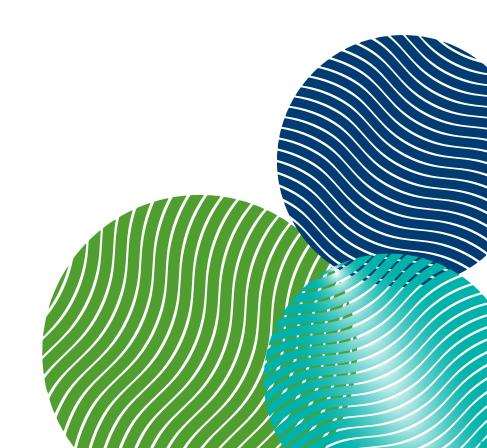


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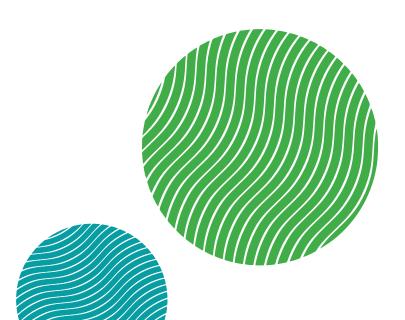
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2017 - 2018 MEMBERS



PRESIDENT

Evatt Merchant, QC

Merchant Law Group LLP



VICE PRESIDENT

Nicholas Cann

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Saskatchewan Ministry of Justice



PAST PRESIDENT

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PUBLIC OUTREACH
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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Monteen Dent

CBA Saskatchewan



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

EVATT MERCHANT QC

It has been my privilege to serve as President and interact with so many dedicated CBA Saskatchewan members over the past year. Our Branch is a robust organization due to its outstanding members.

Since September 2017, the Branch has coordinated various activities including the 2018 Mid-Winter Meeting, initiatives with the U of S College of Law and Law Day events.

As demonstrated by this Annual Report, the Branch continues to provide our members with valuable services, including continuing legal education through our Sections and Mid-Winter Meeting. This high quality CPD is only made possible due to a local Bar and Bench who generously volunteer their time for CBA activities, to benefit our profession and through it the public.

Our Branch's financial position remains healthy due to prudent budget decisions by our current and previous Branch Boards.

THE NEW "DOUBLE MAJORITY" RULE AND OTHER CHANGES FOR THE CBA

As part of implementing CBA ReThink, there is a new requirement that any fundamental amendment to the national structure or financing of the CBA requires motions to be passed by both the CBA's Board of Directors and by at least half of the Provincial Branches' executives. This new amending formula is described by Article 70(3) of the national CBA Bylaw (No. 1), which states: "A Regulation, amendment or rescission dealing with membership fees, Branch Sections, Branch finances and budgeting or Branches (sic) must be approved by the [CBA National] Board of Directors of the Association and by the [Provincial] Executives of at least one half of the Branches that have in aggregate at least one half of the voting members of the Association." In practice, this new governance model means that any major decisions regarding the structure of our national organization requires greater consultation and endorsement at the Branch level.

The CBA has also eliminated its annual August conference (which was known as the national CLC) and instead now holds a one-day AGM in Ottawa. As a result, local HUBS were set up in Regina and Saskatoon on February 15th to allow CBA members to participate by videoconference in the national AGM, including voting on resolutions.

VOLUNTEERS AND STAFF

CBA Saskatchewan Branch remains in good health due to the generous service of its volunteers. I am very grateful to our staff at the CBA Saskatchewan Office and the Branch Council/Board members for their hard work throughout this past year. I am pleased to entrust the CBA's ceremonial gavel to Nicholas Cann, as he takes over the reins for the upcoming year.

Evatt Merchant, QC

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

NICHOLAS CANN

I have had the pleasure of assisting our President, Evatt Merchant, QC, over the past year. In addition to supporting the work of the President, the Vice-President is involved in various Committees and CBA tasks. I will take this opportunity to highlight the following services provided to members in 2017-2018:

- Over 125 section lunches in over 30 substantive sections providing skill enhancement, tools and resource development and networking opportunities.
- The continued Branch relationship with the University of Saskatchewan College of Law, including the very successful mentorship program, mock interviews and firm showcase.
- Free section lunches for articling students to assist in preparing them for entering the practice of law.
- Three editions of BarNotes dealing with substantive and topical issues.
- · The 2018 Mid-Winter Meeting in Regina, with over 200 attendees. The next Mid-Winter Meeting will be held in Saskatoon on January 31 and February 1, 2019.
- · The Branch Board Strategic Planning meeting in March 2018 reviewed information gathered by Nanos Research to identify issues of importance to the membership, including more access to Professional Development at little or no cost and continued networking opportunities.
- · Also, the CBA Professional Development website at www.cbapd.org will be updated soon making it easier for members to register and track events.

I would like to extend my thanks to CBA Saskatchewan Branch office staff and the entire Board of Directors for the time and effort they expended on behalf of Branch members.

Nicholas Cann

VICE PRESIDENT

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TREASURER'S REPORT

LORELEY BERRA

The Branch Board of Director's annual budget review resulted in a proposed 2018-2019 budget of \$453,664, allowing for a small surplus of \$9006. This budget is to be approved at the annual meeting.

In 2016-2017, Branch revenue was \$539,984, expenses were \$464,537, and there was a surplus of \$75,447. As of March 31, 2018 the 2017-18 revenues were \$489,769 and expenses were \$334,249, leaving a surplus to date of \$197, 403.

Lower revenues for the proposed budget come <u>as a result of</u> an expected reduction in membership revenue due to the new CBA Funding Formula including a reduced membership fees for Reg 4+ members as approved by the National Board of Directors in late 2017.

Total Branch assets as of April 30, 2018 are \$725,902 of which \$712,394 is Cash and Investments and \$13, 508 are Capital Assets.

As the CBA continues to move through its reinvention and focus on value for membership, the Branch Board of Directors, along with the Executive Director will work to ensure budgetary impacts are minimized as much as possible while attempting to maximize value for membership.

Branch financial statements for the year ending August 31, 2017 were prepared by Price Waterhouse Coopers and are available at the end of this Annual Report.



EDUCATION DIRECTOR'S REPORT

RECHÉ MCKEAGUE

This was the first year for this newly established position on the branch's board of directors. Its purpose is to support the education initiatives of the branch, both for practicing and student members.

Collaborating with the College of Law Career Office, the branch coordinated a successful Saskatchewan Law Firm Showcase on November 1, 2017. Thank you to our many volunteers who agreed to present on career topics to the students, and to the many firms and organizations who participated in the Showcase itself. The students appreciated the information and networking opportunities.

On January 24, 2018, the branch again collaborated with the College of Law Career Office to provide mock interviews to students at the College of Law. Many thanks to our volunteers who spent a half or full day conducting interviews and critiquing resumes. I received a number of emails from students advising of the great value they found in the sessions.

Sections are the continuing foundation of the branch's education for its members. As you can see from the section reports included in this annual report, a great number of interesting and informative section meetings were held this year. Our thanks to all the section executive members who have completed their terms and to all of those who continue – sections would not happen without your time and commitment.

Many changes have and are taking place respecting sections as the branch adapts in response to CBA 2.0 and addressing members' needs. The section executives have been vocal in advising the board of directors on what is and what is not working for their section members. We encourage your feedback as we continue to change to serve you better.

In future years, the Education portfolio will include support for the branch Mid-Winter Meeting Committee. However, the planning for the 2018 Mid-Winter Meeting was already well underway before I began in this position in September 2017. I look forward to working with the 2019 Mid-Winter Meeting Planning Committee next year.

LEGISLATION AND LAW REFORM

KATHRYN GILLISS

This year the Legislation and Law Reform portfolio dealt with numerous interest areas by way direct submission and by member and section engagement. The year began in discussions with CLASSIC regarding consultation and advocacy with respect to amendments to the Payday Loans Regulations. However, the Ministry announced changes to this legislation before any consultation and/or advocacy was needed. Although we didn't assist/comment on the development of these amendments, we are pleased with the Ministry's approach and changes.

The main submission and comment made by CBA Saskatchewan this year addressed the taskforce commissioned by the Government of Saskatchewan with respect to Non-lawyer services in Saskatchewan. The CBA provided the task force with our comment on the issue in October and was able to continue consultation through conference calls with members of the task force as well as other practitioners across the province in December 2017.

In January 2018 the CBA sat down with students at the College of Law with respect to access to justice issues in rural Saskatchewan. Our conversation dealt with perceived access to justice issues in rural Saskatchewan, practitioner retention in rural areas, and possible modifications to the articling model in Saskatchewan to promote rural practice. We had meaningful discussion around these issues and the research group published their findings through the Dean's Forum on Access to Justice and Dispute Resolution in late February.

