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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



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Time has flown since I started on this CBA journey as treasurer in 2015. Amy Sakalauskas was president and David Cameron was past-president. It's Judge Amy now and David Cameron is the Nova Scotia representative for Canadian Bar Insurance Association (CBIA).

Under the leadership of now past-president Dennis James, I watched from the "outer table" as CBA National held its last "presidents" meeting in August. The reigns passed to a new national board which will operate under a totally new structure. I expect that all regional branches will be consulted as this new board moves forward.

I plan to attend the national Leadership Council in Ottawa this coming February. This council came out of the CBA's Re-Think process and was created to ensure that the new board model includes important aspects of our organization and achieves some measure of national unity. To me it is indicative of a living organization, supportive of inclusion and willing to grow and adjust as needed.

We in Nova Scotia are very fortunate to have Ray Adlington as CBA National Vice President and our branch representative at the national level. Ray attended our local executive meeting in October and will report and attend Council in December. He has expressed a keen interest in staying in touch with the branch while carrying out his duties nationally.

As Ray moves into the position of CBA President next year, the spot on the national board reserved for Nova Scotia will become open. There will be a call for nominations in March and I personally

encourage as many members as possible to think about offering their names and their time to this critical, exciting and important position.

The Nova Scotia branch has embarked on a comprehensive by-law review to bring our by-laws in line with new by-laws passed by CBA National in August. Many thanks to Annette Boucher, Q.C. for her tireless volunteer work and expertise on by-law improvement. We are also embarking on a strategic plan review that will be molded to complement the CBA Re-Think Strategic Direction. The executive intends for the new strategic plan to be ready for review and approval at the December 13th meeting of Council.

We are very excited and honored to host the National President, Kerry Simmons, Q.C., who will be here in Nova Scotia for our December Council meeting. This should be a very interesting meeting and one of the few times, I'm sure, that we will be fortunate enough to have both the National President and Vice President attend!

The two day conference scheduled for November 30th and December 1st has many exceptional speakers and topics, with just enough mix of fun. The theme this year is the legalization of marijuana—very topical and not without controversy. It is sure to be a sell-out!

Finally, I want to welcome back those members of the executive who have served over the last few years, and I want to express my delight to welcome the new members, including Dan Wallace, Carrie Ricker, and Jennifer Keliher. It is a great team of dedicated CBA supporters and exceptional lawyers.

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**Jean Beeler, Q.C.,
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PRESIDENT Jean Beeler graduated from Dalhousie University Law School in 1980. She was admitted to the Nova Scotia Barrister's Society in April 1981 and has practiced in Dartmouth since that time. In December 2005, Jean received the designation of Queen's Counsel in recognition of her years of excellence in the practice of law and her commitment and dedication to the community. In October 2013, Jean graduated from Osgoode Hall

Law School with a Master's in Law with a concentration in Family Law.

Jean is a partner at Weldon McInnis. Her preferred areas of practice include family and matrimonial law; estates, wills and probate law.

Jean served as Alderman for the former City of Dartmouth from 1982 until 1985—one of four women to be elected to that position since the Town of Dartmouth was incorporated in 1873. She has been a governor of the Nova Scotia College of Art and Design, a member of the Board of Directors of the Certified General Accountants of Nova Scotia, and was Chair of the Board of Referees for the Employment Insurance Commission. Jean has also served on both the Canadian and International Associations for Civilian Oversight of Law Enforcement and was chair of the Nova Scotia Police Commission. Jean currently serves as the Chair of the Bench and Bar Liaison Committee for the Supreme Court of Nova Scotia (Family Division).



**Gail Gatchalian,
Pink Larkin**

VICE PRESIDENT Gail Gatchalian is a partner with Pink Larkin in Halifax, where she has practiced labour, employment, administrative and human rights law for 18 years. Gail is the Vice-President of the CBA Nova Scotia Branch, and previously served as Chair of the CBANS Equity Committee. Gail is also the Chair of the CBA National Labour and Employment Law Section, and has been on the organizing committee for the annual CBA

Administrative, Labour and Employment Law conference for several years. Gail will be speaking about workplace sexual harassment and assault at the upcoming CBANS Annual Conference.



**Jason Cooke,
Burchells LLP**

LEGISLATION & LAW REFORM Jason Cooke is a partner with Burchells LLP practicing in its litigation, administrative law, and Aboriginal law groups. An active member of the profession, Jason is entering his second year as Legislation and Law Reform Chair of the CBANS. He is a previous chair of the Aboriginal Law Section and in 2015 co-organized the CBANS's "Roadways to Resolution" conference dealing with alternative dispute resolution. He also

is a member of the Gender Equity Committee of the Nova Scotia Barristers' Society, the Nova Scotia Assessment Appeals Tribunal, and the Heritage Advisory Committee for Halifax Regional Municipality. He enjoys teaching civil procedure as a part-time instructor at the Schulich School of Law at Dalhousie University.



**Dennis James,
Patterson Law**

PAST PRESIDENT Dennis James is the Past President of CBANS. He is a partner with Patterson Law and practices in the area of commercial litigation, employment and labour and municipal law. Dennis has been active with CBA for many years serving as chair of the Aboriginal Law Section as well as presenting to various sections and conferences. As a member of the Executive Committee Dennis has placed emphasis on increasing CBANS advocacy and

has been involved for CBANS on issues relating to changes to the salary review process for provincial court judges, regional diversity on the Supreme Court of Canada, and the need to respect the independence of the judiciary in the context of public discourse and social media over controversial judicial decisions. As Past President Dennis is responsible for CBANS nominations and awards. He resides in Truro with his spouse, Angela, who lives and breathes music, as well as his daughters, Michele and Rachel.



**Dan Wallace,
McInnes Cooper**

TREASURER Dan Wallace is lawyer with McInnes Cooper. Dan practices in the areas of civil litigation, class actions and tax litigation. Dan was recently named a Litigator to Watch by Lexpert Magazine. As part of his busy practice, Dan regularly represents disabled veterans and refugee claimants on a pro bono basis.

Dan is also a part-time professor at the Schulich School of Law at Dalhousie University where he teaches two courses: Civil Trial Practice and Class

Action Law and Procedure in Canada.

Dan has been active with the Canadian Bar Association. He has served as Chair of the Young Lawyers section and as the Nova Scotia representative on the national CBA Pro Bono Committee. Dan was awarded the 2015 Zöe Odei Young Lawyers Award, which recognizes a young lawyer's service to the CBA and the community.



