



THE CANADIAN  
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Saskatchewan Branch

# ANNUAL REPORT

2014/2015



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# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

GAIL WARTMAN, QC



My President's Report for 2014/2015 will include some of the highlights in the Branch and Nationally, from my perspective as President. It has been my privilege to participate in the rich and varied life of CBA Saskatchewan.

Highlights of every year I've been on the Executive Committee have been the events at the College of Law. This year, the annual CBA Wine & Cheese Reception took place on September 16, 2014 and as usual, it was a successful and festive affair. Over 100 students signed up as members that day. I also attended the CBA Saskatchewan Law Firm Showcase at the College of Law on November 19, 2014, and in March 2015, I was a panelist for the Law Society's *Justicia* event, an initiative to retain women in private practice. As is always the case with events at the College, it

was a time of presenting some of my knowledge and gaining new insights from the students there and from the other presenters.

Another great highlight of the year was representing the Canadian Bar Association by bringing greetings at the swearing-in ceremonies of new lawyers in Regina, Saskatoon, and Moose Jaw, and of two new Provincial Court Judges, one in Saskatoon and one in Wynyard.

The President's Dinner, held on October 1, 2015 in Regina, was a wonderful gathering of Past Presidents and in many cases their spouses. It was an evening of fellowship, not formal speeches, which was a good thing because on the couple of occasions when I needed to get the attention of the crowd, I hated to break up the visiting and laughter that filled the room.

Although there is a routine aspect about the monthly teleconference meetings of the Executive Committee, I enjoy each one of them and feel that significant business can be done in that format. The Council meetings were interesting and well attended, and we are getting used to our new format of only having two Council meetings per year now.

For many of us, the Mid-Winter Meeting is the highlight of the year. It is the largest annual gathering in the Province of judges, lawyers, and law students. I was very proud of this year's continuing professional development program, and found every session that I attended to be helpful, well prepared, and of value in my practice. I extend a thank you to the Mid-Winter Planning Committee that organized this event, and the many presenters from the Saskatchewan Bar who made it a resounding success. I am pleased that Dr. Gabor Mate was well received and gave us all a lot to think about in terms of health and wellness in the profession; I was delighted that our End-of-Life panel was presenting mid-afternoon on Friday February 6, 2015 – the very day on which the Supreme Court of Canada had issued its decision in the *Carter* case in the morning. I am still in awe of how our panel hit the ground running and made that presentation within just a few hours, including Graham Mitchell, QC's, impressive PowerPoint and in-depth discussion.

I also attended both the Manitoba Mid-Winter Meeting and the Alberta Legal Conference in the two weekends preceding our event, and found them to be enjoyable and educational. I was warmly welcomed at both places and feel that, in addition to the other interesting experiences I have had as Branch President, I also have made a lot of new friends.

Another important highlight of our year is Law Day, and I commend the work of the Law Day Committee in this regard. Saskatoon held its annual "Run for the Law" Fun Run and Mock Trial Competition on April 18, 2015, the latter ending with an Awards Banquet at the Sheraton Cavalier Hotel. I attended the final trial and acted as M.C. at the Awards Banquet, as well as getting to present some of the awards. The next day was the Law Day Fair which was held in Saskatoon in cooperation with the Saskatoon Public Library. There were booths from a number of law-related organizations, and many presentations throughout the day on legal topics and law related matters - even including a demonstration by the Canine Unit of the Saskatoon Police Service.

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In Regina, the 2nd annual Lynn Smith Memorial Fun Run was held on April 25, 2015, in honour of Branch Past President and dedicated CBA member Lynn Smith, QC. Despite the less than perfect weather, it was quite well attended and participants were invited to a wonderful lunch at Lynn Smith's family home with his wife and children in attendance. For the many of us who worked with Lynn through CBA, it was a great time to reminisce about him and to enjoy each other's company, while raising some good funds for Pro Bono Law Saskatchewan.

On the National scene, it has been an interesting and somewhat turbulent year. We had a period of controversy early in the fall over a proposed intervention to the Supreme Court of Canada. This brought about some dissention in different parts of the national association, but will ultimately lead to an update and improvement to our CBA Intervention Policy. Of most significance on the National front at this time is the CBA Re-Think, which is being talked about at the Branch level on a regular basis. It is a profound and searching inventory of everything we are and do as an association. I urge as many of you as possible to participate deeply in this process, including by participating in one of the in-person workshops and/or becoming involved in the Virtual Community where members can comment on or indicate preferences for, ideas being put forward.

It has been an enjoyable, exhilarating, and demanding year as President. I have enjoyed it and considered it a great honour to serve in this role. I want to thank Brenda Hesje, Kayla Stuckart, and all the other staff of the CBA who support our Branch in so many ways. I also want to thank the people on the Executive Committee who put so many volunteer hours into our Branch, as well as people on Council, Branch Committees and sections who contribute in many different ways because the CBA and our work is important to them. And I thank all the lawyers who have made a decision to become a member of the Association at whatever level of involvement. I ask for your ongoing involvement in, and support of, the CBA. I hope that our current CBA Re-Think will make the services we provide even better- tailored to your needs.



**GAIL WARTMAN, QC**  
CBA Saskatchewan President  
2014/2015

## VICE-PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

SHARON PRATCHLER, QC



The major theme of this year has been Re-Think, particularly at the national level. As a result, my report is less retrospective and more focused on our year ahead.

The Re-Think process started off in Newfoundland with National President Michele Hollins, QC's, famous lines, which I paraphrase here. There are no sacred cows here - everything is on the table. When people say that, what they ordinarily mean is, "Your cow is not sacred to me". This year has been about team building at the national level and examining our priorities and considering what the future of the CBA will look like.

Events during the year have highlighted the need to define with more precision what the CBA's brand is and what that means for our focus. If you were asked to define in 3 words what the CBA means to you, what would they be? For me, those words are community, engagement and support.

We have had a number of sessions in Ottawa this year, where members of the National Board have met, with the involvement of young lawyers as well, where we have laid out our thoughts. The Re-Think process is now meeting across the country to gather your thoughts as well. If you can not make an in-person session, you can still participate through the virtual consultations. Details of the Virtual Community came out in early June - if you were not contacted please let the Branch know..

Please do ensure your voice is heard. This is an important time in the CBA, to define our role into the future. Be part of that process. Be part of Re-Think. Lend your voice to that discussion. We need to hear from all of you.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. Pratchler'.

**SHARON PRATCHLER, QC**  
CBA Saskatchewan Vice-President  
2014/2015

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# TREASURER'S REPORT

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NEIL ROBERTSON, QC



While the Saskatchewan Branch has experienced significant increases in revenue in recent years, that has been matched by increases in expenses. This can be seen from the table below showing revenues and expenses for the past, current and next budget years.

The operating deficits were in part intended to reduce accumulated reserves. Even so, it is prudent to restore the budget to balance. The Executive Committee conducted a careful review of the budget at its Planning Meeting of January 16, 2015, resulting in some changes to reduce the likelihood of operating deficits going forward. This review and resulting reductions were done to maintain the solid financial situation which the Branch has enjoyed for many years under the prudent administration of the Executive Director, Brenda Hesje.

	<b>2012/2013</b> Actual	<b>2013/2014</b> Actual	<b>2014/2015</b> Actual	<b>2015/2016</b> Actual
<b>Revenue</b>	\$388,346.33	\$474,657.97	\$519,000.00	\$628,000.00
<b>Expenses</b>	\$465,968.67	\$577,659.41	\$581,700.00	\$630,700.00
<b>Surplus (Deficit)</b>	(\$77,622.34)	(\$103,001.44)	(\$62,700.00)	(\$2,700.00)

The total assets of the Branch as of April 30, 2015 were \$547,101.18, most of which was in the Branch's bank account or investments.

On the following pages are the financial statements for the year ended August 31, 2014, prepared by PricewaterhouseCoopers.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Neil Robertson". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

**NEIL ROBERTSON, QC**  
CBA Saskatchewan Treasurer  
2014/2015

# PAST PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

KYLIE HEAD, QC



Over the past year, much of my volunteer service with the CBA has been focused on the national rather than the provincial stage. At the beginning of the year, I agreed to serve as the Secretary/Treasurer for the Executive Committee of the Public Sector Lawyers Forum. I was also appointed to the national CBA Equality Committee and continued to serve on National Council. Those were the national CBA endeavours that I expected to take on for the year. However, I was surprised but pleased to be invited to also join the national CBA Re-Think Steering Committee.

## BRANCH PAST PRESIDENT

I am pleased to have had a number of opportunities to represent the Branch since our last Annual Meeting. I brought greetings at the swearing-in ceremonies of Judge Lane Wiegiers to the Provincial Court in Regina and Mr. Justice Donald Layh to the Court of Queen's Bench for Saskatchewan in Yorkton. I brought greetings on behalf of the CBA at the welcoming reception for the Fifth Annual National Pro Bono Conference and was invited to speak on a panel addressing the future of the profession. I worked with students and professors at the College of Law on access to justice issues through the Dean's Forum on Access to Justice. I participated as the CBA representative on the U of S College of Law Future of the Law Library Committee. I served as Chair of the Branch Nominating Committee this year, and appreciated the willingness of members who stepped forward to fill vacancies. I also chaired the CBA Saskatchewan Queen's Counsel Committee and was a member of our Awards Committee. I participated in Executive Committee and Council meetings, including the Executive Annual Planning Meeting. I attended the dinner celebrating Judge Carol Snell's term as Chief Judge. I attended the National Mid-Winter Meeting of Council in Ottawa in February 2015 and I am looking forward to attending the National Council Meeting and Canadian Legal Conference in Calgary in August. I was honoured to attend the CBA President's Dinner and receive my Past President's pin.

## PUBLIC SECTOR LAWYERS FORUM (PSLF) SECRETARY/TREASURER

The PSLF Executive Committee meets monthly via conference call. This year, we also had one in person meeting in Ottawa in November. I was responsible for the minutes for all meetings. I led strategic planning for the Forum. I helped organize the free monthly CPD national teleconference series for public lawyers. From Saskatchewan, I arranged for Alan Jacobson to speak about minority language education rights and served as the host for the conference call. I helped plan and served as moderator for our session for the CLC in St. John's, NFLD - "Legal Implications of Protest: Civil Injunctions and Police Enforcement". I presented reports to National Council on behalf of the PSLF at both the August 2014 CLC and the February 2015 Mid-Winter Meeting. I also organized a meeting at CLC to speak to public sector lawyers about the work of the Forum and recruit new potential members. I also had the pleasure to be on the sub-committee that selected the winner of this year's John Tait Award of Excellence and had the opportunity to present the award to recipient Christian Whalen at the February 2015 Mid-Winter Meeting. I will be moving into the Vice-Chair position for the PSLF Executive next year.

The PSLF is represented in Saskatchewan by the Public Sector and Municipal Law Section. I attended meetings of that section throughout the year in Regina.

## CBA RE-THINK NATIONAL STEERING COMMITTEE MEMBER

This initiative to Re-Think the CBA will redefine our service offerings to meet the changing needs of lawyers across the country. CBA Re-Think is examining all of our services, how much value they provide to members, how and where we deliver them, and how efficient and effective they are. The CBA needs to evolve with the times to ensure that the CBA experience continues to be as positive and beneficial as it can be. I was appointed to the Re-Think Steering Committee, somewhat to my surprise, on September 25. I attended an orientation conference call in November and

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then an in-person meeting in Toronto in December. In January I participated in a smaller conference call, with just the staff and consultants, focused on ensuring that we achieve sufficient diversity in the interview samples throughout this process. Starting in January, there have been monthly conference calls for the Steering Committee. I will be attending an in-person workshop in Calgary on June 23. There are five such workshops being held in major population centres (Moncton, Toronto, Montreal, Vancouver, Calgary) across the country. Members across the country, but especially those who do not live in those five cities, are encouraged to participate by joining the Virtual Community. Your input will help to shape the future of the CBA! The CBA wants to hear from current members, past members and even non-members as we design the next evolution of the organization.

