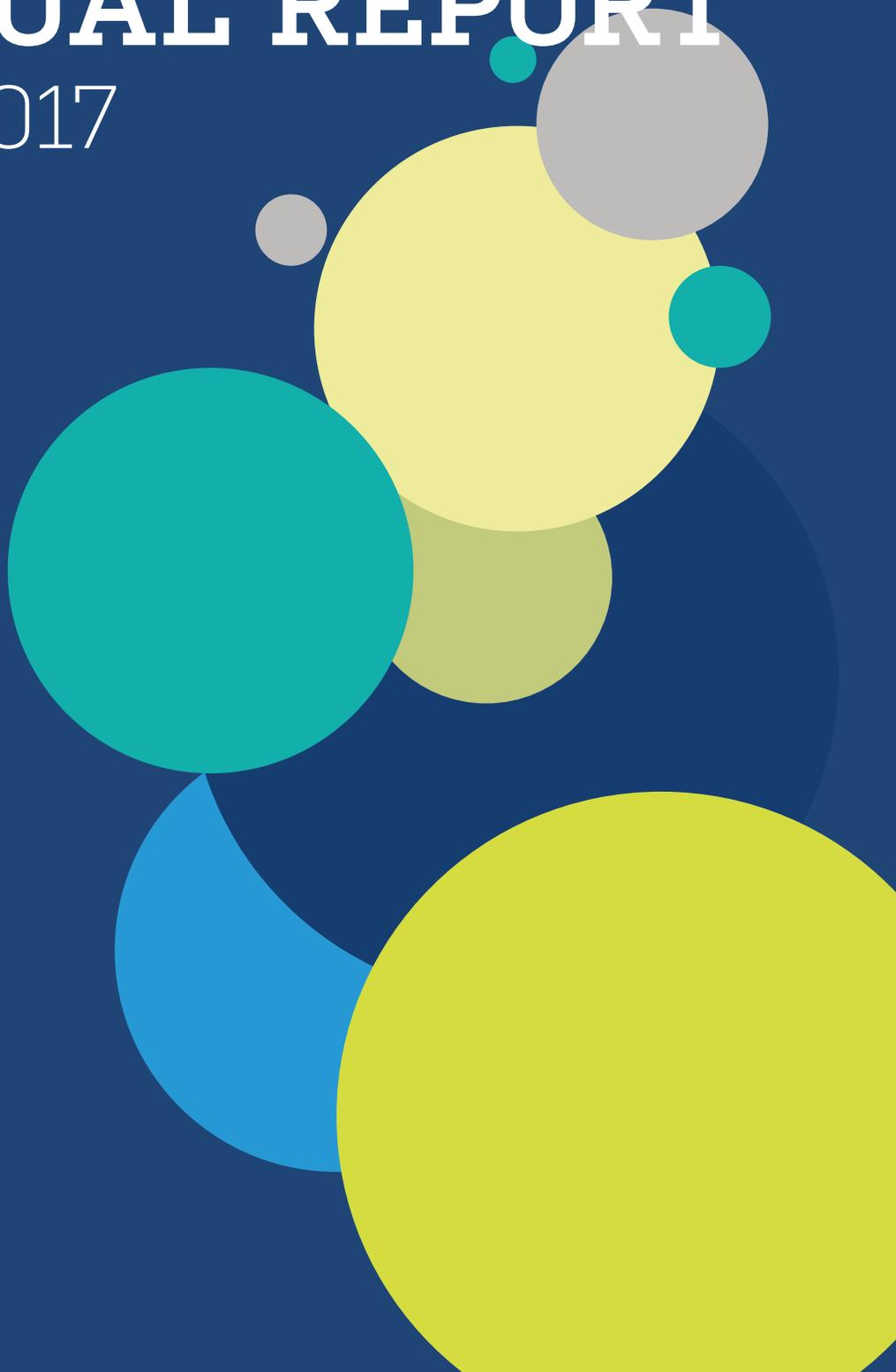




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The Executive Committee is responsible for the administration of the Canadian Bar Association within Saskatchewan.



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

NEIL ROBERTSON, QC

It has been my privilege and pleasure to serve as President in 2016/17. This opportunity allowed me to learn more about our profession and the work of the Canadian Bar Association.

In January 2017, I represented the Saskatchewan Branch at meetings of the Alberta Branch in Edmonton and Manitoba Branch in Winnipeg. As a member of the CBA National Board, I attended Board meetings throughout the year by teleconference and in person in Ottawa. Implementation of the Re-Think agenda dominated meetings of the National Board and also drew heavily upon the time of our two Branch staff, limiting Branch initiatives. The new National Governance model will take effect after the National Annual General Meeting in Montreal in mid-August 2017. Given the high cost in time and resources required for the Re-Think agenda over the past few years, I hope it results in improvement at the national level.

The CBA Saskatchewan Branch remains in good health, thanks to the conscientious work of our staff, the generous service of CBA volunteers, and the careful stewardship of past and present Branch Executive Committees and Councils. Our financial position is secure, thanks to budget decisions of both previous and the current Executive Committees. As the other reports show, the Branch continues to provide members with services they value, including continuing education through Section meetings and the annual Mid-Winter Meeting. The Branch also continues public outreach throughout the year from public seminars to lawyer visits to high school law classes. Our Law Day activities have expanded such that a number of events are now held in the weeks before and after actual Law Day. All of this is made possible by a Bar and Bench which give generously of their time and talents.

Throughout the past year, I was well-supported in my work by our staff, Brenda Hesje and Monteen Dent, and by the other members of the Executive. I want to especially thank our Executive Director, Brenda Hesje, and my Vice-President, Evatt Merchant, for their unfailing support and sound advice. I look forward to continuing to serve the Branch in other capacities in the future.

NEIL ROBERTSON, QC
PRESIDENT



VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

EVATT MERCHANT

It has been my pleasure to serve as deputy to our President, Neil Robertson, QC, for the past year. Although the Vice President participates in various committees and tasks throughout the year, I thought it best to focus this report on an important set of upcoming changes for the 2017-18 year, regarding Sections.

In part driven by the CBA's ReThink strategy, our Branch is introducing new rules that will affect, in particular, lunch meetings hosted by our Sections. Here are the highlights:

1. There will no longer be a 'registration fee' to join a CBA Saskatchewan Section.
2. A CBA member will be able to join as many Sections (Business Law, Family Law, Civil Litigation, and so on) as he or she wishes, at no additional cost.
3. Section Lunches will be 'pay as you go' lunches, i.e.: a member will simply pay the meal cost (\$31.50) for each lunch meeting he or she registers to attend. (Lawyers who are not CBA members will still be permitted to attend the first meeting of any Section and be responsible to pay their individual meal cost.)
4. As it is anticipated that most CBA members will join more than one Section, Sections are no longer expected to hold six meetings throughout the coming year. Sections are instead encouraged to hold four meetings for 2017-18.

This new approach is aimed at making Sections more accessible and is consistent with the Branch Executive Committee's view that the CBA should provide more flexible benefits to its members, without significant additional cost.

I am grateful to our staff at the CBA Saskatchewan Branch Office and the Branch Executive Committee for their dedication and hard work throughout the year.

EVATT MERCHANT
VICE PRESIDENT



TREASURER'S REPORT

NICHOLAS CANN

The Branch Executive Committee's annual budget review resulted in a 2017-2018 balanced budget of \$499,000, which was approved by Council in February 2017. In 2015-2016, Branch revenue was \$589,270, expenses were \$527,346, and there was a surplus of \$61,924. As of April 30, 2017 the 2016-2017 revenues were \$535,499 and expenses were \$334,249, leaving a surplus to date of \$201,249. Lower expenses in 2016-2017 are primarily as a result of lower National Meeting expenses and lower than budgeted Branch salary expenses.

Total Branch assets as of April 30, 2017 are \$658,031.77, of which \$645,737.28 is Cash and Investments and \$12,294.49 are Capital Assets.

Branch financial statements for the year ending August 31, 2016 were prepared by Price Waterhouse Coopers and are available on page 41 of this Annual Report.

NICHOLAS CANN
TREASURER

LEGISLATION AND LAW REFORM

KATHRYN GILLISS



This year marked my first year of a two year term with the CBA Saskatchewan Branch Executive Committee as your Legislation and Law Reform (LLR) Chair. The Branch Executive Committee has been diligently working to adapt and facilitate last year's changes made at the National level with respect to the Re-Think project and governance restructuring. With respect to LLR, this year's work has included a broad spectrum of information and advocacy, as we have seen many changes not only within proposed legislative changes but also with changes to our legal system through provincial budget cuts. The following summarizes the areas that LLR has begun work in this year.

