# EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT

#### BETWEEN:

# NISHNAWBE-ASKI LEGAL SERVICES CORPORATION hereinafter called "NALSC"

- and -

#### **Lenard Comber**

(Term Contract ending March 31, 2024)

#### 1. Employment

You will hold the position of Discharge Program Worker, operating out of NALSC's office in Sloux Lookout and will report to the program coordinator. A brief job description for this position, which may be amended by the Company from time to time, is enclosed hereto as Appendix "A". Your title, duties and responsibilities may be changed at the discretion of the Company, consistent with your role, and shall not constitute a constructive dismissal.

For the period that you are in the contract position, the expectation is that you shall devote the whole of your working time, attention and ability to the business of NALSC and you shall truly and faithfully serve NALSC and shall use your best efforts to promote the interests of NALSC. To that end, you shall not engage in any activities which would result in your interests coming into conflict with the interests of NALSC.

Should this be an internal transfer to a different [Full time/contract] position within the organization, all current benefits and pension will continue with no interruption. If there are changes in salary, pension deductions will be adjusted accordingly.

#### 2. Term

Your term will begin on April 1, 2023 and expire on March 31, 2024 and is subject to the termination provisions contained herein. This position is based on the availability of approved funding for the Discharge Program.

# 3. Probationary Period

There will be no additional probationary period with this internal transfer.

#### 4. Compensation and Benefits

You will receive the following compensation and benefits:

- (a) Salary. You will be paid \$53,000 annually. Our payroll is administered biweekly.
- (b) Benefits. Your Benefit terms and eligibility will remain the same and continue from your previous position.
- (c) Pension. Your Benefit terms and eligibility will remain the same and continue on without interruption, from your previous position. If there is a change in compensation, your Pension will adjust accordingly.

You agree and acknowledge that all benefit coverage and enrolment in NALSC's pension plan shall cease upon the last day of employment in the event of your resignation or your termination for just cause, or, if you are terminated without cause, shall cease at the end of the notice period outlined in section eight (8) below or as prescribed by section 57 of the ESA.

#### 5. Vacation

Your vacation status and entitlement will continue with no interruption or changes. Please note that vacation entitlement is per your annual hire date and is earned throughout the calendar year. Although every effort will be made to provide you with vacation time requested, you acknowledge that there may be times when certain vacation time is denied due to the specific needs of NALSC's business. Vacation requests must be made in writing to your Program Manager at least one (1) month prior to the requested vacation period. Should the foregoing amount be less than the minimum entitlement to vacation required in the ESA, then the minimum amount required by that statute shall apply.

Vacation time must be pre-approved and will be scheduled at mutually convenient times recognizing that, in a small office such as ours, we must always be conscious of having coverage.

#### 6. Hours of Work

You will be required to work two shifts: Shift 1 - 9:00 am - 5:00 pm & Shift 2 - 1:00 pm - 9:00 pm eastern standard time or central standard time. The worker on Shift 2 will be compensated for covering the weekend on call beginning at 9:00 pm Friday evening to 11:00 pm Sunday evening. All discharge program workers will rotate work both shifts and a schedule will be prepared for the workers to follow. If you should need a specific weekend off, you may decide with your co workers and inform your manager of the change.

For weekend/on call coverage, you will be compensated as per ESA standards.

- If an employee is on-call to work or is required to work but works less than three hours despite being available to work longer, the employee is entitled to wages for at least three hours' pay if they worked less than that time.
- Note that an employee who is not at the workplace but is "on call" is not considered to be working unless the on-call employee is called into work. All workers are required to note their hours worked while on call and submit to their manager.

If you are required or work, or request to work, more hours than provided for in this Agreement you must first obtain the written direction or written approval of your direct supervisor within 24 hours of working such hours.

#### 7. Personnel Policies. Procedures and Rules

You will be bound by any personnel policies, procedures and rules established by NALSC. By signing this Agreement, the Employee confirms that you have been provided with, has read and agrees to abide by all policies, procedures and rules established by NALSC.

#### 8. Termination

While it is difficult to discuss the conclusion of a relationship at the outset, we believe it is helpful to address these issues so that both parties have clarity moving forward.

- (a) By the Employer. This contract can be terminated by NALSC upon providing the Employee with the greater of 30 days notice or the Employee's statutory notice and entitlements pursuant to the Employment Standards Act, 2000. The aforementioned payments and benefits are inclusive of any damages at common law and nothing further is owed.
- (b) By the Employee. If you elect to terminate this Agreement, you shall provide NALSC with four weeks' written notice. This notice may be waived by NALSC at its sole discretion, without any further payment or obligation to you.