**Carrie Ricker,
Ricker Law**

MEMBERSHIP & MEMBER SERVICES

Carrie Ricker is a Halifax-based lawyer with a practice focused in the areas of health and intellectual property law. Following obtaining her law degree at the University of New Brunswick, Carrie began her legal career as a litigation associate in private practice after which she worked as in-house counsel with the Capital District Health Authority. Carrie now operates a solo practice providing consulting

and legal services primarily to public sector clients. Carrie joins the CBANS executive for the first time this year having previously acted as the Law Day Co-Chair, Health Law Section Chair and having represented Nova Scotia as a CBA National Council voting member. Carrie is a past recipient of the CBANS Zöe Odei Award and nominee for the Constance R. Glube Spirit Award.

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CULTIVATING AN INCLUSIVE, ENGAGED PROFESSIONAL COMMUNITY



RAY
ADLINGTON

McInnes Cooper

People are fascinating organisms, and we lawyers are a particularly interesting crew. We share the common bond of the LSAT, law school, articling, and of course the bar exam. Despite this common training and the rather similar looking garb we all wear into court, our individuality still shines through in the work we do and the lives we lead outside the law. We often converse about our commonality, but I would like to discuss the importance of spending more of our time together talking about what makes each of us unique.

One of the CBA 2.0 five strategic pillars is to cultivate an inclusive, engaged

professional community. Specifically, we aim as an organization to build a more powerful, inclusive, diverse, and engaged professional community across Canada. We will achieve this by building our membership at all levels, with a focus among groups such as law students, articling students, and young lawyers. We intend to encourage member exchange of knowledge, discourse on professional issues, and forums for peer-to-peer support. Accomplishing this requires the CBA to facilitate interpersonal connections among members in person and, equally importantly, online.

We the CBA are an organization of members for members, so achieving this goal requires effort and commitment from all of us. I believe our best shot is not by looking for ways we are the same, but rather by exploring our differences when we gather so we can mutually learn

and grow. Achieving a truly inclusive and engaged professional community will require us to explore and celebrate our differences, not minimize them. I believe that learning about and accepting difference helps make people feel welcomed and accepted, resulting in a more inclusive and engaged professional community.

This brings me to my request for each of you. At your next CBA event (hint-hint, perhaps the upcoming 2017 Annual Conference) engage in conversation with someone new. Perhaps book a lunch together. Ask a more experienced lawyer about title searching before digitized records. Ask an immigrant lawyer about their perspective on Canada and our legal system. Ask a young parent lawyer about balancing client and child demands while managing student debt. Ask a lawyer practicing in a smaller centre about

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NEW! INVESTMENT PROGRAM FOR LAWYERS

The enhanced **Lawyers Financial Investment Program (LFIP)** launched November 1st is designed to help lawyers, their families and staff accumulate wealth pre-retirement and create an income once in retirement. This relaunch comes less than a year after the amalgamation of CBIA and CBA Financial (CBAF) and the introduction of the Lawyers Financial brand.

There is a 200 per cent increase in number of investment funds available from top portfolio managers including Vanguard, Trimark, Fidelity, TD and more. Clients have been asking for socially responsible and low-volatility funds, as well as real estate funds — and we listened. These, and additional new fund categories are now available.

For the first time, RRIFs, LIFs and non-registered cash account are available. While the number of funds is increasing, the already low investment management fees (IMFs) are decreasing for many funds.

In addition to low IMFs, Lawyers Financial has a loyalty program. For accounts between \$50,000 and \$500,000, fees will be reduced by 0.10%. Accounts of \$500,000 or more, will see a discount of 0.20%. And, **CBA members** save an additional 0.40% on top of these discounts. The savings can add up quickly and lower fees can be a key contributor to the overall wealth of your portfolio.

The new LFIP is also leading the way in fee transparency. All costs will be fully itemized and, for non-registered accounts, many of those fees may be tax deductible.

The relaunch also provides clients with access to the latest technology when it comes to managing their investment portfolio. The advanced technology includes a powerful retirement income calculator and the ability to rebalance your portfolio with the click of a mouse.

LFIP launches with a new fund provider, Great-West Life, and Morneau Shepell is the program administrator.

Lawyers Financial is solely committed to helping lawyers, their families and their employees grow and maintain financial security. That's all we do.

Learn more about the new LFIP by visiting www.lawyersfinancial.ca/investments.



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SECTIONS ARE CHANGING



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CBA Sections enable member lawyers to better their professional lives through top-quality professional development and building relationships with colleagues. Section volunteers improve Canada's justice system by advocating for legislation and law reform. Research conducted in conjunction with the CBA Re-Think demonstrated that Sections are the lifeblood of the CBA.

Like all things CBA, Sections are changing to meet the needs of today's lawyers. While many valued Section activities will continue as usual, there will be more opportunities than ever before for members to become involved in Sections – whether attending or organizing professional development, assisting on a Section committee, providing input on legislation and law reform initiatives, networking with colleagues, or leading a Section. There will be more ways for lawyers outside a metropolitan area to engage with their CBA through local Section Chapters and participation at virtual events, via a local hub.

Here are some key things to know about Sections in the new CBA.

All areas of practice (ie. Civil Litigation, Wills and Estates) and common interest groups (ie. SOGI, Young Lawyers) within CBA will now be called Sections. This is how we have always done it in Nova Scotia and our colleagues at National have adopted our approach by getting rid of the confusing differentiation between Forums (Conferences) and Sections.

Branch Sections are now encouraged to have chapters throughout the province.

This means that member lawyers with similar interests in Sydney, Truro, Yarmouth or elsewhere can create a Chapter and benefit from CBA structure and staffing assistance in handling the logistics like notices, registration, and fee collection relating to Chapter activities.

In order to provide more opportunities for interested CBA members to serve in National Section leadership roles, officer positions have been reduced and some terms shortened. Each Branch will continue to have a Section representative on each National Section Executive, but each Branch will decide whether or not that representative will be the Branch Section Chair. Here in Nova Scotia, the Section Chair will be the representative on the National Section Executive; if the Chair cannot attend, the vice-chair will be asked to attend; and if the vice-chair cannot attend, the Section Executive will decide who should attend. Each National Section Executive may also include other interested volunteers.

A goal of the new CBA is to better collaborate across jurisdictions. Sections will directly benefit from this as resources are shared amongst Section colleagues. There will be more sharing of information and staff expertise. In time, there may be some ability for small and mid-size Branch Sections to have assistance from shared staff lawyers (did you know the National Office has about six full time lawyers on the legislation and law reform team?) in formulating advocacy submissions on a timely basis.

Those of us involved in the CBA Re-Think envision a CBA in which any lawyer, anywhere in Canada, can participate fully in Section activities and events from a computer and also have opportunities to meet in person from time-to-time. Our successful 2017 National AGM, based in

Montreal and with hubs across the country, was a significant step down this road.

