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President's REPORT

Michele Hollins, Q.C.



At both a Branch and National level, we are constantly struggling to articulate the benefits of membership in the Canadian Bar Association. My CBA membership has made my practice and my experience in the law immeasurably more enjoyable and more efficient. However, trying to explain why that is so has always been a difficult exercise. As I become more familiar with the work of the National CBA body, I see many things being done on the national and international level that illustrate the work and the influence of this organization; impressive projects and initiatives of which not all our members are aware.

For example, on November 25, 2007, I was in Ottawa for the National Board of Directors meeting, along with our Alberta Vice-President, Diane Young and our Executive Director, Terry Evenson. We, along with over a hundred other CBA members, staff and other lawyers and citizens, marched through Ottawa to the steps of the Supreme Court of Canada in support of the judges and lawyers being jailed and persecuted under Musharraf's state of emergency in Pakistan. While we often talk about the importance of the rule of law and an independent bar and judiciary, it was moving to see CBA members organize and execute a show of solidarity for our international counterparts. The CBA is the voice of our profession, not just in Canada but on the international stage and all our members should be proud of that.

Also on an international note, the CBA also administers a program for young lawyers to work in other countries with agencies and governments requiring legal assistance. The program, called the Young Professionals International Internship Program, is described in detail on the website, www.cba.org and I encourage you to take a look. Even for ineligible ("not-so-young") lawyers like myself, it is inspiring to know

that the CBA is providing these opportunities for people willing to donate their time and skills abroad.

One of the largest ongoing tasks of the National CBA is the preparation and presentation of submissions to the federal government on an incredibly wide range of legislative bills and amendments. In 2007, national staff have worked with CBA members from national and provincial sections to prepare submissions on the *Income Tax Act*, the *Competition Act* and new pieces of legislation dealing with the age of protection (Bill C-22), interjurisdictional support orders and notably, the *Immigration and Refugee Protection Act*. These submissions are also available on the website. Again, even if outside your practice area, browsing through them will give you a much better appreciation for the work of this organization.

Closer to home, our Communications Committee is preparing to reinstate the "What's Happening" column in this newsletter. We are asking any "plugged-in" members of local bar associations throughout Alberta to volunteer to provide us with regular updates about people in their legal community; where they are, where they've been and where they're going.

Last but far from least, I want to encourage everyone to look through the Alberta Law Conference brochure that accompanies this newsletter. The Conference is in Calgary on March 13-14, 2008 and I think the line up looks great! If you really want value for your membership or you're not a member and want to take a look at what we have to offer, please join us for the ALC.

Paul Wood named new LESA Executive Director

Alan D. Fielding, Q.C., Chair of the Board of Directors, announced today that **Paul F. Wood** will assume the duties of Executive Director of the Legal Education Society of Alberta effective January 1, 2008, following the retirement of Hugh A. Robertson, Q.C.



Paul has served with LESA for the past seventeen years as Director, Continuing Education. Paul is Past-President of the International Association for Continuing Legal Education, having served on its Executive Committee from 2000 through 2006. He looks forward to the challenge of meeting the continuing professional development needs of lawyers and their staff in Alberta, as well as students enrolled in the CPLED program.

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With 2007 behind us, and 2008 underway, this is a perfect time to reflect on the past year and anticipate this year. 2007 was a very busy and successful year at the Canadian Bar Association, and 2008 promises to be even better.

Before I tell you about some of the exciting events being organized for 2008, I should mention some of the events that took place during the last quarter of 2007. The CBA sections geared up in September and have been going strong ever since. It's very easy to get caught up with work and miss a meeting, but if you look at the quality of topics and speakers, you will realize that the lunch-and-learn meetings are likely invaluable to your practice. Don't forget that when you signed up for a section, you received a coupon in your Section Handbook which allows you to take a non-CBA member, as a guest, to one of the section meetings. So, go ahead and host a colleague over lunch, on us!

The Law Society celebrated its 100th birthday in 2007. To commemorate the 100 year anniversary, the Law Society held numerous events. In May of 2007, there was the launch of the 100th Anniversary Legacy Alberta Pro Bono Law Project. In September there was the launch of both the 100th Anniversary Canada Post Stamp and the 100th Anniversary Law Society of Alberta Book. In October the 100th Anniversary Gala Dinner took place in both Calgary and Edmonton. In Edmonton the event took place at Northlands. The keynote speaker was Chief Justice Beverley McLachlin and the Master of Ceremonies was James A. Wachowich. In Calgary the event took place at the Round Up Centre. The keynote speaker in Calgary was the Honourable Peter Lougheed and Allan G. Shewchuk, Q.C., was the Master of Ceremonies. And, lastly, there was the 100th Anniversary Conference of Canadian Lawyers in the 21st Century which was hosted in Edmonton, at the University of Alberta, Lister Centre and Faculty Club, on October 26th and 27th.

The Board of Directors of the Legal Education Society of Alberta recently held two receptions in honour of the retirement of Executive Director Hugh A. Robertson, Q.C., one in Calgary on November 28th, and then on December 6th in Edmonton. The Chair of the Board of the Directors for LESA, Alan Fielding, Q.C., spoke about how Hugh brought LESA to a completely different level than where it had been when he first accepted the position. In fact, Hugh Robertson's contributions will impact the organization forever, and have resulted in LESA becoming an

internationally recognized organization. Hugh spoke fondly about his years at LESA, and how much he enjoyed working with the exceptional staff and volunteers. Everyone at the Canadian Bar Association wishes Hugh and his wife Lynda all of the best in their future endeavours.