# 10. Confidentiality

During the term of this Agreement, you will have access to information that NALSC considers to be confidential. Such confidential information includes, but is not limited to, any information concerning clients, billing rates, employees, methods of procurement, financial, purchasing, marketing, logistical and or sales strategies and techniques of NALSC and other secret information and that such information constitutes valuable, special and unique property of NALSC.

Accordingly, you agree that you will not, at any time, (either during employment or at any time thereafter) directly or indirectly, disclose to or for the benefit of any person, firm, corporation, association, business entity or agency, governmental or private, of any nature whatsoever and whosesoever situate, any confidential information of NALSC, except in connection with the performance of your duties on behalf of NALSC or as publicly available other than as a consequence of the breach by you of your confidentiality obligations hereunder.

## 11. Return of Company Property and Documents

At the conclusion of employment, or earlier if requested by NALSC, you shall promptly surrender to NALSC, without retaining copies, all tangible items which are or contain confidential information pertaining to NALSC. You shall also return all electronic devices, files, memory keys, correspondence, memoranda, documents, training materials, manuals, computer software, hardware and printouts,

working papers, client lists, telephone/address books, business cards, appointment books, calendars and other tangible items which NALSC gave to you, or which you created in whole or in part within the scope of your employment, even if these items do not contain confidential information.

#### 13. Authorization

By signing this letter, you authorize NALSC to deduct from any outstanding payment, including wages, owed to you by NALSC at any time, any monies which you owe to NALSC.

## 14. Entire Agreement

This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement between the parties with respect to the subject matter hereof and cancels and supersedes any and all prior and contemporaneous agreements, discussions and understandings. There are no representations, warranties, forms, conditions, undertakings or collateral agreements, express, implied or statutory between the parties other than as expressly set forth in this Agreement. No waiver, modification or termination of any term of this Agreement shall be effective unless in writing and signed by all parties.

#### 15. Severability

The provisions, paragraphs and sub-paragraphs of this Agreement are and shall be deemed to be severable the one from the other. If any one or more of the provisions, paragraphs or sub-paragraphs contained herein shall be invalid, illegal or unenforceable in any respect, the validity, legality and enforceability of the remaining provisions, paragraphs and subparagraphs contained herein shall not in any way be affected or impaired.

#### 16. Headings

The headings contained in this Agreement are for reference purposes only and shall not in any way affect the meaning interpretation of this Agreement.

#### 17. Governing Law

This Agreement shall be governed in all respects by the laws of the Province of Ontario and the laws of Canada applicable therein.

#### 18. Assignment

Except as otherwise provided herein, no assignment of any rights or delegation of any obligations provided for herein may be made by any party without the express written consent of all other parties hereto. Notwithstanding the foregoing, NALSC may, upon two (2) days written notice to you, assign its rights, together with its obligations hereunder, to any associate or affiliate of NALSC.

#### 19. Interpretation

The language used in this Agreement shall be deemed to be the language chosen by the parties to express their mutual intent, and the Agreement shall be interpreted without regard to any presumption or other rule requiring interpretation of the Agreement more strongly against the party causing it to be drafted.

#### 20.Independent Legal Advice

You acknowledge that you have had ample opportunity to obtain independent legal advice in connection with the negotiation and ultimate execution of this Agreement, If you did not obtain independent legal advice, it is because you understood this Agreement, and did not feel that you needed legal advice. You therefore confirm that you are executing this Agreement freely, voluntarily and without duress.

# 21. Copy of the Agreement

You hereby acknowledge receipt of a copy of this Agreement duly signed by NALSC.

Lenard, I extend a very warm welcome to you. I hope you find your employment with the organization challenging and rewarding and look forward to a mutually successful future together.

Yours Truly,	
Colette Shwetz Colette Shwetz	
Colette Shwetz HR Manager	
I hereby accept the position I have been offered and agletter of employment.	ree to abide to all the terms and conditions outlined in the
Employee Signature	Date

# Nishnawbe-Aski Legal Services Corporation

March 28, 2022

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1388 Missen Rd. Fert William Phil Malien, ON Phil IN7 Dear Lenard;

**RE: Leave of Absence Extension** 

Your current leave of absence has been approved to be extended from March 31, 2022 to March 31, 2023.

All your benefits will continue for the duration of your leave in your new position.

If you have any questions, please contact the Human Resource Manager Colette Shwetz at anytime.

Thanks,

Don Rusnak

Manager of Legal Services

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Colette Shwetz **HR Manager** 

I hereby accept the position I have been offered and agree to abide to all the terms and conditions outlined in the letter of employment.

Lanard Comber

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