



# Committee Volunteer Form 2011/2012

**Forms will be accepted until  
4:30 pm on June 3, 2011.**

Indicate by numerical ranking (1, 2 or 3) up to three Committees for which you would like to volunteer.

The Executive Committee will make appointments in July 2011. Please be advised that there are a limited number of spaces on each Committee to be filled. As much as we would like to accommodate all who volunteer, we may not be able to do so.

**Only CBA members are eligible for appointment and, if appointed, must maintain CBA membership throughout their term of appointment.**

## COMMITTEE POSITIONS AVAILABLE

- Advisory to the Judicial Council of BC
- Automobile Insurance
- Awards & Recognition
- BarTalk/Editorial Board
- Business of Law
- Court Services
- Dial-A-Law/Lawyer Referral
- Equality & Diversity
- Government Relations
- Law Week (Vancouver)
- Law Week (Regional)
- Legal Aid
- Legislation & Law Reform
- Member Services
- Membership
- Planning & Priorities
- Professional Development
- Resolutions & Bylaws
- Sections
- Solicitors' Practice Issues

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Year of Call: \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Practice: \_\_\_\_\_

Firm: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

County: \_\_\_\_\_

Tel: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

1. **Biographical & professional information:** (please attach one-page c.v.)

2. **Your reasons for volunteering for a particular Committee:** (point form)

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3. **CBA or other professional involvement:** (point form)

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4. **If the opportunity arose, would you serve on a Committee other than those chosen?** \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No

5. **If the opportunity arose, would you serve on more than one Committee?**

\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No

6. **Are you currently a member of a CBA Committee?** \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No

If yes, which Committee(s)? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you wish to continue on this Committee? \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No

7. **Are you currently a Section Chair?** \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No

If yes, which Section? \_\_\_\_\_

### Optional Diversity Question:

Do you have specific experience, background or skills that could contribute to fulfilling the CBABC's commitment to diversity?

The CBABC values diversity and asks this question to assist in appointing Committees that reflect the diversity of BC lawyers, including geographic diversity, to the greatest extent possible.

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*Thank you for volunteering with the CBA!*

# COMMITTEE SNAPSHOTS

## COMMITTEE POSITIONS AVAILABLE

### Advisory to the Judicial Council of BC

- prepares confidential reports on all Provincial Court applicants
- usually senior members of the bar (10+ years)
- the Committee's work is not done in meetings
- members work independently with advice from the Chair, and must be prepared to volunteer, on average, 10-15 hrs quarterly
- reports must be prepared within specific time limits and be well-written

\* Note: No member is eligible to serve on this Committee if that person has an outstanding application for appointment or applies for appointment to the Provincial Court of British Columbia or any other position for which the Judicial Council of British Columbia advises as to the appointment.

### Automobile Insurance

- concerns itself with issues related to auto insurance, the practice of personal injury law and insurance
- meets by conference call every other month for 1 hr

### Awards & Recognition

- responsible for the recognition of the achievements and efforts of CBABC members
- meets every 2nd month for 1 hr conference call
- work of up to 6 hrs per year making calls/inquires and drafting awards criteria

### BarTalk/Editorial Board

- provides input on content
- reviews every issue before it goes to press

- meets every 2nd month for a 2 hr conference call
- members are also expected to assist in proofreading

### Business of Law

- identifies issues and anticipated changes that impact lawyers in their ability to engage in the business of the practice of law
- meets every 2nd month for 1.5-2 hrs

### Court Services

- advises and makes recommendations to the Executive Committee on issues regarding the provision of court services throughout BC
- meets monthly for 1.5-2 hrs

### Dial-A-Law/Lawyer Referral

- explores and suggests new Dial-A-Law scripts, as well as vet scripts that are no longer in use
- investigates ways to expand and improve the Lawyer Referral Service
- meets by conference call 2-3 times a year for 1-2 hrs

### Equality & Diversity

- reflects and promotes equality and diversity within the CBABC, the profession and the justice system
- monthly 2 hr meetings

### Government Relations

- provides advice on the implementation of a strategic CBABC government relations program
- monitors and evaluates trends and identifies issues which concern and affect

- the legal profession
- monthly 1.5 hr meetings

### Law Week (Vancouver-based Events)

### Law Week (Regional Events)

- promote and coordinate Law Week activities to educate the public
- meet monthly; biggest commitment occurs in volunteering for activities during Law Week (April)

### Legal Aid

- promotes the interests and concerns of the legal profession in the delivery of legal aid in BC
- monthly 1-2 hr meetings

### Legislation & Law Reform

- monitors, coordinates and assists with reports and resolutions prepared by Sections, Committees, Executive and Council
- assists in responding to law reform proposals
- meets every 2nd month for 1-2 hrs
- most decisions occur at meetings
- members review materials to keep informed on legislative activity

### Member Services

- recommends and reviews goods, services and benefits to CBABC members
- meets once a month for 1 hr

### Membership

- promotes CBA membership
- meets monthly for 1.5 hrs
- variable work commitment needed outside meetings, including direct phone calls to members

### Professional Development

- supports members

in their professional development by advising and recommending to the Branch programs, events, materials and resources that will be useful

- meets by conference call once a month for 1 hr

### Planning & Priorities

- gathers information on trends and influences in the profession and society and advises the Executive Committee
- 5-7 hrs total

### Resolutions & Bylaws

- reviews resolutions for presentation to Council and proposes bylaw amendments as needed
- 1 hr meetings 4 times a year

### Sections

- considers proposed Sections for recommendation to Council
- reviews and recommends Sections policy, including meeting requirements, fees and attendance
- meets every 2nd month by conference call

### Solicitors' Practice Issues

- focuses on solicitors' practice issues
- work of each member is approx 7.5 hrs per year, with 2 hrs per year outside Committee meeting time

*Please check  
[www.cba.org/bc/aboutus/main/committees.aspx](http://www.cba.org/bc/aboutus/main/committees.aspx)  
for Committee  
mandates*