

Legal Aid Management Council

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Mandate:

The Legal Aid Management Council is established under *The Legal Aid Manitoba Act*. The Management Council oversees the provision of Legal Aid to Manitobans and deals with appeals for Legal Aid.

Authority:

The Legal Aid Manitoba Act

Responsibilities:

The Management Council is to direct the business and affairs of Legal Aid Manitoba. It must oversee the financial management, manage the resources efficiently, establish operational and strategic policies, and evaluate the quality and cost-effectiveness of the services provided by Legal Aid Manitoba and the delivery of legal aid in Manitoba.

Membership:

At least seven but no more than nine members appointed by the Lieutenant Governor in Council. Three of the councillors must be selected from a list of seven solicitors submitted by the Law Society at the request of the Minister. At least three of the members must be persons who are not solicitors. The Lieutenant Governor in Council must designate one of the councillors as the chair and one as the vice-chair of the council.

Length of Terms:

Appointments are for fixed terms not exceeding three years and may be reappointed.

Desirable Expertise:

Familiarity with property, domestic violence, aboriginal issues, family law and child legal concerns would be an asset.

Familiarity with accounting/audit processes and human resource experience would be an asset.

Time commitment:

- Management Council meets a minimum of four times per year. All Council meetings begin at 5:30 p.m.
- The Chair and Council Members are required to attend Council meetings which can last up to three hours.
- The Finance Committee, comprised of at least two Council Members, meets quarterly to review bank reconciliations. These meetings can last up to three hours.
- Committee meetings, comprised of up to four council members, with the Chair being an *ex-officio* on each Committee, are called when required and can last up to three hours.
- Throughout each month, multiple appeals of decisions made by the Executive Director on taxation and/or applicant eligibility are reviewed and determined by one or more Council Members. Each appeal review and determination can last up to three hours or more. Decisions made by the Appeal Committee are subject to judicial review and must comply with the principles of natural justice and procedural fairness.
- The Chair and the Executive Director meet at least once a month, or more often as needed. Each meeting can last up to three hours.

Meetings:

Management Council meetings are held 12 times per year, generally the last Tuesday of each month. Meetings are held in Winnipeg. Committee meetings occur on an as needed basis.

Remuneration:

Chair: Contract position.

Members: \$79.00 per half day; or \$150.00 per full day

Preparation: \$79.00 per half day; or \$150.00 per full day

Appeal
Committee

Members: \$200.00/meeting including preparation time