



BENCH-BAR COMMITTEE

MISSION STATEMENT

The New Brunswick Court of King's Bench, Bench-Bar Committee is a collaborative forum dedicated to facilitating communication, fostering an exchange of ideas, and addressing mutual concerns between members of the judiciary and members of the Bar.

Objectives

1. To provide a structured forum for communication and opportunity to discuss issues of mutual concern between the bench and bar members.
2. To collaborate on developing practical solutions to challenges facing litigants within the jurisdiction of the New Brunswick Court of King's Bench.
3. To review proposed changes and initiatives aimed at enhancing court procedures and practices within the jurisdiction.
4. To provide a means to quickly arrange communication between the bench and bar during crises or unforeseen events affecting the justice system and legal community.

Membership of the Bench-Bar Committee

- Chief Justice of the New Brunswick Court of King's Bench
- Associate Chief Justice of the New Brunswick Court of King's Bench
- A Justice of the Trial Division of the New Brunswick Court of King's Bench
- A Legal Officer of the New Brunswick Court of King's Bench
- Members of the bar

Terms

- Members of the Bar shall serve 3-year terms, except for the initial committee members, whose terms shall be staggered as follows:
 - One-third of members shall serve a one-year term
 - One-third of members shall serve a two-year term
 - One-third of members shall serve a three-year term
- Upon the expiration of a member's term, the Chief Justice of the New Brunswick Court of King's Bench shall appoint a replacement.

Meetings

- The committee shall meet quarterly, with one or two in-person meetings per year, scheduled to coincide with:
 - the CBA New Brunswick Branch Mid-Winter meeting in February
 - the Annual General Meeting of the New Brunswick Law Society in June.
- The remaining meetings of the committee shall be conducted virtually to facilitate participation and minimize disruption to members' schedules.
- Urgent meetings may be convened virtually as needed. Any committee member may request an urgent virtual meeting by contacting the Chief Justice of the New Brunswick Court of King's Bench to address any urgent concern or issue.