On December 14, 2007, the Honourable Donald J. Manderscheid was appointed to the Edmonton Court of Queen's Bench. As some of you may know, Justice D.J. Manderscheid was a lawyer with The City of Edmonton. Prior to his appointment, he was very involved in the legal community and was the Vice Chair for the CBA Northern Alberta Municipal Law Section. Justice Manderscheid was also the recipient of the John Tait Award of Excellence at the Canadian Bar Association National CBA Conference held in Calgary, in August of 2007.

Now for a few tidbits on what the CBA has in store for you during 2008. On February 23rd and 24th, the CBA will hold its National Mid-Winter Meeting in Balmy, Yellowknife. If any CBA members are looking for an interesting winter getaway, I would urge you to consider this conference. In fact, when you register for the conference, your name is put into a draw and you have a chance to win a half carat Polar bear diamond. Now that's what I call incentive!

On March 13th and 14th, the Alberta Law Conference will take place at the Westin Hotel in Calgary. The topics and speakers are absolutely phenomenal. Some of the panels will be, for example, labour and employment law, real estate law, the "New Rules of Court", short snappers for solicitors, ethics and civility, e-records and e-trial demonstrations, experts, a full day session on family law, wills and estates law, and for the first time ever, Judge S. Dunnigan will be speaking to law students and articling students on law career planning, and what you were not taught at law school.

The next *Law Matters* publication will come out in April 2008. The Editorial Committee will continue to work hard to make the publication informative, interesting and valuable. If you have any ideas on how we can improve on something, or if we can provide you with something that we have not thought of, please drop us a note. We would love to hear from you.

Lastly, I would like to introduce you to the *Law Matters* Editorial Committee, and here they are ...



L-R The Honourable Madam Justice E.I. Picard (Edmonton); Terrence A. Cooper, Q.C. (Fort McMurray); Jason Schlotter (Calgary), past Chair of the Committee; Tony Young (Calgary); Devin Mylrea (Calgary); and, Robert Harvie (Lethbridge).

Designated members are Gillian Marriott, the 2007-2008 *Law Matters* Executive Liaison (as well, Gillian is the Treasurer of the Alberta Branch); Terry Evenson, Executive Director of the Branch; and, Lindell E. Larson, Publications Co-ordinator.

Judicial Updates

COURT OF QUEEN'S BENCH

Justice J.A. Agrios, Edmonton Court of Queen's Bench, retired as a supernumerary justice effective October 30, 2007.

Jo'Anne Streckfuss was appointed to the Court of Queen's Bench in Calgary, effective November 30, 2007.

Earl C. Wilson was appointed to the Court of Queen's

Bench in Calgary, effective November 30, 2007.

Donald J. Manderscheid was appointed to the Court of Queen's Bench in Edmonton effective December 14, 2007.

Keith D. Yamauchi was appointed to the Court of Queen's Bench in Edmonton, effective December 14, 2007.

PROVINCIAL COURT

Judge R.H. Davie, Calgary Provincial Court, retired as a supernumerary judge effective Sept. 30, 2007.

Judge E.R.R. Carruthers, Calgary Provincial Court - Family & Youth, will sit as a full-time judge; his term as Acting Assistant Chief Judge expired September 30, 2007.

Judge V.T. Tousignant - Calgary Provincial Court - Family & Youth, was designated as Assistant Chief Judge, Calgary Provincial Court, Family & Youth Division, for a five year term effective October 1, 2007.

Judge R.A. Jacobson, Lethbridge Provincial Court, was reappointed as a full-time judge for a one year term effective November 7, 2007.

Derek G. Redman, QC, was appointed to Lethbridge Provincial Court effective November 19, 2007.

Judge P.M. Caffaro, Edmonton Provincial Court - Criminal, was reappointed as a full-time judge for a one year term November 21, 2007.

Judge E.D. Riemer, Red Deer Provincial Court, was appointed as a part-time judge November 22, 2007.

Judge D. Brand, Medicine Hat Provincial Court, was appointed as a part-time judge December 10, 2007.

John D. Holmes, QC, was appointed to Red Deer Provincial Court effective December 17, 2007.

Judge N.P. Leveque, Calgary Provincial Court, was reappointed as a supernumerary judge for a two year term effective December 31, 2007.

Judge M. Horrocks, Edmonton Provincial Court, was reappointed as a supernumerary judge for a two year term effective December 31, 2007.

Judge D.R. Wong, Edmonton Provincial Court - Criminal, was reappointed as a part-time judge for a one year term January 4, 2008.

Judge D.G. Ingram, Edmonton Provincial Court - Civil, was reappointed as a full-time judge for a one year term January 18, 2008.

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QB COMMENTARY

JDR Survey Will Improve Delivery of Program

QB INFO: Michelle Somers, Media Relations Officer, Court of Queen's Bench, 403-297-5003

The response to the 2007 JDR survey handed out to lawyers and their clients who have participated in a Judicial Dispute Resolution proceedings could not be better. Participation so far has been very high. "Even counsel who submitted a previous questionnaire are completing it in detail," says Justice John D. Rooke, author of the survey.

Speaking as Acting Chair of the Rules of Court Committee, Justice Rooke noted that the evaluation of this program is very timely. "The Rules being proposed by the Alberta Law Reform Institute are projected for implementation in January 2009. They will require that parties engage in a form of pre-trial dispute resolution mechanism before they are able to obtain a trial date, unless the requirement is waived by the Court in an individual case for good reason." In the new Rules, private alternate dispute resolution processes and court-annexed mediations count as pre-trial dispute resolution mechanisms in addition to JDRs.

The JDR survey being handed out by the presiding justice at each JDR began in September 2007 and will end on June 30, 2008. Its purpose is to get a quantifiable/qualitative measure of what members of the Bar and their clients want to get out of a JDR, and whether the QB Court is meeting that need. The results will be released in the summer of 2009, after Justice Rooke has completed his thesis on the

subject for his Masters in ADR at the University of Alberta's Law Faculty.

