Truth and Reconciliation 2023

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Thompson Dorfman Sweatman LLP (TDS) is inviting all our lawyers, paralegals, legal assistants and staff to participate in Truth and Reconciliation 2023. This is a collective effort to help further everyone's knowledge and understanding of the generational impacts of residential schools, and to honour and remember the children who never returned home, the survivors, their families and communities.

Over the coming weeks, all TDS lawyers will be participating in the Indigenous Intercultural Awareness and Competency Training called ***The Path*** - this online educational course provided by the Law Society of Manitoba is designed to help us increase our understanding of Indigenous cultures, the impacts of colonization and residential schools and to learn from stories of social and economic success, reconciliation and resilience. Our profession's participation in this course is in response to the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's (TRC) Calls to Action. In particular, #27 calls upon Canadian law societies to ensure all lawyers receive appropriate cultural competency training, which includes learning about "the history and legacy of residential schools, the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, Treaties and Aboriginal rights, Indigenous law, and Aboriginal – Crown relations."

As a symbol of our support for the goals of reconciliation and as a means of increasing our community's awareness, TDS will be providing orange t-shirts to all employees that were purchased from Dreamcatcher

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Promotions, an Indigenous-owned company that donates $2.00 from every shirt sold to an Indigenous organization that supports residential school survivors. We also encourage everyone to participate in virtual and in-person events happening around the city, province and nation, including events and programming held by the **National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation**, Manitoba Museum's programs and exhibits on the history and effects of residential schools and the Winnipeg Art Gallery-Qaumajuq's special programming.

You can find more information on Truth and Reconciliation, as well as educational programs and other events happening throughout Manitoba and Canada below:

- **National Day for Truth and Reconciliation website**
- **The Southern Chiefs' Organization Inc (SCO) event list**
- **Shared Health event list**
- **RRC Polytech event list**

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