

LAW SOCIETY OF ONTARIO

MOTION TO BE MOVED AT THE MEETING OF CONVOCATION ON OCTOBER 29, 2026

Moved by: Edward Choi

Seconded by: Cheryl Lean

Motion: THAT Convocation shall forthwith establish a Task Force to explore all options available to the Law Society of Ontario (“LSO”) to address the identified concerns of intimidation, dehumanization, and antisemitism at the Toronto Metropolitan University to ensure fairness and equality for law students at institutions accredited by the LSO, and that the Task Force report its recommendations to Convocation no later than February 25, 2027, following which the Task Force shall be dissolved.

Description:

There were recent concerns within the legal profession regarding the Toronto Metropolitan University (“TMU”) External Review 2025-2026 conducted by The Honourable Mary Lou Benotto. Justice Benotto’s findings found that TMU has too often failed to apply policies capable of addressing discriminatory and intimidating conduct consistently and decisively. As a result, many Jewish participants described what they viewed as a redefinition of Zionism on campus as contributing to the growth or normalization of antisemitism. Those students were found to face intimidation, dehumanization, and antisemitism.

The LSO has a duty to uphold the public interest. In the context of law school accreditation, this includes upholding a positive public perception of the legal profession. Pursuant to this duty, the LSO is entitled to ensure equal access to the legal profession, diversity within the bar, and prevent harm to law students. This duty and entitlement are confirmed in paragraph 20 of the *Law Society of British Columbia v. Trinity Western University* [2018] 2 SCR 293.

The Faculty of Law at TMU was accredited by the LSO. LSO allows TMU's law students to enter the lawyer licensing program. It allows TMU law students the Integrated Practice Curriculums to replace articling. TMU also administers the Law Practice Program (English program).

Pursuant to the LSO's duty to serve the public interest by encouraging a safe and inclusive environment for law students in law schools it accredits, Convocation shall forthwith establish a Task Force to explore all options available to the LSO to address the failure of TMU to adhere to these obligations. The Task Face shall be setup pursuant to sections 116.1. to 116.4 of By-Law 3 and report to Convocation with available options and recommendations on or before February 25, 2027.

October 2, 2026

Signed:



Edward Choi



Cheryl Lean