"We ask that the survey be filled out only by the actual participants in a JDR proceeding. Those results will give us anonymous information about particular JDR proceedings, not just the program in general. However, they are not designed to evaluate the judges, lawyers or clients of the proceeding, whose identities are neither sought nor known", he added.

"Recommendations about all facets of the program will be generated from the results of the questionnaires. We should be able to make improvements that respond more fully to the evolving needs of the litigating public."

The Court is also mindful of the needs of lawyers. As counsel know, scheduling a JDR with the Court can be more difficult than getting a trial date. The Court recently began posting its JDR schedule on the court website (www.albertacourts.ab.ca – Announcements) to make it easier for counsel to book JDR dates.

Justice Rooke expressed his gratitude to everyone who has, and will, participate in this effort to improve this significant program. Anyone who has participated in a JDR for the period September 2007 to June 2008, but who did not get an opportunity to complete a survey questionnaire, should contact their JDR trial co-ordinator.

New Rules for Appeal Books

The agreement as to content in civil appeals will be abolished in the early summer of 2008, and there will be significant related amendments to Rule 530.

1. The appeal books will be shorter now. The red volume 1 will be the only part in multiple copies.
2. Appeal books will continue to contain Part I (Pleadings) and Part II (Final Documents). Those will now have fixed contents.
3. As at present, the appellant will file one electronic copy and one hard copy of the oral evidence. That will be all the oral evidence.

4. The appeal books will be filed no later than 15 weeks after the notice of appeal is filed.

5. There will be nothing else in the appeal books. They will not contain exhibits or written evidence.

6. Instead, each party will be able to select and reproduce in a separate book only those parts of the evidence and exhibits which it considers necessary for its argument to the court. That book will be filed in multiple hard copies at the same time as the factum of that party. Whether or not to file such a book of selections, and what evidence it reproduces, will be entirely up to that party.

Case Management Committee, Court of Appeal of Alberta

Notice to the Profession

Re: *Judgement Interest Act*

I wish to advise that the interest rate for pecuniary damages under the *Judgement Interest Act* has been set at 4.25% for the period January 1, 2008 to December 31, 2008.

Terrence J. Matchett, Q.C.
Alberta Deputy Minister of Justice and Deputy Attorney General

JUST WORKS: Lawyers in Alberta, 1907-2007



As the Law Society of Alberta celebrates its centennial, it salutes the pioneers, philosophers, soldiers, educators and raconteurs who helped shape the province through a common bond – love of the law. Alberta lawyers have lived it all in pursuit of their craft, from frontier privations, to the heady days of the oil boom. With

the birth in 1907 of the Law Society of Alberta (LSA), lawyers became members of an extended family – often quarrelsome and jealous, yet equally embracing and nurturing.

Leafing through the pages of this family album you'll notice that values haven't much changed; integrity, discipline, diligence and honesty are as important today as they were 100 years ago. So is humour, in liberal (small !!) doses. What is remarkable in these stories about lawyers and the legal institutions they serve are the threads that connect the past to the present, and will most certainly continue into the future.

The volunteers who assembled this book came together in 2005. Every member experienced major career or life transitions during the months it took to put this book together, but we prevailed. We are (alphabetically): Everett Bunnell, Shelagh R. Creagh, Adam Germain, Stacy Kaufeld, Michael Payne, Laura Stevens, and Jack Watson. We are also grateful for the participation of Kirsten Olson and Graham Price, and the generous participation of contributing writers, acknowledged at the end of the book, notably eminent professors Lou Knafla and Peter W. Hogg, and legendary commentator C.D. Evans.

We invite you to treat the contents of this book as representative, and sometime symbolic, of the contributions made by the law, lawyers and legal institutions to Alberta and our nation. This is merely an overview of a grand sweep of time and space. We hope you enjoy the product of our collective efforts.

Stacy Kaufeld, from the Preface

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Not haiku, nor a 14 line ode,

*Not haiku, nor a 14 line ode,
Nor iambic pentameter code,
Was quite in the ken,
Of the women and men,
Asked to spell out our century's road.*

*For as much as we lawyers can write
And use history to tell us what's right,
It was not for loquacity
Nor tradition's capacity,
That our past was brought out into light.*

*As lawyers and law move through time,
Each passing event in the climb,
Is just here, then it's gone,
As the progress rolls on,
But it does not mean bells did not chime.*

*Though the worlds that we were
are no more,
What we learned there is not to ignore.
Forebear voices are heard,
By their thoughts left in word,
We continue to rise from before.*

*Great legacies came to us all,
Gifts from names that we don't quite recall.
Can we move and reflect,
And pay proper respect,
To the priors of what we are all?*

*The first method is easy to reach.
Just remember whenever we teach.
What they did, we do too.
We advance and renew,
The great values that are legal speech.*

*The second for twenty oh seven,
Was to re-tell the stories unwoven.
Since the whole was too much,
We selected a clutch,
Representing the group – with some leaven.*

*So this collage of it, him and her,
Symbolically states who we were.
We should thank each and all,
Their just works should not fall,
As we add to this massive treasure.*

Justice Jack Watson

View from the BENCH

Judge A. A. Fradsham



As you may know, Calgary has its new courthouse. It is the largest courthouse in North America, and, when we get all the bells and whistles working, it will be the most technologically advanced courthouse in the world. Located on the bench is a master screen which allows the judge to control a number of electronic functions in the courtroom. Putting me in charge of such technology is akin to letting a Philistine run the Louvre. I am sure that it must be a principle of law that if people of my technological ineptitude touch the screen, all warranties are voided. If it isn't, it should be.

The Calgary Courts Centre is truly a remarkable building, and I am unashamedly very pleased with, and very proud of it. However, there are some amusing things which have occurred over the course of the planning and construction. Too bad I'm not allowed to tell them.