In the Fall of 2016 the southeast saw the closure of the Weyburn Courthouse. More specifically, the Provincial Government has closed the Court of Queen's Bench Registry Office and Sheriff's Office, effectively ending the ability for Weyburn and area to file and adjudicate its Queen's Bench matters in Weyburn. As a result, clients will now be required to file Queen's Bench matters in either Estevan or Regina, incurring additional costs and expenses.

In January 2017, Neil Robertson, QC and I attended meetings in Weyburn with the Minister of Justice, the Honourable Gord Wyant, QC, along with a number of practitioners and city officials. A number of concerns were raised by practitioners with respect to services available to them as well as access to justice issues for their clients. While we are still communicating with the Minister's Office about these changes, correspondence has been provided to us advising that the decision regarding the closure is essentially final.

We also began to look at the proposed change to the Alternative Dispute Resolution for Family matters in Saskatchewan. A consultation paper had been drafted proposing a mandatory mediation process for Family law conflicts and concerns have been raised by the membership. In early 2017, I sent correspondence to the respective Section Chairs for Family Law North/South and ADR to obtain feedback from the membership regarding concerns with the proposed changes. To date I have only heard from one section and was hoping to obtain more information before putting out a comprehensive response. If you are interested in providing feedback please contact me ASAP. This is an important issue that affects a number of members and we are hoping to put together a cohesive position.

In April 2017, I began discussions with Ms. Amanda Dodge, supervising lawyer at CLASSIC, to determine whether there would be room for collaboration on any number of LLR issues. One issue that we have decided to move forward with is that of predatory lending. Section 14(1) of Saskatchewan's Payday Loans Regulations allows a maximum allowable cost of borrowing to be 23% of the principal amount borrowed, which over time can run upwards to a 400% annual percentage rate (APR). Recent trends among neighbouring provinces have been legislative changes to lower similar rates. On May 11, 2017, I met with Ms. Dodge to discuss what steps we can take to lobby change to this legislation. CLASSIC has agreed to generate additional research information in hopes of putting a position and amendment proposal to the Provincial Government. We hope to meet with the with the necessary Provincial Government Ministers in the near future to discuss how these changes can be made successfully and in short order. Being mindful of the Governments' session schedule, meetings may need to be postponed until the fall but we hope to push forward as soon as possible.

Finally, the Communications Branch for Labour Relations and Workplace Safety has very recently reached out for consultation on recommendations from the Workers' Compensation Act Committee of Review that would require legislative change. Information will be going out to members in the June CBA SaskWatch. Submissions will be due June 30, 2017.

As far as what is next, we look forward to moving forward with all the aforementioned areas of LLR in the near future. As our Sections go through some changes as well, I hope to be able to meet (via teleconference) with the LR Representatives from all Sections on a regular basis so that the Branch can be apprised of all LLR issues that are at the forefront of members' minds and assist in any way possible. In the meantime, any members who have questions or concerns are invited to contact me directly at kek.trobertlaw@sasktel.net or via my office line at 306-634-2616.



PROFESSIONAL IMAGE COMMITTEE

CHRISTOPHER WEITZEL

Law Day 2017 was Wednesday April 19. Events celebrating the signing of Canada's Charter of Rights and Freedoms took place across Canada. Here 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 8th, with Winston Knoll Collegiate from Regina taking home the McKercher Cup!

MULTIMEDIA CONTESTS

This event provides an opportunity for Grade 5 - 8 students to learn and demonstrate an understanding of the rights of Canadians through visual arts and written/verbal works. This year the contest focused on Section 15 of the Charter. Submissions were on display April 8th at the Court of Queen's Bench (Saskatoon) during the Mock Trial Competition. Over 30 submissions were received, with 2 student winners.

LECTURE

The CBA partnered with Johnson Shoyama for a Public Lecture "Law Day for Canada at 150" on March 30th in Regina. This was a panel discussion on how public confidence can be maintained and the ability of Canada's justice system to treat all individuals fairly given both the need for neutrality and the need to take into account our diverse identities.

PHONE CLINIC

In partnership with Pro Bono Law Saskatchewan a phone clinic was held on April 25th and 26th where the public could set up a 30 minute appointment 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 2017 Law Day Committee for its hard work and effort in making our events a success as well as the many volunteers that participated in the various events. Members of the 2017 Law Day Committee were Tom Baldry, Lora Bansley, Andrea Johnson, Megan Lorenz, Joni MacKay, Bonnie Reddekopp and Neil Robertson, QC.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

CHAIR

Christopher Weitzel
Tom Baldry
Lora Bansley
Andrea Johnson
Megan Lorenz
Joni MacKay
Bonnie Reddekopp
Neil Robertson, QC



AWARDS COMMITTEE

TERRY KIMPINSKI, QC

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

The 2016/2017 Award Committee members included: Terry J. Kimpinski, QC (Chair); CBA Saskatchewan Past President Sharon Pratchler, QC; CBA Saskatchewan President Neil Robertson, QC; and the Presidents of the Law Society of Saskatchewan during the respective time period, Perry Erhardt, QC, and Erin Kleisinger, QC.

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 Award was given to Gary Young, QC on February 3, 2017 at the Distinguished Service Award Luncheon held in conjunction with the Branch Annual Mid-Winter Meeting in Saskatoon.

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, in conjunction with the Law Society of Saskatchewan Annual Meeting. This year, the Awards Committee selected Leslie W. Prosser, QC, as the deserving recipient. The Award will be presented to Mr. Prosser on June 15, 2017 following the CBA Saskatchewan Branch Annual Meeting.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

CHAIR

Terry Kimpinski, QC
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Erin Kleisinger, QC
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Sharon Pratchler, QC
Ministry of Justice

Niel Robertson, QC



MID-WINTER MEETING COMMITTEE

CHARMAINE PANKO

The Mid-Winter Meeting was held in Saskatoon on February 2 and 3, 2017 and was a great success. Attendees were treated to distinguished speakers, instructive PD sessions, and socializing with friends and colleagues. The meeting opened Thursday morning with an update from Justice Minister Gordon Wyant, QC. and a report from the opposition Justice Critic, Nicole Sarauer.

An engaging and challenging presentation was delivered during the St. Thomas More College John Stack Lecture on Ethics & Civic Responsibility by Mr. Harold Johnson. Chief Weighall of the Saskatoon Police Services presented as the keynote speaker on Friday morning. The Closing Plenary was a discussion on the upcoming legalization of marijuana with distinguished speakers locally and across Canada.

The PD sessions were varied, allowing attendees to hear presentations on criminal law, real estate, financial abuse, collaborative law, arbitration, and cyber security. After a full day of being immersed in education and ethics credits, attendees and guests enjoyed live music by The Barrelmen, appetizers, and door prizes, raising over \$2,000 for CLASSIC through 50/50 ticket sales matched by the CBA!

The Mid-Winter Meeting would not be possible without the generous support of this year's exhibitors and sponsors: Ashmeade & Low; AJEFS; Brunson Lawrek & Associates; Canadian Bar Insurance Association / CBA Financial – Murray Alberts, CLU, CH.F.C., CHS; Chicago Title Insurance Co., ChildView Inc.; the University of Saskatchewan, College of Law; CourtCall; Delta Bessborough; Do Process Software; Dye & Durham; Express Process Serving; FCT; Gerrand Rath Johnson LLP; Globe Printers; Information Services Corporation; Law Society of Saskatchewan Libraries; LawyerDoneDeal Corp.; Leland Kimpinski LLP; MLT Aikins; McKercher LLP; Miller Thomson LLP; Olive Waller Zinkhan Waller LLP; PLEA; Pro Bono Law Saskatchewan; Saskatoon Bar Association; SaskTel; SGI; Staples Business Advantage; Stewart Title; St. Thomas More College Lawyers Guild; TitlePlus; Virtus Group Chartered Professional Accountants; and VoicePro Technologies Inc.

I would like to thank the 2017 Mid-Winter Meeting Planning Committee for their dedication and hard work putting this year's program together. Be sure to mark your calendars and save the date for next year's Mid-Winter Meeting in Regina on February 1-2, 2018!