The CBA also participated in a Criminal Justice Roundtable focused on the impact of cannabis legislation and other criminal justice system changes under consideration by the Federal Government. While I was unable to attend these meetings, a huge thank you is extended to Darren Kraushaar for attending as the Criminal Justice South Section Chair.

We were also able to provide opportunities for member feedback on a number of issues this past year. The CBA sought input from our members through CBA SaskWatch and various section emails on the following issues: Non-Lawyer Legal Services in Saskatchewan, early dispute resolution, CBA Intervention proposal on Mazraani c. Industrielle Alliance, Assurance et services financiers Inc., and Law Reform Commission on Assisted Reproduction & Parentage.

Throughout the year we had a number of interested parties come forward expressing interest in assisting in our Legislation and Law Reform projects. This leaves me very optimistic with respect to the direction this portfolio is heading. It is clear that our members have an interest in shaping their profession. While this is my last year as LLR director, I am confident that my successor will bring an enthusiastic approach to the portfolio and I look forward to assisting in any way I can.

PUBLIC OUTREACH

CHRIS WEITZEL

Law Day celebrates the signing of Canada's Charter of Rights and Freedoms in the month of April. In Saskatchewan we had the opportunity to engage and inform the public about the Charter and various aspects of the justice system with a variety of events throughout the month.

MOCK TRIAL COMPETITION

The Mock Trial Competition recreates the dramatic centre of the justice system by allowing high school students to play roles in a trial including prosecutor, defence counsel and witness. This year saw 6 teams compete at the Saskatoon Queen's Bench Court House on April 14.

MULTIMEDIA CONTEST

This event provides an opportunity for Grades 5 - 8 to learn and demonstrate an understanding of the rights of Canadians through visual arts and written/verbal works. Over 20 submissions were on display April 14 at the Court of Queen's Bench during the Mock Trial Competition.

LECTURE

The CBA partnered with Johnson Shoyama Graduate School of Public Policy for a Public Lecture "Beyond Reasonable Doubt: The Challenge for Justice in Saskatchewan" on April 4 in Regina. This was a panel discussion with respected members of the Court, Public Prosecutions and the Defence Bar to discuss the value of the criminal justice system, its respect for individual rights and proposals for change.

PHONE CLINIC

In partnership with Pro Bono Law Saskatchewan a free phone clinic was held in April. Over 45 members of the public set up 30-minute appointments to talk with a volunteer lawyer about general legal information.

LAWYERS IN CLASSROOM

Volunteer lawyers attended high school classrooms around Saskatchewan to talk about the Charter, the justice system and being a lawyer.

Thank you to the 2018 Law Day Committee for its hard work and effort in making our events a success as well as the many volunteers.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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Lora Bansley

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Arnot Heffernan Slobodian Law

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Financial & Consumer Affairs

Megan Lorenz

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Automobile Injury Appeal

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Neil Robertson, QC

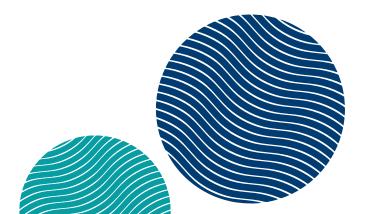
Neil Robertson Law

Sandy Song

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2017 - 2018 BRANCH COMMITTEES







AWARDS COMMITTEE

TERRY J. KIMPINSKI, QC

The Awards Committee oversees the administration and awarding of both the Distinguished Service Award and the Community Service Award.

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

The Distinguished Service Award recognizes significant and exceptional contributions and/or achievements by members of the CBA Saskatchewan:

- to the legal profession in Saskatchewan; or jurisprudence in Saskatchewan or Canada;
- to the law or the development of law in Saskatchewan; or
- involving a significant law-related achievement for the benefit of residents of Saskatchewan.

The Committee was proud to present this Award to Gerald Tegart, QC on February 2, 2018 at the Distinguished Service Award Luncheon held in conjunction with the Branch Annual Mid-Winter Meeting in Regina.

COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD

The Community Service Award recognizes the valuable contributions of our members who have demonstrated outstanding dedication, public service and commitment to their respective communities throughout the Province. This Award is presented annually at the Branch Annual Meeting.

This year, the Awards Committee selected David Stack, QC as the deserving recipient. The Award will be presented to Mr. Stack on June 14, 2018 as part of the CBA Saskatchewan Branch Annual Meeting in Saskatoon.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

CHAIR

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Evatt Merchant, QC Merchant Law Group LLP

Neil Robertson QC Neil Robertson Law Firm

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RESOLUTIONS, CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS

ROBERT THORNTON, QC

As the Branch Bylaws were reviewed and amended in 2017, the Branch Board of Directors and the Resolutions, Constitution and Bylaws Committee have not undertaken a review of the Bylaws this year.

Since the 2017 Annual Meeting, there have been no resolutions of Branch Council other than customary motions Council Meeting Minutes and Council Meeting agendas.

This Committee greatly appreciates the dedication and admirable work of Brenda Hesje, who served on this Committee for many years.

Respectfully submitted this 24th day of May, 2018.

MID-WINTER MEETING COMMITTEE

JANA LINNER

The Mid-Winter Meeting was held in Regina on February 1 and 2, 2018. The conference theme was "Practice. Diversity." with sessions on substantive legal knowledge, the legal profession itself and topics pertaining to greater societal issues and the impact on the law and lawyers. We heard about the diversity of not only who we are and who we represent but also how we practice.

The meeting opened Thursday morning with an update from Justice Minister Don Morgan, QC. During the W.R. (Bob) Pelton Memorial Lecture, Mr. Justice Brown of the Supreme Court of Canada presented a compelling case as to why Emmett Hall should be deemed "The Greatest Judge". On Friday morning, the day started with a plenary session on Reconciliation and Healing. His Grace Archbishop Don Bolen, joined by Elder Robert Bellegarde and Indigenous Health Coordinator Tracy McKenzie, lead an engaging presentation about the Church and the Truth and Reconciliation process moving forward. The Closing Plenary was an informative (and, surprisingly funny!) conversation with the Courts. Chief Justice Richards, Chief Judge Plemel and Justice Barrington-Foote candidly discussed current issues and challenges facing the courts and the justice system.

The CPD sessions were varied, allowing attendees to hear presentations on criminal law, family law, contract law, labour law, privacy law, advocacy and more. There were four concurrent educational streams. The goal of the planning committee was to ensure that each time slot contained four disparate topics so that attendees could find something of interest at each of the CPD sessions.

Katherine Melnychuk and Nicholas Cann did an excellent job planning this year's Thursday Night Social at The Capitol. Attendees were able to catch up with colleagues while enjoying custom cocktails, delicious appetizers and a live jazz band. Almost all in attendance supported the 50/50 draw with the proceeds supporting the Regina Open Door Society.

We had a record number of exhibitors and sponsors this year. The Mid-Winter Meeting would not be possible without their generous support: Ashmeade & Low; AJEFS; Chicago Title, ChildView; CIRA Health Solutions; the University of Saskatchewan, College of Law; CourtCall; Delta Regina; Do Process Software; FCT; Globe Printers; Graycon IT; Information Services Corporation; Law Society of Saskatchewan Libraries; LawyerDoneDeal Corp.; Lawyers Financial – James Britton; Leland Kimpinski LLP; MLT Aikins LLP; McKercher LLP; Merchant Law Group LLP; Olive Waller Zinkhan Waller LLP; PLEA; Pro Bono Law Saskatchewan; Regina Bar Association; Regus Business Centre; Saskatchewan Law Reform Commission; Saskatchewan Ministry of Justice; SaskTel; SGI; Stewart Title; TitlePlus; Virtus Group; VoicePro Technologies; Xpera Risk Mitigation & Investigation.

I also want to extend my appreciation to the CBA Saskatchewan Branch staff, Brenda Hesje, Monteen Dent and Duncan Shury as well as our exceptional planning committee members for their hard work and dedication. Be sure to mark your calendars and save the date for next year's Mid-Winter Meeting in Saskatoon on January 31 and February 1, 2019.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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Neil Robertson, QC Neil Robertson Law

Greg Sykes
Ombudsman Saskatchewar

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

NEIL ROBERTSON, QC

Pursuant to Canadian Bar Association, Saskatchewan Branch Bylaw 13(2), the Nominating Committee has submitted the following slate of candidates to the Executive Director.