However, I can tell you that the building is designed to be environmentally friendly. To that end, the lights in the judges' offices are activated by a motion detection device. After 20 minutes of inactivity, the lights go out. Please believe me when I say that the work of a judge involves lots of reading and writing. Those functions are not classed as fast moving sports with lots of action. Even if you concede that "thinking" also forms at least a small part of a judge's job description, not much apparent activity accompanies thinking (I suppose it depends on how much head scratching one does). In any event, the end result of the use of motion sensors is that many of the judges find themselves plunged into darkness as they sit at their desks studiously determining how many angels can dance on the head of a pin (and, indeed, who qualifies as an angel). By way of example, the lights have gone out once already as I write this article. Comments from readers such as "it shows" are just mean-spirited.

Further, when the judges first moved in here, the exit door from the parkade often would not work. It is activated by the heat from exiting vehicles, and the judges' cars were

not registering.

When I told my son Neal about this state of affairs, he said, "Dad, if you are not moving enough to keep the lights on, and if you don't generate enough heat to operate the parkade door, perhaps they should check you for a pulse." Teaching him to talk may have been an error.

This building is not only noted for fancy environmental devices, it also reflects our society's paranoia about security. Accordingly, there are panic buttons in the judges' offices, the judges bathrooms, the courtrooms, and in the judicial dispute resolution rooms. In the JDR rooms, the judge is in very close proximity to the members of the public upon whom he or she is practicing the judicial craft. The security advisors for the project cleverly realized that in such close quarters tempers might flare and violence might erupt. Accordingly, a panic button was placed in each of the rooms so that assistance could be summonsed if someone became violent. However, when we moved in, we discovered that the architects had an interesting view as to who posed the threat. The buttons in some of the rooms were on the public's side of the tables. Sounds about right to me.

But the event which most amuses me just happened. I am writing this at the end of November, and I have recently received from Cana Construction (the nice people who just spent the past several years building this new courthouse) an invitation to what I expect is their Christmas party (though they neutrally call it their "Annual Open House"). That is very kind of them, and I appreciate the invitation. What made me laugh as I opened the envelope is that they mailed it to the old courthouse and the Post Office had to re-direct it.

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MEDIATION MINUTE



In the last article I discussed some of the important steps to take in order to prepare for a mediation. In particular, I addressed the importance of issue identification and creative problem solving. In this article I would like to carry on with that theme and discuss some other important ways to prepare for a mediation. Whether your client is an individual or a corporation, proper preparation for a mediation will greatly improve the likelihood of achieving a settlement that will be beneficial to your client.

Discuss with your client the physical surroundings that they will encounter. Determine who will be in attendance at the mediation. Is your client comfortable being across the table from the opposing party and their lawyer? Are there individuals that your client would like to have in attendance? It may be very important for your client to be able to speak directly to certain individuals from the opposing side. In addition, your client may want certain people to be at the mediation to provide moral or technical support for them. Consider who should be in attendance in order to make the mediation as productive as possible. Mediators are always concerned to ensure that the appropriate decision makers, with authority to settle, are at the table or readily available but are there others who have important knowledge that will assist the parties in arriving at an informed decision on settlement? How many people will be in attendance at the mediation from each side? Is numerical symmetry at the table necessary or important for you or your client? In certain cultures, numerical symmetry at the negotiation table is a fundamental pre-condition of the mediation process. If your client holds that view, then ensure that you pay attention to that requirement. These things should be reviewed with your client well in advance to ensure that your client's expectations will be recognized in the mediation process. Have you discussed these issues with the other side as well? If the opposing party recognizes the importance of some of these procedural matters and agrees to work together to resolve them in advance then perhaps the stage is set for agreement on some of the contentious issues.

Who will be doing the talking? Many mediators prefer to have the disputants physically seated beside them and speaking in their own words about the issues. Will your client be comfortable with that process? Will you? One way to facilitate this process would be to have the client work with you in the preparation of the summary of facts and issues for the mediation brief. Perhaps a point form presentation of the facts and issues would be acceptable and would allow the client to comfortably go through the presentation of their position without overlooking an important fact or issue in dispute. Consider reviewing this with your client and perhaps rehearsing appropriate language that accurately reflects your client's position. Discuss

ways in which you and your client can articulate their position clearly and forcefully in the mediation. By discussing some of these ideas and reviewing them with your client in advance, you can help to remove some of the anxiety that your client will no doubt be feeling about the mediation process. This review will help your client feel more comfortable and in control of the process and will no doubt improve the likelihood of a successful result.

Finally, discuss advocacy in the mediation context. While in the courtroom you may be the "take no prisoners, gun-slinging" type of litigator, in a mediation session, conciliation is generally more the order of the day. Ensure that you discuss this with your client to clarify your respective roles and to alert them to the fact that a mediation session is different from an examination for discovery or a court application. Don't be afraid to ask your client what they are expecting from you. Let them know that you are firmly supporting their position and that you are working with them as a team. Discuss with them the fact that it may be necessary to use more conciliatory language in the mediation than you have in the past. Make sure that they appreciate that this does not mean that you are "going soft on them" and that you will continue to advocate their position forcefully and strenuously when necessary. While there may be perfectly legitimate times where you or your client need to express a point of view forcefully, to be difficult, obstinate and objectionable throughout the entire mediation process will not lead to a successful conclusion. Make sure that your client understands that your advocacy and negotiation skills may be employed in different manner than they may have seen in the past so that they are not suddenly surprised by your change in demeanour, if that should occur.

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RISK: Lawyers, their Practice and their Clients

Mike Martin, Risk Assessment Officer, Law Society of Alberta



In my last communiqué, I encouraged the Alberta legal profession to provide feedback on risks of concern. I received several responses and, in some cases, actual copies of fraudulent letters and correspondence received by legal practitioners.