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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SOCIAL PROGRAM

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Miller Thomson LLP



NOMINATING COMMITTEE

SHARON PRATCHLER, 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. Bylaw 13(2) states “The Nominating Committee shall submit to the Executive Director not less than forty-five (45) days before the day fixed for the Annual Meeting of the Branch, a report setting out the names of those nominated by the Committee for election to the positions outlined in Bylaw 13(1)(c) and (d), which shall be submitted to the Annual Meeting for approval, and if members at the Annual Meeting so desire, they may nominate other candidates, and if other candidates are nominated, an election shall be held according to the procedure established at the Annual Meeting.” The Nominating Committee is pleased to present the names of the following persons for offices of the Branch for the next annual period, September 1, 2017 to August 31, 2018.

BRANCH COMMITTEES

- *Awards:* Terry Kimpinski, QC
- *Judicial Compensation and Benefits:* Evatt Merchant
- *Legislation and Law Reform Review:* Kathryn Gilliss
- *Education:* Reché McKeague
- *Equality:* Jenn Pereira
- *Mid-Winter Meeting:* Jana Linner
- *Nominating:* Neil Robertson, QC
- *Public Outreach / Law Day:* Christopher Weitzel
- *Queen’s Counsel:* Neil Robertson, QC
- *Resolutions, Constitution and Bylaws:* Robert Thornton, QC

JUDICIARY REPRESENTATIVES

- *Court of Appeal for Saskatchewan:* Chief Justice Robert Richards
- *Court of Queen’s Bench for Saskatchewan:* Justice Ron Mills
- *Provincial Court of Saskatchewan:* Judge Pat Reis

ABORIGINAL LIAISON

Kathy Hodgson-Smith

For your information, Appendix “A” outlines the 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, the Executive Committee, or Council according to the powers vested in each of these bodies by the Branch Bylaws.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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Neil Robertson, QC

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- *President:* Evatt Merchant
- *Vice-President:* Nicholas Cann
- *Treasurer:* Loreley Berra
- *Immediate Past President:* Neil Robertson, QC
- *Legislation and Law Reform Director:* Kathryn Gilliss
- *Education Director:* Reché McKeague
- *Public Outreach Director:* Christopher Weitzel

2017-2018 ELECTED MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

Northeast Electoral District:

1. Eric Tollefson

Regina Electoral District:

1. Megan Dolo
2. Laura Klemmer

Saskatoon Electoral District:

1. Megan Lorenz
2. Brea Lowenberger

Southeast Electoral District:

1. Vacant

Member-At-Large (Rural)

1. Jeff Howe

Northwest Electoral District:

1. Michel Riou

3. Crystal Norbeck

4. Greg Sykes

3. Joni MacKay

4. Bonnie Missens

Southwest Electoral District:

1. Andrea Argue

5. Mariel Wellsch

6. Vacant

5. Galen Richardson

6. Clint Weiland

BRANCH REPRESENTATIVES ON JOINT COMMITTEES / EXTERNAL BODIES

- *Advisory Committee on Judicial Appointments:* TBA
- *Bar Judicial Councils:*
 - Court of Appeal:* Christine Glazer, QC and Murray Sawatzky, QC
 - Queen's Bench:* Jeff Grubb, QC and Jenn Pereira
 - Provincial Court:* Suzanne Young and Bonnie Missens
- *Canadian Bar Insurance Association:* David Thera, QC
- *Public Legal Education Association:* Andrea Jorde
- *Round Table on the Criminal Justice System:* Aaron Fox, QC
- *Rules of Court Committee:* Michelle Ouellette, QC

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Aboriginal Law South

Riva Farrell Racette

Administrative and Labour Law North

Kit McGinness

Administrative and Labour Law South

Ronni Nordal

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Lindsay Hill

Articling Students North

Anna Beatch

Articling Students South

Rani Grewall

Bankruptcy and Insolvency

Mike Russell

Business Law North

Chris Porter

Business Law South

Samer Awadh

Civil Litigation North

Samuel Edmondson

Civil Litigation South

Holli Kuski Bassett

Construction Law

Misty Alexandre

Corporate Counsel North

Jeff Benjamin

Corporate Counsel South

Azure-Dee Ashton

Criminal Justice South

Darren Kraushaar

Environmental and Resource Law

Jonathan Kalmakoff / Angela Stolz

Family Law North

Samantha Neill

Family Law South

David Couture

Immigration Law

Brett Cavanaugh

Privacy and Access to Information

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Public Sector and Municipal Law

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Real Property and Wills South

Jeff Norwig

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Leif Jensen

Taxation South

Kyle Ross

Wills, Estates and Elder Law North

Jan King

Women Lawyers Forum North

Jessie Buydens

Women Lawyers Forum South

Carly Romanow

Young Lawyers North

Kelsey O'Brien

Young Lawyers South

Katherine Melnychuk



RESOLUTIONS, CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS

ROBERT THORNTON, QC

The Branch Council at its Meeting of February 2, 2017, passed the following motions:

1. that the Branch amend the Bylaws, at the next Annual Meeting, to require only one Council meeting, held in conjunction with the Mid-Winter Meeting; and
2. that the Branch maintain the current seven members on the Executive, but at the next Annual Meeting change the titles and roles of: the Membership Chair, to Education Chair; and the Professional Image Chair, to Public Outreach Chair.

The Branch Executive Committee has recommended further amendments be made to the Branch Bylaws. The Branch Executive Director and the Chair of the Branch Resolutions, Constitution and Bylaws Committee have reviewed the Bylaws. This review has concentrated on revisions to the Bylaws to reflect the above resolutions, to refer to the Executive Committee of the Branch as the Board of Directors, to address changes arising from there being one meeting of Branch Council each year, to make certain changes concerning Branch Council due to the abolition of National Council, and certain miscellaneous amendments, all as reflected in a black-lined draft of the Bylaws.

In accordance with Bylaws 23 and 24, a Resolution will be put forward at the Annual Meeting of the Branch to be held on June 15, 2017 at Regina to amend the Bylaws as set out in the black-lined draft of the Bylaws, which accompanied the Notice of the Annual Meeting.

Other than the motions set out above and customary motions approving Council Meeting agendas and minutes and the Branch Budget, there were no other Resolutions made by the Branch Council since the last Annual Meeting of the Branch.

The activities of the Resolutions, Constitution and Bylaws Committee this year have included the aforescribed review and drafting with the Branch Executive Director of the proposed amendments to the Bylaws which are being submitted to the Annual Meeting.

The diligence and efforts of the Branch Executive Director, Brenda Hesje, in the bylaw amendment process are immeasurable and greatly appreciated.

Respectfully submitted this 31st day of May, 2017.



BRANCH SECTIONS
2016/2017



ABORIGINAL LAW NORTH

LEAH BITTERNOSE & SHOSHANNA PAUL

We are pleased to report that the section activities for 2016/2017 were successful with good learning and networking opportunities for our section members. Our section is fortunate to have a new co-chair in Ms. Shoshanna Paul (Maurice Law). Our section is still quite small and we invite the CBA to support by providing suggestions on increasing enrolment and interest of Aboriginal Practitioners. Please contact us directly to advise.

2016/2017 MEETINGS

- *October 13, 2016*
“Metis Rights”*
Tom Isaac, Cassets Brock
*Joint Session with the Canadian Research Chair in Indigenous Rights in Constitutional and International Law, U of S,
- *December 2, 2016*
“First Nation Employment Law, Issues & Jurisdiction”
Bonnie Missens, Corporate Counsel, Saskatchewan Indian Gaming Authority
- *January 20, 2017*
“First Nations and Philanthropy”
Richard Bridge, Richard Bridge Lawyer for Charities (Nova Scotia)
- *February 22, 2017*
“Doing Business with First Nations”
Sacha Paul, Thompson Dorfman Sweatman
- *March 3, 2017*
“Beardy’s & Okemasis: Equitable Compensation and the Specific Claims Tribunal”
Speaker Ron S. Maurice, B.A., LL.B, Maurice Law Barristers & Solicitors (Calgary, Saskatoon Toronto & Ottawa)
- *April 26, 2017*
“Impact Benefit Agreements and The Duty to Consult”
Jamie Dickson, Des Nedha Development

Please feel free to contact us at (306) 260.7966, if you have any questions or concerns.

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LEG & LAW REFORM REP

Leah Bitternose
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ABORIGINAL LAW SOUTH

RIVA J. FARRELL RACETTE

This past year the Aboriginal Law Section South offered three luncheon meetings to its members. The Section found that those topics that could bridge over into other practice areas garnered more interest. As a result, the Section is looking forward to planning more joint meeting opportunities in 2017/2018.