### **NATIONAL CBA EQUALITY COMMITTEE MEMBER**

As a member of this committee I participate in monthly teleconference meetings. I had the honour to be part of the deliberations to determine the recipient of the Touchstone Award. At the 2014 CLC in St. John's I attended the Equality Committee Coffee House and the following Equality Committee business meeting. I am now helping to plan these events for the 2015 CLC in Calgary. The work of the Equality Committee this year has focused on increasing diversity in various venues - the CBA leadership, the judiciary, and in private practice. We are in the process of planning the Equality Committee Coffee House for the 2015 CLC in Calgary.

### **THANK YOU**

My role as Past President will continue through to the end of my term on August 31, 2015, and then I will transition off the Executive Committee. Thanks to all who have made my eight year run on the Executive Committee such a valuable and enriching experience, including all of our members, exceptional volunteers, my fellow executive members, and especially our staff, Brenda Hesje, Lorraine Coulman, and Kayla Stuckart. (A special thank you to Lorraine who has now retired and who I see on Facebook is enjoying some well deserved travelling!) It has been an amazing experience working with all of you and I have learned much about our profession. Best wishes to all our Executive Committee members and staff who are remaining on board to carry this work forward!



**KYLIE HEAD, QC**

CBA Saskatchewan Past-President  
2014/2015

# AWARDS COMMITTEE

J.P. ELLSON | CHAIR



The Awards Committee oversees the administration and awarding of both the Distinguished Service Award and the Community Service Award. This Committee also serves as a liaison with the National Awards Committee with the Saskatchewan Chair serving on the National committee for the Viscount Bennett Scholarship Award.

The 2014/2015 Award Committee members included: J.P. Ellson (Chair); CBA Saskatchewan President Gail Wartman, QC; CBA Saskatchewan Past President Kylie Head, QC; and the Presidents of the Law Society of Saskatchewan during the respective time period Rob Heinrichs, QC, and Brenda Hildebrandt, QC.

## DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

The Distinguished Service Award recognizes significant and exceptional contributions and/or achievements by members of 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 Gregory Walen, QC, on February 6, 2015 at the Distinguished Service Award Luncheon held in conjunction with the Branch annual Mid-Winter Meeting.

## 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 Brenda Walper-Bossence, QC, as the deserving recipient. The award will be presented to Ms. Walper-Bossence on June 18, 2015 following the CBA Branch Annual Meeting.

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# COMMUNICATIONS

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LORA BANSLEY | CHAIR



This year was my first year of a two year term in the newly revamped Communications Chair role. At the Annual Meeting last year bylaw revisions were passed, which changed the role of the Communications Chair. Historically, the Communications Chair sat on the Executive Committee and was the Editor of *BARNOTES*, the Branch's quarterly magazine. Now the Chair sits on the *BARNOTES* Editorial Board, serving as a liaison between the Editorial Board and the Executive Committee.

Ashley Smith is the current Editor of *BARNOTES* and has a great vision for this publication. Other members of the Editorial Board include: Scott Bell, Kate Crisp, Jared Epp, Azure-Dee Farago, Jacki Francis, Danielle Graff, Nolan Kondratoff, Amjad Murabit, James Streeton, Hannah Zip and Branch Staff Brenda Hesje and Kayla Stuckart.

This year's Editorial Board is quite representative of the legal profession in Saskatchewan with lawyers from small, medium and large firms, both urban and rural representation, along with a Crown Corporation lawyer and a representative from the College of Law. This allows the Editorial Board to seek out diverse content that should hopefully be of interest to a broader group of our members.

We have continued to produce four issues per year (Fall, Winter, Spring and Summer) and continued with the colour format. Many publications have moved to electronic format. The CBA has had a digital version for some time, but have recently made changes to improve our readers' experience. We are now using the ISSUU platform, which is the fastest growing digital publishing platform in the world. To read our most recent past issues of *BARNOTES* online visit: [www.issuu.com/CBASaskatchewan](http://www.issuu.com/CBASaskatchewan).

Providing an interactive online version of *BARNOTES* supports our efforts to increase the value of our website and to encourage member engagement in the work and online resources of the Branch. The Editorial Board will continue to explore the digital version as a means to control costs and be more environmentally friendly.

As Communications Chair I also serve as a liaison between the Executive Committee and the Branch Communications Officer for the website, the eNewsletter CBA SaskWatch, Facebook and Twitter.

Kayla Stuckart, CBA Saskatchewan's Communications Officer does a great job with our Branch's communication efforts. I extend serious thanks to her for all she does!

## SOCIAL ENGAGEMENT: BY THE NUMBERS

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 **197 likes**  
Facebook.com/CBASask

 **2,547** unique visitors  
cbasask.org

 **334** followers  
@CBA\_SK

 **61%** open rate\*  
CBA SaskWatch  
\* The Non-Profit average is 30%.

## JUDICIAL COMPENSATION & BENEFITS

GAIL WARTMAN, QC | CHAIR



In November 2014, it was my honor to participate in a task which falls to the Canadian Bar Association once every three years, and that is presenting written submissions and then an oral presentation to the Provincial Court Judges Compensation and Benefits Commission. The Provincial Court Judges have expressed appreciation for the role the CBA takes in this process and in the other situations in which we act as advocates as Judges, such as, from time to time, in the media.

**A complete copy of the submission is available online at:**  
[www.cba.org/cba/groups/judicial\\_compbenefits/branch.aspx](http://www.cba.org/cba/groups/judicial_compbenefits/branch.aspx)

## RESOLUTION, CONSTITUTIONS & BYLAWS

ROBERT THORNTON, QC | CHAIR



In accordance with Branch Bylaw 25, a Resolution was passed at the Annual Meeting of the Branch held on June 19, 2014 in Saskatoon amending the Branch Bylaws as set out in the blacklined draft of the Bylaws which accompanied the Notice of the Annual Meeting.

As the Branch Bylaws were amended in June 2014, the Executive Committee and the Resolutions, Constitution and Bylaws Committee have not undertaken a review of the Bylaws this year.

Since the last Annual Meeting, there have been no resolutions of Branch Council other than customary motions approving the Branch budget, Council Meeting Minutes and Council Meeting agendas.

**A copy of the current CBA Saskatchewan Branch Bylaws can be viewed online at:**  
[www.cbask.org/About-The-CBA/Bylaws-Policy-Manuals.aspx](http://www.cbask.org/About-The-CBA/Bylaws-Policy-Manuals.aspx)

Respectfully submitted this 15th day of May, 2015.

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# LEGISLATION & LAW REFORM

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EVATT MERCHANT | CHAIR



Advocacy with respect to legislation and law reform is a key and vital role fulfilled by the CBA on behalf of our legal profession and public at large.

The role of the Legislation and Law Reform (LLR) Chair is to monitor, coordinate and assist with the preparation of Branch submissions on any matter respecting government initiatives made by Sections, Committees and the Branch Executive. Each CBA section designates a LLR representative for its Section. Proposed legislation being introduced by government and calls for consultation are circulated to the Section Chairs and the membership for review and comment.

Last Fall, the Branch implemented a new online platform on its website to allow members new avenues to take part in consultations on legislative proposals or advocate upon existing legislation. This new webpage can be found at [www.cbasask.org](http://www.cbasask.org), under the Advocacy tab on the Branch website. This new webpage expanded upon the existing CBA protocols used to consult with members about proposed legislation. It continues to be the practice of CBA Saskatchewan to inform CBA members on the status of consultations through the Branch eNewsletter, CBA SaskWatch. Members can also monitor the progress of Bills before the Legislature by visiting: [www.cbasask.org/status-of-bills](http://www.cbasask.org/status-of-bills).

CBA Saskatchewan provided formal submissions to government in this past year regarding:

- *The Residential Tenancies Act 2006*
- The Small Claims Review Project
- Proposed Fee Waiver Legislation
- Proposed Framework Legislation Regarding Inter-Jurisdictional Securities Regulation

The Branch has also been invited to participate in consultations with the Ministry of Agriculture regarding the review of the farm ownership provisions of *The Saskatchewan Farm Security Act*. Our incoming CBA Saskatchewan Treasurer, Michel Riou, and Stuart Busse, QC, have volunteered to represent the Branch at meetings with the Ministry of Agriculture on June 25, 2015 in respect of the same consultations.

For any CBA members who have comments on existing or proposed legislation, or who wish to become involved in the CBA Saskatchewan Legislation & Law Reform Committee, please do not hesitate to contact me, via: [emerchant@merchantlaw.com](mailto:emerchant@merchantlaw.com) or 306-227-2222.

# MEMBERSHIP

LORELEY BERRA | CHAIR



As of May 27, 2015 the CBA's membership was 37,332 active members (37,317 paid and 15 unpaid). Recruitment and retention efforts by CBA staff and volunteers across Canada has resulted in slow but steady growth in membership numbers over the last few months (March = 36,685, April = 37,019 and May = 37,317). It is interesting to note the breakdown of who our new or re-joining members are: 4.5% (51) are brand new CBA Members; 7.8% are returning, having not been members for 11 or more years; 8.5% are returning, having not been members for 6 – 10 years; 32% are returning, having not been members for 2 – 5 years; 46% are reinstating after having been lapsed in 2014 (primarily made up of September 1, 2014 renewals).

Saskatchewan currently has 1,205 paid members, up 2.9% from 2013-2014.

## SUMMER IS ON US

In collaboration with the Branches, Member Services has been preparing for the launch of the 'Summer is on Us' campaign; a blast email was sent on June 1, 2015 to all inactive/lapsed members who are CASL Approved (most were members within the last two years). The offer (available to any new or rejoining member), is that if they join/rejoin the CBA and pay for the 2015/2016 membership year between June 1 and June 30, their membership will be activated immediately (i.e.: the summer will be free).

## MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Preparation has begun for the annual 2015-2016 membership renewal campaign. To prepare, Member Services staff have been rigorously testing the new fee calculations to ensure that CBA members will be billed correctly for their regular membership, that rebates are calculated properly (and are subtracting from the membership dues as they should be), that the Portfolio and Portfolio Plus Options are being assigned and calculated appropriately, and that the pre-authorized monthly payment plans are calculating correctly on applicable invoices. The team has also been thoroughly "cleaning" the data in preparation for annual renewal billing, which is scheduled for the first week of July, 2015.

## PAPERLESS BILLING

The CBA has just (May 27, 2015) begun to introduce and promote a paperless billing option to new and existing members. This is a significant change from the norm; we have opted to roll this option out gradually over the next two years. This year, we added the option to the Join and Update Online forms, and an email was sent asking members to "Say Yes" to receiving their annual membership renewal invoice electronically via email. The email was sent to approximately 19,000 members who currently pay their own membership fees. Over 3,200 said "YES" in the first 24-hours alone.

This year the Branch visited the Southeast Bar Association. There was a good turnout and we were well received. We hope to continue visiting local bar associations and gather valuable feedback to improve the delivery of the services that are valued by our members.

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# MID-WINTER MEETING

BRYAN SALTE, QC | CHAIR



This year's Mid-Winter Meeting, February 5 and 6, 2015 in Saskatoon, was a success. The plenary sessions addressed a broad range of issues. The CPD sessions addressed a broad range of substantive, practical and ethical areas of practice. It was also an excellent opportunity to meet with colleagues who we seldom see in a social environment.

## PLENARY SESSIONS

The opening plenary addressed a current hot topic in legal practice – alternative business models for legal practice. The presentation addressed the issues outlined in the CBA report *Futures: Transforming the Delivery of Legal Services in Canada* which suggests that it may be necessary to consider alternative methods to for legal service delivery, including allowing non-lawyer ownership of entities which deliver legal services. Michelle Hollins, QC was unable to present due to a health problem. Allan Fineblit, QC former CEO of the Law Society of Manitoba and Tom Schonhoffer, QC filled in for her admirably.

Gabor Maté, a Vancouver physician and renowned author and speaker, spoke about addiction, depression and stress in the legal profession. Copies of his books which were available for sale rapidly sold out – demonstrating the relevance and power of his presentation.

The final plenary closing the Midwinter meeting was a panel discussion addressing end of life and physician assisted death. Reverend Cathy Coates moderated with panelists Dr. Vivian Walker a palliative care physician, Françoise Hébert of Dying with Dignity Canada and Graeme Mitchell, QC. The Supreme Court added interest to the presentation by releasing the *Carter* decision the morning of the presentation. The *Carter* decision struck down the laws against physician assisted death.