For the most part, those practitioners who did respond were the recipients of “Nigerian Letters”. Nigerian letters have been in existence for a long time, however like everything else, they have become more sophisticated, aided by modern technology.

Nigerian Letters, as their name implies, originated in Nigeria, and are the fraudulent instrument of choice for Nigerian fraudsters. At one time, schemes such as Nigerian Letters were a mainstay to the Nigerian economy. Foreign enforcement agencies received little or no cooperation from their Nigerian counterparts in attempting to identify and apprehend those responsible for defrauding foreign citizens.

The name Nigerian Letter today does not necessarily mean they originate from Nigeria but is more of a reference to their structure. At first blush, Nigerian Letters give the impression of an instrument used for the purpose of money laundering. In reality they are an advanced fee scam.

An advanced fee scam, and, in particular, Nigerian Letters include the following characteristics:

- A sense of urgency is stressed;
- Confidentiality of the proposed transaction is claimed;
- Trust and honesty on the part of the letter originator and recipient is expressed;

- The originator will claim to be a doctor or senior representative of a corporate entity;
- The recipient is asked to contact the sender for further instructions to facilitate the transfer;

• Contact with the sender will result in the request for funds to be sent to a foreign country or a personal attendance there. Do not forward funds and do not meet with these people.

Originally Nigerian letters were distributed to their targeted victims by mail. Today they are sent by fax or by e-mail, and can be quite bothersome as fraudsters seem to access the same target list. Ergo if you receive one letter; rest assured other letters will follow. Do not respond or in the case of e-mail, if you can avoid it, don't open. Each computer key stroke or response in any form only serves to educate the fraudster to your culture, your identity, and your way of doing business. In the case of spam, you risk a virus to your system!!

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L-R: Al Shewchuk, Q.C., Jenny McMordie, Associate Chief Justice Wittmann, Q.C.



L-R: Terry Evenson, Hugh Robertson, Q.C., and Jack Dunphy, Q.C.

Photos on this page are of some of the distinguished guests at receptions held both in Calgary and Edmonton, honouring the work of Hugh Robertson, Q.C., on the occasion of his retirement. Mr. Robertson was Executive Director of the Legal Education Society of Alberta since 1984.

& CENTER



The Articling Students Meet the Bench Receptions were extremely successful in both Calgary and Edmonton! Calgary photos: Above - Judge Victor Tousignant with students; Judge Tousignant was recently appointed Assistant Chief Judge, Provincial Court, Family & Youth, Calgary. Left - Judge Sandra Hunt-McDonald and Below Left - Justice Rosemary Nation (third from right) with several of the many articling students who participated.



The Mentor Reception in Calgary sponsored by The Counsel Network: L-R - Judge Sean Dunnigan, Sameera Sereda, Joshua Benjamin (winner of a digital camera), Hadielia Yassiri.



Above and Below: This year four Christmas lunches for the needy were held at the Mustard Seed Street Ministry in Calgary. These lunches were planned, cooked, served, and funded by the very generous volunteers in CBA sections. Pioneered by the Family Law South group, other sections and this year several judges, have joined in. Your section might like to participate next year; it's not only worthwhile but uplifting!



This photo was inadvertently missed in the Summer issue. It is a photo of the 2007 Law Day High School Mock Trial Competition winners from William Aberhart High in Calgary with their trophy, and, Judge Anne Brown who presided over their trial. As Law Day for 2008 has been set for April 19, 2008 in the new Calgary Courts Centre, we would like to remind you that volunteers are needed for every aspect of this event - as program planners, actors, scripters, coaches, "Ask a Lawyer" staff, guides, survey takers, runners, photographers, facilities and display organizing, just to name a few key positions. This is a very big courthouse, we have the opportunity to expand and fill the new space. Get in on the fun in this first year of Calgary Law Day's new home!

LESA has a wide variety of seminars in a range of formats and levels planned for the winter and spring.

Register online at www.lesa.org or by phone at (780) 420-1987.

Missed a seminar? More convenient to learn at your office? Seminar sold out? Check out our **webcasts** at www.lesa.org.

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Wills, Estates and Elder Law Lake Louise Refresher Webcasts

If you were unable to attend our Lake Louise Refresher Course, here is your chance to view the presentations and receive the materials at your desktop:

Estate Planning, *Sessional Chair: Paul Trotter*

January 15, 2008 - 3:00 pm - 6:00 pm

Trusts, *Sessional Chair: Barbara Kimmitt*

January 17, 2008 - 3:00 pm - 6:00 pm

Conflicts of Law, *Acting Sessional Chair: Karen Platten*

January 22, 2008 - 3:00 pm - 6:00 pm

Dependent Adult Matters, *Sessional Chair: Les Hills*

January 24, 2008 - 3:00 pm - 6:00 pm

Estate Litigation: Capacity, Evidence & Privilege,

Sessional Chair: Helen R. Ward

January 29, 2008 - 3:00 pm - 6:00 pm

Blended Families, *Sessional Chair: Leanne S. Cherry*

January 31, 2008 - 3:00 pm - 6:00 pm

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Family Law Boot Camp, Chaired by W.B. Hogle

January 18, 25, February 1, 8, 2008 in Edmonton; 9:00 am - 12:00 pm each day

A practical foundation for junior lawyers and an excellent review for more experienced practitioners. Tackle family law files working hands – on with expert practitioners who will offer practical advice for managing your family law practice and handling complex, emotionally charged, family law files.

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February 7 (evening), 8 & 9, 2008 in Edmonton

Refine your skills as a Mediator. Charting less – charted interests: building on skills. Registrants will have a role play videotaped. Self assessments will take place with positive, constructive feedback from coaches. The layering of interests will be discussed, as well as their relationship to layered outcomes. Limited enrollment.