2016/2017 MEETINGS

- *January 25, 2017*
"Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women"*
Betty Ann Pottruff, Counsel for Children; Nickita Longman, Community Activist
*Joint session with Women Lawyers Forum South
- *February 16, 2017*
"Case Law Update"
P. Mitch McAdam, Q.C., Director of Constitutional Law Branch
- *April 20, 2017*
"Jurisdiction in First Nation Employment Matters"*
Calen Nixon, MLT Aikins LLP
*Joint session with Admin & Labour Law

The Aboriginal Law Section South had identified several other topics that it wished to cover in 2016/2017 and hopes that these topics can be presented in 2017/2018. These topics include:

- What has happened since *R. v. Ipeelee*
- Doing business with First Nations
- Matrimonial Real Property matters
- Child welfare on reserve and equity in child welfare services funding
- *FNCFCs and AFN v. Indian and Northern Affairs Canada*

The Aboriginal Law Section South also hopes to fill the vacancies on its Executive in 2017/2018.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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Riva Farrell Racette
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SECRETARY

Vacant

LEG & LAW REFORM REP

Riva Farrell Racette
MLT Aikins LLP



ADMIN & LABOUR LAW SOUTH

RONNI NORDAL

We are very happy to say that the 2016-2017 section year saw increased attendance at our meetings. The section held 7 lunch time meetings with speakers including Saskatchewan Labour Relations Vice-Chair Graeme Mitchell, Queen's Bench Justice Richard Ellson, The Honourable Minister of Labour Relations and Workplace Safety, Don Morgan, Saskatchewan Privacy Commissioner, Ronald Kruzeniski, William Craik (Saskatchewan Human Rights Commission, Neil Robertson, speaking about the transition from advocate to arbitrator and Bonnie Durnford/Rob Cunningham speaking on workplace investigations.

Ronni Nordal was lucky enough to act as the Labour & Employment law co-chair of the CBA National Admin/Labour & Employment Law conference in November 2016 and holds that position again in 2017.

2016/2017 MEETINGS

- *September 20, 2016*
Neil Robertson, Q.C. Arbitrator
- *October 18, 2016*
"Judicial Review/Standard of Review"
Justice Richard Ellson, Saskatchewan Court of Queen's Bench
- *November 15, 2016*
"Labour Relations Board Update - A Year In Review"
Vice Chair Graeme Mitchell, Saskatchewan Labour Relations Board
- *January 17, 2017*
"Privacy - HIPA and Social Media"
Ronald Kruzeniski, Q.C., Saskatchewan Information and Privacy Commissioner
- *February 21, 2017*
"Fireside Chat with the Minister of Labour & Workplace Safety"
Minister Don Morgan, Q.C., Minister of Labour Relations and Workplace Safety
- *March 21, 2017*
William Craik, Lawyer/Investigator, Saskatchewan Human Rights Commission
- *April 18, 2017*
Bonnie Durnford & Rob Cunningham, DC Strategic Management

We are looking forward to an interesting and thought provoking year in 2017-2018. The administrative law members of our section are considering holding a second (perhaps a bi-annual event) Admin Law Seminar in the Spring of 2018, as a follow up to the fantastic outreach session held in the spring of 2016.

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ARTICLING STUDENTS FORUM NORTH

ANNA BEATCH

The Articling Students Forum North section hosted 5 meetings during 2016/2017. These meetings provided articling students an opportunity to learn from the experience of junior and senior members of the bar in an informal setting. There was a 6th meeting scheduled; however, the speaker (a QB justice) had to cancel, and there was insufficient time to find a replacement speaker.

2016/2017 MEETINGS

- *September 26, 2016*
“Surviving CPLED”
Amy Gibson, MLT Aikins LLP; Caolan Lemke, Robertson Stromberg; Candace Guist, Knott den Hollander; Stacey Cameron, PPSC; Kara Moen; Gerrand Rath Johnson
- *October 31, 2016*
“Time Management and Controlling your Files”
Michelle Ouellette, McKercher; Danny Anderson, MLT Aikins LLP; Scott Wickenden, McDougall Gauley
- *November 28, 2016*
“Work/Life Balance”
Andy Chiang, McKercher; Sheri Woods, Mokuruk & Woods; Charmaine Panko, Panko Collaborative Law & Mediation
- *February 27, 2017*
“Practicing Law in Saskatchewan: Civility”
Michael Wright, Miller Thompson; Leslie Sullivan, Cuelenaere Kendall; Elke Churchman, Elke Churchman Law; Josh Lommer, BHP; Carleen Ready, PPSC
- *April 24, 2017*
“Career Management: Barrister, Solicitor or Both?”
George Green, McKercher; Alma Wiebe, ASK Law; Ashley Smith, Saskatoon Police Services; Derek Hoffman, MLT Aikins LLP

Compared to 2015/2016, attendance was significantly better for 2016/2017 for the Articling Students Forum North section. Based on feedback from the articling students, they really enjoyed these CBA section meetings and found them to be very helpful.

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BANKRUPTCY AND INSOLVENCY

DAVID GERECKE

This report is submitted by Mike Russell, incoming 2017-18 Chair. Our meetings were reasonably well-attended last year. The meetings averaged 9 to 12 people in attendance. Meetings are held in Saskatoon.

We have continued with the format we have been using in past year whereby all or most of our speakers and topics for the year are fully planned in advance. Our group seems to prefer this approach to an ad-hoc one.

Clayton Barry of McDougall Gauley LLP is the Vice-Chair of the Section.

At the close of the year, David Gerecke stepped down as Chair after serving ten years in that role. The group expressed great appreciation to Mr. Gerecke for his excellent work and contribution over his tenure as Chair. Mike Russell was acclaimed the next section Chair.

The Section continues to enjoy good participation from most senior members of the Saskatoon insolvency bar, as well as several more junior lawyers with an interest in insolvency. Several Section members are insolvency professionals who are non-lawyers. The mixture of lawyers and bankruptcy trustees lends itself to lively, informed and practical discussions at luncheon meetings.

For a number of years, the Section has been active in improving practice in the insolvency area. This year, several members formed a committee and approached the court to make some recommendations for further improvements, including the revision of existing and development of new insolvency template orders. The court ultimately tasked the committee with that project, which is now underway.

2016/2017 MEETINGS

- *October 5, 2016*
"Sale Procedures And Standing Of Parties To Participate And/Or Oppose"
Jeff Lee, Q.C., MLT Aikins LLP
- *November 2, 2016*
"You Mean I Can't Even Do That?" The Effect Of A CCAA Stay On A Creditor's Right Of Set-Off"
Kim Anderson, Robertson Stromberg LLP
- *December 7, 2016*
"Keeping The Lights On – The Early Days After Being Appointed As Receiver Or Monitor In Respect Of An Operating Business"
Wayne Palmer, BDO Canada Limited
- *February 1, 2017*
"Legal Update"
Mike Russell, McDougall Gauley LLP
- *March 1, 2017*
"Developments in Bankruptcy Law"
Elaine Thompson, Registrar in Bankruptcy
- *April 5, 2017*
"Involuntary Subordination of Creditors to Lienholders in Oil and Gas Insolvencies"
Ian Sutherland, McDougall Gauley LLP

As well, Mr. Gerecke attended the Pan-Canadian Insolvency & Restructuring Conference (which is organized by National Section) held in Chicago.

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BUSINESS LAW NORTH

DEREK HOFFMAN

The section had a successful roster of presentations during the 2016-2017 schedule. Many thanks to the speakers who volunteer their time and expertise to impart their knowledge to our members.

2016/2017 MEETINGS

- *September 28, 2016*
“Best Practices for Conducting a Shareholder Meeting from a Corporate and Securities Law Perspective”*
Bill Nickel, McDougall Gauley LLP
*Joint Meeting with Securities Law North
- *October 26, 2016*
“Employee Immigration Issues”*
Scott Bell, MLT Aikins LLP
*Joint Meeting with Canadian Corporate Counsel North
- *November 23, 2016*
“Corporate Registry Update”
Christine Hughes, ISC (Information Services Corp)
- *January 25, 2017*
“Tax Considerations in Succession Planning”
Bruce MacPhee, Deloitte
- *February 22, 2017*
“Doing Business with First Nations”*
Sacha Paul, Thompson Dorfman Sweatman
*Joint Meeting with Aboriginal Law North
- *March 22, 2017*
“Ethics on Trust Conditions”
Bill Shaw, McDougall Gauley LLP
- *April 26, 2017*
“Impact Benefit Agreements and the Duty to Consult”*
Jamie Dickson, Des Nedha Development
*Joint Meeting with Aboriginal Law North

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CANADIAN CORPORATE COUNSEL NORTH

BRYAN AUGÉ



The Canadian Corporate Counsel North Section had another successful year with seven lunch and learn sessions held this year (as listed below). Attendance ranged from 5 – 12 attendees per meeting. This year we made a concentrated effort to capitalize on our members expertise by holding two round table sessions in which members compared and benchmarked their practices.