## CPD SESSIONS

There were five concurrent educational streams. The goal of the planning committee was to ensure that each time slot contained five disparate topics so that attendees could find something of interest at each of the CPD sessions. Attendees could meet all of their annual Law Society CPD requirements and three years of ethics credit requirements by attending the conference. A total of 12 hours of CPD credits and 9 hours of ethics credits were available.

We were only able to deliver the quality of topics and speakers through the work of the planning committee - Brett Cavanaugh, Doug Hodson, QC, Marilyn Penner, James Sproule, Sheldon Stener, Greg Walen, QC, Anita Wandzura, Gail Wartman, QC, Lisa Watson and Gary Zabos, QC.

## 2015 SPONSORS AND EXHIBITORS

I would also like to express my appreciation to the sponsors and exhibitors who set up booths to provide information to attendees, provided door prizes and subsidized the event, allowing it to be provided at a much lower cost than comparable CPD opportunities.

The sponsors for the CBA Midwinter included AJEFS (Association des jurists d'expression française de la Saskatchewan), Ashmeade & Low Investigations Ltd., Brunson Junor Johnson Appraisals Ltd., CBIA/CBAF (Murray Alberta), DirectWest, Globe Printers, The Law Society of Saskatchewan, SaskTel, Stewart Title Guaranty Company, St. Thomas More Lawyer's Guild, Virtus Group LLP and VoicePro Technologies Inc.

# NOMINATING COMMITTEE

KYLIE HEAD, QC | CHAIR



Pursuant to the Canadian Bar Association, Saskatchewan Branch Bylaw 13(2), the Nominating Committee has submitted the following slate of candidates to the Branch 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 Saskatchewan Branch for the next annual period, September 1, 2015 to August 31, 2016:

## JUDICIARY REPRESENTATIVES

Court of Appeal for Saskatchewan: Chief Justice Robert Richards

Court of Queen’s Bench for Saskatchewan: Justice Ron Mills

## BRANCH COMMITTEES

Awards: Terry Kimpinski, QC

Communications: Lora Bansley

Equality: Beth Bilson, QC

Judicial Compensation & Benefits: Neil Robertson, QC

Legislation and Law Reform Review: Evatt Merchant

Membership: Loreley Berra

Mid-Winter Meeting: Nicholas Cann

Nominating: Gail Wartman, QC

Pro Bono: Nicole Sarauer

Professional Image / Law Day: Chris Weitzel

Queen’s Counsel: Gail Wartman, QC

Resolutions, Constitution & Bylaws: Robert Thornton, QC

Provincial Court of Saskatchewan: TBD

## ABORIGINAL LIAISON

Kathy Hodgson-Smith

Respectfully submitted by,

The Nominating Committee

Kylie Head, QC (Chair)

Alexander Shalashniy

Gail Wartman, QC

Heather MacMillan-Brown, QC

Evatt Merchant

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# PRO BONO COMMITTEE

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NICOLE SARAUER | CHAIR



The CBA Saskatchewan Pro Bono Committee continued to work to facilitate and promote pro bono work in a variety of ways over the past year. A brief summary of these activities follows:

## **BARNOTES Articles**

A Pro Bono Spotlight piece is regularly submitted for publication in *BARNOTES*. The idea behind this column is to promote pro bono work within the province and also to provide information and resources to lawyers engaged in providing pro bono services.

## **5TH NATIONAL PRO BONO CONFERENCE**

The Committee Chair, through their work with Pro Bono Law Saskatchewan, and in partnership with Pro Bono Law Alberta, Access Pro Bono in BC, Pro Bono Law Ontario, and Pro Bono Quebec, hosted the 5th National Pro Bono Conference in Regina, Saskatchewan on September 24-26, 2014. This was the first time this conference was held in Saskatchewan, and we are pleased to report that the conference was a great success.

We are grateful to CBA Saskatchewan for agreeing to sponsor the Welcome Reception, which was held the evening of September 24, 2014. Branch Past President Kylie Head, QC gave greetings on behalf of the CBA that evening.

The conference featured plenary sessions that addressed major issues and themes related to pro bono culture and practice, and breakout sessions that took a “nuts and bolts” approach to various aspects of developing pro bono projects and delivering pro bono services. Lawyers, law students, articling students, academics, and judiciary from all over North America came to Regina to take part in these sessions. Highlights of the conference included talks from our key notes speakers, The Honourable Mr. Justice Thomas Albert Cromwell of the Supreme Court of Canada and James Lockyer of AIDWYC. The conference concluded with a particularly moving key notes speech from Richard Zorza, a prominent American advocate for access to justice, who indicated that, due to declining health, this would likely be his last time presenting at a conference internationally. We were deeply moved and honoured that he chose our conference as his last.

## **NATIONAL PRO BONO COMMITTEE**

The Committee Chair continues to be involved with the National Pro Bono Committee and is currently sitting as Chair of the committee. Currently the committee is involved in initiatives to reduce barriers to pro bono delivery nationwide. The Committee Chair, as Chair of the National Pro Bono Committee, also now has an ex officio position on the CBA Access to Justice Committee and Legal Aid Liaison Committee.

The Committee Chair is pleased with the progress seen in promoting access to justice issues and the need for pro bono services over the past year in Saskatchewan. Pro Bono Law Saskatchewan has seen a steady increase of volunteers from Saskatchewan lawyers, which allows Pro Bono Law Saskatchewan to serve more clients each year.

Thank you to the lawyers who volunteer their time as well as to CBA Saskatchewan for the financial assistance it provides the disbursement fund, which covers out of pocket expenses for lawyers taking on pro bono files.

# PROFESSIONAL IMAGE

CHARMAINE PANKO | CHAIR



I am pleased to provide the following report as CBA Professional Image Chair:

## LAW DAY ACTIVITIES

This year's Law Day committee was an enthusiastic and creative group of mostly new committee members. Special thanks to Tom Baldry, Andrew Dickson, Megan Lorenz, Bonnie Reddekopp, Neil Robertson, QC, and Chris Weitzel for all of their hard work! I am pleased to advise that these members have agreed to continue on the committee for the next year under the leadership of the new CBA Professional Image Chair, Chris Weitzel.

## CBA MOCK TRIAL

Five teams participated in the 16th annual Mock Trial competition held on April 18, 2015 at the Saskatoon Courthouse with a team from Yorkton Regional High School taking home the coveted McKercher Cup for the second year in a row. CBA Saskatchewan is grateful for the continued support of this event by the courthouse staff, sponsors and, in particular, the Judges who volunteer their entire Saturday to provide invaluable feedback and insight to the teenagers who participate in this competition.

## RUN FOR THE LAW FUN RUN & LYNN SMITH MEMORIAL RUN

Our Run for the Law Fun Run (Saskatoon) and our Lynn Smith Memorial Run (Regina) saw our biggest turnouts yet raising \$6,660 for PBLs, CLASSIC, and the Native Law Centre. Including the Native Law Centre as one of the beneficiaries of the funds raised increased awareness of and participation in the event and we look forward to including them again next year.

## LAW IN YOUR LIFE LIBRARY SERIES

The Law in your Life library series is a partnership with the Regina Public Library, Saskatoon Public Library and PLEA. The libraries host free public presentations, as well as showings of films that contain law related themes. Regina Public Library also hosted a presentation by the Saskatchewan Police College on April 20, 2015 and the CBA Privacy Section on the April 13, 2015. This is a partnership that continues to blossom with the addition of the Law Day Fair that was held at the Rusty Macdonald Branch Library in Saskatoon on April 19, 2015. We were also pleased to partner with the Johnson-Shoyama Graduate School of Public Policy to offer a presentation to the public as yet another Law Day event that we hope to offer annually.

## MULTI-MEDIA CONTESTS

We received over 50 entries in our multi-media contest with very creative and unique submissions, ranging from YouTube videos to dioramas. The winners and their families joined us at the Law Day Awards Banquet on April 18, 2015 to receive their prize money of \$100 each.

## LAW DAY FAIR

We hosted the first annual Law Day Fair in Saskatoon on April 19, 2015. The event was well attended by participants as well as the public. We hosted numerous displays, presentations, and an opportunity to have "15 minutes with a lawyer or mediator". We were pleased to have the Mayor bring greetings on behalf of the City of Saskatoon, Judge Agnew bring greetings on behalf of the Provincial Court, and to have some local media provide coverage of the event. We are excited to expand the Law Day Fair to Regina next year and across the province in rural centres over the long term.

## MAGNA CARTA

CBA Saskatchewan and the Canadian International Council (Saskatchewan Branch) cosponsored the Honourable Andrew Scheer, MP, on April 7, 2015 in Regina in celebration of the 800th anniversary of the Magna Carta.

## CONCLUSION

It has been my pleasure to serve as the CBA Professional Image Chair and I have been blessed to get to know and work with such wonderful committee members and the rest of the CBA executive. I look forward to this next season and continuing to serve on the Law Day committee.



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(A): Group Photo of the 2015 "Run for the Law" Fun Run. (B): Group Photo of the 2015 Lynn Smith Memorial Run. (C): Multimedia Award Winners with Guest Speaker, The Honourable Gerald Seniuk. (D): Michelle Ouellette, QC, presenting the Mock Trial Winners Yorkton Regional High School (Team #2) with the Mckercher Cup.

# BRANCH SECTIONS

**SEPT. 10, 2014** – Securities Law. Hot button issues from an accounting perspective.

**SEPT. 15, 2014** – Real Property North. New section Meet & Greet Luncheon.

**SEPT. 15, 2014** – Real Property & Wills South. Revisions to the standard trust conditions letter for residential real estate transactions.

**SEPT. 16, 2014** – Admin. & Labour Law North. Update on the Labour Relations Board.

**SEPT. 16, 2014** – Admin. & Labour Law South. Enforcing Human Rights in Sask.

**SEPT. 17, 2014** – CCCA North. Changes to *The Saskatchewan Employment Act* and Regulations.

**SEPT. 17, 2014** – Wills, Estates & Elder Law North. Discussion on issues arising following the SCC decision of *Pecore v. Pecore*.

**SEPT. 18, 2014** – CCCA South. Annual Kick-Off Reception.

**SEPT. 18, 2014** – Women Lawyers North. Old Wives Tales – Rules we learned from our mothers.

**SEPT. 22, 2014** – Articling Students North. Surviving CPLED – Do's & don'ts for getting through articles.

**SEPT. 23, 2014** – Public Sector & Municipal Law South. Privacy Commissioner's Office Update.

**SEPT. 24, 2014** – Business Law North. Ethical Considerations when Advising Corps. & their Shareholders.

**SEPT. 25, 2014** (Joint Meeting) – Alt. Dispute Resolution & Family Law North. Family Law Initiative Project.

**SEPT. 25, 2014** – Family Law South. Guiding Parents to Improve Their Communication Post Separation.

**OCT. 1, 2014** – Bankruptcy & Insolvency. Direct Pmt Clauses & Fraud on the Bankruptcy Law Principle.

**OCT. 1, 2014** – Business Law South. Wholesale Amendments to the *Canadian Trademarks Act*.

**OCT. 7, 2014** – Immigration Law North & South. Tips for lawyers when dealing with CBSA.

**OCT. 7, 2014** – Taxation Law South. Tax Planning Opportunities with Charitable Gifts.

**OCT. 8, 2014** – Civil Lit. North. Court costs and choosing the appropriate legal forum for an action.

**OCT. 8, 2014** – Civil Lit. South. Understanding Pierringer and Mary Carter Agreements

**OCT. 8, 2014** – Securities Law North. Entrepreneurship and the decision to raise investment capital from a business perspective.

**OCT. 9, 2014** – Young Lawyers South. Working with In-House Counsel.

**OCT. 14, 2014** – Criminal Justice South. VOICE Serious Offence Mediation.

**OCT. 14, 2014** – Research Law South. Understanding "Information Literacy".

**OCT. 15, 2014** – CCCA North. Managing Demand and Workload in the Legal Department.

**OCT. 15, 2014** – Wills, Estates & Elder Law North. Discussions from the SCC decision of *Pecore v. Pecore*.

**OCT. 16, 2014** – Alt. Dispute Resolution. What Arbitrators Expect from Counsel.

**OCT. 16, 2014** – CCCA South. Strategies for Fraud Management.

**OCT. 20, 2014** – Real Property North. Dealing with Condominium Sales & recent Changes to the *Condominium Act* and Regulations.