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February 14 in Edmonton or February 21, 2008 in Calgary, 9:00 - 4:30pm

Your client has spent their life building a family business. Have they given any thought to a succession plan? Learn how to help your client plan for the future. Be aware of the issues, ask the right questions, understand how to properly value the business, consider the tax implications and complement their overall estate plan. A seminar for business or estate lawyers.

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4th Annual Farm & Ranch Institute, Chaired by Colin G. Simmons

February 22 & 23, 2008 in Calgary

Mediation of Civil Disputes I, Featuring Camilla L. Witt, Q.C.

March 13 (evening), 14 & 15, 2008 in Edmonton

This popular course is tailored to build on the dispute resolution skills and training which lawyers already possess. Lawyers will learn the theoretical basis for, and will receive training in the practical application of mediation skills. The training session involves a presentation of information, an exchange of ideas, modeling of skills by the trainers, and skills development through exercises and role plays in smaller groups. Emphasis is placed on practical application of skills.



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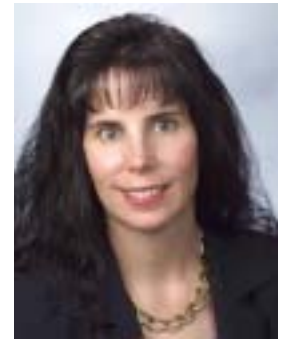
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2008

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FEBRUARY:

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APRIL:

13-15: The Canadian Corporate Counsel Association 2008 National Spring Conference: **Corporate Counsel, Corporate Leaders: Strategies for Risk Management and Business Planning**. Toronto. Check the CCCA website for further information: www.cancorpccounsel.org.

JULY:

14-17: The Federation of Law Societies of Canada **National Family Law Program**. Muskoka, ON. Contact: Heather Walker, Coordinator. Ph: 705-879-3082; Fax: 705-374-4131 or E-mail: nationalfamilylawprogram@sympatico.ca.

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Resolutions

In 2008, I will:

1. Stop wishing for the day life slows down. Instead I'll embrace the chaos and enjoy the ride.
2. Stop watching the same Oiler hi-lites three times in the same night hoping the result will change. Instead I'll accept that the next Stanley Cup run will have to wait until '09.
3. Stop being envious of others' perfect lives. Instead I'll realize my life is just fine thanks.
4. Stop wishing my kids would just do everything I say as soon as I say it. Instead I'll pick my battles better and realize my kids are just fine the way they are.
5. Stop taking myself and everything in life so seriously. Instead I'll have more fun.
6. Stop making excuses. Instead I'll just do it.
7. Stop asking people if they are busy. Instead I'll ask how they are doing. I'll listen to the answer.
8. Stop trying to control my entire world. Instead I'll realize I can't be responsible for everything (just myself) and that it's ok to do what you can do and then let life unfold.
9. Stop hoping for Chinooks. Instead I'll shovel the snow off my sidewalks so no one gets hurt.
10. Stop saying everything is fine when it isn't. Instead, I'll ask for help when I need it.

I will also always be grateful for all the support the Assist Program receives. Special thanks this year to Chief Justice Wachowich and his entire office, the Law Society, Alberta Justice, the CBA and the Bar Associations and Court staff throughout the Province for welcoming Assist's participation in the various events around the Province celebrating the 100th anniversary of the Court and the Law Society. Our congratulations to the Court and the Law Society on reaching this historic milestone.

NOTICE: The Assist Annual General Meeting will be held at the Red Deer Chamber of Commerce on Saturday, May 10, 2008 beginning at 9 am. Please join us. If you plan on attending, please e-mail me at alap@nucleus.com or phone 403-537-5508 (direct).



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This year's legal fundraiser will benefit **The Free Will Players Theatre Guild** (River City Shakespeare Festival) and **Victoria School Theatre**.

For tickets contact Francis Price at fprice@rmrf.com.

Plan to be present at this Gala Event!

Practice POINTERS

Molly Naber-Sykes and Jo'Anne Strekaf



As this will be my last Practice Pointers column in view of my recent appointment to the Alberta Court of Queen's Bench, Molly has graciously allowed me to wield the pen for this issue. It is hard to believe that 20 years have passed since we submitted our first Practice Pointers column for publication in the April/May 1987 issue of the CBA Newsletter. Since that time, it has been a pleasure to share some of the cases which we found of interest.

As I look forward to the challenges ahead and reflect back on how much I have learned over the course of my practice at Bennett Jones for the past 27 years, I would like to pass on some of the useful advice which I received that I strove (not always successfully) to follow:

1. Work hard. There is no substitute for it in this business. Moreover, if you take the time to periodically evaluate how you are doing things, you can probably figure out how to work "smarter" and more efficiently.
2. Contribute back. We have all benefited from the contributions of others and all possess a great deal of knowledge and expertise that we can share. There are many varied opportunities for lawyers to volunteer in the community, e.g. mentoring young lawyers at student legal assistance, providing pro bono legal services, serving on Law Society committees, teaching at the bar admission course, presenting papers and participating in the Canadian Bar Association committees and seminars, etc. In my experience, I always got back more than I gave whenever I volunteered.
3. Keep up with the law. Not only is this a wise practice, it will soon be a professional responsibility.
4. Be courteous. It tends to be reciprocated. However acrimonious the dispute, it's easier on all concerned

when counsel are polite to each other.

5. Take care of yourself, physically and emotionally. If you don't, it will catch up with you. Sometimes assistance can be as simple as talking with a friend. In other cases, professional help may be required.

6. Keep your priorities straight. Family, friends and outside interests are extremely important and need your time and attention.

7. Seek advice when you don't know what to do. Difficult issues will arise in the course of any practice. When you are unsure how to handle a professional, strategic or ethical issue, seek the advice of a respected colleague or contact the Practice Advisor.