BRANCH COMMITTEES & CHAIR

Awards: Terry Kimpinski, QC

Education: Reché McKeague Equality: Jennifer Pereira

Judicial Compensation and Benefits: Nicholas Cann Legislation & Law Reform Review: Kathryn Gillis Public Outreach/Law Day: Kathryn Gillis Mid-Winter Meeting: Jennifer Pereira Nominating: Evatt Merchant, QC Queen's Counsel: Evatt Merchant, QC

Resolutions, Constitution and Bylaws: Robert Thornton, QC

JUDICIARY REPRESENTATIVES

Court of Appeal for Saskatchewan: Chief Justice Robert Richards Court of Queen's Bench: Justice Ron Mills – 2 yr term done 17/18 Provincial Court of Saskatchewan: Judge Pat Reis

ABORIGINAL LIAISON

Stephanie Lavallee

Below is the list of CBA Saskatchewan Branch Board of Directors, Elected Members of Council as well as nominations and appointments to National Standing Committees, Branch Sections and representatives on external bodies required to be nominated or appointed at this time by either the Nominating Committee, Board of Directors, or Council, according to the powers vested in each of these bodies by the Branch Bylaws.

APPENDIX "A"

2018-2019 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President: Nicholas Cann Vice-President: Loreley Berra Treasurer: Chris Weitzel

Immediate Past President: Evatt Merchant, QC

Education Director: Reché McKeague

Legislation and Law Reform Director: Charmaine Panko

Public Outreach Director: Kathryn Gillis

2018-2019 ELECTED MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

Northeast Electoral District: Eric Tollefson Northwest Electoral District: Mike Riou

Regina Electoral District: Stephen Dribnenki, Megan Dolo, Laura Klemmer,

Crystal Norbeck, Greg Syskes, Mariel Wellsch

Saskatoon Electoral District: Megan Lorenz, Brea Lowenberger, Joni MacKay,

Bonnie Missens, Galen Richardson, Clint Welland

Southeast Electoral District: Vacant Southwest Electoral District: Andrea Argue

Member-At-Large: Jeff Howe

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

CHAIR

Neil Robertson, QC Neil Robertson Law

Megan Dolo Farm Credit Canada

Reché McKeague Saskatoon City Solicitor's

Evatt Merchant, QC Merchant Law Group LLP

Sharon Pratchler, QC Ministry of Justice

BRANCH REPRESENTATIVES ON JOINT COMMITTEES/ EXTERNAL BODIES

Advisory Committee on Judicial Appointments: Diana Lee, QC

Bar Judicial Councils:

Court of Appeal: Christine Glazer, QC and Murray Sawatzky, QC

Queen's Bench: Jeff Grubb, QC and Jennifer Pereira Provincial Court: Bonnie Missens and Suzanne Young

Canadian Bar Insurance Association (Lawyers Financial): David Thera, QC

Public Legal Education Association: Andrea Jorde Queen's Bench Rules of Court: Michelle Ouellette, QC Round Table on the Criminal Justice System: Aaron Fox, QC

2018 - 2019 BRANCH SECTION CHAIRS

Aboriginal Law North Canadian Corporate Counsel South Privacy & Access Law South

Shoshanna Paul Jamie Patterson Kristél Kriel

Aboriginal Law South Criminal Justice South Public Sector & Municipal Law South
Riva Farrell-Racette Matthew Schmeling Steven Dribnenki

Alternative Dispute Resolution North Civil Litigation North Real Property North
Lindsay Hill Samuel Edmondson Mike Derbowka

Administrative & Labour Law North Civil Litigation South Real Property & Wills South

Brent Matkowski Holli Kuski Bassett Jeff Norwig

Administrative & Labour Law South
Ronni Nordal

Construction Law

Taxation Law South
Murray Sawatzky, QC

Ryan Holfeld

Articling Students North Environmental & Resource Law North Wills Estate & Elder Law North

Anna Beatch Chad Eggerman Jan Marie King

Articling Students South Environmental & Resource Law South Women Lawyers North

Calen NixonKenton GrayJessie BuydensInsolvency NorthFamily Law NorthWomen Lawyers SouthMike RussellSamantha NeillCarly Romanow

Business Law North Family Law South Young Lawyers North
Chris Porter David Couture Fraiba Jalal

Business Law South Immigration Law Young Lawyers South
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Canadian Corporate Counsel North Privacy & Access Law North

2017 - 2018 BRANCH SECTIONS





ABORIGINAL LAW NORTH

LEAH BITTERNOSE, SHOSHANNA PAUL

2017 - 2018 MEETINGS

- September 17, 2017 (joint with Privacy Law South)
 Daniels v Canada
 Kathy Hodgson-Smith, Hodgson Smith Law Office
- January 18, 2018
 First Nations Water Rights, Sources and Scope Rangi Jeerakathil, MLT Aikins LLP
- March 28, 2018 (joint with Business Law North)
 Business Implications of Aboriginal Law
 Dwight Newman, Professor of Law & Canada Research Chair
 Indigenous Rights in Constitutional & International Law

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

CO-CHAIR Leah Bitternose

Bitternose Law Office

CO-CHAIR Shoshanna Paul

Des Nedhe Development

ABORIGINAL LAW SOUTH

RIVA FARRELL RACETTE

2017 - 2018 MEETINGS

- September 26, 2017 (joint with Public Sector & Municipal Law South)
 Responding to the Reconciliation Calls to Action
 James Froh, Interlocutor of the Saskatchewan Office of the Provincial
 Interlocutor
 Dana Turgeon, Historical Information and Preservation Supervisory,
 City of Regina
- November 24, 2017 (joint with Business Law South)

 Business Implications of Aboriginal Law

 Dwight Newman, Professor of Law & Canada Research Chair
 Indigenous Rights in Constitutional & International Law
- April, 20, 2018
 Ministry Program where Ministry mediators enter into workplaces to assist with conflict.

 Kristin Anderson, Ministry of Labour Relations and Mediation
- March 26, 2018 (joint with Articling North)
 Implications of Water Management Laws in Saskatchewan Drainage and the Duty to Consult
 Michelle Brass, Brass Law

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

CHAIR Riva Farrell Racette MLT Aikins LLP

ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION

LINDSAY HILL

2017 - 2018 MEETINGS

• September 26, 2017

New developments in collaborative law (involvement of other collaborative professionals) and when collaborative law should and should not be used.

James Morrison, QC, McDougall Gaulley LLP

November 28, 2017

Effect of stress on the brain and the impact of the same on a client's ability to participate in ADR.

Connie den Hollander, Knort den Hollander

February 27, 2018

Ministry Program where Ministry mediators enter into workplaces to assist with conflict.

Kristin Anderson, Ministry of Labour Relations and Mediation

• March 26, 2018 (joint with Articling North)

What ADR is available for lawyers to recommend to clients and what is a lawyer's ethical obligations in relation to the same.

Charmaine Panko, Panko Collaborative Law and Mediation

COMMENTS FROM THE CHAIR

The Alternative Dispute Resolution North Section this year consisted of five meetings. The topics discussed canvassed the broad landscape of the ADR field. The use of ADR and mediations is becoming an increasingly viable means of resolving disputes, and our speakers highlighted the exciting developments in this field. The year kicked off with James Morrison speaking to the recent developments and effective use of collaborative law. Other topics canvassed the impact of stress and other mental illnesses with respect to participation in alternative dispute resolution. The group had the opportunity to hear about a developing program at the Ministry of Labour Relations. Lastly, our group was fortunate enough to participate in a group session with the articling student's north section at which meeting ADR availability and the ethical obligations of a lawyer were discussed.

Thank you to all of our speakers, who provided excellent insight into their topics. We look forward to the year ahead and will work to make sure that it is just as interesting as this past year.

We look forward to another successful year ahead.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

CHAIR Lindsay Hill

McDougall Gauley LLP

VICE CHAIR Michael Conlon

McDougall Gauley LLP

ADMIN & LABOUR LAW NORTH

KIT MCGUINNESS

2017 - 2018 MEETINGS

- September 19, 2017
 Summary Judgement Applications in the Context of Employment Law
 Kit McGuinness, McKercher LLP
- October 17, 2017
 Update from the Labour Relations Board
 Ken Love, Labour Relations Board
- November 21, 2017 (joint with Admin & Labour Law South)
 Judicial Review − A View from the Bench
 Justice R. Ottenbreit, Saskatchewan Court of Appeal
- January 16, 2018
 Issues in Administrative Tribunals: Self-Represented Litigants and Medical Experts
 Wally Matkowski, MLT Aikins LLP
- March 20, 2018
 Legal Marijuina Panel
 Kevin Wilson, MLT Aikins LLP
 Bryan Salte, QC, College of Physicians & Surgeons
 Gary Bainbridge, QC, Bainbridge Jodouin Cheecham