**OCT. 20, 2014** – Real Property & Wills South. How to handle adult guardianship applications

**OCT. 21, 2014** – Admin. & Labour Law South. Labour Relations Update.

**OCT. 22, 2014** (Joint Meeting) – Aboriginal Law North & Business Law North. Aboriginal Engagement and Negotiations IBAs.

**OCT. 23, 2014** – Family Law North. Tips & tricks: running a Family Law Trial.

**OCT. 23, 2014** – Family Law South. Ex Parte Applications and Chambers Practice Generally.

**OCT. 27, 2014** – Articling Students North. Decision-making, Procrastination, and Uncertainty.

**OCT. 27, 2014** – Articling Students South. Being Your Own Boss.

**OCT. 28, 2014** – Public Sector & Municipal Law South. Public Private Partnerships.

**NOV. 4, 2014** – Criminal Justice South. A View from the Bench.

**NOV. 4, 2014** – Immigration Law. *FWRIS* Review.

**NOV. 4, 2014** (Joint Meeting) – Taxation Law South and Real Property & Wills South. Residential Property – Flip that Switch.

**NOV. 5, 2014** – Bankruptcy & Insolvency. *Lemare Lake Logging Ltd. v. 3L Cattle Company Ltd.*

**NOV. 12, 2014** – Civil Lit. North. Conducting Effective Questioning.

**NOV. 12, 2014** – Civil Lit. South. Emerging Issues in Litigating No Fault Benefits under Part VIII of *The Automobile Accident Insurance Act*.

**NOV. 12, 2014** – Securities Law North. Understanding the Angel Investor.

**NOV. 13, 2014** – Young Lawyers North. Survival 101 – Making the First Five 5 Years as a Lawyer.

**NOV. 13, 2014** – Young Lawyers South. Getting to the Top.

**NOV. 17, 2014** – Real Property North. Dealing with Short Timelines & Unreasonable Expectations.

**NOV. 18, 2014** – Admin. & Labour Law North. Ethics for Admin & Labour Lawyers.

**NOV. 18, 2014** – Admin. & Labour Law South. Lessons Learned from 10 yrs of Litigation in *UFCW vs. Wal-Mart*.

**NOV. 19, 2014** – Business Law South. Revitalization Initiative Stadium Project.

**NOV. 19, 2014** – CCCA North. M & A Transaction Issues.

**NOV. 20, 2014** – Alt. Dispute Resolution. Tips for a Successful Mediation.

**NOV. 20, 2014** – CCCA South. The Legal Department's Role in Strategic Planning.

**NOV. 20, 2014** – Women Lawyers Forum North. Retirement Planning for Women.

**NOV. 24, 2014** – Articling Students North. Keeping work as your living and not your life.

**NOV. 24, 2014** – Articling Students South. This Isn't Law and Order – Court Do's and Don't's.

**NOV. 25, 2014** – Public Sector & Municipal Law South. Programs and Latest Developments of the Saskatchewan Municipal Board.

**NOV. 26, 2014** – Business Law North. Ag/Farm Update and Tax Planning.

**NOV. 27, 2014** – Family Law North. Summary Judgments in Family Law proceedings.

**NOV. 27, 2014** – Family Law South. Tips & Traps of Family Practice, New Rules & Practice Issues.

**DEC. 2, 2014** – Taxation Law South. Basic Tax Traps & Inconsistencies between USA/Canada.

**DEC. 3, 2014** – Bankruptcy & Insolvency. Limitation Periods and Insolvency Matters.

**DEC. 4, 2014** – Immigration Law. Case Law Update.

**DEC. 9, 2014** – Criminal Justice South. Criminal Appeals.

**DEC. 9, 2014** – Research Law North. New Courts of Saskatchewan Citation Guide.

**DEC. 9, 2014** – Research Law South. Historical Legal Research and Using the Archives.

**DEC. 9, 2014** – Joint Privacy & Access Law North and Privacy & Access Law South. Meet the new Information & Privacy Commissioner.

**DEC. 10, 2014** – Civil Lit. North. Questioning Expert Witnesses in Chief and in Cross.

**DEC. 10, 2014** – Civil Lit. South. Settlement Offers under the 2013 Queen's Bench Rules.

**DEC. 11, 2014** – Young Lawyers North. Ethical Conduct in the Courtroom.

**DEC. 11, 2014** – Young Lawyers South. Dispute Resolution – Tips & Tricks.

**DEC. 12, 2014** – SOGIC. Transgender Identities and the Law.

**DEC. 16, 2014** – Environmental & Resources Law. Oil and Gas Update - Environmental Issues.

**JAN. 15, 2015** – Alt. Dispute Resolution. Litigation Risk Analysis and Case Evaluation.

**JAN. 15, 2015** – CCCA South. Ethical Considerations for Corp. Counsel.

**JAN. 19, 2015** – Real Property North. Protocol / Title Insurance.

**JAN. 20, 2015** – Admin. & Labour Law South. Social Media in the Workplace.

**JAN. 21, 2015** – CCCA North. Construction Project Delivery Models.

**JAN. 21, 2015** – Wills, Estates & Elder Law North. Role of counsel in the administration of an estate when there are warring executors.

**JAN. 26, 2015** – Articling Students North. Practicing Law in Sask.

**JAN. 26, 2015** – Articling Students South. Good Practice – How to Recognize & Avoid Problems.

**JAN. 27, 2015** – Public Sector & Municipal Law South. Update from the Ministry of Justice.

**JAN. 28, 2015** (Joint Meeting) – Business Law North & Securities Law North. Best Practices for Conducting a Shareholder Meeting from a Corporate and Securities Law Perspective.

**JAN 29, 2015** – Women Lawyers North. “Meet & Greet” with the “Women in Law” Group.

**FEB. 3, 2015** – Taxation Law South. Where there’s a Will there’s a Way – Estate Taxation Issues.

**FEB. 4, 2015** – Bankruptcy & Insolvency. Lessons Learned in *Bank of Montreal v. Scott*.

**FEB. 4, 2015** – Business Law South. Update from the Director of Corporations, Amin Bardestani.

**FEB. 9, 2015** – Privacy & Access Law South. Proposed Amendments to *Personal Information Protection & Electronic Documents Act* (PIPEDA).

**FEB. 10, 2015** – Criminal Justice South. Police Training.

**FEB. 10, 2015** – Research Law South. New Courts of Saskatchewan Citation Guide.

**FEB. 11, 2015** – Civil Lit. North. Tips for Drafting Quality Pleadings.

**FEB. 11, 2015** – Civil Lit. South. Small Claims Update.

**FEB. 12, 2015** – Young Lawyers North. Financial Planning for Young Lawyers.

**FEB. 12, 2015** – Immigration Law. Case Law Update.

**FEB. 12, 2015** – Young Lawyers South. Ethics in Marketing Legal Services.

**FEB. 17, 2015** – Administrative & Labour Law North. Workplace Investigations.

**FEB. 17, 2015** – Administrative & Labour Law South. Fireside Chat with the Minister of Labour Relations and Workplace Safety.

**FEB. 18, 2015** – Canadian Corporate Counsel North. Directors and Officers Liability Insurance.

**FEB. 18, 2015** – Wills, Estates & Elder Law North. Drafting Issues Related to Cohabitation and Separation Agreements for Older Adults.

**FEB. 19, 2015** – Canadian Corporate Counsel South. Emerging Issues in Employment Law.

**FEB. 20, 2015** – Privacy & Access Law North. Social Media and Privacy – What You Need to Know.

**FEB. 23, 2015** – Articling Students North. Court Appearances in Provincial Court Docket and Court of Queen’s Bench Chambers.

**FEB. 23, 2015** – Articling Students South. Branching Out – Alternatives to Private Practice.

**FEB. 23, 2015** – Aboriginal Law South. Case Law Update.

**FEB. 24, 2015** – Public Sector & Municipal Law. Best Practices for Advising Elected Officials.

**FEB. 25, 2015** – Business Law North. Recent Developments in Secured Transactions Law.

**FEB. 26, 2015** (Joint Meeting) – Family Law North & Alternate Dispute Resolution. Parenting Co-ordinators.

**FEB. 26, 2015** – Family Law South. How to Handle Complaints to the Law Society as a Family Law Lawyer and the Art of Getting Paid.

**MAR. 3, 2015** – Taxation Law South. Current Cases in Tax Law.

**MAR. 4, 2015** – Bankruptcy & Insolvency. Stays of Proceedings in Insolvency Matters.

**MAR. 5, 2015** – Enviro. & Resources Law. Greenhouse Gas Regulations.

**MAR. 6, 2015** – Aboriginal Law North. Matrimonial Property Law & Legislative Drafting.

**MAR. 10, 2015** – Criminal Justice South. Const. Case Law Update.

**MAR. 10, 2015** – Research Law North. Understanding “Information Literacy”.

**MAR. 10, 2015** – Research Law South. The Challenges of Legislative Publishing.

**MAR. 11, 2015** – Civil Litigation North. Update on the Summary Judgment Procedure.

**MAR. 11, 2015** – Civil Lit. South. Summary Judgment in Sask. post *Hryniak v. Mauldin*.

**MAR. 12, 2015** – Young Lawyers North. Understanding Financial Statement for Lawyers.

**MAR. 12, 2015** – Young Lawyers South. Q & A with a Saskatchewan Court of Appeal Judge.

**MAR. 16, 2015** – Real Property & Wills South. Where there’s a will there’s a way.

**MAR. 17, 2015** – Admin & Labour Law North. The constitutional entrenchment of the right to strike within s.2(d) of the Charter.

**MAR. 17, 2015** – Admin & Labour Law South. Presenting Cases at Arbitration – Best Practice.

**MAR. 18, 2015** – CCCA North. Labour and Employment Law Update.

**MAR. 19, 2015** – Alt. Dispute Resolution. Management of Stress & Conflict.

**MAR. 19, 2015** – CCCAS. Dealing with Difficult Clients – Panel Discussion.

**MAR. 23, 2015** – Articling Students North. Barrister, Solicitor or Both?

**MAR. 23, 2015** – Articling Students South. Financial and Insurance Planning.

**MAR. 24, 2015** – Public Sector & Municipal Law South. Water Security Agency.

**MAR. 25, 2015** – Business Law North. Due Diligence.

**MAR. 26, 2015** – Family Law North. The Cash vs. Accrual Method of Calculating Farm Income.

**MAR. 26, 2015** – Family Law South. Standards for Interim vs. Permanent Mobility Applications.

**APR. 1, 2015** – Bankruptcy & Insolvency. Representative Counsel in Insolvency Proceedings.

**APR. 1, 2015** – Business Law South. Issues relating to the Liquor Licensing.

**APR. 2, 2015** – Environmental & Resources Law. Update from the Ministry of Environment.

**APR. 2, 2015** – Women Lawyers Forum. Mindfulness Works – Stress Reduction for Lawyers.

**APR. 7, 2015** – Tax Law South. Lawsuits against CRA.

**APR. 8, 2015** – Civil Lit. North. Update from the Court of Queen’s Bench.

**APR. 8, 2015** – Civil Lit. South. Top 10 – Getting the Most Out of Mandatory Mediation.

**APR. 8, 2015** – Securities Law North. Securities Law Update.

**APR. 9, 2015** – Young Lawyers North. Advocacy in Appellate Courtrooms.

**APR. 9, 2015** – Young Lawyers South. Dispute Resolution – Tips & Tricks.

**APR. 13, 2015** – Privacy & Access Law South. Is There Such a Thing as Internet Privacy?

**APR. 14, 2015** – Criminal Justice South. Criminal Defence Practice.

**APRIL 14, 2015** – Research Law South. Navigating the Members’ Section – Exploring Online Research.

**APR. 16, 2015** – Immigration Law. Refugee Hearing Practice Tips.

**APR. 20, 2015** – Aboriginal Law South. Aboriginal Rights & Resource Dev.

**APR. 20, 2015** – Real Property North. GST as it applies to real property.

**APR. 20, 2015** – Real Property & Wills South. Loss Prevention and Risk Management for Lawyers

**APR. 21, 2015** – Admin. & Labour Law North. Discussion of the foreign workers program.

**APR. 22, 2015** – Business Law North. Corp. Registry Processes.

**APR. 23, 2015** – Family Law North. Risk management & family law practice.

**APR. 27, 2015** – Articling Students South. Getting Organized and Staying in Track.

**MAY 1, 2015** – Aboriginal Law North. Aboriginal Law Update.

**MAY 8, 2015** – Aboriginal Law South. A Primer on First Nation Claims under Federal Legislation and Policy.

**MAY 11, 2015** – Privacy & Access Law South. Federal Counter Terrorism Bill C-51.

**MAY 20, 2015** – CCCA North. Planning Meeting – Discussion of Topics for 2015-2016 Section Year.

**May 26, 2015** – Taxation Law South. Planning Meeting – Discussion of Topics for 2015-2016 Section Year

# ABORIGINAL LAW NORTH

LEAH BITTERNOSE | CHAIR



*This Section deals with law and the practice of aboriginal law including federal and provincial legislation relating to aboriginal people; aboriginal and treaty rights including native land claims; constitutional reform; administration of justice, traditional aboriginal law and selected matters.*

We are pleased to report that the section activities for 2014/2015 were successful with good learning and networking opportunities for our section members. Our section is still quite small and any joint session's were very well attended. We have had to cancel two meetings due to low attendance. We would like to encourage more Aboriginal Law practitioners to join our section and continue to promote membership in the CBA.