In conclusion, I would like to express my appreciation to my partners, colleagues and clients for their support over the years; to Molly Naber-Sykes, without whose commitment and good humour this column would have floundered a long time ago; to Lindell Larson, the CBA Publications Coordinator, whose "flexibility" with deadlines was crucial and much appreciated; to my assistant, Lorene Klippert, whose patience and professionalism has been critical to the success of my practice; and to the many individuals who assisted with ideas and guest writing this column over the past 20 years.

LAST WORD: 6/49

Chief Justice Lamer died on Saturday, November 24, 2007. He was appointed to the Supreme Court of Canada on March 28, 1980, became Chief Justice on July 1, 1990, and stepped down on January 6, 2000.

There is so much that one could say about any Chief Justice, particularly this one.

One small memory only: I was his Executive Legal Officer from 1990-992, and in that capacity assisted Chief Justice Lamer and members of the Canadian Judicial Council on a series of projects to reduce and eliminate delays in different jurisdictions in Canada. Two provincial Chief Justices (members of the Canadian Judicial Council) came to Ottawa for a meeting, and Chief Justice Lamer invited me to come to attend that meeting. The meeting was preceded by lunch. Lunch itself was preceded by the usual social discourse: how was your flight, did it arrive in time, how's the weather, I understand they're building a casino across the river in Gatineau etc. Chief Justice Lamer asked the views (on gambling) of each of the invited learned gentlemen, and each

gave them, with the Chief Justice then moving on to me. I demurred, saying I was simply there to assist the Chief with this particular project and he really wouldn't be interested in my views on such a topic, but I was happy to be there to listen and learn from those more learned and experienced than I. He pressed again and said "No Eugene, tell me exactly what you think". I again demurred saying "Chief, being Scottish, we have a certain reputation for frugality, it's not something we do". He pressed further and said "Tell me what you really think." I said "Well Chief, I think gambling is a voluntary tax upon the stupid". He simply said "OK".

Next morning I am sitting in front of his desk with the Chief's judicial legal assistant beside me, the Chief Justice across the desk in his chair. At the end of the morning organizational meeting, he:

- ♦ reaches into his shirt pocket
- ♦ looks squarely at me
- ♦ takes out a 6/49 ticket
- ♦ hands it over to his judicial legal assistant
- ♦ while doing so, stares at me saying "Tell me if I won".

I did. He didn't.

Eugene Meehan, Q.C., written for the Nov. 29/07 S.C.C. L@wLetter

Cross-Section SOUTH

Sandra Hildebrand and James Swanson



From the desk of Sandra Hildebrand

With the beginning of the New Year, we look back at what we have accomplished and we look forward to upcoming events.

The holiday season provides us with an opportunity to reflect on how very fortunate we are and it reminds us of those less fortunate. As in past years, many of our section members have made financial donations and have volunteered their time to serve lunch to Calgarians over the holiday season at the Mustard Seed. This year, with the efforts of Lonny Balbi, Q.C. who again organized the program, four lunches were sponsored and served by section members and their families. Thanks to the many financial contributors and volunteers (see information box), including members of the Family Law Section (December 17, 2007), the Business Law Section (December 18, 2007), the Wills and Trusts Section (December 18, 2007) and the many lawyers and judges who participated, this has been one of our most successful years ever.

We had an excellent response to our mentor program and kick-off fall reception. We were able to match 86 law students at the University of Calgary with practicing lawyers. Thank you to all the volunteer lawyers who donated their time and experience to mentor law students.

The Articling Students' Meet the Bench Reception was a great success. The Reception provided articling students and junior lawyers with an opportunity to meet judges from Provincial Court, Court of Queen's

Bench and the Court of Appeal. Thank you to the judges who graciously volunteered their time to attend this worthwhile event.

The webcast of section lunch meetings has now expanded to include ten sections. To learn more, call Linda Chapman at 218-4313 or e-mail her at sections@cba-alberta.org.

We would like to extend our appreciation to Bennett Jones LLP for hosting the Immigration Law Section Christmas Reception and to McCarthy Tétrault LLP for hosting the Labour and Employment Christmas Reception.

Thank you to all of our section members for making 2007 a successful year.

Mark your Calendars for upcoming events! The Wills and Trusts Section is presenting Mary McGregor to speak on Top 10 Drafting Errors at its Dinner Meeting March 6, 2008 ... Plan to attend the Alberta Law Conference in Calgary on March 13 and 14, 2008 and Don't miss Law Day at the new Calgary Courts Centre on Saturday, April 19, 2008. Law Day is the ideal opportunity to get acquainted with Calgary's new courthouse and to bring friends and family to enjoy this fun and informative event.

All the best to you and your families in 2008.

The "Mustard Seed" Annual Christmas Luncheons

CBA Participants in Four Christmas Luncheons for the Mustard Seed Street Ministry:

Krysta Ostwald, Jill Crockett, Lindsay Ewens-Jones, Dereck Jones, Mike Anderson, Julie Anderson, Cynthia Scheible, Deni Cashin, Leona Callihoo-Pearson, Paul Trotter, Sherrilynn Kelly, Angela Yee Hamshaw, Connie Hykaway, Gordon Vanderleek, Katherine Chow and daughter, Louise Huard-Peake and daughter, Sabina Shaw, Candace Ross, Charlotte Feasby, Krista Kasper, Caroline O'Driscoll, Brian Borich, John Reynolds, Victoria Marselle, Scott Reeves, Shelina Hasham, Alyssa Hasham, Chris Johnston, Miguel Mejia, Matthew Block, Angela Ovens, Kirstin Haigh, Lynn Moe, Jenelle Beauchamp; and, Judge Victor Tousignant, Judge Karen Jordan, and Judge Lil McLellan.

