

# CBA SK – Civil Litigation North

From: Samuel Edmondson

**Re: April 11, 2018 meeting administrata**

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## 1. Administrative issues

- a. The branch section would appreciate suggestions for topics from its members. If there are any topics that you would like to see in the 2018-2019 year for our section meetings, or if there are any topics that you would like to present in the 2018-2019 year, please contact either:

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- b. CBA Saskatchewan this year encouraged joint section meetings. This year we had joint section meetings with the Family Law North section (Greg Walen, Q.C. on the use of social media evidence), and with the Wills/Estates/Elder Law section (Bob Kennedy, Q.C. on ethical and evidentiary considerations when preparing a will where capacity or undue influence may be at issue).
- c. Costs for the Wednesday buffet lunches at CBA section meetings at the Saskatoon Club have been increasing, such that they may not be maintained in the 2018-2019 section year. In particular, the buffet lunches cost is higher than served lunches. In any event, the served lunches as I understand include only the entrée, to meet the target price of \$30.00. It is also the case that the Saskatoon Club charges for beverages other than water and coffee provided, and that the additional cost is not covered by the \$31.50 fee charged to attending members.

In result, it *may* be the case that 2018-2019 Civil Litigation North section meetings will be a served lunch rather than buffet, and it may also be the case that our meetings will be on another weekday other than Wednesday.

It would be helpful to the branch section, and CBA Saskatchewan, to receive feedback from members:

- i. Are members willing to increase the price of maintaining meetings on Wednesdays with a buffet lunch?
- ii. Are members willing to increase the price of section meetings where lunch is served, rather than buffet, to include soup/salad and desert as has been the case in past years?
- iii. What other weekday would be amenable to section members for meetings, if meetings cannot be held on Wednesday?

If you have any feedback for the branch section, or CBA Saskatchewan, please contact either myself or Tom.

- d. The Civil Litigation North section needs volunteers for executives for next year.
  - i. The policy of the Canadian Bar Association is that an individual may serve as Chair for up to two consecutive two-year terms. I have had the privilege of assisting in this regard over the past two years, and have agreed to carry on for a second term of two years beginning with the 2018-2019 year. Tom Baldry has also agreed to carry on as Vice-Chair for another two year term.
  - ii. In the event that any of our members would like to nominate themselves for to Chair our branch section, please let either myself or Tom know and we will forward your interest to the CBA SK branch executive.
  - iii. In addition to the Chair and Vice-chair, our section will need a Law Reform Liason, and Secretary for 2018-2019. If you are interested in any executive position for 2018-2019, please let either Tom or myself know and we will forward your interest to the CBA SK branch executive.

## 2. Speaker Today

Justice Currie received his bachelors in law from the University of Saskatchewan in 1980, and was called to the bar in Saskatchewan in 1981. During his years of practice, Justice Currie practiced primarily in the area of civil litigation. He was a partner at the firm Robertson Stromberg, where he was managing partner.

Through his practicing career, and since his appointment, Justice Currie has been a frequent contributor to continuing legal education in the Saskatchewan bar, including papers and presentations at events of the CBA, Canadian Corporate Council Association, the Saskatchewan Trial Lawyers Association, and the Saskatchewan Legal Education Society. I had the pleasure of his experience and insight at the STLA trial advocacy workshop in the fall of 2016.

Aside from his legal career, I understand that Justice Currie is an accomplished musician.

Justice Currie has kindly agreed to provide an update from the bench to our branch section, and we wish to convey our thanks for his contribution.