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

## 2014/2015 MEETINGS

- OCTOBER 22, 2014  
*Joint Session with Business Law North*  
"Aboriginal Engagement & Negotiating IBA's"  
Rangi Jeerakathil, Macpherson Leslie Tyerman
- NOVEMBER 7, 2014  
"First Nation Land Management & Current Issues"  
Candace Pete, Director, Indigenous Peoples Resource Management Program  
College of Agriculture and Bio Resources, University of Saskatchewan
- DECEMBER 5, 2014  
"The Duty to Consult Aboriginal People"  
Professor Dwight Newman, College of Law, University of Saskatchewan
- MARCH 6, 2015  
"Matrimonial Property Law & Legislative Drafting"  
Chris Angeconeb, Legislative Analysis Coordinator, Centre of Excellence for Matrimonial Real Property
- MAY 1ST, 2015  
"Aboriginal Law Update"  
Mitch McAdam, QC, Director, Aboriginal Law Branch, Ministry of Justice, Province of Saskatchewan

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# ADMINISTRATIVE & LABOUR LAW SOUTH

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RONNI NORDAL | CHAIR



*Administrative Law deals with legislation conferring judicial or rule-making powers upon any public official and the administration thereof; the jurisdiction, procedure and organization of administrative tribunals and the practice of lawyers before such tribunals; the organization of government insofar as it affects the foregoing or the practice of lawyers; judicial review of the exercise of administrative powers. Labour and Employment Law deals with law and practice affecting labour/management relations and trade unions and their members; jurisdiction, procedure and organization of boards and tribunals dealing with labour/management relations, employment, the establishment of and appointments to such boards and the practice of lawyers before such boards; principles and practice relating to collective agreements, and arbitration of labour disputes.*

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In 2014/15 the CBA Saskatchewan Administrative and Labour Law South Section held six well attended luncheon meetings. In September, Professor Ken Norman from the College of Law, University of Saskatchewan joined us to talk about enforcing human rights in Saskatchewan in the wake of 2012's Bill 160, which abolished the Saskatchewan Human Rights Tribunal. In October, we were joined by Chairperson of the Saskatchewan Labour Relations Board, Ken Love, to discuss updates at the LRB. In November, we were joined by Saskatchewan Labour Relations Board Vice-Chair Steven Schiefner, who presented a paper called "Lessons Learned from 10 years of Litigation in UFCW vs. Wal-Mart." In January 2015, Crystal Norbeck, union-side labour lawyer and partner at Gerrand Rath Johnson, presented a discussion of Social Media in the Workplace. In February 2015, we were joined by the Minister of Labour Relations and Workplace Safety, The Honourable Don Morgan, who discussed updates in legislation governing the workplace in this province including the new Saskatchewan Employment Act. Finally, in March 2015, we had a panel presentation entitled "Presenting Cases at Arbitration – Best Practices" featuring union counsel Ronni Nordal, from Richmond Nychuk, and employer counsel Lynn Sanya from the Regina Qu'Appelle Health Region.

In March 2015, our long-serving Chairperson Juliana Saxberg commenced her second parental leave, and elections were held in which a new executive was chosen by the membership of the section. New Chairperson Ronni Nordal agreed to take over the section immediately to allow Juliana to focus on her new role as mother of two babies under two! The Section also chose Heather Robertson from Gerrand Rath Johnson as Vice-Chairperson, and Lynn Sanya from Regina Qu'Appelle Health Region as Secretary-Treasurer.

# CANADIAN CORPORATE COUNSEL NORTH

SHELDON STENER | CHAIR



*This Section deals with particular problems of corporate counsel employed in virtually every industry in Canada, encompassing public and private businesses, non-profit organizations, municipalities and crown corporations. The Section also welcomes lawyers in private practice who are interested in learning about the corporate counsel perspective.*

This year the Canadian Corporate Counsel North section held seven meetings, all luncheon meetings. Attendance ranged from around eight to 15 per meeting.

I attended the CCCA National meetings – two in person and two by telephone - as the voting delegate from Saskatchewan this past year. As has been the practice, the Chair of the South section was able to attend this year as well as the non-voting delegate and Valerie Macdonald will become the voting delegate for Saskatchewan this fall.

I was pleased to be able to have Bryan Auge of Cameco agree to become Vice-Chair of the section and he will Chair this group commencing this fall.

## 2014/2015 MEETINGS

- SEPTEMBER 17, 2014  
“Changes in the Saskatchewan Employment Act and Regulations”  
David Stack, McKercher LLP, Saskatoon
- OCTOBER 15, 2014  
“Managing Demand and Workload in the Legal Department”  
Richard Stock, Catalyst Consulting, Vancouver
- NOVEMBER 19, 2014  
“M & A Transaction Issues”  
Nancy Hopkins, QC, MacDougall Gauley, Saskatoon
- JANUARY 21, 2015  
“Construction and Project Delivery Models”  
John Dipple, MLT, Regina
- FEBRUARY 18, 2015  
“Insurance Law for In-House Counsel”  
Emi Adachi, Marsh, Calgary
- MARCH 18, 2015  
“Labour and Employment Law Update”  
Kevin Wilson, MLT, Saskatoon
- MAY 20, 2015  
Section Planning Meeting

I have enjoyed my time as Chair of this section and a heartfelt thanks to the speakers who so generously give of their time and expertise to speak. Thanks as well to the section members who attend and without whose participation this section would not be possible.

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# CANADIAN CORPORATE COUNSEL SOUTH

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VALERIE MACDONALD | CHAIR



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## 2014/2015 SECTION EXECUTIVE

Chair | Valerie Macdonald, Farm Credit Canada

Vice-Chair | Azure-Dee Farago, SaskPower Corporation

Secretary and LLR Rep | Jamie Patterson, Group Medical Services

The Section had another successful year with six section meetings held over the course of 2014/2015. The Section hosted five “Lunch and Learn” sessions at the Hotel Saskatchewan and one “after work” session. The sessions were generally well-attended with approximately 15 to 20 participants on average.

## 2014/2015 MEETINGS

- SEPTEMBER 18, 2014  
Annual Kick-Off Reception and Section Planning at Crave Kitchen & Wine Bar
- OCTOBER 16, 2014  
“Strategies for Fraud Management”  
Brian Tario, MNP, Calgary, AB
- NOVEMBER 20, 2014  
“The Legal Departments Role in Strategic Planning”  
Steve Engel, Conroy Ross, Regina
- JANUARY 15, 2015  
“Ethical Considerations for Corporate Counsel”  
Valerie Payne, Complaints Counsel, Law Society of Saskatchewan
- FEBRUARY 19, 2015  
“Emerging Issues in Employment Law for In-House Counsel”  
Eileen Libby, QC, MacPherson, Leslie & Tyerman LLP, Regina
- MARCH 19, 2015  
“Dealing with Difficult Clients: Panel discussion with In-House and External Employer Counsel”  
Mark Guillet, SaskEnergy Incorporated; Michael Milani, QC, and Erin Kleisinger, McDougall Gauley LLP

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CCCA South Chair Valerie Macdonald, General Counsel and Integrity Officer, Farm Credit Canada, Regina and incoming CCCA North Chair, Brian Augé, Cameco Corporation, Saskatoon will act as members on the 2015-2016 CCCA Executive Committee (nationally). The CCCA North and South Chairs alternate as the voting member from Saskatchewan. This year, Ms. Macdonald as Chair of the CCCA South will have the Saskatchewan voting position.

# ENVIRONMENTAL & RESOURCES LAW SOUTH

JONATHAN KALMAKOFF & ANGELA STOLZ | CO-CHAIRS



*Environmental Law deals specifically and in depth with matters of legal reform and legal education and management relating to the environment. Resources Law deals with law and practice relating to natural resources and energy and the development and distribution thereof.*

The Saskatchewan Environmental and Resources Law Section has 32 full members and 82 notice-only members, for a total of 114 members, in the 2014/2015 year. The Saskatchewan Environmental & Resources

Law Section scheduled 3 luncheon meetings in the 2014/2015 year.

## 2014/2015 MEETINGS

- DECEMBER 16, 2014  
Oil and Gas Update: Environmental Issues with guest speaker Leonard D. Andryhuk, QC, MacPherson Leslie & Tyerman LLP. This session had an overview of the intersection of the provincial legislation and entities that have jurisdiction over environmental regulation of oil and gas activities in Saskatchewan.
- MARCH 5, 2015  
Greenhouse Gas Regulation in Saskatchewan: An Industry Perspective EMPA with guest speaker Shane McLellan, Manager, Emissions Planning, SaskPower. This session had an industry overview on the federal government's sector-specific regulation of greenhouse gas emissions, starting with the Reduction of Carbon Dioxide Emissions from Coal-fired Generation of Electricity Regulations released under CEPA in September 2012; the provincial Management and Reduction of Greenhouse Gases Act passed in 2009 but not yet proclaimed in force; and an update on status of the Canada-Saskatchewan equivalency agreement on greenhouse gas regulations announced in June 2012.
- APRIL 2, 2015  
Update from the Ministry of Environment with guest speaker Thon Phommavong, Ministry of Environment, Executive Director, RBR and Code Management. This session had an update on Ministry of Environment's Results Based Regulation and Related Initiatives.

## LEGISLATIVE & REGULATORY DEVELOPMENTS

The following legislative and regulatory developments occurred in the 2014/2015 year:

- Saskatchewan Environmental Code (excepting Chapters relating to the Reduction and Management of Greenhouse Gases Act)
- Forrest Resources Management Act R.S.S. 1996, c. F-19.1 (amendments proclaimed January 5, 2015); and
- Environmental Management and Protection Act, 2010 S.S. 2010, c. E-10.22 (to be proclaimed June 1, 2015).

## CASE LAW DEVELOPMENTS

The following environmental case law was reported during the 2014/2015 year:

### *Boart Longyear Inc. v. Mudjatik Enterprises Inc. 2014 SKQB 410\**

Environmental law — Environmental liability — Civil litigation — Practice and procedure — Application by plaintiff to amend statement of claim to rely on section 15 of Environmental Management and Protection Act dismissed — Plaintiff claimed against defendants for lost mining equipment destroyed when mine was flooded and business interruption losses

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— Section 15 cause of action was not available as public's interest in protecting natural environment was not engaged in within dispute — Environmental Management and Protection Act, s. 15.

Environmental law — Environmental legislation — Provincial legislation — Environmental protection — Application by plaintiff to amend statement of claim to rely on section 15 of Environmental Management and Protection Act dismissed — Plaintiff claimed against defendants for lost mining equipment destroyed when mine was flooded and business interruption losses — Section 15 cause of action was not available as public's interest in protecting natural environment was not engaged in within dispute — Environmental Management and Protection Act, s. 15. \*Leave to Appeal granted: Boart Longyear Inc. v. Mudjatik Enterprises Inc. 2015 SKCA 15

*R. v. Alsager* 2014 SKQB 350

Natural resources law — Hunting and trapping — Offences and penalties — Appeal by accused father and son, who operated deer farm, from convictions and sentences for hunting from aircraft, without being licensed to do so — Father also appealed his conviction for obstructing conservation officer — Appeal allowed in part — Accused were properly convicted of illegal hunting — Obstruction conviction was set aside — Accused's fines and surcharges were reduced as sentence was demonstrably unfit — Accused were not to apply for licences under Wildlife Act but prohibition for carrying firearm in aircraft was set aside.