I attended the CCCA National meetings (2 in person) this year as the voting delegate from Saskatchewan. I left my position at Cameco Corporation in April to return to private practice (thus no longer being eligible to serve as Chair) and my Vice-Chair, Jeff Benjamin of Canpotex has taken over as Chair.

2016/2017 MEETINGS

- *September 21, 2016*
“Pertinent Compliance Issues”
Q & A with Jenny Hoffman (Director Legal Services, Governance and Assistant Corporate Secretary, Cameco)
- *October 26, 2016*
“Employee Immigration Issues”
*Joint Session with BL North – Scott Bell (Associate, MLT Aikins LLP)
- *November 16, 2016*
“Law Department Best Practices”
Roundtable Discussion
- *January 18, 2017*
“Managing External Counsel” (see note below)
Roundtable Discussion
- *February 15, 2017*
“The Art of Negotiation”
Caroline Gorsalitz (Vice President, Corporate Development & Legal, Cameco)
- *March 21, 2017*
“From an Open Door to a Strategic Law Department”
Richard Stock (Partner, Catalyst Consulting)
- *April 19, 2017*
“Preparing Non-Legal Personnel to Instruct Legal Counsel”
Penny Yeager (Partner, MLT Aikins LLP)

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CANADIAN CORPORATE COUNSEL SOUTH

AZURE-DEE ASHTON

CCCA South organized five (5) section meetings in 2016-2017, one social, and four educational.

Due to scheduling conflicts, the social event was cancelled.

Section attendance is consistent, but it is not indicative of the numbers of full/notice CCCA South Section members.

The CCCA South Section chair attended the CCCA National Conference and executive meetings, and participated in Executive Committee conference call meetings.

2016/2017 MEETINGS

- *September 15, 2016*
CCCA Kick Off (Cancelled) Social event
- *October 20, 2016*
“Preparing Audit Reports”
Patricia Warsaba, Q.C., McKercher LLP; Brian Drayton, MNP
- *November 17, 2016*
“Non-Lawyer Regulation in a Corporate Setting”
Gerald Tegart, QC
- *January 19, 2017*
“Access to Commercial Information - A Panel Discussion”
Diane Aldridge, OIPC; Greg Fingas, Gerrand Rath Johnson LLP;
Shannon Rayner, SaskPower
*Joint Session with Privacy South
- *February 16, 2017*
“The New Lobbyists Act: What it Means for Public Office Holders”
Saundra Arberry, Deputy Registrar of Lobbyists

We consistently hear that the CCCA section offers in-house counsel with relevant CPD. The Executive aims to maintain this reputation into 2018 and onwards.

As Section Chair, I am especially grateful to Jamie Patterson and Ken Ring, who managed planning and organizing in my absence.

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CIVIL LITIGATION NORTH

SAMUEL EDMONDSON & TOM BALDRY

The Civil Litigation North section has had another successful year, holding six luncheon meetings through the 2016-2017 year. Attendance at our meetings ranged

from 8 to 15 members.

The executive of the branch section participated in conference calls throughout the year with the national civil litigation section, and updated the branch section. These updates related to CBA position in the Groia and TWU cases before the Supreme Court of Canada.

2016/2017 MEETINGS

- *September 14, 2016*
“An Update on Complexity Under the Revised Tariff of Costs”
Colin Clackson, Q.C., WMCZ Lawyers
- *October 12, 2016*
“An Update from the Court of Queen’s Bench”
The Honourable Justice R.C. Mills
- *November 9, 2016*
“Considerations for the Use of Expert Evidence”
Grant J. Scharfstein, Q.C., Scharfstein Gibbings Walen Fisher LLP
- *February 8, 2017*
“After Judgment, Enforcement of Money Judgments”
Mike Russel, McDougall Gaulley LLP
- *March 8, 2017*
“Effective and Efficient Discoveries”
Naheed Bardai, MLT-Aikins LLP
- *April 10, 2017*
“Practice and Procedure for Summary Judgment”
Karen Prisciak, Q.C., A.S.K. Law

This was the first year for each of the executive of the Civil Litigation North section. Samuel W. Edmondson and Tom Baldry are returning for the 2017-2018 year as Chair and Vice-chair. Attendance at the National Civil Litigation Section alternates between the Saskatchewan North and South sections, and the North section will attend the National Section meeting this year.

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CRIMINAL JUSTICE SOUTH

DARREN KRAUSHAAR

The Criminal Justice South Section held five meetings this past year. We had a wide range of speakers cover a number of interesting topics. This section includes members from the defence bar as well as Crown counsel. This is one of the few forums where both sides (defence and prosecutions) meet and discuss topics related to the criminal justice system.

2016/2017 MEETINGS

- *October 11, 2016*
“A View from the Bench”
The Honourable Judge Lang
Judge Lang discussed some tips for newcomers and experienced counsel appearing in Court.
- *November 8, 2016*
“Regina Alternative Measures Program”
Sheila Sinclair, Angie Pegan and Reeve Lorrain
Members from RAMP discussed some regular issues they experience with accused who are being referred to RAMP and what can be done to ensure their success in the program.
- *January 10, 2017*
“If You Don’t Like the Law, Change it”
James Korpan, Q.C.
A discussion challenging mandatory minimum sentences.
- *February 28, 2017*
“Understanding Early Release”
Karlie Gurski
Trying to untangle the complicated rules surrounding periods of incarceration and what a “one-year jail sentence” really means.
- *March 14th, 2017*
“Supreme Court Update”
Graeme Mitchall, Q.C.
An update on the recent jurisprudence from the SCC with selected cases highlighted and discussed.

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ENVIRONMENTAL & RESOURCES LAW SOUTH

JONATHAN KALMAKOFF & ANGELA STOLZ

The Saskatchewan Environmental & Resources Law Section scheduled 5 luncheon meetings in the 2016-2017 year.

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2016/2017 MEETINGS

- *October 6, 2016*
“The Environment in Saskatchewan Today”
Deputy Minister, Cam Swan, Ministry of Environment
- *November 3, 2016*
“Transboundary Water Systems: Treaties and Agreements regarding Allocation and Use”
Mike Renouf, Manager, Transboundary Waters Unit and Associate Regional Director, General Office, West & North, Environment and Climate Change Canada
- *December 1, 2016*
“Indoor Air Quality – Current Trends and Issues in the Built Environment”
Dave Ayriss, B.Sc., CIH, CRSP, Associate/Senior Occupational Hygienist, Golder Associates Ltd.
David Wytrykush, CRSP, Principal / EHS Senior Practice Leader, Golder Associates Ltd.
- *February 9, 2017*
“Wind Power Project Development”
Evan Wilson, Regional Director, Prairie Region, Canadian Wind Energy Association (CanWEA)
- *March 2, 2017*
“The Regina Waste Water Treatment Plant P3 Project “ *
Jayne C. Krueger, LLB, City of Regina, City Solicitor’s Office
*Joint session with Public Sector Municipal Law Section

CASE LAW DEVELOPMENTS

The following environmental case law was reported during the 2016 - 2017 year:
Skyway Canada Ltd. v. Consumers’ Co-Operative Refineries Ltd. 2016 SKQB 295

Civil litigation – Civil procedure – Pleadings – Amendment of – Statement of claim – Adding new cause of action – Leave to amend – Application by plaintiff for leave to amend statement of claim allowed – Plaintiff claimed losses arising from damage to property resulting from explosion and fire at defendant’s refinery – Plaintiff sought to add claim for damages based on defendant’s unlawful discharge into environment that caused adverse effect, leading to explosion and fire – Amendment as drafted fell short of standard for disclosing cause of action, as claim failed to disclose damage to environment or human health, or identify cause of harm – Plaintiff granted leave to amend by curing defect in its pleadings through further amendment – Environmental Management and Protection Act, s. 15.

Environmental law – Environmental liability – Civil litigation – Practice and procedure – Application by plaintiff for leave to amend statement of claim allowed – Plaintiff claimed losses arising from damage to property resulting from explosion and fire at defendant’s refinery – Plaintiff sought to add claim for damages based on defendant’s unlawful discharge into environment that caused adverse effect, leading to explosion and fire – Amendment as drafted fell short of standard for disclosing cause of action, as claim failed to disclose damage to environment or human health, or identify cause of harm – Plaintiff granted leave to amend by curing defect in its pleadings through further amendment – Environmental Management and Protection Act, s. 15. . 8.