I urge you to become involved in a CBA Section. Whatever your interests, involvement in a CBA Section will improve your professional life. And the CBA will be the better for your contribution.

Sections Spotlight features a recent meeting or initiative of a CBANS section.

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dealing with conflicts. Ask a lawyer of colour about their experiences with colleagues and clients. Ask a Muslim lawyer about the intersection between Canadian and Sharia law. Ask a 2SLGBT2Q+ lawyer about the meaning of Pride to them. I hope you will find that these are far more interesting conversations than lamenting about how busy we all are.

With that, I will start our next conversation by introducing myself. My name is Ray Adlington and I have the privilege of serving as the 2017-18 National CBA Vice-President. I may be closer to 50 than 40, but I feel like my adventure is beginning anew. Like all of you, my life experiences have formed who I am today. Mine include husband and father (my personal favourites), air force brat, generation Xer, amateur mathematician, Disney nut, cancer survivor, card player, tax policy nerd, and frequent car dancer when 80s hair metal is playing. I look forward to getting to know as many of you as possible and welcoming any input you have about the CBA and how we can improve.



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Ryan Brothers,
Department of
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YOUNG LAWYERS Ryan Brothers practices with the Legal Services Division at the Nova Scotia Department of Justice, with an emphasis on contract, environment, energy, administrative and regulatory law. In this role, he has experience handling a wide range of complex legal

issues for the Province and has successfully represented the Crown before all levels of court in Nova Scotia, as well as administrative and international tribunals. In addition to being Chair of the CBANS Young Lawyers Section, Ryan sits on the Racial Equity Committee, Credentials Committee (including Internal Review Subcommittee) and the Lawyers' Fund for Client Compensation Committee with the Nova Scotia Barristers' Society.



Jack Townsend,
Cox & Palmer

EQUITY Jack Townsend is an associate with Cox & Palmer in Halifax. He has a broad litigation-based practice, with a particular focus in health law, administrative law, commercial litigation, and insurance defence. Jack has sat as Chair of the CBANS Equity Committee since December 2016. He is also currently the Chair of the Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity Section, Vice-Chair of the Municipal Law Section, and the CBA's representative on the Nova Scotia Judicial Advisory Committee.



Jennifer Keliher,
Burchells LLP

COMMUNICATION & PUBLIC RELATIONS Jennifer Keliher is an associate with Burchells LLP practicing in the areas of civil litigation, professional regulation, administrative law, and family law. After graduating from the Schulich School of Law at Dalhousie University in 2013, Jennifer clerked with the Alberta Court of Appeal prior to completing her articles in Nova Scotia. She became involved with the CBA as an articulated student, actively participating in meetings of the Aboriginal Law Section and Young Lawyers Section. For the past two years she has volunteered on the Communications Committee, and this year takes over

the reins as Communications and Public Relations Chair. Follow @CBA_NS on Twitter for all CBANS news and goings on.



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FROM PULSE TO THE UN: TWO STEPS BACK ON LGBT RIGHTS UNDER TRUMP



**JACK
TOWNSEND**

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The moment of silence at the Halifax Pride Parade is extremely powerful. For sixty seconds, hundreds of participants and tens of thousands of spectators stop, raise their hands, and quietly reflect upon those we have lost. Time seems to stand still for a brief, fleeting moment.

I marched as part of the joint CBANS/NSBS entry in this year's parade held on July 22, 2017. As we observed the moment of silence, my mind turned to the events of June 12, 2016, when a gunman walked into Pulse, an LGBT nightclub in Orlando, Florida, and murdered 49 people.

I also thought about the political response that followed the massacre.

Although the primaries would not officially conclude for another month, it was clear by the time of the Pulse shooting that Donald Trump would likely be the Republican nominee for the 2016 U.S. presidential election. Trump tried to use the shooting to galvanize support from LGBT voters and their allies. Indeed, he invited those present at a campaign stop to "ask the gays" whether they thought he or Hillary Clinton was a better ally.

Ask and you shall receive, Mr. Trump.

Trump's comment spurred one of the most uproarious social media trends of 2016 - one in which many thousands of "the gays" took to Twitter to provide their views on the matter. With some notable exceptions, the LGBT community largely and soundly rejected Trump and his politics.

Indeed, the past 16 months have confirmed that the LGBT community was right to conclude that Trump is foe, not friend. He chose Mike Pence and Jeff Sessions, strong opponents of LGBT rights, for Vice-President and Attorney General. Under Sessions' leadership, the U.S. Department of Justice has argued that discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation is legal. Trump has rescinded protections for transgender students in federally-funded schools, and has confirmed that he will reinstate a ban on transgender military service.

More recently, his delegate to the United Nations voted against a resolution urging countries that have not abolished the death penalty to ensure that it is not imposed as a sanction for consensual same-sex sexual relations. The Trump administration claimed that the United States rejected the resolution because the resolution condemned the death penalty in all circumstances.

That statement, however, is inaccurate. The resolution called upon states to consider abolishing the death penalty, and to ensure that, if the death penalty is used, it is not used in a discriminatory or arbitrary way. It also condemned the death penalty as a sanction against persons with mental or intellectual disabilities, children, and pregnant women.

I want that to sink in for a moment. Rather than just consider abolishing the death penalty, the Trump administration preferred rejecting a resolution urging states not to apply the death penalty as punishment for consensual same-sex behaviour.

This is a lot to think about during a minute of silence. These thoughts make it easy

to feel angry, frustrated, helpless, and disheartened.

So what do you do?

The answer is simple.

When the silence ends, you collect your thoughts, square your shoulders, and start marching forward again.

It's all we can do.

SEXUAL ORIENTATION & GENDER IDENTITY COMMITTEE (SOGIC) UPDATE

- On July 20, 2017, SOGIC co-hosted the annual Pride Week Reception with the NSBS. The guest speaker for this year's reception was Judge Kael McKenzie of the Manitoba Provincial Court. Judge McKenzie is the first self-identified trans judge in Canada.
- SOGIC organized the CBANS and NSBS joint entry in this year's Halifax Pride Parade, which took place on July 22, 2017.
- On September 27, 2017, SOGIC (together with Young Lawyers and the Equity Committee) co-hosted a session with Emma Halpern and El Jones to discuss the #talkjustice initiative.
- On October 3, 2017, SOGIC and the Equity Committee co-hosted a CPD session on how to support trans colleagues and clients. This presentation was delivered by Gabriel Enxuga from the Youth Project, a local LGBT resource and support centre.
- SOGIC hosted a meet-and-greet social with members of the OUTLaw Society at Dalhousie Law School on Thursday, November 2, 2017 at The Local on Gottingen Street.