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

CHAIR Kit McGuinness McKercher LLP

ADMIN & LABOUR LAW SOUTH

RONNI NORDAL

2017 - 2018 MEETINGS

- September 19, 2017 (joint with Privacy Law South)
 Breaches of Privacy
 Ronald Kruzeniski, Saskatchewan Information & Privacy Commissioner
- October 17, 2017
 Pension Benefit Tips
 Alana Shearer-Kleefeld, Director Employee Benefits, 3SHealth
 Paula Potter, COO, SHEPP
- November 21, 2017 (joint with Admin & Labour Law North Judicial Review)
 An Update from the Bench
 Justice R. Ottenbreit, Saskatchewan Court of Appeal
- February 20, 2018
 Update from the Saskatchewan Labour Relations Board
 Ken Love, Chair, Saskatchewan Labour Relations Board
- March 20, 2018
 An Informal Chat with the Minister of Labour Relations and Workplace Safety
 Minister Don Morgan, Minister of Justice and Attorney General, Minister of Labour Relations and Workplace Safety
- April 17, 2018
 Psychological Injuries and WCB
 Richard Edwards, Legal Analyst at WCB

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

CHAIR Ronni Nordal

VICE CHAIR

Nordal LeBlanc Law Office

Lynn Sanya Saskatchewan Health Authority

ARTICLING STUDENTS NORTH

ANNA BEATCH

2017 - 2018 MEETINGS

- September 25, 2017
 Surviving CPLED
 Karyn Kowalski, McDougall Gauley LLP
 Katherine Pocha, Little & Company
 Cole Guenter, Stevenson Hood Thornton Beaubier LLP
- October 30, 2017
 Career Management-Barrister, Solicitor or Both? Big Firm, Small Firm or In-House?
 Leslie Sullivan, Cuelenaere LLP
 Alma Wiebe, A.S.K. Law
 Ashley Smith, Saskatoon Police Services
- November 27, 2017
 Work/Life Balance: Maintaining a Healthy Balance
 Tiffany Paulsen, Robertson Stromberg LLP
 Sheri Woods, Mokuruk & Woods
 Carleen Ready, Public Prosecution Service of Canada
- February 26, 2018
 Court Appearances in Provincial Court Docket and Court of Queen's Bench Chambers
 Justice Danyliuk, Court of Queen's Bench
 Judge Morgan, Provincial Court of Saskatchewan
- March 26, 2018 (joint with Alternative Dispute Resolution North)
 ADR Availability and Ethical Obligations of a Lawyer
 Charmaine Panko, Panko Collaborative Law & Mediation

COMMENTS FROM THE CHAIR:

The Articling Students North held five section meetings during the 2017/2018 year. We had a wide range of topics and speakers. The section meetings provided articling students with an opportunity to learn from the experience of junior and senior members of the bar in an informal setting. Based on feedback received from the articling students, the section meetings were successfully - the above topics were useful and the speakers were interesting.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

CHAIR Anna Beatch MLT Aikins LLP

VICE CHAIR Brooke Johnson McDougall Gauley LLP

LLR Jocelyn Sirois MLT Aikins LLP

ARTICLING STUDENTS SOUTH

RANI GREWALL

2017 - 2018 MEETINGS

- September 25, 2017
 Being your Own Boss: Is Solo Practice for You?
 Cindy Haynes, Cindy Haynes Law
 Ruth Pradzynski, A.R.E. Law
- October 30, 2017
 In-House Counsel: Alternatives to Private Practice Megan Dolo, FCC
 Kevin Barbero, Viterra
- November 27, 2017
 This isn't Law & Order Court Do's and Don'ts Justice J. McMurtry, Court of Queens Bench Judge Hinds, Provincial Court of Saskachewan
- January 22, 2018
 Getting Organized and Staying on Track Manage and Maintain
 Alan McIntyre, McKercher LLP
 Perry D. Erhardt, Olive Waller Zinkhan & Waller LLP

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

CHAIR Rani Grewall Gerand Rath Johnson LLP

BANKRUPTCY & INSOLVENCY NORTH

MIKE RUSSELL

2017 - 2018 MEETINGS

- October 4 2017
 Matters for Consideration of the Court and Counsel Justice A.R. Rothery, Court of Queen's Bench
- November 1, 2017
 Insolvency War Stories
 Rick Osuna, Price Waterhouse Coopers LLP
- December 6, 2017
 D & O Liability and Insolvency
 Mike Milani, McDougall Gauley LLP
- February 7, 2018
 Insolvency Template Orders in Saskatchewan Clayton Barry, McDougall Gauley LLP Mike Russell, The W Law Group
- March 7, 2018
 The Rise of the "Super Bailiff"
 Keith Duncan, Super Bailiff
- April 4, 2018
 Recent Developments in Bankruptcy Law
 Elaine Thompson, Registrar in Bankruptcy

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

CHAIR

Mike Russell

The W Law Group

VICE CHAIR Clayton Barry

McDougall Gauley LLP

BUSINESS LAW NORTH

CHRISTOPHER PORTER

2017 - 2018 MEETINGS

- November 21, 2017 (joint meeting with CCCAN)
 Technology in Law
 Craig Zawada, WMCZ
- January 24, 2018
 Ethical Considerations on Conducting Business with your Client Les Prosser, Robertson Stromberg LLP
- March 21, 2018 (joint Meeting with Business Law South)
 Saskatchewan Corporate Registry Update from ISC
 Peter Nokonechny, Customer Relationship Manager
 Ryan Kotylak, Corporate Registry Product Manager
- March 28, 2018 (joint Meeting with Aboriginal Law North)
 Aboriginal Self Government
 Dwight Newman, Professor, Canada Research Chair in Indigenous
 Rights in Constitutional and International Law

COMMENTS FROM THE CHAIR:

The section had a successful roster of presentations during the 2017-2018 schedule. Many thanks to the speakers who volunteer their time and expertise to impart their knowledge on our members.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

CHAIR

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SECRETARY Marinko Jelovick

Robertson Stromberg LLP

LLR Erin Eccleston MLT Aikins LLP

BUSINESS LAW SOUTH

SAMER AWADH

2017 - 2018 MEETINGS

- November 24, 2017 (joint meeting with Aboriginal Law South)
 Business Implications of Aboriginal Law
 Dwight Newman, Professor of Law & Canada Research Chair Indigenous Rights in Constitutional & International Law
- January 24, 2018
 Business Valuation & Litigation Support
 Nadine Wightman, Valuation & Litigation Support Services, MNP LLP
- April 11, 2018 Joint with Civil Litigation South
 Update from the Court of Appeal for Saskatchewan
 Justice J. Herauf, Court of Appeal
- April 18, 2018
 Securities Law Presentation
 Mikale White, Financial and Consumer Affairs Authority

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

CHAIR

Samer Awadh

MLT Aikins LLP

VICE CHAIR Nicole Hamm

OWZW Law

CANADIAN CORPORATE COUNSEL NORTH

JEFF BENJAMIN

2017 - 2018 MEETINGS

- September 20, 2017 Compliance Matters! Roundtable Discussion Discussion hosts Jenny Hoffman, Cameco Angela Giroux, Nutrien
- October 18, 2017 Workplace Safety: What in-house counsel need to know John Agioritis, MLT Aikins LLP
- November 22, 2017 (joint session with Business Law North) Technology in Law Craig Zawada, WMCZ
- January 17, 2018 Weed at Work: What employers need to know about legalized marijuana Kevin Wilson, MLT Aikins LLP
- February 21, 2018 Prairie Resilience: A made-in-Saskatchewan Climate Change Strategy Chad Eggerman, Miller Thompson LLP

COMMENTS FROM THE CHAIR:

The Canadian Corporate Counsel North Section had another successful year with five lunch and learn sessions held this year. Attendance was good with between 9 and 14 in attendance for each meeting. There remained a concentrated effort to capitalize on the expertise of our members by holding a round table session based on compliance issues, but also encouraging full member dialogue in each meeting where members could share personal best practices at each session.

I attended 6 CCCA National meetings (two in person, 4 via teleconference) over the course of the year. The meetings are quite insightful, especially in relation to the wide disparity in approach among the various CBA regional offices. It is also helpful to jointly discuss the various opportunities and challenges being faced by other section representatives. With its unique relationship with the CBA, the CCCA has been identified as one of the keys to growth for the CBA moving forward. While Saskatchewan is one of the only provinces that has not pursued sponsorship for sections so far, we are moving forward with policy development in this area.

Going into the 2018-2019 Section year, I will continue in my position as Chair. Merkel Chernenkoff at K+S Potash Canada has agreed to serve as Vice-Chair for the year.