*Buffalo River Dene Nation v. Saskatchewan (Minister of Energy and Resources)* 2015 SKCA 31

Aboriginal law — Aboriginal lands — Types — Aboriginal right lands — Duties of the Crown — Fair dealing and reconciliation — Consultation and accommodation — Mineral, oil and gas rights — Practice and procedure — Appeals and judicial review — Appeal by Buffalo River Dene Nation from judicial review judgment dismissed — Crown issued exploration permits for subsurface mineral rights — Appellant submitted permits potentially had adverse impact upon Treaty rights, triggering duty of consultation — Chambers judge correctly found no duty to consult arose — Assertion of possible impact upon Treaty rights was speculative at present stage, as permits did not grant surface access or extraction rights — No possible impact upon Treaty rights could occur without subsequent approvals by Crown, at which point duty of consultation would arise.

Natural resources law — Oil and gas — Exploration — Federal Crown land — Exploration licence — Indian reserves — Appeal by Buffalo River Dene Nation from judicial review judgment dismissed — Crown issued exploration permits for subsurface mineral rights — Appellant submitted permits potentially had adverse impact upon Treaty rights, triggering duty of consultation — Chambers judge correctly found no duty to consult arose — Assertion of possible impact upon Treaty rights was speculative at present stage, as permits did not grant surface access or extraction rights — No possible impact upon Treaty rights could occur without subsequent approvals by Crown, at which point duty of consultation would arise.

*Strand Theatre Ltd. v. Prince Albert (City)* 2014 SKCA 85

Environmental law — Environmental assessments — Principles — Methodology — Appeal by property owner from dismissal of nuisance claim against City dismissed — Judge did not misapprehend evidence in concluding owner failed to establish leachate from landfill sites operated by City contaminated groundwater under property — Owner relied on assessment conducted with flawed methodology by assessor which provided other, inconsistent assessments for other parties — Judge did not require owner to establish damages to sustain nuisance claim, but simply found nuisance did not exist.

Environmental law — Environmental liability — Common law — Torts — Private nuisance — Appeal by property owner from dismissal of nuisance claim against City dismissed — Judge did not misapprehend evidence in concluding owner failed to establish leachate from landfill sites operated by City contaminated groundwater under property — Owner relied on assessment conducted with flawed methodology by assessor which provided other, inconsistent assessments for other parties — Judge did not require owner to establish damages to sustain nuisance claim, but simply found nuisance did not exist.

Tort law — Nuisance — Private nuisance — Liability — Particular nuisance — Emissions and contamination — Appeal by property owner from dismissal of nuisance claim against City dismissed — Judge did not misapprehend evidence

in concluding owner failed to establish leachate from landfill sites operated by City contaminated groundwater under property — Owner relied on assessment conducted with flawed methodology by assessor which provided other, inconsistent assessments for other parties — Judge did not require owner to establish damages to sustain nuisance claim, but simply found nuisance did not exist.

*R. v. Nordstrom 2014 SKCA 124-27*

Natural resources law — Hunting and trapping — Licensing and registration — Offences and penalties — Appeal by accused from decision refusing to set aside convictions for exporting and importing wildlife without licence and from fine of \$37,552 dismissed — Appellant imported elk and deer for his game farm — Clients hunted game on farm and exported animal parts to US — Animal parts exported by appellant constituted wildlife under Wildlife Act — He knowingly aided illegal export of wildlife by issuing clients tags and seals he knew to be invalid — White-tailed deer fell within applicable definition of “animal” in Wild Animal and Plant Protection and Regulation — Fines imposed not inappropriate, illegal or unfair.

*R. v. EnviroGun Ltd. 2015 SKPC 18*

Environmental law — Environmental liability — Regulatory offences and prohibitions — Land environmental offence — Water environmental offence — Discharge of pollutant — Trial of corporate and individual accused for failing to comply with order made by Minister of Environment — Accused convicted — Corporate accused operated hazardous waste transfer station and individual accused was its sole owner — Accused failed to prove that they acted with due diligence — They did not intend to comply with order and their explanations for non-compliance lacked reasonableness and credibility.

*R. v. Chetal Enterprises Ltd. (c.o.b. One Hour Cleanitizing) 2014 SKPC 171*

Environmental law — Environmental liability — Regulatory offences and prohibitions — Criminal liability — Offences — Strict liability — Defences — Due diligence — Trial of accused business and owner for failing to properly store PERC — Accused acquitted -- s. 5(f)(i) Regulations required PERC to be stored with secondary containment system — PERC had been delivered to accused in 45 gallon barrel — Accused had no choice of how PERC was delivered, and had plan to move it to smaller containers which would then be placed in secondary containment — Accused understood obligations and was endeavouring to comply so were duly diligent — Furthermore, secondary containment not defined in Regulations and not clear barrel violated them, given it was lined to prevent spills.

*R. v. Meadow Lake OSB Limited Partnership 2015 SKPC 23*

Environmental law — Environmental liability — Regulatory offences and prohibitions — Land environmental offences — Accused convicted of leaving waste abandoned on Crown land at one site and acquitted with respect to other sites — Accused took all reasonable and necessary steps in informing its contractors of their obligation to provide garbage containers and to pick up garbage — Failure to comply was fault of contractors, not accused — With respect to Roberts Lake Block, however, accused knew, at time of notification of violation, that material was on the block and it was not in a closed container and failed to take immediate steps to rectify situation.

*R. v. White 2014 SKPC 65*

Natural resources law — Hunting and trapping — Offences and penalties — Hunting or trapping in a prohibited area — Trial of White who was charged with hunting in prohibited area — White convicted — Conservation officers set up decoy white-tailed buck in provincial park — White was not entrapped — Only reasonable inference was that White was hunting — He and passenger were dressed in hunting clothes and had deer licences — It was in season for hunting deer with muzzle loader — White’s actions in crouching behind truck with gun and waving to west where passenger was walking were consistent with hunting.

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# FAMILY LAW SOUTH

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KENDRA JACOBS | CHAIR



*This Section deals with law and practice relating to the family unit, relationships between members of the family and the family and society, and matters related thereto; the establishment, jurisdiction, procedure and organization of the courts and other tribunals dealing with these matters, and the practice of the lawyers before such courts and tribunals.*

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We are pleased to report that the section activities for 2014/2015 were successful with good learning and networking opportunities for our section members. Our section is still quite small and any joint session's were very well attended.

## 2014/2015 MEETINGS

- SEPTEMBER 24, 2014  
“Ex Parte Applications & Chambers Practice”  
Justice M.T. Megaw, Court of Queen’s Bench of Saskatchewan
- OCTOBER 23, 2014  
“Guiding Parents to Improve Their Communication Post Separation: A Psychologist’s View”  
Laurel Phillips
- NOVEMBER 27, 2014  
“Local Registrar’s Office: Tips & Traps of Family Practice, the New Rules, Practice Issues”  
Bev MacDonald, Local Registrar’s Office
- FEBRUARY 26, 2015  
“How to Handle Complaints to the Law Society as a Family Law Lawyer and the Art of Getting Paid”  
Greg Walen, QC, Scharfstein Gibbings Walen & Fisher LLP
- MARCH 26, 2015  
“Analysis of *Jochems v. Jochems*: An update on the standards of Interim vs. Permanent mobility applications”  
James Vogel, Richmond Nychuk

# PRIVACY & ACCESS LAW SOUTH

DAVID MELDRUM | CHAIR



*This Section address' topics concerning federal and Saskatchewan access and privacy laws. Speakers provide insight into provincial and federal access and privacy legislation, relevant decisions from Commissioners or case law and other practice areas impacted by privacy such as workplace privacy, health information issues, information technology and security.*

Privacy & Access Law South had four lunch-time sessions during the 2014/2015 section year. The focus on this year's presentations was diffuse with a session presented by the new Saskatchewan Information and Privacy Commissioner, two sessions on legislative amendment and an open to the public event held in conjunction with the Regina Public Library on internet privacy. Enrolment in the section was down slightly this year.

## 2014/2015 MEETINGS

- DECEMBER 2014  
Jjoint session with Privacy and Access Law North  
"Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner 5 year Plan"  
Ronald J. Kruzeniski, QC Information and Privacy Commissioner
- FEBRUARY 2015  
"PIPEDA Amendments"  
Mandy Woodland, Mandy Woodland Law, St. John's, Nfld
- APRIL 2015  
"Internet Privacy"  
Danielle Graf and Kristel Kriel, MacPherson Leslie & Tyerman LLP
- MAY 2014  
"Bill C-51"  
Steven Sieferling, Mosaic Company

Our executive for 2015-2016 will consist of: Jan Cowie serving as Chair; Danielle Graf serving as Vice-Chair; and Kristel Kriel serving as Secretary.

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# PUBLIC SECTOR & MUNICIPAL LAW SOUTH

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JAYNE KRUEGER | CHAIR



*This Section was created to address the needs and concerns of lawyers practising within the public sector. The objectives include: promoting the views and interests of government and public sector lawyers within the Canadian Bar Association; encouraging government and public sector lawyers to take a more active interest in the work of the Canadian Bar Association; providing a forum for the exchange of information and ideas in the general area of government and public sector practice; developing and providing continuing legal education and other professional development programs in areas which are unique to government and public sector lawyers; and promoting exchange and interaction between members of the private and public bars.*

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The Public Sector and Municipal Law South Section holds five to six luncheon meetings per year in Regina. Guest speakers address topics of interest to members of the Section. The Section combines the areas of public sector and municipal law, so the Executive attempts to choose topics of interest to lawyers in both of these areas of practice. Minutes of each meeting, along with any papers presented, are circulated to all members of the Section through the CBA Branch Office.

## 2014/2015 SECTION EXECUTIVE

Jayne Krueger | Chairperson  
Tom Irvine | Vice Chairperson  
Steven Dribnenki | Secretary  
Leanne Lang | Legislative & Law Reform Chair

## 2014/2015 MEETINGS

- SEPTEMBER 23, 2014  
"Update from the Privacy Commissioner's Office"  
Ronald Kruzeniski, QC, Saskatchewan Information and Privacy Commissioner
- OCTOBER 28, 2014  
"Public Private Partnerships"  
Mark Yemen & Jayne Krueger, City Solicitor's Office, City of Regina
- NOVEMBER 25, 2014  
"Programs and Latest Developments of the Saskatchewan Municipal Board"  
Dianne Ford, Chair, Saskatchewan Municipal Board
- JANUARY 27, 2015  
"Update & Developments from the Ministry of Justice and Attorney General"  
Kevin Fenwick, QC, Deputy Minister of Justice and Attorney General
- FEBRUARY 24, 2015  
"Best Practices for Advising Elected Officials"  
Susan Amrud, QC, Associate Deputy Minister of Public Law in the Ministry of Justice and Attorney General
- MARCH 24, 2015  
"Water Security Agency – New Developments and Current Practices"  
Michelle Brass, Solicitor, Water Security Agency

# REAL PROPERTY & WILLS SOUTH

MARK KELLY | CHAIR



*This Section was created to deal with practical and technical issues in real estate practice and issues in Wills and Estates - estate planning, estate administration, Power of Attorney and Health Care Directives.*

## 2014/2015 SECTION EXECUTIVE

Mark Kelly, Kanuka Thuringer LLP | Chair

Jeff Norwig, McDougall Gauley LLP | Vice Chair

Lindsay Oliver, Olive Waller Zinkhan and Waller | Legislation & Law Reform Chair

Lynsey Gaudin, MacPherson Leslie and Tyerman | Secretary

The majority of our efforts for the year were spent organizing the luncheons for 2014/2015.