FROM GENEVA TO HALIFAX: LESSONS LEARNED AT THE UN HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL



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In June 2017, I had the amazing opportunity to travel to Geneva to attend the 35th session of the United Nations

Human Rights Council (“UNHRC”) on behalf of Lawyers’ Rights Watch Canada (“LRWC”). LRWC promotes the implementation and enforcement of international standards designed to protect the independence and security of human rights defenders around the world. In its work, LRWC campaigns for lawyers whose rights, freedoms, or independence are threatened because of their human rights advocacy. It also analyzes national and international laws relevant to human rights abuses against lawyers and other human rights defenders, and works cooperatively with other human rights organizations.

I provided a statement on behalf of LRWC focusing on the Interactive Dialogue with the Special Rapporteur on trafficking in persons, especially women and children. LRWC expressed concern about a lack of access to remedies for migrant workers from Myanmar who are forced to work 22-hour days in slave-like conditions in Thailand. My statement urged the Special Rapporteur to consider expanding its definition of trafficking to include victims of kidnapping for ransom—monetary or non-monetary—as an extreme form of commodification of human beings. The recent case of Joshua Boyle and Caitlin Coleman was cited as an example.

While I hope LRWC derived tangible benefits from my work, I also wanted to reflect on the lessons I learned from this opportunity, which I hope to translate more directly to my practice as a lawyer in Halifax:

- As lawyers, we are extremely privileged to work freely and without fear of reprisal in our chosen practice areas. I am awestruck by the courage and bravery human rights defenders throughout the world must harness to move forward with their work. I hope to become braver in my own practice.
- Giving an oral statement at the UNHRC shook my nerves to the core. But I did it, it went smoothly, and the feedback was great. I think it is important to feel uncomfortable in your skin.



- I learned more in one week than I have in a long time—from UN lingo, to the workings of the UNHRC, to better understanding the skills required for diplomacy. My brain was stretched to the max. It is incredibly satisfying to learn and experience new things professionally.
- It is important to determine and foster what drives you individually. For me, international human rights work is a passion and I want to do more, through volunteer work, to satisfy this hunger. My day-to-day work as a family lawyer is extraordinarily rewarding, but there is also room in my life to nurture this passion.
- Building relationships is a key to thriving. In my week at the UN, much time was spent building and fostering relationships

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HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION WELCOMES RELEASE OF UN REPORT ON PEOPLE OF AFRICAN DESCENT



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In September 2017, the United Nations Working Group of Experts on People of African Descent (the “Group”) released a report on its 2016 mission to Canada (the “Report”). To better understand why this Report is significant for Canadians and Nova Scotians, it is helpful to put the Report in context.

We are almost two years into the International Decade for People of African Descent, which was proclaimed by the United Nations General Assembly on December 1, 2015. Under the theme “Recognition, Justice and Development”, the Decade provides an operational framework to encourage States to eradicate historic social injustices and to fight against racism, prejudice and racial discrimination which subjugates people of African descent.

Rewind to 2001 and the adoption of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action. The Durban Programme of Action specifically requests “the Commission on Human Rights to consider establishing a working group or other mechanism of the United

Nations to study the problems of racial discrimination faced by people of African descent living in the African Diaspora and make proposals for the elimination of racial discrimination against people of African descent”.

From the Durban Declaration arose the Group. During its visit to Canada last year the Group met with heads of government, representatives of independent human rights institutions, UN agencies, civil society groups, academia, the media, human rights defenders, and community people of African descent. The Nova Scotia Human Rights Commission was pleased to be among those constituencies consulted.

The Group’s purpose was to gather information about any forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia, afrophobia and related intolerance faced by people of African descent, including information on measures taken to prevent racial discrimination and protect victims of racism and hate crimes.

While in Halifax, the Group heard about land claim issues surrounding historic African Nova Scotian communities including North Preston, East Preston and Cherrybrook and the existence of over 300 unsettled land claim disputes in these and other African Nova Scotian communities.

These claims originate from land granted to the Loyalists in the 1800s who were never provided legal deeds to their land. In 1964, Nova Scotia instituted the *Land Titles Clarification Act* to assist in the clarification of title to at least 13 named communities. The Province’s inaction to properly clarify these land titles issues has resulted in land being transferred without legal title for generations, and has led to disputes about ownership and boundaries. Subsequent to the release of the Report, the Province designated \$2.7 million to jump start the process of clarifying title for these affected properties.

The Group also took note of the issue of “racial profiling” in its Report, calling for it to cease. In Nova Scotia, the Human Rights Commission has hired an expert to analyze data collected by police, and it is the Commission’s hope that the resulting report will assist with advising the police and community of a non-racialized approach to effective policing.

These are two of many issues identified in the Report, which the Nova Scotia Human Rights Commission views as a call to action for government and Canadians to right social injustices that have plagued people of African descent and have gone unsatisfied for too long.

TAX PROPOSALS FOR PRIVATE CORPORATIONS – WHAT THE CBA IS DOING

The federal government proposed a number of changes to income tax laws to make good on its promise of closing loopholes for the rich, the latest of which could have a significant – and negative – impact on several members of the legal profession.

The July 2017 proposals would dramatically change the way private corporations are taxed. The proposals would restrict some income splitting with family members, limit passive investments in the business, making it more vulnerable in bad economic times, and change the capital gains rules which could make it more difficult for business owners to transfer their business to the next generation.

The CBA responded to the proposals on several fronts. First, it teamed up with a coalition of over 60 organizations collectively representing hundreds of thousands of independent businesses, professionals and taxpayers who would be adversely affected by the proposed changes – people ranging from farmers to small business owners, to medical and legal professionals.

Second, it launched a letter-writing campaign. Members voiced their opinions

by going to the CBA website and using the tools there to find their local Member of Parliament, compose a customized letter, or write their own. The letters were sent electronically to the MP and to Finance Minister Bill Morneau.

On Aug. 31, [the coalition wrote to Minister Morneau](#) laying out its case against the proposal as it stands, and offering to help the government to come to a fair resolution.

“These are not minor amendments, but are sweeping changes that will affect all sectors of Canada’s business community and we ask that you not move forward with these proposals,” says the letter, signed by the coalition members. “Instead, the organizations listed below stand ready to meet with you and your officials to offer our support and ideas for measures to address any shortcomings in tax policy affecting private corporations.”

The coalition said its members feel “unfairly targeted” and labelled as “tax cheats” by the federal government for using tax law as it was intended.

