

CONSOLIDATION OF DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE ACT

R.S.N.W.T. 1988,c.97(Supp.)
In force September 3, 1991: SI-012-91

(Current to: June 12, 2011)

The following provision has been deleted for the purposes of this consolidation:
s.6 (Commencement)

AS AMENDED BY NORTHWEST TERRITORIES STATUTES:

S.N.W.T. 1994,c.30
S.N.W.T. 1995,c.11

AS AMENDED BY STATUTES ENACTED UNDER SECTION 76.05 OF NUNAVUT ACT:

S.N.W.T. 1998,c.36
In force April 1, 1999

AS AMENDED BY NUNAVUT STATUTES:

S.Nu. 2010,c.4,s.16
s.16 in force March 23, 2010
S.Nu. 2011,c.11,s.1
s.1 in force March 10, 2011

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GLOSSARY OF TERMS USED IN CONSOLIDATIONS

Miscellaneous

- c. means "chapter".
- CIF means "comes into force".
- NIF means "not in force".
- s. means "section" or "sections", "subsection" or "subsections", "paragraph" or "paragraphs".
- Sch. means "schedule".
- SI-005-98 means the instrument registered as SI-005-98 in 1998. (*Note: This is a Northwest Territories statutory instrument if it is made before April 1, 1999, and a Nunavut statutory instrument if it is made on or after April 1, 1999 and before January 1, 2000.*)
- SI-012-2003 means the instrument registered as SI-012-2003 in 2003. (*Note: This is a Nunavut statutory instrument made on or after January 1, 2000.*)

Citation of Acts

- R.S.N.W.T. 1988,c.D-22 means Chapter D-22 of the *Revised Statutes of the Northwest Territories, 1988*.
- R.S.N.W.T. 1988,c.10(Supp.) means Chapter 10 of the Supplement to the *Revised Statutes of the Northwest Territories, 1988*. (*Note: The Supplement is in three volumes.*)
- S.N.W.T. 1996,c.26 means Chapter 26 of the 1996 Annual Volume of the Statutes of the Northwest Territories.
- S.Nu. 2002,c.14 means Chapter 14 of the 2002 Annual Volume of the Statutes of Nunavut.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE ACT

Department of Justice

1. A department of the Government of Nunavut called the Department of Justice is established. S.N.W.T. 1998,c.36,Sch.G,s.1.

Minister of Justice

2. (1) The Minister of Justice appointed by the Commissioner, upon the advice of the Premier, presides over the Department of Justice.

Attorney General

(2) The Minister of Justice is *ex officio* Attorney General for Nunavut. S.Nu. 2010,c.4,s.16.

Deputy Minister of Justice

3. (1) The Commissioner in Executive Council may appoint a Deputy Minister of Justice.

Deputy Attorney General

(2) The Deputy Minister of Justice is *ex officio* the Deputy Attorney General.

Duties of Minister of Justice

4. The Minister of Justice shall

- (a) be the legal member of the Executive Council;
- (b) ensure that the administration of public affairs accords with the law;
- (c) superintend all matters connected with the administration of justice in Nunavut within the authority or jurisdiction of the Legislature or Government of Nunavut;
- (d) advise on the legislation and proceedings of the Legislative Assembly and generally advise the Commissioner in Executive Council on all matters referred to the Minister by the Commissioner in Executive Council;
- (e) advise the heads of the several departments of the Government of Nunavut upon all matters of law connected with those departments; and
- (f) carry out any other duties that may be assigned to the Minister by the Commissioner in Executive Council.

S.Nu. 2010,c.4,s.16.

Duties of Attorney General

5. The Attorney General

- (a) is the official legal adviser to the Commissioner and the Government of Nunavut;
- (b) is entrusted with the powers and charged with the duties which belong to the Attorney General and Solicitor General of England

by law or usage, in so far as those powers and duties are applicable to Nunavut, and also with the powers and duties which by the laws of Canada or of Nunavut belong to the Attorney General for Nunavut.

- (c) shall superintend and conduct all litigation for or against the Government of Nunavut or any department of the Government of Nunavut in respect of any subject within the authority or jurisdiction of the Legislature; and
 - (d) shall carry out any other duties that may be referred to the Attorney General by the Commissioner in Executive Council.
- S.Nu. 2010,c.4,s.16.

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