COMMITTEE **MEMBERS**

CHAIR Jeff Benjamin

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CANADIAN CORPORATE COUNSEL SOUTH

AZURE-DEE ASHTON

2017 - 2018 MEETINGS

- November 24, 2017
 The Procurement Landscape in Saskatchewan Brent Munro, SaskTel
 Theodore Litowski, Ministry of Justice
- January 18, 2018
 Corporate Considerations in Real Estate Transactions
 Stewart Berringer, Miller Thomson LLP
- January 23, 2018 (joint with Public Sector & Municipal Law South) Social Impact Bonds: Investing in Success Clint Repski, Assistant Deputy Minister, Ministry of Education
- February 12, 2018 (joint with Privacy & Access Law South)
 ISM Canada: Big Data and Consumer Information
 Marlow Zacher, Director, Insight to Impact Group, ISM Canada
 Katherine Simaluk, Associate Director, Insight to Impact Group, ISM Canada

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

CHAIR

Azure-Dee Ashton

SackPower

VICE CHAIR Jamie Patterson SaskTel

CRIMINAL JUSTICE SOUTH

DARREN KARAUSHAAR

2017 - 2018 MEETINGS

- October 10, 2017 Going to Jail: Or
 - Going to Jail: Overview of the Orientation and Programs for Offenders Teresa Clemets, Acting Deputy Director of Personnel Renee Duffield, Deputy Director Program Regina Correctional Center
- November 14, 2017
 Update from the Court of Queen's Bench
 Justice J. D. Kalmakoff, Court of Queen's Bench
- March 13, 2018
 2017 Case Law Update
 Graeme Mitchell, QC, Vice-Chair Saskatchewan Labour Relations
 Board

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

CHAIR Darren Karaushaar McDougall Gauley LLP

CIVIL LITIGATION NORTH

SAMUEL EDMONDSON

2017 - 2018 MEETINGS

- October 11, 2017 (joint with Family Law North)
 Social Media Evidence
 Gregory G. Walen, QC, Scharfstein Gibbings Walen Fisher LLP
- November 15 2017 (joint with Wills Estate & Elder Law North)
 Evidence and Litigation Issues in Preparation of Wills
 Robert Kennedy, QC, McDougall Gauley LLP
- December 13, 2017
 Digital Practices
 Colin Clackson, QC, WMCZ
- February 14, 2018
 Preparation of Application Materials
 Naheed Bardai, MLT Aikins LLP
- March 14, 2018
 Slow and Stalled Litigation
 Jon Danyliw, Miller Thomson LLP
- April 11, 2018
 An Update from the Bench
 Justice G. M. Currie, Court of Queen's Bench

COMMENTS FROM THE CHAIR:

2017-2018 was another successful year for the Civil Litigation North section, including six meetings of which two were jointly held with other sections. Attendance at our meetings ranged from 6 to 21.

We are grateful to our speakers and attending members for their discussions, inquiries and contributions in making our meetings informative and engaging. In particular, we thank Jon Danyliw for agreeing, on short notice, to present when Madam Justice MacMillan-Brown was appointed to the Court of Queen's Bench.

This year marked the first for structural changes to the participation of the Civil Litigation North and Civil Litigation South sections in the National Civil Litigation section. We thank Holli Kuski Bassett for her efforts, on behalf of our branch section, liasing with the National section. Our branch section will assume this role in the upcoming year.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

CHAIR

Samuel Edmondson

Scharfstein Gibbings Walen Fisher LLP

VICE CHAIR Tom Baldry

LeLand Kimpinski LLP

LLR Andrea Rohrke

Scharfstein Gibbings Walen Fisher LLP

CIVIL LITIGATION SOUTH

HOLLI KUSKI BASSETT

2017 - 2018 MEETINGS

- October 11, 2017
 Effective Questioning
 Gordon J. Kuski, QC, McDougall Gauley LLP
- November 8, 2017 (joint with Wills Estate & Elder Law North)
 Conducting Arbitrations
 Amanda Quayle, McDougall Gauley LLP
- March 13, 2018
 Current Issues in Construction Law Under The Builder's Lien Act Josh Morrison, MLT Aikins LLP
- April 11, 2018 (joint with Business Law South)
 Update from the Court of Appeal for Saskatchewan
 Justice J. Herauf, Saskatchewan Court of Appeal

COMMENTS FROM THE CHAIR:

Our lunches were very well attended, and the attendees seemed engaged and interested in the topics.

In the event that we decide to do another joint session with Business Law South in relation to an update from the Court of Appeal, we should agree on a topic that we would like a Justice of the Court to address so that it is interesting and helpful for all attendees.

For next year, we will endeavor to have a Justice of the Queen's Bench as a guest speaker to address advocacy in Chambers, and tips for practicing litigators when in court. We will also seek to engage senior members of the bar on various practical topics that will be helpful to our members.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

CHAIR

Holli Kuski Bassett

McDougall Gauley LLP

VICE CHAIR

Katherine Melnychuk

McKercher LLP

LLR

Jared Biden

MLT Aikins LLP

CONSTRUCTION LAW

MISTY ALEXANDRE

2017 - 2018 MEETINGS

- October 10, 2017
 Update on Prompt Payment
 Bill Preston, QC
 Maria Markatos, Ministry of Justice
- November 14, 2017
 An Update on The Builders' Lien Act cases and Lien Priority Disputes
 Jeff Lee, MLT Aikins LLP
 Naheed Bardai, MLT Aikins LLP
- January 9, 2018
 A Discussion on Forum Disputes in Construction Settings Murray Sawatzky, QC, McDougall Gauley LLP
- February 13, 2018
 A Review of Section 5 of The Builders' Lien Act
 Collin Hirshfeld, McKercher LLP
- March 13, 2018
 Procurement in the Context of the New West Partnership Trade Agreement
 Jared Epp, Robertson Stromberg LLP

COMMENTS FROM THE CHAIR:

We were very pleased to launch the newly formed Construction Law section this year. With over 60 registered section members, and 5 luncheon meetings, it was an impressive start. Misty Alexandre of Robertson Stromberg LLP served as the section chair, with Murray Sawatzky of McDougall Gauley LLP acting as vice-chair. Our meetings were held at the McDougall Gauley LLP offices in Regina and Saskatoon, which allowed us to video conference between the North and South sections. This format worked very well and allowed us to alternate the locations for the various presenters.

Our line-up of experienced speakers and cutting-edge topics were well received, and we wish to thank those who volunteered their time for our benefit.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

CHAIR
Misty Alexandre
Robertson Stomberg LLP

VICE CHAIR Murray Sawatzky, QC McDougall Gauley LLP

ENVIRONMENTAL & RESOURCES LAW SOUTH

ANGELA STOLZ, JON KALMAKOFF

2017 - 2018 MEETINGS

- October 5, 2017
 Energy & Resources in Saskatchewan Today
 Honorable Dunstin Duncan, Minister of Environment
- November 2, 2017 (joint with Public Sector & Municipal Law)
 City of Regina Landfill Gas to Energy Project
 Neil Struther, Project Engineer Facilities, City of Regina
 Greg Kuntz, Manager Environmental Services, City of Regina
- December 7, 2017
 Pipeline Regulation Within Saskatchewan
 Eric Johanson, Director Pipeline Licensing Division, Ministry of Energy and Resources
- April 5, 2018
 SaskPower's Plans for Sustainable Power for the Future
 Tim Schuster, IPP & Development, SaskPower

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

CO-CHAIR
Jon Kalmakoff

CO-CHAIR Angela Stolz McDougall Gauley LLP

VICE CHAIR Kenton Gray

FAMILY LAW NORTH

SAMANTHA NEILL

2017 - 2018 MEETINGS

- September 28, 2017
 Parental Alienation
 Sherry Fitzsimmons, McDougall Gauley LLP
- October 11, 2017 (joint with Civil Litigation North)
 Social Media Evidence
 Gregory G, Walen, Scharfstein Gibbings Walen Fisher LLP
- November 23, 2017
 The Court and Self-Represented Litigants in Family Law Matters
 Justice D. L. Wilson, Court of Queen's Bench
- January 25, 2018
 Considerations in the Conduct of a Trial Sean Sinclair, Robertson Stromberg LLP
- March 22, 2018
 Assisted Human Reproduction in Family Law Sheri Woods, Mokuruk & Woods
 Leah Howie, Law Reform Commission

COMMENTS FROM THE CHAIR:

The Family Law South Section chair attended the national section conference call meetings; however, I did have the opportunity to attend in his place at the in-person meetings in November 2017, and look forward to doing so again in fall 2018.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

CHAIR Samantha Neill

Scharfstein Gibbings Walen Fisher LLP

VICE CHAIR Deborah Giles Scharfstein Gibbings Walen Fisher LLP

LLR Ashala Naidu Burrows Law

FAMILY LAW SOUTH

DAVID COUTURE

2017 - 2018 MEETINGS

- September 20, 2017
 Representing Children in Family Court
 Christine Hansen-Chad, Olive Waller Zinkhan Waller LLP
- October 26, 2017
 Guideline Income in Farm Situations
 Nicole Kalesnikoff, MNP
- November 23, 2017
 Important Cases and Appeal Practice
 Justice J. Ryan-Froslie, Court of Appeal
- January 25, 2018
 Tax Planning Opportunities in Marital Breakdown Scott Assman, MNP LLP
- February 22, 2018
 New Child Support Recalculation Service
 Kim Newsham, Ministry of Justice
- March 22, 2018
 Family Maintenance Proceedings in Provincial Court Kyla Dilling, Insight Law
- April 12, 2018
 Assisted Human Reproduction & Family Law
 Leah Howie, Law Reform Commission