“Should there be worrisome abuses of the current tax system, we stand ready to work with the federal government to

pursue ways to tighten rules. The current proposals are not the solution and are instead creating unnecessary uncertainty for business owners,” the letter said.

There were more than 21,000 submissions made to the government by the October 2 deadline for comments. The government has since offered a series of tweaks to the proposed tax changes that the CBA’s Joint Tax Committee is reviewing.

Earlier this year, the federal government proposed bringing an end to billed-basis accounting, which permits lawyers to pay tax only when they are actually paid by the client. The government has clarified that the new rules will not affect contingency fee arrangements, but the CBA continues to ask for other changes to make the law fair.

Stay tuned for updates on both of these matters. Also keep an eye on Twitter—where the CBA and other members of the coalition are using the hashtag #unfairtaxchanges—and on the CBA website and other social media channels.

**This article originally appeared in the September 2017 issue of CBA News and has been updated to reflect recent developments.*

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with key players. These meetings were successful, in large part, because my colleague and I allowed ourselves to be vulnerable in sharing information about who we are.

- Diversity of viewpoints is critical. It was unbelievably fulfilling to be surrounded by people from all over the world, who

have had different experiences, struggles, and outlooks. Just as in divorce, there are always two perspectives.

- I was so nervous leaving my little man, who turned four in August. As a working mom, I often feel conflicted about focusing on professional pursuits that take time away from him. While I

know he missed me, he “survived” and I had the experience of a lifetime.

If anyone is interested in volunteering with LRWC, please feel free to contact me. Stay tuned for an event to be held on January 24th hosted by LRWC in Halifax in honour of Day of the Endangered Lawyer.



DIVYA SUBRAMANIAN

Call to Bar: Nova Scotia – 2017; India – 2008

Firm/company: Stewart McKelvey

Area of Practice: Corporate/Commercial, Intellectual Property

Describe your professional experience to date:

I was called to the Bar in India in 2008, and began my practice as a Research Associate with a New Delhi based IP Boutique called Lex Orbis IP Practice. In 2010, I took an academic sabbatical to pursue my LL.M. in Intellectual Property from the University of New Hampshire School of Law (then, a private law school called Franklin Pierce Law Centre). As an extension to my LL.M., I also had the chance to work on an Externship with the Washington DC offices of Birch Stewart Kolasch and Birch.

I completed my LL.M. in 2011 and returned to Lex Orbis, where I worked in the firm's Trademarks and Contentious IP Practice team until October 2013. I then took some time off to prepare for my wedding and to travel. I landed in Halifax in February 2014, on a Wednesday night that witnessed one of our worst snow storms!

Describe your current practice:

I am currently working with the Corporate Commercial group at Stewart McKelvey and am involved in the Business Organizations, general corporate advisory, and Intellectual Property groups. I am also interested in legal issues surrounding new areas such as cryptocurrencies.

Describe the unique qualities you bring to your practice:

I think the most unique quality I bring to the table is my exposure to law and



business outside of Canada. In my practice in India, I had the opportunity to deal with law firms, in-house counsel and corporations of varied sizes, located across the globe. As Canada (and Nova Scotia in particular) becomes even more multi-cultural, vibrant and diverse, it will be necessary to be sensitive to cultural nuances, since businesses and working styles are often driven by culture.

What other activities and volunteer pursuits occupy your time?

I volunteer as a Board Member of the South India Cultural Association of the Maritimes. I am involved in organizing cultural as well as fundraising activities and celebrating various Indian festivals.

I am also keen on mentoring and helping other international law g-raduates like me make a career here in Halifax.

I am very interested in music – of all forms and genres. I have recently resumed training in Indian Classical music, since I find it to be a great stress buster! I also enjoy the summer here, since I love driving and heading into the lap of nature's beauty.

What do you consider to be the greatest challenges facing young lawyers?

The greatest challenge for young lawyers is the fact that there are too many unanswered questions – I think the only way to go about it is to reassure yourself that you will figure it out, even though one will never know everything.

What words of wisdom do you have for new lawyers?

Take each day as it comes and each opportunity to learn. Own up to your mistakes and never make the same mistake twice. Also, don't be afraid to admit that you don't know something, but do your best to find an answer!

In addition, I think it is also important to keep in touch with what you love to do – your hobbies, hanging out with friends, keeping up with fitness. I think it is important to be a happy person to perform well in such a demanding profession.

What are your goals for your career as you become a more seasoned lawyer?

I have always wanted to take the road less travelled. I hope to build a unique and niche practice in an area that excites me and gives me something new to learn. I also hope I will have the opportunity to work with clients across the world and on a variety of interesting enterprises.

I also hope to remain connected with my previous work in IP, since I find it to be an extremely exciting space.

2017 ANNUAL CONFERENCE



NOVEMBER 30 & DECEMBER 1, 2017

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Friday morning plenary: Province's Role in Legal Marijuana Implementation. Speakers: Karen L. Hudson, QC, Deputy Minister of Justice and Dr. Robert Strang, Chief Medical Officer of Health.

A sampling of topics to whet your interest include:

- Privacy and Access Laws: Practical Guidance for General Practitioners
- Evaluating Credibility in Victims, Witnesses and Suspects
- Update on Court Practices in the Family Division; New Forms and Procedures
- Recent Developments in Complex Issues of Child/ Spousal Support
- Experts' Reports and Physicians' Narratives
- Civil Procedure Update
- The New Adult Capacity & Decision-Making Act

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2017 ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The Canadian Bar Association Nova Scotia Branch's 2017 Annual Conference will be taking place on November 30 and December 1, 2017.

Formerly known as the Mid-Winter Conference, the Annual Conference will be hosting CBA members from across the province at a new venue (the recently renovated Lord Nelson Hotel) and will feature a new concurrent stream of programming dedicated to young lawyers. A Bench and Bar Mixer hosted by the CBANS Young Lawyers Section will take place on November 30, 2017.

All members are encouraged to attend and can register [online](#).

The 2017 Annual Conference provides up to 12 hours of Continuing Professional Development content across a wide range of practice areas. The CBANS is especially pleased to present plenary sessions throughout the Conference on topics related to the legalization and regulation of cannabis in Canada.

In anticipation of the Annual Conference, the team at *Nova Voce* has compiled a series of articles examining new and novel issues lawyers may face when advising clients in criminal, corporate, and employment situations under the federal government's proposed legalized cannabis regime.

LEGALIZATION OF CANNABIS IN CANADA: A PRIMER



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On April 13, 2017, the federal Minister of Justice introduced Bill C-45, the Cannabis Act. The introduction of Bill C-45 comes on the heels of a long-standing public debate about the decriminalization and legalization of cannabis in Canada. Informed by the 2016 final report of the Task Force on Cannabis Legalization and Regulation entitled "[A Framework for the Legalization and Regulation of Cannabis in Canada](#)", the Bill in its proposed form seeks to provide legal access to cannabis and to control and regulate its production, distribution, and sale.