FAMILY LAW SOUTH

DAVID COUTURE

In 2016-17 we had 6 meetings. Good attendance at all meetings (10-25). I attended some of the national conference call meetings, but it was the Family Law North section member who attended the meetings on Ottawa.

2016/2017 MEETINGS

- *September 22, 2016*
"Working with the Maintenance Enforcements Office"
Lionel McNabb, Justice
- *October 22, 2016*
"Working with Social Services"
Jill Drennan, Legal Aid
- *November 24, 2016*
"Oppression Remedy Claims and Their Application in Family Law Matters"
Paul Korpan and Paul Harasen, Kanuka Thuringer LLP
- *January 26, 2017*
"Family Law Chambers Discussion"
Chief Justice Popsecul, Court of Queen's Bench
- *March 23, 2017*
"Adult Children"
Justice Gwen Goebel, Court of Queen's Bench
- *April 27, 2017*
"Taxations in Family Law"
Bev McDonald, Local Registrar

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IMMIGRATION LAW NORTH & SOUTH

BRETT CAVANAUGH

The Immigration Section had five meetings in 2016/17 with an average attendance of about five participants. We had two sessions with government speakers, which were the best attended. We had two substantive educational content sessions revolving around specific practice areas, and one round table discussion session for Immigration Practitioners. The move to a new venue allowed for video conferencing and closer collaboration amongst North and South participants. As chair, Brett Cavanaugh attended the national meeting in Ottawa. Given that 2016 was the Federal Government's second year in office, they reached out to the National Executive for input in almost every area of immigration. Our chair carried the vote for Saskatchewan on legislative reform issues and it was a busy year for national participation. National topics where the CBA was able to provide input included sponsorship of parents, children in custody, changes to The Citizenship Act, border crossings, the upcoming Global Skill Strategy, a submission on immigration consultants and business PR submissions.

2016/2017 MEETINGS

- *November 14, 2016*
"SINP Update and Q & A Session"
Christa Ross, Executive Director, SINP
- *December 12, 2016*
"Detention Review Hearings Before the Immigration and Refugee Board"
Gordon Hill, Hearings Officer, Enforcement & Intelligence Operations Division
- *February 13, 2017*
"Roundtable Discussion of Practice Issues"
Roundtable
- *March 3, 2017*
"Serving Saskatchewan Employers on Immigration Matters"
Keith Swinton, IRCC Employer Liaison for MB & SK
- *April 10, 2017*
"SINP Farm Category"
Jyoti Haeusler, McDougall Gauley LLP

In 2017/2018 we will have more section input on national legislative reform items and collaborate with our Alberta CBA section partners.

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PRIVACY AND ACCESS SOUTH

KRISTÉL KRIEL

The Privacy and Access (South) Section went through some changes in its Executive during the 2016 year, and Kristél Kriel assumed the role as Chair of the Section in late 2016. Kristél attended the National Privacy and Access Symposium in Ottawa in late 2016 to participate in the National Section Meeting and to provide an update on privacy and access law in Saskatchewan.

The Section held five meetings during the year, including two joint sessions with the Admin and Labour (South) and Canadian Corporate Counsel (South) Sections. Most of the Section meetings were luncheons held at the Hotel Saskatchewan, Regina, with two luncheons held at the Copper Kettle and DoubleTree by Hilton, also in Regina.

2016/2017 MEETINGS

- *November 14, 2016*
“Untangling the Web of Cyber Risk and Insurance”
Gregory Eskins, National Cyber Security Practice Leader, Marsh Canada
- *January 17, 2017*
“Update from the Privacy Commissioner”*
Ronald J. Kruzeniski, Saskatchewan Information and Privacy Commissioner
*Joint Session with Admin & Labour
- *January 19, 2017*
“Access to Commercial Information - A Panel Discussion”*
Shannon Rayner, SaskPower; Diane Aldridge, Saskatchewan Information & Privacy Commissioner; Greg Fingas, Gerrand Rath Johnson LLP
*Joint Session with Canadian Corporate Counsel
- *March 13, 2017*
“Current Topics in Privacy & Access and Section Planning”
Kristél Kriel, MLT Aikins LLP
- *April 3, 2017*
“Luncheon with the Saskatchewan Information and Privacy Commissioner”
Ronald J. Kruzeniski, Saskatchewan Information and Privacy Commissioner

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 other 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.

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PUBLIC SECTOR & MUNICIPAL LAW

STEVEN DRIBNENKI

The Public Sector and Municipal Law Section South holds six luncheon meetings per year in Regina. Guest speakers address topics in the areas of public sector and municipal law. Any papers presented or notes submitted are circulated to all members of the Section after each meeting.

2016/2017 MEETINGS

- *September 27, 2016*
“The Ombudsman: The Fine Art of Fairness”
Ombudsman Mary McFadyen, Ombudsman Saskatchewan
- *October 25, 2016**
“The Lobbyist Registry: What You Need to Know”
Deputy Registrar of Lobbyists Sandra Arberry, Office of the Registrar of Lobbyists Saskatchewan
* Joint Meeting with Business Law South
- *November 22, 2016*
“SFL v Saskatchewan”
Graeme Mitchell, QC, Vice Chair of the Saskatchewan Labour Relations Board
- *January 24, 2017*
“Public Employees and Social Media: Avoiding Twitter Trouble and Facebook Fiascos”
Katrina Swan and Jana-Marie Odling, City of Regina, City Solicitor’s Office
- *February 28, 2017**
“The New Mosaic Stadium”
Mark Yemen, McDougall Gauley LLP
* Joint Meeting with Business Law South
- *March 2, 2017**
“The Regina Wastewater Treatment Plant”
Jayne Krueger, City of Regina, City Solicitor’s Office
* Joint Meeting with Business Law South
- *March 28, 2017*
“When Jurisdictions Clash: The Paramountcy Trilogy”
Tom Irvine, Senior Crown Counsel, Ministry of Justice, Constitutional Law Branch

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REAL PROPERTY & WILLS SOUTH

MARC KELLY

This is my last year as chair, after four years in the role. We hosted 5 speakers throughout the 2016-2017 year, on a mix of subjects we believed would be of some interest to our membership.

2016/2017 MEETINGS

- *September 19, 2016*
"Update from the Farm Land Security Board"
Dick Wellman, Saskatchewan Farm Land Security Board
- *October 17, 2016*
The Law Reform Commission Consultation Papers did a presentation
The Homesteads Act, 1989 and The Intestate Succession Act, 1996
Leah Howie, The Law Reform Commission
- *November 21, 2016*
"Commercial Title Insurance"*
Brett Horton, Stewart Title
*Joint Session with Business Law South
- *January 16, 2017*
"Building Codes"
William N. Hawkins, Executive Director Building Standards and
Licensing Branch
- *April 26, 2017*
"Roundtable Discussion on Emerging Case Law"
Roundtable

Vice Chair Jeff Norwig was involved in some of the national real property group meetings. Lindsay Oliver and Jeff Norwig are assisting in developing some information charts comparing aspects of real property between all of the provinces. Former Chair Kevin Jacques is actively involved in the real property national group.

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SECURITIES LAW NORTH

JOSEPH GILL

Securities Law North held four lunch sessions during the 2016-2017 year. Our goal for the 2016/2017 year was to focus on a number of relevant securities law topics which had not been discussed in presentations in prior years. We wanted to provide our members with the opportunity to hear useful practice advice from senior lawyers as well as to obtain insight into new and emerging forms of raising capital.

2016/2017 MEETINGS

- *September 28, 2016*
Best practices for conducting a shareholder meeting from a corporate and securities law perspective.
Bill Nickel, Partner with McDougall Gauley LLP
- *November 16, 2016*
Key issues from an accounting perspective when advising on public securities offerings.
Lisa Dunville, Audit Partner with KPMG LLP
- *February 8, 2017*
Overview of underwriter roles in public and private securities offerings as well as discussion of attributes that contribute to a successful public company offering.
Jeret Bode, Managing Director of Investment with Industrial Alliance Securities Inc.
- *April 12, 2017*
Summary of recent regulatory developments and updates on the regulatory activities of the Financial and Consumer Affairs Authority of Saskatchewan.
Sonne Udembga, Deputy Director, Legal, Securities Division, Financial and Consumer Affairs Authority of Saskatchewan

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Our executive for the 2016/17 year consisted of Joseph Gill, Associate with McKercher LLP (Chair), Michael Wright, Partner with Miller Thomson LLP (Vice-Chair), and Katrina Wagner, Associate with McPherson Leslie & Tyerman LLP (Secretary).

