

INDIGENOUS BAR ASSOCIATION

TERMS OF REFERENCE – STUDENT CAUCUS

The Indigenous Bar Association

The Indigenous Bar Association (IBA) is a non-profit professional organization for Indian, Inuit and Métis persons trained in the field of law. Its membership consists of Indigenous lawyers (practicing and non-practicing), judges, law professors, legal consultants and law students. The IBA plays an active role in promoting the development of Indigenous law and supporting Indigenous legal practitioners.

The objectives of the IBA are:

- i. To recognize and respect the spiritual basis of our Indigenous laws, customs and traditions.
- ii. To promote the advancement of legal and social justice for Indigenous peoples in Canada.
- iii. To promote the reform of policies and laws affecting Indigenous peoples in Canada.
- iv. To foster public awareness within the legal community, the Indigenous community and the general public in respect of legal and social issues of concern to Indigenous peoples in Canada.
- v. In pursuance of the foregoing objects, to provide a forum and network amongst Indigenous lawyers: to provide for their continuing education in respect of developments in Indigenous law; to exchange information and experiences with respect to the application of Indigenous law; and to discuss Indigenous legal issues.
- vi. To do all such other things as are incidental or conducive to the attainment of the above objects.

The IBA Student Caucus Objectives

The intention of the IBA Student Caucus is to serve as a liaison unit for Indigenous law students across Canada for the dissemination of information and to provide a forum through which Indigenous law students can discuss issues of concern to them that the Student Caucus will bring to the attention of the IBA Board.

The IBA Student Caucus Responsibilities

The core responsibilities of the Student Caucus are:

- To fundraise and to support student activities, including the Student Day portion of the IBA Annual Conference;
- To coordinate the Student Day component of the IBA Annual Conference;
- To establish and maintain contact with existing Indigenous law student organizations at Canadian law schools;
- To provide a forum for Indigenous law students to discuss issues that they face;
- To build stronger links with Indigenous communities
- To act as liaison and to disseminate information between the IBA Board of Directors and Indigenous law students;
- To ensure that issues of importance to students are brought to the attention of the Board of Directors; and

- To determine what information students would like posted to the student portion of the IBA website and to provide that information to the webmaster for posting.

Membership

- At a minimum the IBA Student Caucus will be comprised of the elected Student Representatives of the Western and the Eastern regions;
- Members of the IBA Student Caucus will be IBA student members, law students or articling students, in good standing;
- When possible the Student Caucus will have both an Eastern Student Caucus and a Western Student Caucus that will be coordinated by their respective elected Student Representative on the Board of Directors.