COMMENTS FROM THE CHAIR:

We had a very successful year, with 7 well attended section meetings on a variety of topics. Many thanks to all of our great speakers, and we are looking forward to another great year ahead.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

CHAIR
David Couture
Kanuka Thuringer LLP

VICE CHAIR Kendra Jacobs Gerand Rath Johnson LLP

IMMIGRATION LAW NORTH & SOUTH

BRETT CAVANAUGH

2017 - 2018 MEETINGS

- October 23, 2017
 Inland Enforcement Processes
 Shelby Barber, Enforcement & Intelligence Operations Division
 Canada Border Services Agency
- November 27, 2017
 NINP (Saskatchewan Immigrant Nominee Program) Update
 Anne McRorie, Immigration Services Branch, Ministry of the Economy
 Chad Vickers, Employer Services
 Daniel Parrott, Director, Legal & Education Services, Labour Relations
 and Workplace Safety
- January 22, 2018
 Canada Border Services Agency Tour of Saskatoon Airport Rebecca Shingoose, Superintendent, CBSA
- March 26, 2018
 Issues Arising from Sexual Violence in the Immigration and Refugee Context
 Jyoti Haeusler, McDougall Gauley LLP
 Chris Veeman, Veeman Law

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

CHAIR

Brett Cavanaugh

McKercher LLP

VICE CHAIR Jyoti Haeusler

McDougall Gauley LLP

LLR Chris Veeman Veeman Law

PRIVACY & ACCESS LAW SOUTH

KRISTÉL KRIEL

2017 - 2018 MEETINGS

- September 19, 2017 (joint with Admin & Labour Law South)
 Breaches of Privacy
 Ronald Kruzeniski, Saskatchewan Information & Privacy Commissioner
- · December 11, 2017

Time for Improvement: Creating or Improving an Access and Privacy Program with Examples from the Saskatoon Police Service Kyla Oishi, Access and Privacy Officer, Saskatoon Police Service

- February 12, 2018 (joint with CCCAS)
 Big Data and Consumer Information
 Marlow Zacher, Insight to Impact, ISM Canada
 Katherine Simaluk, Insight to Impact, ISM Canada
- April 9, 2018
 Year End Review & Update
 Ronald Kruzeniski, Saskatchewan Information
 & Privacy Commissioner

COMMENTS FROM THE CHAIR:

The Privacy and Access South Section meets to discuss various topics of interest to the group, and was fortunate to have a number of exceptional speakers this year, including Ronald Kruzeniski, the Saskatchewan Information and Privacy Commissioner. Privacy and Access topics are relevant to many areas of the law, and the Section will continue to look for opportunities to raise awareness among the bar and the public about interesting topics relating to Privacy and Access. Any member of the bar who is interested in Privacy and Access topics is encouraged to participate in our luncheons, either in person or by telephone.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

CHAIR Kristél Kriel MLT Aikins LLP

PUBLIC SECTOR & MUNICIPAL LAW SOUTH

STEVEN DRIBNENKI

2017 - 2018 MEETINGS

- September 26, 2017 (joint with Aboriginal Law South)
 Responding to the Reconciliation Calls to Action
 James Froh, Office of the Provincial Interlocutor
 Dana Turgeon, City of Regina
- October 24, 2017 (joint with Business Law South)
 Trade in Trump Times
 Alan Jacobson, Ministry of Justice
 Braden Marianchuk, MLT Aikins LLP
- November 2, 2017 (joint with Environmental and Resources Law)
 City of Regina Landfill Gas to Energy Project
 Neil Struthers and Greg Kuntz, City of Regina
- November 8, 2017
 Advising Elected Officials
 Dan Perrins, Johnson Shoyama Graduate School of Public Policy
- January 23, 2018 (with Canadian Corporate Counsel Association South)
 Social Impact Bonds: Investing in Success
 Clint Repski, Ministry of Education
- February 27, 2018
 Cannabis Countdown: What Legal Marijuana Means for Saskatchewan Steven Dribnenki, Policy and Legal Advisor of SUMA
- March 27, 2018
 Top Decisions in Public Sector and Municipal Law
 Tom Irvine, QC, Ministry of Justice

COMMENTS FROM THE CHAIR:

This Section addresses the needs and concerns of lawyers practicing in the public sector and municipal law, promoting the views and interests of government, municipal, and public sector lawyers while providing a forum for the exchange of information and ideas and professional development programming.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

CHAIR Steven Dribnenki SUMA

REAL PROPERTY NORTH

MICHAEL DERBOWKA

2017 - 2018 MEETINGS

- September 18, 2017
 - Non-Resident Transactions-Obligations and Duties of the Vendor's Lawyer on Same
 - Shannon Rogal, Thomson Jaspar and Associates
- October 16, 2017
 - Top to Bottom: Real Estate Dissimilarities in Standard Practice Among Regions/Centres in Saskatchewan Jamie Herle, WMCZ
- November 20, 2017
 Salient Advice for REALTORS®: Helping the REALTOR® is helping ourselves.
 Reché McKeague, SREC
- January 15, 2018
 New Land Charges Act for Saskatchewan Leah Howie, Law Reform Commission
 Ron Cuming, Law Reform Commission

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

CHAIR Michael Derbowka

Cuelenare LLP

REAL PROPERTY & WILLS SOUTH

JEFF NORWIG

2017 - 2018 MEETINGS

- September 18, 2017
 Updates to The Water Security Agency Act and The Water Security
 Agency Regulations
 Marjorie Simington, Saskatchewan Water Security Agency
- November 16, 2017
 Bylaw Enforcement with Respect to Basement Suites
 Ben Mario, City of Regina, Building Standards
 Delaine MacDougall, City of Regina, Building Standards
- January 15, 2018
 Dunnison Estate Case Issues Surrounding Joint Ownership of Assets Aadon Fieger, McDougall Gauley LLP
- February 12, 2018
 New Land Charges Act for Saskatchewan Leah Howie, Law Reform Commission Ron Cuming, Law Reform Commission
- March 19, 2018
 Eligible Dependent Tax Credit
 Jeff Hansen, Virtus Group
- April 17, 2018
 Wrap Up Meeting & Roundtable Discussion of any Hot Button Issues Roundtable

COMMENTS FROM THE CHAIR:

The 2017-2018 year marked my first year as Chair for the Section. I want to thank our outgoing Chair, Marc Kelly, for his past 4 years of service and guidance. We hosted 6 speakers throughout the year on a wide range of topics in both the real property and wills and estates areas. We think this topics were interesting and informative for our members. We look forward to setting up new and exciting speakers for the upcoming year.

I would like to congratulate one of our members (and past Chair), Kevin Jacques, who is currently the Chair for the CBA Real Property National Section. I know Kevin will represent our membership well.

I would also like to highlight the discussions from our February 12, 2018 meeting on the proposed changes to our mortgage system in the province. It was pleasures having Professor Ronald Cuming speak to our members about these potential changes. Although it is still in the early consultation stage, I look forward to the proposed changes when developed. A very interesting area for our members who practice in the real estate area. Stay tuned.

We are still looking for members to join the Section executive. It is a worthwhile and fun time to become involved. If you are interested in joining our executive team, please contact the Chair at jnorwig@mcdougallgauley.com.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

CHAIR

Jeff Norwig

McDougall Gauley LLP

VICE CHAIR
Lindsay Oliver
Olive Waller Zinkhan
Waller LLP

SEXUAL ORIENTATION & GENDER IDENTITIES

LEIF JENSEN

2017 - 2018 MEETINGS

- December 4, 2017

 LGBTQ+ 101 Identities, Issues and How to Make Safer Spaces for Employees and Clients

 Amanda Guthrie, OUT Saskatoon
- February 1, 2018
 Identifying & Combating Discrimination: Creating Inclusive Spaces (within/outside Your Firm)
 OUT Saskatoon

COMMENTS FROM THE CHAIR:

The Sexual Orientation & Gender Identity Community (SOGIC) Forum was established to address the needs and concerns of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgendered and twospirited members within the Association; provide a forum for the exchange of information, ideas and action on legal issues relating to sexual orientation and gender identity; encourage lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgendered and two-spirited lawyers to actively participate in the work of the Association; develop and provide continuing legal education and other professional development programs on legal issues relating to sexual orientation and gender identity; and develop member services relevant to lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgendered and two-spirited members of the Association.

