

## Susan McGrath named Chair of LAWPRO® Board of Directors

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**Toronto, ON, May 7, 2012:** The LAWPRO Board of Directors announces the appointment of Susan T. McGrath to the position of Chair of the Board.

A sole practitioner based in Iroquois Falls, Ms. McGrath has held leadership roles with the Cochrane Law Association (president, 1983-84), the Ontario Bar Association (president, 1999-2000), and the Canadian Bar Association (president, 2004-2005). As well, she has contributed in many capacities on committees and task forces of these and other legal associations.

Since being elected a bencher of The Law Society of Upper Canada in 2007, Ms. McGrath has served on numerous Law Society committees dealing with issues such as access to justice, professional development and competence of the profession, government relations, and the Law Society's compensation fund. She is well-respected for being an advocate for sole practitioners and small firm lawyers and those working in remote areas.

Board members also thank Ian D. Croft for his leadership and contributions as board Chair over the past four years, and are pleased to announce that he will continue to serve on the board as its Vice-chair; he had served in that capacity for 10 years before being appointed Chair in 2008. His expertise and experience in the accounting, regulatory and governance arenas and the financial services sector are an invaluable asset to the board in an increasingly complex business environment. His return to the Vice-chair's position and the appointment of Ms. McGrath as board Chair resumes a long-standing tradition of having a Law Society bencher lead the LAWPRO Board of Directors.

The 15-member LAWPRO Board of Directors is composed primarily of executives and professionals drawn from the financial and insurance sectors. Five benchers of the Law Society sit on the board, along with Kathleen Waters, LAWPRO's president and CEO, and Law Society CEO Robert Lapper.

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