

## CBA CRIMINAL JUSTICE SOUTH SASKATCHEWAN ANNUAL REPORT 2020-2021

This year, I (Matthew Schmeling – McDougall Gauley LLP) had the pleasure of chairing the Criminal Justice South group along with Nicole Folk (McDougall Gauley LLP) as co-chair. Our Legislative & Law Reform Rep was Thomas Hynes (Gerrand Rath Johnson LLP). The section had 3 meetings.

The November 24, 2020 meeting was a joint meeting on behalf of the Aboriginal Law North, Young Lawyers North and Criminal Justice South sections. It was very well attended and ran from 5:00 pm until about 7:00 pm. There were three presenters:

- Glen Luther, Q.C., College of Law, U of S
- Judge Reis Provincial Court Regina, SK
- Judge Brass Provincial Court Estevan, SK

The presentation was a round-table discussion on the Implementation of *Gladue* in Saskatchewan. The meeting was a huge success.

The February 10, 2021 presentation was over the lunch hour. The presentation was given by Lauren Monteith (SGI) and the topic was "Changes to the Traffic Safety Act & SGI's Interlock Program, Interlock Eligibility Pending Trial & Administrative License Suspension". The new SGI regulatory regime was explained and there was a Q&A. This was helpful information for members involved in defending or advising on criminal driving offences in SK.

On April 14, 2021 Darren Kraushaar (Criminal Defence Lawyer and partner at McDougall Gauley LLP) presented on developments in the area of criminal law in Saskatchewan. The presentation was well attended and commentary was provided on a number of Saskatchewan Court of Appeal Decisions over the past year as well as important decisions from the Court of Queen's Bench. A Q&A followed the presentation.

Each of the presentations were well-attended. The fact that the presentations were conducted over Zoom did not seem to have a negative impact on turn out or on substance.

My term as Chair has come to an end. Thomas Hynes has agreed to take over the position.