In the next year, keep an eye out for seminars on updates to the legal framework around trans* prisoners and for a decision from the Supreme Court of Canada on Trinity Western's proposed College of Law.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

CHAIR Leif Jensen Classic Law

TAXATION LAW SOUTH

RYAN HOLFELD

2017 - 2018 MEETINGS

- October 2, 2017
 PST Changes Arising from 2017 Saskatchewan Budget
 Jeff Harrison, MNP LLP
- November 6, 2017
 Tax Planning for Divestitures
 Trevor Dewolde, KPMG LLP
- March 5, 2018
 Current Tax Issues for Owner-Managed Business
 Jeff Hansen, Virtus Group

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

CHAIR Ryan Holfeld MLT Aikins LLP

WILLS ESTATE & ELDER LAW NORTH

JAN KING

2017 - 2018 MEETINGS

- September 20, 2017
 A Litigation Perspective on the Law and Practice of Changing a Will James Steele, Robertson Stromberg LLP
 Sean Sinclair, Robertson Stromberg LLP
- October 18, 2017
 Emerging issues & Trends in your Practice Roundtable
- November 15, 2017 (joint with Civil Litigation North)
 Evidence and Litigation Issues in Preparation of Wills
 Robert Kennedy, McDougall Gauley LLP
- January 17, 2017
 When Planning Goes Awry: A Case Study Rangi Jeerakathil, MLT Aikins LLP

COMMENTS FROM THE CHAIR:

The Wills Estates and Elder Law North section had another successful year. In addition to the usual engaging sessions, we welcomed a vice-chair and secretary. The position of Legislation and Law Reform Representative remains open. This section is unique in that it combines elements of two national sections: The Elder Law section and Wills, Estates, and Trusts. The Chair attended the national executive meetings for both.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

CHAIR

Jan King

Concentra Bank

VICE CHAIR Allison Katarey

Burlingham Cuelenaere Legal Prof Corp

SECRETARY Fraiba Jalal

Miller Thomson LLP

WOMEN LAWYERS NORTH

JESSIE BUYDENS

2017 - 2018 MEETINGS

- September 27, 2017
 Practice Management Success
 Clare Beckton, Executive Director, Carleton University Centre for Women in Politics and Public Leadership
- November 1, 2017
 Professional Success in the Courtroom & Boardroom Jami Young, Rise by Design
- December 6, 2017
 Community Resources for Domestic Violence
 Sue Delanoy, Executive Director, Elizabeth Fry Society
- March 7, 2018
 View from the Bench
 Judge Shannon Metivier, Provincial Court of Saskatchewan

COMMENTS FROM THE CHAIR:

Meetings this year were well attended. There was a high level of engagement from our members. We were able to arrange for excellent speakers covering a wide range of topics.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

CHAIR Jessie Buydens Scott Phelps & Mason

WOMEN LAWYERS SOUTH

CARLY ROMANOW

2017 - 2018 MEETINGS

- October 4, 2017
 Professional Success in the Courtroom & Boardroom
 Natasha Gallant, President, University of Regina Toastmasters Group
- December 13, 2017
 Domestic Violence in Saskatchewan Provincial Legislation Update Nicole Sarauer, MLA
- February 7, 2018
 Senior Female Practitioner Panel
 Justice L. Schwann, Court of Appeal
 Patricia Warsaba, McKercher LLP
 Jodi Wildeman, MLT Aikins LLP
- April 4, 2018
 Don't be Afraid to Advocate for Yourself Ronni Nordal, Nordal LeBlanc

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

CHAIR

Carly Romanow

Pro Bono Law Saskatchewan

VICE CHAIR Andrea Johnson Financial and Consumer Affairs Authority

YOUNG LAWYERS NORTH

KELSEY O'BRIEN

2017 - 2018 MEETINGS

- October 12, 2017
 Providing Services to Diverse Clients
 Drew Pearson, McKercher LLP
 Marinko Jelovic, Robertson Stromberg LLP
- November 9, 2017
 Managing Clients in High Conflict Situations
 Sheila Caston, McKercher LLP
 Curtis Onishekno, McKercher LLP
- February 8, 2018
 Judge's Talk
 Justice N. Turcotte, Court of Queen's Bench
 Judge Q.D. Agnew, Provincial Court of Saskatchewan
- April 12, 2018
 Professional Conduct for Young Lawyers Under Stress
 Michelle Ouellette, QC. Mckercher LLP
 Evert van Olst, QC, Saskatoon Regional Health Authority

COMMENTS FROM THE CHAIR:

This year our section came together for four lunches which were generally well attended. Each session was geared towards issues that, in our view, young lawyers tend to face without always having guidance specific to that area. Our first session focused on providing services to diverse clients that we don't always have a chance to work with. The second session dealt with managing clients in high conflict situations: this emphasized not only the practical aspects of assisting these clients, but also how young lawyers can personally manage the stress of working in a high conflict environment. The third session was a Judge's Talk and we were happy to hear from both a Provincial Court judge and a Queen's Bench justice. Finally, our last session focused on professional conduct for young lawyers under stress. This session considered the connection between general wellness and our professional obligations and discussed ways to improve wellness as a young lawyer.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

CHAIR Kelsey O'Brien McKercher LLP

VICE CHAIR Fraiba Jalal Miller Thomson LLP

LLR Samantha Gillanders McKercher LLP

YOUNG LAWYER SOUTH

KATHERINE MELNYCHUK

2017 - 2018 MEETINGS

- October 12, 2017
 Drafting Documents for the Court of Queen's Bench Justice J. McMurtry, Court of Queen's Bench
- November 9, 2018
 Ethical Traps for Young Lawyers
 Stacey McPeek, Complaints Counsel, Law Society of Saskatchewan
- February 9, 2018
 Use of Technology in the Law
 Randy Brunet, MLT Alkins LLP
- March 8, 2018
 Client Management in Problem Scenarios
 Alan McIntyre, McKercher LLP

COMMENTS FROM THE CHAIR:

The Young Lawyers South section had a year full of interesting and diverse topics. Madam Justice McMurtry started off our year's meetings by speaking to our group about drafting pleadings for the Court of Queen's Bench. As this is a skill that all young lawyers need to develop early on in their career, Madam Justice McMurtry's tips were helpful and practical.

Stacey McPeek spoke on behalf of the Law Society of Saskatchewan about difficult ethical situations that lawyers encounter in their day-to-day practice. We had a great discussion about different scenarios that can arise in practice, and Stacey provided useful guidance on the best courses of action.

All lawyers should be informed on how to use technology in their practice. Randy Brunet of MLT Aikins provided our section with excellent insight and advice on how to get the most out of technology in daily practice. Last but not least, Alan McIntyre, QC spoke on the topic of client management. Litigators and solicitors alike run into issues managing client expectations, and Alan gave our group useful advice on how to deal with these issues with tact and skill.

These meetings could not have been possible without my fantastic Vice Chair, Breanne Lothian of MLT Aikins. I have no doubt that the 2018-2019 year will be excellent with Breanne as Chair!

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

CHAIR Katherine Melnychuk McKercher LLP

VICE CHAIR Breanne Lothian MLT Aikins LLP

2017 - 2018 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS





Financial Statements (Unaudited) **August 31, 2017**



January 15, 2018

Review Engagement Report

To the Members of Canadian Bar Association, Saskatchewan Branch

We have reviewed the statement of financial position of Canadian Bar Association, Saskatchewan Branch as at August 31, 2017 and the statements of operations, changes in net assets and cash flows for the year then ended. Our review was made in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not for profit organizations for review engagements and accordingly, consisted primarily of inquiry, analytical procedures and discussion related to information supplied to us by Canadian Bar Association, Saskatchewan Branch.

A review does not constitute an audit and, consequently, we do not express an audit opinion on these financial statements.

Based on our review, nothing has come to our attention that causes us to believe that these financial statements are not, in all material respects, in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not for profit organizations.