In addition, the following people or organizations donated funds to the Mustard Seed for our Christmas drive: Joan Bilsland, Mr. Mrs. Reeves, Cynthia Mintz / John Krupa, Christine Johnston, Angela Ovens, John P. Reynolds, Robyn McMorris, Douglas Mclean, Robert

J. Clark, Donna Friesen, Katherine Nip Chow, Rhoda Dobler, Laurie M. Anderson, Laura J. Krowchuk, Deni Cashin. Terri Mair, Ruellen Frosyth-Nicholson, Tim Meagher, Shaun & Connie Hykaway, Stuber & Associates, Kathryn Carter, Armand J. Moss, PL Daunais Prof Corp, Sandra J Hildebrand, Laura Pella, Brian O. Phillips, Lanion L. Beck, Debbi D. Johnson, Jeffrey D. Wise, Peggy Walden, Wayne A. Barkauskas, Brustall Winger, Chad Johnson, Jennifer Kennedy, Anthony Young, Arkell Hoffman, Vogel & Company, Roy Boettger, Mr. Mrs. Foy, Paul Trotter, Robert Matthews, and Moe & Hannah.

(The meals that the CBA members sponsored were outstanding. On one day, for example, we had roast pork with apple sauce, mixed vegetables, scalloped potatoes, fresh-baked apple pie and ice cream! The servers were excellent and had a great time. And for the first time in our history, a number of Provincial Court judges attended to serve the clients at the Seed.)

Lonny Balbi

Cross-Section NORTH

John B. Williams and Kate Welsh

From the Desk of John Williams

Hello and Best Wishes to all CBA Members. I am not sure when this article will be published but at the time of writing it is mid-December, Christmas is at hand and the New Year 2008 is looming. By the time you read this, all of that will be a distant memory but at the moment, as most of you will agree, personal and professional demands can sometimes seem overwhelming. In any event I will take a short break from all of that to communicate with you.

I am sure many of the sections have had special holiday or year-end receptions. If you want to share any of those experiences, please let me know and I will ensure that they get into the next newsletter.

On a similar note, many sections might have special speakers or unique presentations planned for their upcoming regular meetings. If you think that these presentations would be of interest to others beyond your usual section membership, please let me know and I will publicise those events as well. Many of the sections have joint meetings with speakers and topics of application to more than one area of law. I know from experience that this is an interesting and fun way to meet other CBA members and gain a different perspective on a particular legal topic.

It is not too early to advise all members that the 2008 Alberta Law Conference will be held in Calgary on March 13&14. Your brochure is in this package - *register now!*

Although there is now plenty of snow on the ground, spring will come and so will Law Day 2008 set for Saturday,



April 19th, 2008. (See the centrefold for more information.) This is a popular event the whole family can enjoy. I recently took part in a tour of the Edmonton Court House with my son's Cub Scout pack. The tour was guided by one of the cub parents who is a Sheriff at the Court House. Everyone who attended loved it so I can confirm that the Law Day events, which are even more extensive, are well worthwhile.

Finally, just a couple of reminders to all CBA members. Membership in an Alberta section automatically gives you membership in the corresponding National section. As an executive member of an Alberta section you may even be entitled to travel and participate in the National meetings.

As always, we remind you to encourage your non-CBA colleagues to join and become involved. For those of you new to the CBA, I encourage you to join your section executive. The more people a section executive has, the less work it is for each individual member. It is an easy way for you to "give back" something to the legal community and your profession. You might even have fun with it!

That's all I can think of for now. As always if you have any questions or comments please let me know. If you want to report on or publicise any events or activities with respect to your section or other CBA activities please contact me.

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Bruce Churchill-Smith, Q.C., has been the Committee Chair for four years now; in this group, he also wears the Law Society "hat". Bruce is a Partner at Borden Ladner Gervais.

Francine Swanson, Q.C., is a founding member (AGCA) and an inspiration to all of us. She is Senior Legal Counsel at BP Canada Energy Co.

Eric Miller is our newest member and is currently Chair of the AGCA. He is Vice President, General Counsel, and Secretary of Nexen Inc.

Trish Bond of the United Way of Calgary and Area is also a founding member. She is Director, Strategic Initiatives, Community Investments & Collaborations.

Mary Leung, also of the United Way Community Investments and Collaborations, is the "frontline" contact for the Service.

Cyndy Morin was the first VLS Project Co-ordinator employed by the Committee and is now a volunteer Committee member. She has just joined the firm Wise Walden Barkauskas.

Lindell Larson of the CBA-AB Branch is also a founding member. She oversees the functioning of the Service and works closely with the Project Co-ordinator.

Laura Liscio is the 2007-2008 Project Coordinator for the VLS. She is currently completing the 3rd year of her LLB at the University of Calgary.

If you are interested in becoming a volunteer lawyer, applications are welcome year-round. Please contact Laura at vis@cba-alberta.org. If you become aware of a non-profit or charity group that needs the *pro bono* services of one of our volunteer lawyers, they may apply online at www.calgaryunitedway.org or obtain more information by contacting Mary Leung at the United Way at maryl@calgaryunitedway.org. Organizations we have helped in the past include children's services, parent associations, seniors associations, community sports associations, amateur theatre, music festivals, environmental groups, animal protection agencies, and services for those with disabilities.

A major announcement for the year 2008 - the VLS has completed development of a brand new website: www.volunteerlawyersalberta.com. This website will be a useful resource for both volunteer lawyers and charitable agencies alike. On the website you will find application forms for VLS services, announcements for upcoming seminars and *pro bono* law related events, as well as helpful links to other resources in Alberta.

A special thank you to all of you who submitted your applications to be a member of the Volunteer Lawyer Services roster. Best wishes to everyone for a happy new year!

Laura Liscio



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