According to its proponents, the objectives of the Bill are four-fold:

- To prevent young persons from accessing cannabis;
- To protect public health and public safety by establishing strict product safety and product quality requirements;

- To deter criminal activity by imposing serious criminal penalties for those operating outside the legal framework; and
- To reduce the burden on the criminal justice system in relation to cannabis.

Bill C-45 in its proposed form seeks to allow persons over the age of 18 to do the following:

- Legally possess and share with other adults up to 30 grams of legal dried cannabis (or an equivalent amount in non-dried form);
- Grow up to four cannabis plants per residence for personal use and to make certain cannabis products at home; and
- Purchase dried or fresh cannabis and cannabis oil from provincially or federally licensed retailers.

Young persons between the ages of 12 and 18 would be allowed to legally possess and share up to 5 grams of dried cannabis (or its equivalent amount in non-dried form).

The Bill grants authority to the federal Minister of Health to issue and oversee the licensing regime for producers. Either of the federal or provincial levels of government will have responsibility

for authorizing the sale of cannabis by retailers.

The Bill prohibits the promotion of cannabis, cannabis accessories, and services related to cannabis except in limited circumstances. It also contains restrictions on the packaging and labelling of cannabis or cannabis accessories comparable to those in place for tobacco sales.

The Bill proposes criminal sanctions for possessing cannabis over the legal limit, illegally distributing or selling cannabis, producing cannabis beyond personal cultivation limits, and importing or exporting cannabis without authorization. It also creates new criminal offences for giving or selling cannabis to youth and using a youth to commit a cannabis-related offence.

Bill C-45 was most recently considered by the House of Commons Standing Committee on Health, which reported the Bill back to the House of Commons on October 5, 2017 with amendments. The federal government anticipates the Bill will be passed into law no later than July 2018.



WORKING THROUGH THE WEEDS

“It’s a working man I am,” sang Rita MacNeil in a 2004 episode of *The Trailer Park Boys*, as she and her bandmates were forced at gunpoint to harvest cannabis by Ricky, Julian and Bubbles. While it is difficult to pinpoint the tipping point for the normalization of cannabis in Canadian society, seeing the pride of Cape Breton in a field of cannabis plants certainly seemed to signal a change in our views on the drug.

While the smoke has not yet cleared on the federal government’s first move to legalize cannabis in April 2017, working men and women, and their employers, are already looking for guidance on the potential impact legalization will have in the workplace.

Current estimates indicate that between 16% and 22% of adults in Canada use cannabis, though most are not regular or “chronic” users. That number is expected to increase by approximately 18% once the substance is legalized. As a point of comparison, when the government made changes to improve access to medical cannabis in 2016, the number of people with authorizations increased by about 32% in just a few months.

While legalization will no doubt lead to normalization and increased usage, it is unclear what effect this will have in the workplace. After all, alcohol is a legal substance, but most employers prohibit use of alcohol while at work, and most (if not all) employees respect that prohibition. As long as employers communicate their expectations clearly, and preferably by way of a written alcohol and drug policy, one should expect employees to act appropriately. That said, it is less clear whether employers will be able to justify a zero tolerance approach to cannabis usage in the workplace. First, detection of cannabis use will likely prove difficult given the lack of reliable testing methods (not to mention undetectable ingestion methods, including by way of edible products). Second, if there is no proof of impairment or evidence that cannabis usage impacts performance (or, more importantly, safety in the workplace), it may prove difficult to justify disciplining an employee for being impaired. To further complicate matters, in many workplaces, alcohol has a social component to it. Employees



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may be allowed or even encouraged to consume alcohol at staff parties or networking events. Once cannabis is made legal for recreational use, it will be challenging for employers to prohibit employees from consuming it in such circumstances.

The Ontario government introduced legislation on November 1, 2017 to regulate the sale and consumption of recreational cannabis, which includes a prohibition on using cannabis in the workplace. If this example is followed in Nova Scotia, employers would have an additional reason to justify discipline for cannabis use at work, even if usage had no impact on performance or safety. Then again, if the province only prohibits using cannabis at work, it would remain legal for employees to use at home before going to work.

In addition to the above challenges, it remains the case that employers must accommodate employees who use cannabis for medical purposes or due to addiction. Even without a valid authorization for medical cannabis, employees who use non-medical cannabis may still require accommodations if they can show they have a valid medical reason for using the drug. Accommodations might include allowing the employee to move to a non-safety sensitive position in the organization, altering duties, or making scheduling changes. Similarly, benefits plan providers may soon start to provide coverage for medical cannabis, which could result in increased usage amongst employees, as well as increased premiums for those footing the bill.

Effectively, the legalization of cannabis for recreational use presents labour and employment lawyers with a novel situation, but the questions to ask remain the same: is this conduct worthy of discipline or termination, and why? Is this request capable of being reasonably accommodated, and if not, why not? Are there safety concerns, and how can they be addressed? We can certainly expect increased litigation in this evolving area as workplace parties attempt to answer these questions post-legalization.



HIGH LEVEL ADVICE FOR A BUDDING INDUSTRY



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With a regulatory regime now in place for the production and distribution of medical cannabis and a new regime in the works for recreational cannabis, interest is mounting in the business of cannabis and along with it, a blossoming niche market for legal services. Despite approximately 9,000 medical marijuana client registrations in Nova Scotia, there are presently no issued production licences in the province. This is expected to change in the coming months, with several Nova Scotia applicants nearing the end of the Health Canada approval process.

It is anticipated that many of the challenges currently facing licensed producers of medical cannabis will continue to impact

producers of recreational cannabis. In addition to a complicated licensing process and heavy regulation, new businesses in this industry face challenges not present for most start-ups.

Beyond regulation, accessing financing is the most critical issue facing cannabis start-ups. Initial costs are high and traditional lenders are reluctant to finance an industry without seizable assets or which has, until recently, been criminal in nature. As the industry matures, lenders may resurface, but until a producer is licensed, conventional financing is generally not an option. As a result, these start-ups must look for capital elsewhere to cover licensing and heavy infrastructure costs.

Alternative sources of capital include private debt, private equity investment, and rights and streaming arrangements. Private debt in this context is similar to that in non-cannabis industries, except it will often involve higher interest rates reflecting regulatory risk and challenges with enforcing security. Private convertible debt and equity investments are other common methods of financing, but raise securities compliance issues. In other words, investors must comply with stringent and often costly filing and reporting requirements.