Pricewaterhouse Coopers LLP

Chartered Professional Accountants

Canadian Bar Association, Saskatchewan Branch Statement of Financial Position

(Unaudited)

As at August 31, 2017

	2017 \$	2016 \$
Assets		
Current assets Cash Short-term investments (note 2) Accounts receivable	284,013 104,981 -	198,562 85,644 2,407
	388,994	286,613
Long-term investments (note 2)	220,352	234,633
Property, plant and equipment (note 3)	13,508	12,295
	622,854	533,541
Liabilities		
Current liabilities Accounts payable and accrued liabilities Deferred revenue (note 4)	8,252 34,822 43,074	35 34,076 34,111
Net assets	43,074	34,111
Unrestricted Internally restricted operating reserve	266,930 312,850	186,580 312,850
	579,780	499,430
	622,854	533,541

Approved by the Executiv	ve Committee	2
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Officer Neil Tolhton

Statement of Operations (Unaudited)

For the year ended August 31, 2017

	2017	2016
	\$	\$
Revenue		
Memberships and CBA rebates	254,743	249,656
Professional development	108,788	134,536
Legal directory sales and advertising	67,983	69,373
Section levies	53,911	59,347
Section administration levies	18,480	24,700
Online revenue sharing	11,285	6,969
Canadian Bar Insurance Association license fees	8,566	6,662
Interest income	7,042	7,713
Bar notes advertising	6,735	4,205
Law day	4,860	10,366
National sponsorship	2,361	2,680
Sub-lease	2,033	11,802
Miscellaneous	229	1,261
	547,016	589,270
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Expenditures Solarios and basefite	161 039	170 006
Salaries and benefits	161,038	172,236
Mid-winter meeting	66,854	72,148 45,690
Section lunch	46,997	
Legal directory	30,428	27,178
Rent (note 5) Office and administration	24,030 24,004	35,965 43,018
Bar notes	18,758	16,894
National meetings	16,693	32,411
Promotion	14,083	17,659
	13,539	18,518
Law day Executive committee expenses	9,597	14,547
Service awards	8,549	2,395
Professional fees	6,184	5,880
Pro bono law Saskatchewan donation	5,000	5,000
Section planning	4,314	3,897
Miscellaneous	3,957	3,095
Amortization	2,813	2,203
Branch committee expenses	2,763	3,060
President's dinner	2,474	1,176
Branch annual meeting	2,305	809
Council	2,286	3,567
_	466,666	527,346
Excess of revenue over expenditures	80,350	61,924

Canadian Bar Association, Saskatchewan Branch Statement of Changes in Net Assets (Unaudited) For the year ended August 31, 2017

	Internally restricted operating reserve	Unrestricted	2017 Total	2016 Total
Net assets - Beginning of year	312,850	186,580	499,430	437,506
Excess of revenue over expenditures for the year	,	80,350	80,350	61,924
Net assets - End of year	312,850	266,930	579,780	499,430

Statement of Cash Flows (Unaudited)

For the year ended August 31, 2017

	2017 \$	2016 \$
Cash provided by (used in)		
Operating activities Excess of revenue over expenditures for the year	80,350	61,924
Items not affecting cash Amortization	2,813	2,203
	83,163	64,127
Changes in non-cash working capital Accounts receivable Prepaid expenses	2,407	1,899 1,500
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities Deferred revenue	8,217 746	(1) 2,246
	11,370	5,644
	94,533	69,771
Investing activities Purchase of investments	(5,056)	(6,905)
Purchase of property, plant and equipment	(4,026)	(6,905)
Net change in cash for the year	85,451	62,866
Cash - Beginning of year	198,562	135,696
Cash - End of year	284,013	198,562

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1 Summary of significant accounting policies

Nature of organization

The Provincial Council of the Saskatchewan Branch of the Canadian Bar Association is the governing body of the provincial organization which has the duty to carry on the work of the Branch and advance the objects of the Canadian Bar Association at the provincial level.

The objective of the Canadian Bar Association, Saskatchewan Branch (the CBA, SK Branch) is to serve as an advocate for all members of the legal profession.

The CBA, SK Branch is exempt from income tax under Section 149 of the Income Tax Act.

Basis of accounting

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not for profit organizations (ASNPO).

Cash

Cash consists of cash on hand, balances with banks and investments which mature within three months of the date of acquisition.

Investments

Short-term and long-term investments are recorded at market value. The cost of short-term and long-term investments held at August 31, 2017 was \$ 317,208 (2016 - \$ 308,861).

Property, plant and equipment

Property, plant and equipment are stated at cost. Amortization is provided over the assets' estimated useful lives using the straight line method and the following rates:

Office equipment 15 years
Computer hardware 5 years
Computer software 3 years
Artwork N/A

In the year of acquisition, amortization is recorded at one-half of the annual rate. Artwork is protected and preserved and is not amortized.

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1 Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

Financial instruments

Financial instruments consist of cash, accounts receivable, investments, and accounts payable. Investments consist of term deposits, guaranteed investment certificates and fixed income bonds.

These financial instruments are initially recorded at fair value and subsequently measured at amortized cost. Amortization is recorded on a straight-line basis.

Financial assets are tested for impairment at the end of each reporting period when there are indications that an asset may be impaired.

Revenue recognition

The association uses the deferral method of accounting for contributions whereby restricted contributions related to expenses of future periods are deferred and recognized as revenue in the period in which the related expenses are incurred. All other contributions are recognized as revenue in the year received or receivable if the amount to be received can be reasonably estimated and collection is reasonably assured.

The association accounts for membership fees, organization's program delivery, administrative activities associated with general membership, and luncheon activities of the CBA, SK Branch.

Revenue sources received in advance are deferred and recorded as revenue in the period to which they relate.

Use of estimates

The preparation of financial statements in accordance with ASNPO requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements, and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting periods. Actual results could differ from management's best estimates as additional information becomes available in the future.

Contributed materials and services

Contribution of materials and services are recognized both as contributions and expenses in the statement of operations only when a fair value can be reasonably estimated and when the materials are used in the normal course of the association's operations and would otherwise have been purchased. The amount of contributed materials and services recognized in the financial statements is nil (2016 - nil).

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2 Investments

Investments consist of:

	2017 \$	2016 \$
General Fund Fived income hand (cost: 2017, \$52,725; 2016, \$51,307; interest		
Fixed income bond (cost: 2017 - \$52,725; 2016 - \$51,397; interest earned at 5.59%; maturing January 2018) GIC (cost: 2017 - \$47,326; 2016 - \$47,326; interest earned at 2.3%;	52,863	51,972
maturing June 2018) Fixed income bond (cost: 2017 - \$45,489; 2016 - \$44,411; interest	52,117	51,054
earned at 4.7%; maturing March 2019) GIC (cost: 2017 - \$44,923; 2016 - \$nil; interest earned at 1.75%:	46,218	45,127
maturing June 2022) GIC (cost: 2017 - \$43,745; 2016 - \$43,745; interest earned at 1.9%;	45,092	-
maturing June 2021) GIC (cost: 2017 - \$41,378; 2016 - \$41,378; interest earned at 2.3%;	43,745	43,838
maturing June 2020) Term deposit (cost: 2017 - \$41,622; 2016 - \$40,901; interest earned	43,530	42,642
at prime less 2.25%; maturing December 2019) GIC (cost: 2016 - \$39,703; interest earned at 2.5%; redeemed	41,768	41,558
during the year)	325,333	44,086 320,277
Less: Current portion of investments	(104,981)	(85,644)
	220,352	234,633

3 Property, plant and equipment

		2017	2016
Cost \$	Accumulated amortization \$	Net \$	Net \$
12,445	9,185	3,260	4,015
14,301	9,181	5,120	2,895
2,710	2,582	128	385
5,000	-	5,000	5,000
34,456	20,948	13,508	12,295
	\$ 12,445 14,301 2,710 5,000	Cost amortization \$ 12,445 9,185 14,301 9,181 2,710 2,582 5,000 -	Accumulated Cost amortization Net \$ \$ \$ 12,445 9,185 3,260 14,301 9,181 5,120 2,710 2,582 128 5,000 - 5,000

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4 Deferred revenue

Deferred revenue consists of the following:

	2017 \$	2016 \$
Prepaid advertising Prepaid administration levies	34,372 450	27,175 6,901
	34,822	34,076

5 Commitments

The association's total obligations under operating leases for equipment and occupied premises are as follows:

	\$
2018	15,876
2019	15,876
2020	14,631
2021	10,896
2022	1,816
	59,095

Operating lease rent expense for occupied premises for the year ended August 31, 2017 amounted to \$24,030 (2016 - \$35,965).

6 Financial instruments

Credit risk

The association, in the normal course of business, is exposed to credit risk from its members and customers. The association's financial assets that are exposed to credit risk consist primarily of accounts receivable.

Interest rate risk

The association's exposure to interest rate risk pertains to investments, which are subject to future changes in interest rates.

Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that the association will not be able to meet its financial obligations as they become due. Liquidity risk also includes the risk of not being able to liquidate assets in a timely manner at a reasonable price. The association's approach to managing liquidity is to ensure, as far as possible, that it will always have sufficient cash flows to fund its operations and to meet its liabilities when due, under both normal and stressed conditions.

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6 Financial instruments (continued)

Other risks

The association does not consider itself to have significant exposure to currency risk, market risk, or other price risk.

7 Comparative figures

Certain comparative figures have been reclassified to conform to current year's financial statement presentation.