession Act*. The Board of Directors of l'AJEFNE is agreeable to incorporating this language into the *Act*. Further, AJEFNE is prepared to support this proposed amendment going forward as part of the amendments that will lead to the removal of our seat on Bar Council. We are satisfied that the proposed consultation and reporting process will better meet the objectives of our Association in working towards improving the administration of justice for the Acadian and francophone community in this Province.

The proposed wording of the amendment is as follows:

Section 4(2)

In pursuing its purpose, the Society shall....

(d) seek to improve the administration of justice in the Province by

(i) regularly consulting with organizations and communities in the Province having an interest in the Society's purpose, including, but not limited to, organizations and communities reflecting the economic, ethnic, racial, gender, and linguistic diversity of the Province; and

...

(ii) engaging in such other relevant activities approved by the Council.

- 9 (1) The Council shall employ a person as Executive Director of the Society and fix the Executive Director's remuneration, and may, by regulation, authorize the Executive Director to do any act or exercise any power or jurisdiction that by this Act and the regulations the Council is authorized to do or exercise, except the power to make regulations.
- (2) The Executive Director has the powers and duties given to the Executive Director by or under this Act and the regulations.

- (3) The Executive Director may delegate to one or more employees of the Society any of the Executive Director's powers, duties or functions.
- (4) The Executive Director shall report to Council and the Society's annual meeting on the results of the consultations carried out pursuant to section 4(2)(d).

The Board of Directors of l'AJEFNE wish to take this opportunity to thank all involved for your cooperation throughout and for helping to achieve a satisfactory resolution to this matter.

Yours truly,



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Past President

cc: The Honourable Graham Steele, Minister for Acadian Affairs  
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