Streaming, historically a means of financing resource-based industries such as mining, is gaining prevalence in the cannabis industry. With streaming, financiers agree to provide upfront cash in exchange for rights, ranging from royalties to control over production and future expansion. Streaming can involve combinations of debt, convertible debt and equity. In addition to providing start-up capital, streaming companies provide

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SPECIAL DATES

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 30 & FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2017

ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Lord Nelson Hotel
Halifax, Nova Scotia

FRIDAY, APRIL 13, 2018

CRIMINAL LAW CONFERENCE

Casino Nova Scotia
Halifax, Nova Scotia

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2017

BENCH & BAR MIXER

(Hosted by the Young Lawyers Section)
Lord Nelson Hotel, Halifax, Nova Scotia

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 13, 2018

NOVA SCOTIA BRANCH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Casino Nova Scotia, Halifax, Nova Scotia



A DEFENCE PERSPECTIVE ON THE CURRENT PROPOSAL TO LEGALIZE CANNABIS



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As a long-time defence lawyer working with the most marginalized in our province, Canada's move to, in part, legalize cannabis looks like a good first step. The so-called "War on Drugs" has done nothing to reduce the sale and use of illegal substances in Canada. Rather, criminalizing the use of small quantities of cannabis products has had far reaching impacts on people, in many cases interfering with their productive membership in society.

Although drug use has, for some time, been recognized as a health issue, it has continued to be treated as a criminal one with drug possession laws penalizing low-end users. The impact of charging and prosecuting individuals found in possession of low amounts of cannabis (under 30 grams) has often been an afterthought. A person in their late teens or early twenties with no other criminal record besides a Section 4(1) conviction under the *Controlled Drugs and Substances Act* will be prevented from obtaining many types of employment that require a criminal record check. Restricting a person's ability to be gainfully employed can leave that person dependent on the social safety net, unable to obtain safe and secure housing, and vulnerable to further and more serious involvement in the criminal justice system.

A drug conviction can impact a person's ability to travel outside of Canada, affecting not only vacations but opportunities for education, recreation, and employment. Additionally, those found in possession of

relatively small amounts of cannabis may be prohibited from participating in their child's school or extra-curricular activities as virtually all schools, sports, scouting, and other volunteer activities require a criminal record check.

Finally, it is well-known that drug laws, as well as criminal laws generally, disproportionately impact racialized and Indigenous persons. Primary convictions for non-violent matters such as cannabis possession can lead to debilitating fines for low-income individuals and breaches of court-orders, resulting in a cycle of criminal convictions and contributing to the high remand population.

From the perspective of a defence lawyer, the federal government's proposed changes to legalizing recreational cannabis use are generally good. However, there are weaknesses in the proposed scheme.

First, there is no plan to expunge criminal records for previous cannabis convictions, which is concerning considering that record suspensions are an expensive and daunting process. Second, it is troubling that the new regime will continue to criminalize possession for youth in circumstances where it will not for adults. It is unheard of to label youth as criminals for behaviours not criminal for adults, and is contrary to the philosophy of youth justice which holds, as a general proposition, that youth are less morally blameworthy than adults.

Finally, the question remains what type of administrative regime will ultimately be chosen by the Province. If, for example, the age limit for use and possession is set too high there is a danger police resources will remain heavily focused on this work, and young adults – think college dorm – will

be burdened with fines and possibly court matters.

I look forward to seeing the progress our federal and provincial governments will make as this issue moves forward.

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expertise and networks for production or distribution. Streaming companies presently active in this industry have considerable experience and can share knowledge and resources with start-ups that may otherwise lack such support. The disadvantage is that the level of control desired by streaming companies may exceed what an ambitious start-up is willing to relinquish.

In the burgeoning legal cannabis market, with limited financing options, excited stakeholders may be inclined to entice prospective investors with promises of abundant profits, particularly given that demand for legal cannabis is expected to exceed supply. There are, however, specific risks inherent in this industry that could limit profitability with respect to production, distribution and regulatory compliance.

In order to properly advise clients in the regulated cannabis environment – especially as production licenses become approved in Nova Scotia – lawyers must be attuned to all of these challenges, restrictions, rules and risks. Familiarity with alternative financing and capital raising options, and the ability to guide clients through the relevant regulatory framework is essential.



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SECTION MEETINGS



Tentative dates are outlined in the Section agendas. **MEETING DATES AND TOPICS CAN CHANGE!** Notices will be sent to those who register for particular Sections prior to each meeting, with date, topic, speaker, and location confirmed. In addition, notices of upcoming meetings can be found at and registered for in the following location:

http://www.cba.org/pd/province_en.aspx and choose Nova Scotia.

The Section program year begins in September and concludes in June.

To Receive Proper Notice of Meetings, Please Return Your Section Registration Form! If you have not received your form, please contact the CBANS office at (902) 422-1905. CBA members can attend any Section meeting by confirming attendance with the Branch Office and paying the attendance fee. In addition, in May and June we host the **"Bring a Buddy"** event, where CBA members are able to bring a non-member buddy to a Section Meeting. Sections provide opportunities for lawyers to further their professional education and to keep ahead of current developments within the profession. The Nova Scotia Branch wants to show non-members what they're missing!!

Your buddy must register and pay the registration fee as well – spread the word so as not to miss out on this opportunity!

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For those registrants unable to attend Section meetings in person, teleconferencing is available for a \$10.00 fee. Selection of this option should be made at time of registering.

MANDATORY CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

NSBS CPD REQUIREMENT

The Nova Scotia Barristers' Society requires all practising lawyers to create an **annual professional development plan** and commit it to writing (see Regulation 8.3.6). Each year, lawyers will be asked to indicate on their Annual Lawyer Report whether they have prepared and written their CPD Plan and implemented their plan from the previous year.

For the current year ending on May 31, 2016, all practising lawyers are still expected to complete 12 hours of CPD and to keep a record of these hours for audit purposes. You will not be required to enter these hours on the CPD Log as in the past several years.

Commencing June 1, 2016, you will be expected to have your CPD Plan in place for the reporting year. You will be asked about this plan on your 2016 Annual Lawyer Report. If you report that you do not yet have a plan, the Society will follow up with you to ensure that you have a plan in place before the end of August.

• See the new **FAQs: NSBS CPD Requirement** (posted April 11, 2016)

Pursuant to Regulation 8.3.4, all practising lawyers are expected to complete a minimum of 12 hours of professional development in each reporting year.