## 2014/2015 MEETINGS

- SEPTEMBER 15, 2014  
“Updating Standard Trust Conditions”  
Bernard Duchin, Duchin Bayda Kroczyński
- OCTOBER 20, 2014  
“Adult Guardianship Applications”  
Bryce Miller and Rod Crook, Public Guardian & Trustee’s Office
- NOVEMBER 4, 2014  
*Joint Meeting with Taxation South Saskatchewan Section*  
“Residential Property – Flip that Switch: Changes in Use, Renovations, Self-Assessment and New Homes”  
Jeff Harrison, MNP LLP
- MARCH 16, 2015  
“Changes to Estate Taxation”  
Trevor deWolde
- APRIL 20, 2015  
“SLIA Update on Current Trends in Claims against Lawyers”  
Tim Brown

Former Chair Kevin Jacques continues to be actively involved in the real property national group.

We will be deciding shortly if there is a preference to split our section into two different sections. If this occurs, we will be providing details of the two groups in the fall registration handbook.

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# RESEARCH LAW

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RECHÈ MCKEAGUE & MELANIE HODGES NEUFELD | CHAIR



*This Section supports the professional development of lawyers who conduct legal research and wish to maintain and hone their research skills. Members are kept up-to-date on rapidly developing research methodologies and sources of law. Session topics include research resources and processes, and substantive legal topics.*

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The Research Law sections began this year. They were established following the success of similar sections in both Manitoba and Alberta. Unfortunately, this section did not experience success.

Research Law North had two registered members in 2014/15. Only two of the five section meetings planned went ahead, with three people (including the Chair) attending each of them. Research Law South had three registered members in 2014-15 and attendance at meetings was low. As a result, this section will be dormant next year. Thank you to everyone who agreed to present at section meetings, even if they weren't given the opportunity.

## 2014/2015 MEETINGS (NORTH)

- DECEMBER 9, 2014  
“New Courts of Saskatchewan Citation Guide”  
Ann Marie Melvie, Court of Appeal for Saskatchewan & Joanne Colledge-Miller, MLT LLP
- MARCH 10, 2015  
“Navigating the Members’ Section – Exploring Online Research”  
Ken Fox, Reference Librarian, Law Society of Saskatchewan Librarians

## 2014/2015 MEETINGS (SOUTH)

- OCTOBER 14, 2014  
“Understanding Information Literacy – And Convincing a New Generation of Lawyers They Might Need Legal Research Training”  
Melanie Hodges Neufeld, Director of Legal Resources, Law Society of Saskatchewan Libraries
- DECEMBER 9, 2014  
“Historical Legal Research and Using the Archives”  
Beth Bilson, QC, College of Law, University of Saskatchewan
- FEBRUARY 10, 2015  
“New Courts of Saskatchewan Citation Guide”  
Ann Marie Melvie, Court of Appeal for Saskatchewan & Joanne Colledge-Miller, MLT LLP
- MARCH 10, 2015  
“The Challenges of Legislative Publishing”  
Marilyn Lustig McEwen, Queen’s Printer, Government of Saskatchewan
- APRIL 14, 2015  
“Navigating the Members’ Section – Exploring Online Research”  
Alan Kilpatrick, Reference Librarian, Law Society of Saskatchewan Libraries

# SECURITIES LAW NORTH

IVAN BERGERMAN | CHAIR



*This Section deals with sources of securities regulation applicable in Saskatchewan, including The Securities Act, 1988 (Saskatchewan) and the regulations, notices and rules thereunder; the policies, notices, blanket orders and other instruments adopted by the Saskatchewan Financial and Consumer Affairs Authority; the national instruments, multilateral instruments and national policy statements published by the Canadian Administrators; and the rules and policies set out by any other securities regulatory organizations having jurisdiction in Saskatchewan.*

Securities Law North held five lunch sessions during the 2014/2015 year. Our goal for the 2014/2015 year was to engage a mix of seasoned legal securities practitioners as well as industry professionals. We wanted to provide our members with the opportunity to hear useful practice advice from senior lawyers as well as to obtain insight into different facets of the securities industry from individuals working in the securities industry.

## 2014/2015 MEETING TOPICS

- **SEPTEMBER 10, 2014**  
“Hot button issues from an accounting perspective”  
Brittany Walter, Manager with KPMG LLP
- **OCTOBER 8, 2014**  
“Entrepreneurship and the decision to raise investment capital from a business perspective”  
John Cross, Former President & CEO of Philom Bios (now Novozymes)
- **NOVEMBER 12, 2014**  
“Angel Investing: Understanding the investment analysis and decision making process of the angel investor”  
Marie Savostianik, Executive Director of Saskatchewan Capital Network
- **JANUARY 28, 2015**  
“Best practices for conducting a shareholder meeting from a corporate and securities law perspective”  
Bill Nickel, McDougall Gauley LLP
- **APRIL 8, 2015**  
“Securities Law Update”  
Sonne Udemgba, Legal Securities Division Financial & Consumer Affairs Authority of Saskatchewan

Our executive for 2015/2016 will see Joe Gill take over as chair of the Securities Law North Group.

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# SEXUAL ORIENTATION & GENDER IDENTITY CONFERENCE (SOGIC)

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DAVID CULLETON | CHAIR



*Sexual Orientation & Gender Identity Conference (SOGIC) 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.*

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## 2014/2015 SECTION EXECUTIVE

Chair | David Culleton, Justice Canada

Vice-Chair | Charys Payne, Government of Saskatchewan

Secretary | Courtenay Phillips, Government of Saskatchewan

## SECTION ACTIVITIES

SOGIC has had a successful year in 2014/2015. SOGIC held one luncheon meeting this year. On December 12, 2014 Graeme Mitchell, QC of the Constitutional Law Branch, Ministry of Justice gave a presentation in Regina entitled “Transgender Identities and the Law – recent Developments”

SOGIC also presented a continuing legal education session on February 5, 2015 at the Mid-Winter meeting entitled “Why the Fuss About TWU?”. In December 2013, the Federation of Law Societies of Canada recommended that our Canadian Law Societies grant approval for a new law school at Trinity Western University, a private university in Langley BC that is affiliated with the Evangelical Free Church of Canada. This has been a hot topic of debate for more than two years. TWU requires its staff and students to sign a Community Covenant Agreement forbidding intimacy outside heterosexual marriage. This has been widely criticized and lead some to advocate against the establishment and accreditation of the school. Amy Sakalauskas, former national chair of SOGIC, lead a discussion while sharing thoughts about the advocacy process and this unprecedented legal community engagement.

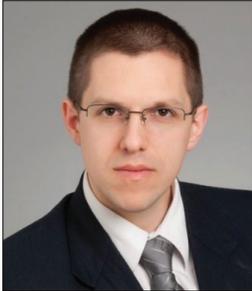
Our Chair attended the National SOGIC meeting in Halifax on May 22 and 23, 2015, 2014 and reported on section activities and relevant developments in Saskatchewan.

Although there will be no regularly scheduled luncheon meetings, SOGIC will plan a number of meetings on relevant topics for the upcoming year. We also plan to present a continuing legal education session at the next Mid-Winter Meeting.

SOGIC is interested in partnering with other sections to have luncheon meetings on shared areas of interest.

# TAXATION LAW SOUTH

GRAHAM PURSE | CHAIR



*This Section deals with federal and provincial legislation imposing taxes or duties and the practice under such legislation: the jurisdiction, procedure and organization of special courts and tribunals relating to taxes and duties, the establishment of such courts and tribunals, and the practice of lawyers before such courts and tribunals.*

We are pleased to report that the section activities for 2014/2015 were successful with good learning and networking opportunities for our section members.

## 2014/2015 MEETINGS

- OCTOBER 7, 2014  
Stephen Miazga, MLT LLP
- NOVEMBER 4, 2014  
“Flip that Switch: Changes in Use, Renovations, Self- Assessment, and New Homes”  
Jeff Harrison, MNP LLP, Residential Property
- DECEMBER 2, 2014  
“Basic Tax Traps and Inconsistencies between U.S.A./Canada”  
Laurie Hudema, Virtus Group LLP
- FEBRUARY 3, 2015  
Trevor Dewolde, KPMG LLP
- MARCH 3, 2015  
“Current Cases”  
Yens Pedersen, Pedersen Law
- APRIL 7, 2015  
“Lawsuits Against CRA”  
Graham Purse, Miller Thomson LLP

## ACCOMPLISHMENTS

The Taxation Law Section maintained its commitment to provide in-depth analysis of relevant tax issues.

## POLICY DEVELOPMENTS

The Taxation Law Section did not recommend or take any policy positions this year.

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# WILLS ESTATES & ELDER LAW NORTH

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JAN KING | CHAIR



*The Wills, Estates and Trusts Section deals with law and practice relating to will, trusts, estates and their administration and matters including taxes and duties related thereto; the jurisdiction, procedure and organization of courts dealing with the foregoing matters, the establishment of such courts, and the practice of lawyers before such courts. The objectives of the Elder Law Section are tri-fold: (i) to improve the law affecting seniors; (ii) to educate the public, the individual Bars, the Judiciary and members of the Association on important Elder Law issues; and (iii) to foster professionalism in the practice of Elder Law through communication among Elder Law practitioners.*

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## 2014/2015 SECTION EXECUTIVE

Chair & LLR Rep | Jan King

Vice-Chair | Vacant

Secretary | Hannah Kazman, WMCZ Lawyers

We are pleased to report that we had 13 members for the 2014/2015 year with well-attended sessions, which were held the third Wednesday of the month at the Saskatoon Club. We had a new Chair this year as our past Chair moved on to the National Wills, Estates & Trusts Section. There are several sessions already planned for the 2015/2016 year but we are currently looking for a temporary Chair to fill a one year term as our current Chair takes maternity leave.

In addition to holding our luncheons, we were asked to provide feedback to the Rules Committee on whether amendments to the probate forms or process are necessary to address the presumption of resulting trust arising from bank accounts held jointly with children. We were also recently asked to provide feedback to the Ministry of Justice regarding amendments that would allow an attorney or guardian to make beneficiary designations in certain circumstances.

## 2014/2015 MEETINGS

- **SEPTEMBER 15, 2014**  
Discussion of the practical issues arising following the Supreme Court of Canada's decision in *Pecore v. Pecore* regarding the treatment of joint accounts where the account holders are parent and child
- **OCTOBER 15, 2014**  
Round table discussion to provide feedback to the Rules Committee about whether to make changes to the probate process to address treatment of parent bank accounts held jointly with children
- **JANUARY 21, 2015**  
The role of counsel in the administration of estates where there are warring executors, with a particular focus on the costs of contentious issues
- **FEBRUARY 18, 2015**  
An Overview of the Council on Aging's role and services in support of seniors facing legal and social issues.

# WOMEN LAWYERS FORUM

MICHELLE OUELLETTE, QC | CHAIR



*The Women Lawyers Forum (WLF) is aimed at promoting the stature and influence of women in the profession, as well as developing assistance programs, networking opportunities and mentoring programs. The objective of the Women Lawyers Forum is to provide: personal and professional development; networking, mentoring and liaising opportunities; support and resources; and leadership.*

The WLF has a small but enthusiastic membership, often joined by those with Roving Section Memberships. Our meetings generally include experienced practitioners and newer members of the Bar. In 2014/2015 we met for four meetings, three of which took place in the evening,

and one at noon. The group has decided that we will try alternating noon and evening meetings to accommodate the personal circumstances of as many people as possible.

## 2014/2015 MEETINGS

Our meetings consisted of the following:

- In September, 2014 we started our season with a wonderful presentation and discussion lead by Professor Marilyn Poitras of the U of S College of Law on the subject of Law and Happiness. This is an area of special interest and expertise of Marilyn's; the event was well attended, and a number of people stayed to chat after the meeting closed.
- In November, we hosted a presentation on Retirement Planning for Women, by Wendy Cooper and Tammy Richmond of GPS Financial. The talk was a good reminder that it's never too early to start planning... But it's definitely not too late, either.
- January's meeting was an informal "meet and greet" with the law students from the "Women in Law" group at the College of Law, to discuss issues of common interest and establish relationships between the students and women practitioners. The students brought excellent questions, and WLF members brought their thinking caps and best bits of advice. Christine Glazer QC lead the discussion with her observations as an experienced woman legal practitioner.
- In early April, we were treated to a noon-hour "Introduction to Mindfulness: Stress Reduction for Lawyers" from Jeanne Corrigan and Maureen McIntosh from Mindfulness Works. This session was very well-attended and Jeanne and Maureen are interested in starting a regular mindfulness session focussed on lawyers.

