

CBA Saskatchewan Branch, Real Property (North) Section Annual Report, 2020-21

Committee Members:

- Chair & LLR: Cam Klein, McDougall Gauley LLP
- Vice-Chair: Lane Zabolotney, Cuelenaere

2020-2021 Section Meetings

- **November 2, 2020**
FACT Title Insurance: Deal Protection and E&O Suites – Protecting Lawyers and their Clients
Heather Thoma, *First Canadian Title*
- **April 19, 2021**
Trust Accounting for Lawyers: Requirements and Pitfalls
Pamela Harmon, *The Law Society of Saskatchewan*
- **June 7, 2021**
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Comments from the Chair:

Despite the inherent challenges faced this past year due to the pandemic, we were successful in transitioning our section meetings to an online format, which saw informative topics and speakers, and well-attended sessions. While the pandemic caused difficulties for many, it also created opportunities for others, especially in the residential real estate market, which saw record-setting transaction numbers during the 2020 year, and into 2021. However, the market conditions also created challenges for many of our members, who were receiving an influx of short-turnaround real estate transactions from real estate brokerages and lenders, putting unnecessary pressure on those lawyers to meet unrealistic timelines. Our section, in concert with the Real Property & Wills (South) section, chaired by Jeff Norwig of McDougall Gauley LLP, continues to work with the Saskatchewan REALTORS Association, and the Saskatchewan Real Estate Commission, towards finding a solution to this issue and building a greater understanding with realtors of our members' role as lawyers, to ensure this issue does not persist into the future.