



**August 23, 2017**

**Practice Advisory- Trust Accounts and the Law Foundation**

**Trust Accounts and Trust Account Interest**

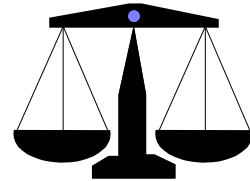
Section 57(2) of the Legal Profession Act requires members who have one or more trust accounts in the NWT to ensure that interest on each account is remitted to the NWT Law Foundation semiannually. Documents that provide further information and a letter template that members can use to instruct the bank to remit the interest to the Law Foundation are below.

In addition prior to opening a trust account in the NWT, Rule 114 requires that a member obtain permission from the Law Society of maintain a trust account. The form to apply to open a trust account is here.

The member shall notify the Law Society of the institution(s) where the member maintains a trust account(s), along with the account number.

If you previously signed an undertaking with the Law Society that you did not maintain a trust account and want to open a trust account in the NWT, you must complete this form, and provide the Law Society with the bank and account information for the trust account.

# THE NORTHWEST TERRITORIES LAW FOUNDATION



## **TRUST ACCOUNTS AND REMITTING INTEREST TO THE NWT LAW FOUNDATION**

The Northwest Territories Law Foundation would like to remind you that Section 57(2) of the *Legal Profession Act* requires every member of the Law Society to “maintain an interest-bearing trust account..... and shall instruct the bank to remit the interest earned on the moneys to the NWT Law Foundation.”

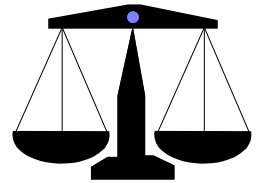
Accordingly, attached is a form of Direction which we would ask you to complete and give to your bank(s) when you open your trust account, and to also file a copy of this form with the Foundation and the Law Society of the Northwest Territories.

If you do not maintain a trust account, or discontinue maintaining a trust account please advise us by letter.

NWT Law Foundation

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# THE NORTHWEST TERRITORIES LAW FOUNDATION



## DIRECTION

TO THE MANAGER:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Bank Branch

\_\_\_\_\_  
Address

Re: The Northwest Territories Law Foundation  
And trust account # \_\_\_\_\_

In accordance with the *Legal Profession Act*, Part VII, I direct you, until further notice, to compute the interest on the above mentioned trust account at the rate negotiated from time to time by the Directors of the NWT Law Foundation and your bank and remit it not less than monthly to:

Northwest Territories Law Foundation  
Box 1298  
Yellowknife, NT, X1A 2N9

The bank is to provide written notice to me at the address shown on the above account, and to the Law Foundation, when each such payment is made. This notice is to include the amount of such payment, the amounts of minimum daily balances, the rate and rates of interest used in computing the amounts comprising the payment, less service charges as per the agreement with the Foundation.

DATED this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Firm Name and Address

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