In addition to our meetings, the WLF marked the celebration of International Women's Day by holding a "Suit Drive" in support of the Saskatoon chapter of *Dress for Success (DFS)*. A number of members of our group donated good quality, gently-used clothing and we were able to make a substantial contribution to DFS.

The WLF has an ambitious list of potential topics for the 2015/2016 season. While the program has not been finalized our discussions will generally be on topics geared toward women in the legal profession.

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# YOUNG LAWYERS SOUTH

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KRISTÉL KRIEL | CHAIR



*This Section was created to promote the activities and interest of young lawyers in the Association by: imposing responsibility at an early age; affording an opportunity of exchanging professional ideas among lawyers of similar age and experience; sponsoring programs of particular interest to young people including young lawyers, university or high school students; and the study of problems peculiar to the young lawyer.*

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The 2014/2015 CBA Young Lawyers South Section Executive was made up of Kristél Kriel (Chair) and Christina Kerby (Vice-Chair). The section meetings this year were all luncheons held at the Hotel Saskatchewan, Regina, Saskatchewan.

## 2014/2015 MEETINGS

- OCTOBER 9, 2014  
“Working with In-House Counsel”  
Stephanie Yang and Josh MacFadden, Brandt Group of Companies
- NOVEMBER 13, 2014  
“Getting to the Top”  
James Korpan, McDougall Gauley LLP
- DECEMBER 11, 2014  
“Financial Planning for Young Lawyers – Investments, Tax and Retirement Planning”  
Nadège Koskamp and Amanda Roest, Investors Group
- FEBRUARY 12, 2015  
“Ethics in Marketing Legal Services”  
Jade Buchanan, MacPherson Leslie & Tyerman LLP
- MARCH 12, 2015  
“Q & A with a Saskatchewan Court of Appeal Judge”  
The Honourable Justice Neal Caldwell, Court of Appeal of Saskatchewan
- APRIL 9, 2015  
“Dispute Resolution – Tips & Tricks”  
The Honourable Justice Noel Sandomirsky, Court of Queen’s Bench of Saskatchewan

The Young Lawyers South section met almost every month from October to April to discuss various topics of interest to the group. This year we were very fortunate to have a number of exceptional speakers, including Mr. Justice Neal Caldwell of the Saskatchewan Court of Appeal and Mr. Justice Noel Sandomirsky of the Saskatchewan Court of Queen’s Bench.

# **Canadian Bar Association, Saskatchewan Branch**

Financial Statements  
(Unaudited)  
**August 31, 2014**



January 14, 2015

## **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, 2014 and the statements of operations, changes in fund balances and cash flows for the year ended August 31, 2014. Our review was made in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not for profit organizations for review engagements and accordingly consisted primarily of enquiry, analytical procedures and discussion related to information supplied to us by the 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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# Canadian Bar Association, Saskatchewan Branch

## Statement of Financial Position

As at August 31, 2014

	2014			Restated 2013
	General Fund \$	Sections Fund \$	Total \$	Total \$
<b>Assets</b>				
<b>Current assets</b>				
Cash	106,916	26,018	132,934	76,575
Accounts receivable	3,172	155	3,327	21,423
Prepaid expenses	-	-	-	3,427
	110,088	26,173	136,261	101,425
<b>Investments</b>	263,149	41,113	304,262	449,523
<b>Property, plant and equipment</b> (note 3)	17,063	-	17,063	16,123
	390,300	67,286	457,586	567,071
<b>Liabilities and Fund Balances</b>				
<b>Current liabilities</b>				
Accounts payable	2,513	-	2,513	-
Unearned revenue	4,080	4,790	8,870	24,050
	6,593	4,790	11,383	24,050
<b>Commitments</b> (note 2)				
<b>Fund balances</b>				
Unrestricted	98,282	62,496	160,778	264,471
Internally restricted operating reserve	285,425	-	285,425	278,550
	383,707	62,496	446,203	543,021
	390,300	67,286	457,586	567,071

Approved by the Executive Committee

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Member of Council

SHARON PRATCHLER, VICE-PRESIDENT

Kylie Head

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Member of Council

Kylie Head, Past President

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, 2014

	2014			Restated 2013
	General Fund \$	Sections Fund \$	Total \$	Total \$
<b>Revenue</b>				
Memberships and CBA rebates	219,745	-	219,745	209,403
Mid-winter meeting	120,569	-	120,569	111,380
Legal directory sales and advertising	59,435	-	59,435	60,338
Section levies	-	38,375	38,375	47,233
Section administrative levies	-	23,360	23,360	26,400
Section meals	-	13,980	13,980	13,007
Law day	12,500	-	12,500	17,166
Sub-lease	10,800	-	10,800	10,451
Interest	8,967	385	9,352	2,596
Canadian Bar Insurance Association license fees	6,662	-	6,662	6,662
Bar notes advertising	4,525	-	4,525	3,245
Miscellaneous	4,051	53	4,104	10,058
	<u>447,254</u>	<u>76,153</u>	<u>523,407</u>	<u>517,939</u>
<b>Expenditures</b>				
Salaries and benefits	198,368	-	198,368	163,693
Mid-winter meeting	73,409	-	73,409	80,016
Office and administration	52,768	-	52,768	42,604
Law day	46,649	-	46,649	47,039
Section lunch	-	46,389	46,389	50,025
National meetings	39,695	-	39,695	30,719
Rent (note 2)	33,086	-	33,086	31,463
Legal directory	27,286	-	27,286	28,126
Promotion	24,871	-	24,871	29,718
Executive	18,370	-	18,370	26,207
Bar notes	12,376	-	12,376	15,347
Council	8,184	-	8,184	5,295
Section planning	7,596	-	7,596	6,323
Accounting fees	4,610	-	4,610	3,344
Committees	3,807	-	3,807	4,170
Articling student forum	2,979	-	2,979	4,163
Miscellaneous	2,958	-	2,958	3,080
Amortization	2,912	-	2,912	2,072
Service awards	1,756	-	1,756	1,220
Section – other	-	1,291	1,291	1,453
Branch annual meeting	865	-	865	1,307
	<u>562,545</u>	<u>47,680</u>	<u>610,225</u>	<u>577,384</u>
<b>Excess (deficiency) of revenue over expenditures before the following</b>	<u>(115,291)</u>	<u>28,473</u>	<u>(86,818)</u>	<u>(59,445)</u>
<b>Special projects</b>				
CLASSIC	5,000	-	5,000	10,000
Pro Bono Saskatchewan	5,000	-	5,000	5,000
	<u>10,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>10,000</u>	<u>15,000</u>
<b>Excess (deficiency) of revenue over expenditures for the year</b>	<u>(125,291)</u>	<u>28,473</u>	<u>(96,818)</u>	<u>(74,445)</u>

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

# Canadian Bar Association, Saskatchewan Branch

## Statement of Changes in Fund Balances

(Unaudited)

For the year ended August 31, 2014

	General Fund		Sections Fund		2014	Restated 2013
	Unrestricted	Unrestricted	Unrestricted	Unrestricted	Total	Total
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Internally restricted operating reserve						
	278,550	190,965	57,383	526,898	603,789	
	-	16,123	-	16,123	13,677	
<b>Fund Balances – Beginning of year, as previously reported</b>	278,550	207,088	57,383	543,021	617,466	
Adjustment to opening fund balance (note 6)	-	(125,291)	28,473	(96,818)	(74,445)	
<b>Fund Balances – Beginning of year, as restated (note 6)</b>						
<b>Excess (deficiency) of revenue over expenditures for the year</b>						
Interfund transfers (note 7)	-	23,360	(23,360)	-	-	
Allocation of operating reserve	6,875	(6,875)	-	-	-	
<b>Fund Balances – End of year</b>	285,425	98,282	62,496	446,203	543,021	

# Canadian Bar Association, Saskatchewan Branch

## Statement of Cash Flows

(Unaudited)

For the year ended August 31, 2014

	2014	Restated
	\$	2013
		\$
<b>Cash provided by (used in)</b>		
<b>Operating activities</b>		
Deficiency of revenue over expenditures for the year	(96,818)	(74,445)
Item not affecting cash		
Amortization	2,912	2,072
	<u>(93,906)</u>	<u>(72,373)</u>
Changes in non-cash working capital		
Accounts receivable	18,096	(10,767)
Prepaid expenses	3,427	14,248
Accounts payable	2,513	-
Unearned revenue	(15,180)	(20,630)
	<u>8,856</u>	<u>(17,149)</u>
	<u>(85,050)</u>	<u>(89,522)</u>
<b>Investing activities</b>		
Purchase of investments	(7,931)	(1,812)
Proceeds on sale of investments	153,192	-
Purchase of property, plant and equipment	(3,852)	(4,518)
	<u>141,409</u>	<u>(6,330)</u>
<b>Net change in cash</b>	56,359	(95,852)
<b>Cash – Beginning of year</b>	76,575	172,427
<b>Cash – End of year</b>	<u>132,934</u>	<u>76,575</u>

# Canadian Bar Association, Saskatchewan Branch

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## 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 and cash equivalents consist of cash on hand, balances with banks and investments which mature within three months of the date of acquisition.

### Property, plant & 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.

### Revenue recognition

The association uses the restricted fund method of accounting for contributions and maintains two funds – General Fund and Sections Fund.

The General Fund accounts for the organization's program delivery and administrative activities associated with general membership.

The Sections Fund accounts for membership fees and luncheon activities of the 33 sections of the CBA, SK Branch.

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Memberships and other unrestricted contributions are recognized as revenue of the appropriate fund in the year received or receivable if the amount to be received can be reasonably estimated and collection is reasonably assured.

Restricted contributions related to general operations are recognized as revenue of the General Fund in the year in which the related expenses are incurred. All other restricted contributions are recognized as revenue of the appropriate restricted fund.

Members' fees received in advance are deferred and recorded as revenue in the period to which they relate.

### **Investments**

Investments consist of fixed income bonds and are recorded at cost plus accrued interest.

### **Financial instruments**

Financial instruments including cash, accounts receivable, short-term investments, investments, and accounts payable and accrued liabilities are initially measured at fair value. Related party transactions are measured at the exchange amount.

These financial assets and liabilities are 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 assets may be impaired.

### **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, liabilities, revenue and expenses and disclosure of contingent liabilities. Future events could alter such estimates in the near term.

### **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 (2013 – nil).

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### 2 Commitments

The association's total obligations, under various operating leases for occupied premises, exclusive of realty taxes and other occupancy charges, are estimated as follows:

	\$
2015	27,649
2016	<u>10,792</u>
	<u>38,441</u>

Rent expense for August 31, 2014 amounted to \$33,086.

### 3 Property, plant and equipment

			<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>
	Cost	Accumulated Amortization	Net	Net
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Office equipment	12,445	6,921	5,524	6,280
Computer hardware	10,275	4,701	5,574	3,873
Computer software	2,710	1,745	965	970
Artwork	5,000	-	5,000	5,000
	<u>30,430</u>	<u>13,367</u>	<u>17,063</u>	<u>16,123</u>

### 4 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.

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### Other risks

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

### 5 Comparative figures

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

### 6 Prior period restatement

Comparative figures have been restated in order to recognize capital assets in accordance with ASNPO. Capital assets that were expensed in previous years have been capitalized and amortized over their estimated useful lives. The impact of these adjustments is shown below.

	<u>Aug. 31, 2013</u>	<u>Sept. 1, 2012</u>
	Net	Net
	\$	\$
Fund balances, as previously reported	526,898	603,789
Increase to property, plant and equipment	16,123	13,677
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Fund balances, as restated	543,021	617,466
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Deficiency of revenues over expenditures, as previously reported	(76,891)	
Amortization of property, plant and equipment	(2,072)	
Decrease in office and administration	4,518	
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Deficiency of revenues over expenditures, as restated	<u>(74,445)</u>	

### 7 Fund transfers

An amount equal to the Section administrative levies is transferred from the Sections Fund to the General Fund each year to cover the administrative costs the General Fund incurs on behalf of the Sections Fund.

The internally restricted operating reserve is maintained in an amount equal to fifty percent of the current year's budgeted expenditures. As a result, \$6,875 (2013 - \$57,000) was transferred from the unrestricted General Fund.