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SOGIC

DAVID CULLETON

The Sexual Orientation & Gender Identity Community (SOGIC) Forum was established to address the needs and concerns of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgendered and two-spirited 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.

- *February 2, 2017*
“Transgender and Legal Identities: Recent Amendments to the Vital Statistics Act”
Judge David Arnot, Chief Commissioner of the Saskatchewan Human Rights Commission
- *May 26 and 27, 2017*
“Needs and Aging Experiences of LGBT Older Canadians”*
Correctional Service Canada, Canadian Human Rights Commission, Privy Council Office LGBTQ2 Secretariat
Joint Sessions with National Elder Law Section

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WILLS, ESTATE & ELDER LAW NORTH

JAN KING



The section had 15 members and held 5 meetings. The section Chair attended the National meetings in Toronto on October 29, 2016, where we planned for the upcoming term and had discussions about national issues such as medical assistance in dying. We also planned for professional learning opportunities including the 5 day Conference held in Toronto: Wills, Estates and Trust Fundamentals for Estate Practitioners.

Saskatoon, North sessions opened on September 21, 2017. As always, they were well attended and engaging. The highlight of all sessions was the discussion amongst members at the conclusion of the meetings. We look forward to another successful year ahead.

2016/2017 MEETINGS

- *September 21, 2016*
“The Effect on Estates of Imminent Changes to the Taxation of Life Insurance Policies”
Jerry Gedir, Continuity
- *October 19, 2016*
“Dilemmas in the Funeral Services Industry”
John Schachtel, Mourning Glory
- *November 16, 2016*
“Open Discussion about the Law Reform Commission Consultations on The Homesteads Act, 1989 and The Intestate Succession Act, 1996”
Leah Howie, Director of Research, Law Reform Commission
- *January 18, 2017*
“Intellectual Property Rights on Death”
Craig Zawada, WMCZ
- *March 15, 2017*
“Adult-Guardianship Applications”
Curtis Onishenko and Kelsey O’Brien, McKercher LLP
- *April 19, 2017*
“Popular Kids Don’t Age So Well”
Brian Trainor, Retired SPS Sergeant

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WOMEN LAWYERS FORUM NORTH

JESSIE BUYDENS

We have a very collegial group of women who are very excited about the section. We had 5 meetings through the year. All but one were well attended. I also attended the National Conference in Ottawa in October and have been attending monthly meetings of the National Section via conference call.

2016/2017 MEETINGS

- *October 12, 2016*
“Mental Health Awareness & Community Resources”
Brenda Francis and Pam Watt, Community Mental Health
- *December 1, 2016*
“Red Cross in Saskatchewan & Beyond”
Barbara Barrootes , Red Cross
- *February 9, 2017*
“Board Governance”
Chelsea Willness, Edwards School of Business
- *March 2, 2017*
“How Body Language Can Assist Women Achieve Power”
Anne Gent, Cameco
- *April 6, 2017*
“Women in Politics”
Tiffany Paulsen, Robertson Stromberg LLP

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WOMEN LAWYERS FORUM SOUTH

CARLY ROMANOW

The WLF South had 6 meetings in the 2016-2017 year with approximately 25 members. The average attendance was around 10-15 people. Carly Romanow attended the national WLF meeting in Ottawa in October 2016.

2016/2017 MEETINGS

- *September 27, 2016*
“The Justicia Project in Saskatchewan: Retention and Advancement of Women in Private Practice”
Ronni Nordal, Nordal LeBlanc Law Office
- *October 26, 2016*
“Marketing and Business Strategies for Female Lawyers”
Subi Vaid, Global Minds - Marketing & Consulting Ltd.
- *November 23, 2016*
“Effective Time Management - How to Fit in the Demands of a Career, Family and Personal Well-being”
Gina Sebastian, On-Purpose Training Inc.
- *January 25, 2017*
“Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women”*
Betty Ann Pottuff, Q.C., Ministry of Justice, Delores Stevenson, Aunt of Nadine Machiskinic and Michelle Stewart, Professor at the University of Regina
*Joint Session with Aboriginal Law South
- *March 22, 2017*
“Reflections on the Participation of Women in the Legal Profession”
The Honourable Madam Justice Georgina Jackson
- *April 26, 2017*
“Wrap Up Wine and Cheese - Reflection on the Year”

I am incredibly happy with the participation and attendance of the members of our section. I look forward to another successful year ahead to grow and expand the group.

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YOUNG LAWYERS NORTH

MEGAN LORENZ

The Young Lawyers section this year consisted of six lunches. We always aim to plan lunches based on a mix of the corporate and litigation areas in order to offer something of value to all the members of the section. We also try to plan at least one that deals with ethics. Some highlights of the year included a joint session with the Alternative Dispute Resolution section. We also had a member of the judiciary from the Court of Queen's Bench come speak to the section, which was invaluable for the opportunity to interact with a member of the judiciary. We often plan a Surviving the First 5 Years session with some senior associates from different firms. This tends to be a popular session because it gives junior lawyers the opportunity to get some great tips on making it through the early years, as those can be very stressful and uncertain for young lawyers. We always find that the senior associates give some helpful and practical advice on conduct as a lawyer and as a student, as well as how to make life easier during those years.

2016/2017 MEETINGS

- *October 13, 2016*
"Alternative Dispute Resolution 101"*
Connie den Hollander, Knott den Hollander and Charmaine Panko,
Panko Collaborative Law & Mediation
* Joint Session with Alternative Dispute Resolution
- *November 10, 2016*
"Client Insurance"
Braxton Lawrence, Investors Group Financial Services Inc. and Delan
Dahl, McCabe Insurance
- *December 8, 2016*
"Tips and Advice on Drafting Legal Documents"
Derek Fahl and David Gerecke, Miller Thomson LLP
- *February 9, 2017*
"Getting Things Done BEFORE Trial"
The Honourable Mr. Justice R.C. Mills
- *March 9, 2017*
"Surviving the First 5 Years"
Luanne Schlosser, Miller Thomson; Jared Epp, Robertson Stromberg;
Bob Affleck, McKercher
- *April 13, 2017*
"Ethics as a Young Lawyer"
Heather MacMillan-Brown, Miller Thomson LLP

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YOUNG LAWYERS SOUTH

NICOLE HAMM

We started off the year by having Perry Erhardt, Q.C., President of the Law Society of Saskatchewan, and now Past President, speak to us about self-regulation, the governance structure of the Law Society, and the ongoing discussions regarding innovating regulation. As young lawyers, we will be most affected by the shift towards compliance-based regulation and the potential introduction of alternative business structures. While we generally think of the Law Society as the protector of the public interest, it is important for us as young lawyers to understand the Law Society's role early on in our careers, as it has the ability to shape the direction our profession takes. We were encouraged to take part in the innovating regulation discussions and to become involved in the Law Society, as self-regulation requires participation from all of us.

Our next session was a frank discussion about mental health and the legal profession, led by myself. We learned that approximately 20% of lawyers suffer from substance abuse, depression, anxiety, and other mental health issues. Out of those sharing certain socioeconomic factors, non-lawyers suffer from depression at rates 3.6 times higher than non-lawyers. Lawyers tend to be more susceptible to mental health issues due to the demands of practice: time pressures, pressure from partners, competition, and the culture of private practice, which rewards those who work long hours. Given how all-consuming a legal career can be, we talked about the need to treat our mental health like our physical health: eat well, get enough sleep, have a solid support system, think positively, and make time for rest, relaxation and hobbies outside of the office. In Saskatchewan, the Law Society funds Lawyers Concerned for Lawyers, a free, confidential assistance program for lawyers and their immediate family members. We were encouraged to reach out when we feel that we are struggling with our mental health. We were also told that we are not alone; many people struggle, and the good news is that the stigma surrounding mental health is slowly fading in the legal profession with lawyers such as former CBA President Michelle Hollins speaking out about their experiences.

In February, we welcomed Carly Romanow, Programs Director and Staff Lawyer at Pro Bono Law Saskatchewan ("PBLs"), who talked to us about what services PBLs offers, and how we can get involved. Access to justice is the main issue before the legal system in Canada, and by volunteering with organizations such as PBLs, each of us can help make public access to justice a little bit easier. As they say, every little bit helps. Carly was in private practice before joining PBLs, and was also able to provide with insight about the differences between private practice and an in-house counsel role.

