

CBA SK – Civil Litigation North

From: Samuel Edmondson

Re: March 14, 2018 meeting administrata

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. I anticipate they will do so next year as well. 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. At our last meeting there were three suggestions for topics for next year, with a little overlap:
 - i. Proper preparation of pleadings;
 - ii. Document disclosure and production; and
 - iii. A topic series which tracks the litigation process from start to finish.
- d. There were two suggestions for topics for next year:
 - i. Privacy issues surrounding health records, in the litigation context; and
 - ii. Ethical conduct of litigation (ethics credit!)
- e. 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?

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- f. The Civil Litigation North section needs executives for next year. My understanding of the process is that the Chair and Vice-chair are intended to serve for two year terms, with the Vice-chair taking over as Chair at the end of that two year term. I'm not sure whether the two year term ends following this year, or if Tom and I will be serving as Vice-chair and Chair for 2018-2019, with Tom assuming the role of Chair in 2019-2020. In any event, if you are interested in participating in the branch section executive for 2018-2019, please let either Tom or myself know.
 - g. 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
- a. Jon Danyliw on addressing slow and stalled litigation

- i. Our scheduled speaker, Heather MacMillan-Brown (as she then was) was appointed a Justice of the Court of Queen's Bench on February 23, 2018. In view of her appointment, and her new responsibilities, she is unable to speak today. I have conveyed congratulations to her on behalf of our branch section. Madam Justice MacMillan-Brown was kind enough to arrange for a speaker, which is much appreciated.
- ii. Jon Danyliw is a senior associate at Miller Thomson, at the Saskatoon office. He graduated from the University of Saskatchewan College of Law in 2005. I understand that before joining Miller Thomson this year, Jon was at the City of Saskatoon as a City Solicitor, and at the McKercher firm. Jon's practice areas include:

1. Labour and employment;

2. Commercial disputes;
3. Negligence actions; and
4. Prosecution of municipal offences.

Jon has appeared at arbitrations, the Saskatchewan Labour Relations Board, and all levels of Court in Saskatchewan.

- iii. Our thanks to Jon, for agreeing to step in and speak with us today.