Our last session of the year, and our most popular, was a seminar on reading financial statements led by accountant Matt Anhalt from Virtus Group LLP. Whether you practice in the corporate/commercial area, family law, or are a full-time litigator, at some point you will need to read a corporate financial statement and be able to understand the difference between a balance sheet and an income statement. Without an accounting background, interpreting a financial statement can be a significant challenge. Matt led us through balance sheets, income statements, cash flow statements and ably answered all of our questions. Each person commented on how useful and practical the session was, and we look forward to having Virtus present to us again in the future.

Thank you to our speakers, who all led thoughtful discussions and provided interesting presentations. While our section struggled with attendance, those who were there were fully engaged and asked questions that provided much for each of us to reflect on. Katherine Melnychuk of McKercher LLP will be Chair of the Young Lawyers South section for 2017-2018. Thank you to Katherine for being so willing to take on the Chair role, and all the best to her in the year ahead!

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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
YEAR ENDED AUGUST 2016

**Canadian Bar Association,
Saskatchewan Branch**

Financial Statements
(Unaudited)
August 31, 2016



March 30, 2017

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, 2016 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.

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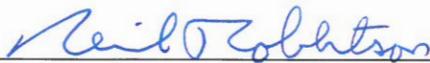
Statement of Financial Position

(Unaudited)

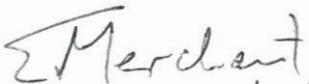
As at August 31, 2016

	2016	2015
	\$	\$
Assets		
Current assets		
Cash	198,562	135,696
Short-term investments (note 2)	85,644	42,732
Accounts receivable	2,407	4,270
Prepaid expenses	-	1,500
	<u>286,613</u>	<u>184,198</u>
Long-term investments (note 2)	234,633	270,640
Property, plant and equipment (note 3)	<u>12,295</u>	<u>14,498</u>
	<u>533,541</u>	<u>469,336</u>
Liabilities		
Current liabilities		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	35	-
Deferred revenue (note 4)	<u>34,076</u>	<u>31,830</u>
	<u>34,111</u>	<u>31,830</u>
Net assets		
Unrestricted	186,580	124,656
Internally restricted operating reserve	<u>312,850</u>	<u>312,850</u>
	<u>499,430</u>	<u>437,506</u>
	<u>533,541</u>	<u>469,336</u>

Approved by the Executive Committee


Neil Robertson
President

Officer


E. Merchant
Vice President

Officer

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

Canadian Bar Association, Saskatchewan Branch

Statement of Operations

(Unaudited)

For the year ended August 31, 2016

	2016	2015
	\$	\$
Revenue		
Memberships and CBA rebates	249,656	218,440
Mid-winter meeting	125,177	109,297
Legal directory sales and advertising	69,373	70,465
Section levies	59,347	57,163
Section administration levies	24,700	35,611
Miscellaneous	16,339	4,030
Sub-lease	11,802	11,066
Law day	10,366	10,300
Interest income	7,713	9,955
Canadian Bar Insurance Association license fees	6,662	6,996
Bar notes advertising	4,205	1,960
National sponsorship	2,680	2,645
Job board advertising	1,250	1,750
	589,270	539,678
Expenditures		
Salaries and benefits	172,236	203,188
Mid-winter meeting	72,148	68,222
Section lunch	45,690	52,690
Office and administration	43,018	36,977
Rent (note 5)	35,965	33,614
National meetings	32,411	43,436
Legal directory	27,178	25,886
Law day	18,518	8,722
Promotion	17,659	16,805
Bar notes	16,894	9,425
Executive committee expenses	14,547	14,777
Professional fees	5,880	5,670
Section planning	3,897	3,498
Council	3,567	3,423
Miscellaneous	3,095	735
Branch committee expenses	3,060	1,864
Service awards	2,395	3,348
Amortization	2,203	2,565
President's dinner	1,176	2,795
Branch annual meeting	809	1,280
Articling student forum	-	4,455
	522,346	543,375
Excess (deficiency) of revenue over expenditures before the following:	66,924	(3,697)
Special projects		
Pro Bono Saskatchewan	(5,000)	(5,000)
Excess (deficiency) of revenue over expenditures	61,924	(8,697)

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

Canadian Bar Association, Saskatchewan Branch

Statement of Changes in Net Assets
(Unaudited)

* For the year ended August 31, 2016

	Internally restricted operating reserve	Unrestricted	2016 Total	2015 Total
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Net assets - Beginning of year	312,850	124,656	437,506	446,203
Excess (deficiency) of revenue over expenditures for the year	-	61,924	61,924	(8,697)
Net assets - End of year	312,850	186,580	499,430	437,506

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

Canadian Bar Association, Saskatchewan Branch

Statement of Cash Flows

(Unaudited)

For the year ended August 31, 2016

	2016	2015
	\$	\$
Cash provided by (used in)		
Operating activities		
Excess (deficiency) of revenue over expenditures for the year	61,924	(8,697)
Items not affecting cash		
Amortization	2,203	2,565
	<u>64,127</u>	<u>(6,132)</u>
Changes in non-cash working capital		
Accounts receivable	1,899	(943)
Prepaid expenses	1,500	(1,500)
Accounts payable	(1)	(2,512)
Deferred revenue	2,246	22,960
	<u>5,644</u>	<u>18,005</u>
	<u>69,771</u>	<u>11,873</u>
Investing activities		
Proceeds on sale of long-term investments	-	32,268
Purchase of investments	(6,905)	(41,378)
Purchase of property, plant and equipment	-	(1)
	<u>(6,905)</u>	<u>(9,111)</u>
Net change in cash for the year	62,866	2,762
Cash - Beginning of year	135,696	132,934
Cash - End of year	<u>198,562</u>	<u>135,696</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

Canadian Bar Association, Saskatchewan Branch

Notes to Financial Statements

(Unaudited)

August 31, 2016

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.

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.

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.

Canadian Bar Association, Saskatchewan Branch

Notes to Financial Statements

(Unaudited)

August 31, 2016

1 Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

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 (2015 - nil).

Canadian Bar Association, Saskatchewan Branch

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(Unaudited)

August 31, 2016

2 Investments

Investments consist of:

	2016 \$	2015 \$
General Fund		
Fixed income bond (cost: 2016 - \$47,325; 2015 - \$47,325; interest earned at 5.59%; maturing January 2018)	51,972	50,754
GIC (cost: 2016 - \$47,326; 2015 - \$47,326; interest earned at 2.3%; maturing June 2018)	51,054	49,797
Fixed income bond (cost: 2016 - \$42,090; 2015 - \$42,090; interest earned at 4.7%; maturing March 2019)	45,127	43,899
GIC (cost: 2016 - \$39,703; 2015 - \$39,703; interest earned at 2.5%; maturing June 2017)	44,086	43,009
GIC (cost: 2016 - \$43,745; 2015 - \$nil; interest earned at 1.9%; maturing June 2021)	43,838	-
GIC (cost: 2016 - \$41,378; 2015 - \$41,378; interest earned at 2.3%; maturing June 2020)	42,642	41,809
Term deposit (cost: 2016 - \$40,901; 2015 - \$40,901; interest earned at prime less 2.25%; maturing December 2016)	41,558	41,372
GIC (cost: 2016 - \$nil; 2015 - \$37,552; interest earned at 3.1%; redeemed during the year)	-	42,732
	320,277	313,372
Less: Current portion of investments	(85,644)	(42,732)
	234,633	270,640

3 Property, plant and equipment

			2016	2015
	Cost \$	Accumulated amortization \$	Net \$	Net \$
Office equipment	12,445	8,430	4,015	4,770
Computer hardware	10,275	7,380	2,895	4,215
Computer software	2,710	2,325	385	513
Artwork	5,000	-	5,000	5,000
	30,430	18,135	12,295	14,498

Canadian Bar Association, Saskatchewan Branch

Notes to Financial Statements

(Unaudited)

August 31, 2016

4 Deferred revenue

Deferred revenue consists of the following:

	2016	2015
	\$	\$
Prepaid advertising	27,175	22,785
Prepaid administration levies	6,901	9,045
	<u>34,076</u>	<u>31,830</u>

5 Commitments

The association's total obligations under various operating leases for equipment are as follows:

	\$
2017	15,876
2018	15,876
2019	15,876
2020	14,631
2021	10,896
	<u>73,155</u>

Operating lease rent expense for occupied premises for the year ended August 31, 2016 amounted to \$35,965 (2015 - \$33,614).

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.

Other risks

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

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7 Comparative figures

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