DEVELOPING A CPD PLAN

Use any type of professional development plan that works for your type of practice, as long as it is in writing and can be produced should the need arise. If you or your firm or other legal entity already have a structure for creating and implementing plans, you don't need to change your methods. The Society will ask you to report each June if you have a plan, but your plan does not need to run from June 1 to May 31. Some organizations create professional development plans that operate over a calendar year. As long as you are able to report that you have a professional development plan in place at all times that you are practising, it need not coincide with the Society's fee year.

Although there are no strict requirements for what may be included in your CPD Plan, it's a good idea to include the following elements:

- substantive legal education and skills development;
- risk and practice management; and
- professionalism and cultural competency

See the **CPD Plans: General information** section for model plans, samples, templates and suggestions for creating and assessing your plan.

Our Education & Credentials staff are also happy to assist you or your organization in creating a unique plan. For assistance, email us at CPD@nsbs.org or phone the CPD line at 902 422 1491 (ext. 371) and leave a message. We will respond as quickly as possible.

The NSBS CPD Requirement is a flexible and convenient method to ensure lawyers meet both their professional duty of competence and the Society's public interest mandate, by implementing a regulatory program to ensure the ongoing competence and professionalism of lawyers in Nova Scotia. As the Society regulates lawyers in the public interest, it is important to be accountable and demonstrate to the public that lawyers maintain and strive for high levels of professionalism and competence in the practice of law.

EXTENSIONS FOR DECLARING YOUR PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN

To request formal extension for declaring (on your ALR) you have implemented your plan from the previous year and / or you have created your plan for the upcoming year, please use the **CPD Exemption Request form**.



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2017-18 SECTIONS MEETINGS SCHEDULE

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Dates and Proposed Topics:

Date & Time: ✓ Monday, October 23, 2017, 12 noon – 1:00pm
(Joint Meeting with the Government & Public Sector Lawyers & Administrative Law Sections)
Location: Barteaux Durnford, 1701 Hollis St., Suite L106, Halifax, NS
Topic: Duty to Consult Following the Clyde River and Chippewas Decisions
Speaker: Diane Rowe, Senior Solicitor, NS Department of Justice

Date & Time: ✓ Wednesday, November 8, 2017, 12 noon – 1:00 pm
(Joint meeting with the Young Lawyers and Intellectual Law Sections)
Location: Burchells LLP, 1801 Hollis Street, Suite 1800, Halifax, NS
Topic: Cultural Appropriation, Indigenous Rights, and IP Law
Speaker: Merle Alexander, Gowling WLG, Vancouver and Cheryl Simon, Simon Governance Services

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW

Terms of Reference: 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.

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(Joint Meeting with the Aboriginal Law & Government Lawyers Sections)
Location: Barteaux Durnford, 1701 Hollis St., Suite L106, Halifax, NS

Topic: Duty to Consult Following the Clyde River & Chippewas Decisions
Speaker: Diane Rowe, Senior Solicitor, NS Department of Justice

Date & Time: Thursday, December 14, 2017, 12:30 – 2:00 pm
Location: Workers' Advisers Program, 5670 Spring Garden Road, Suite 502, Halifax, NS
Topic: Adjudication of Psychological Injuries at the Workers' Compensation Board
Speakers: Madeleine Hearn and Kenneth LeBlanc, Workers' Compensation Board of Nova Scotia

Date & Time: Tuesday, March 6, 2018, 12 noon – 1:00pm (Joint meeting with the Civil Litigation Section and the Government Lawyers)
Location: NS Department of Justice, 1690 Hollis St., 9th Floor, Halifax, NS
Topic: Judicial Review and Appeals
Speaker: Agnes MacNeil, NS Department of Justice

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Terms of Reference: The purpose of this Section is to examine the law practice related to bankruptcy, receivership and insolvency.

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Dates and Proposed Topics:

Date & Time: ✓ Wednesday, September 27, 2017, 12 noon – 1:00pm
(Joint meeting with the Securities Law Section)
Location: Patterson Law, 1801 Hollis St., Halifax, NS
Topic: Corporate Governance – Board Diversity
Speaker: Claire Milton, QC, BoyneClarke LLP



Date & Time:	✓ Thursday, November 2, 2017, 12 noon – 1:00 pm (Joint meeting with the Intellectual Property Section)
Location:	Burchells LLP, 1801 Hollis St., Suite 1800, Halifax, NS
Topic:	Key Legal Issues for Online Businesses
Speakers:	Ben Westelman, Director, Head of Legal eBay Classifieds Group Canada and Tariq Remtulla, Senior Legal Counsel at eBay
Date & Time:	✓ Thursday, November 9, 2017, 12 noon – 1:00pm (Joint meeting with the Constitutional & Human Rights Section and the Government & Public Sector Lawyers Section)
Location:	NS Department of Justice, 1690 Hollis St., 9th Floor, Halifax, NS
Topic:	How Will the Accessibility Act Affect My Clients?
Speakers:	Adriana Meloni, NS Department of Justice and Gerry Post, Executive Director, Accessibility Directorate, NS Department of Justice
Date & Time:	Wednesday, November 22 or 23, 2017, 12 – 1:00pm (TBC)
Location:	To Be Determined
Topic:	Professional Responsibility in Business Law Transactions Including Common Conflict Situations and Ways to Navigate Them
Speakers:	Maurice Chiasson, QC, Stewart McKelvey and Elliot Fraser, Elliot K. Fraser Barrister & Solicitor Inc.
Date & Time:	December 2017 (Confirmed TBA), 12 noon – 1:00pm
Location:	To Be Determined
Topic:	Registry of Joint Stocks Technology Modernization
Speaker:	Hayley E. Clarke, Registrar
Date & Time:	Wednesday, January 10, 2018, 12 noon – 1:00pm (Joint meeting with the Young Lawyers Section with video link to Patterson Law, Truro)
Location:	Patterson Law, 1801 Hollis St., Suite 2100, Halifax, NS
Topic:	How to ...Incorporate a Business
Speaker:	Sadira E. Jan, Stewart McKelvey
Date & Time:	Thursday, March 15, 2018, 12 noon – 1:00pm (Joint Meeting with the Labour & Employment Law Section)
Location:	Patterson Law, 1801 Hollis St., Suite 2100, Halifax, NS
Topic:	Employment Hot Topics
Speaker:	Kimberley D. Pochini, Patterson Law
Date & Time:	Thursday, April 12, 2018, 12 noon – 1:00pm (Joint Meeting with the Environmental, Energy & Resources Section)
Location:	Patterson Law, 1801 Hollis St., Suite 2100, Halifax, NS
Topic:	Exploring Environmental issues with Commercial Property
Speaker:	Michael Simms, McInnes Cooper
Date & Time:	Tuesday, May 22, 2018, 12 noon – 1:00pm (Joint Meeting with the Civil Litigation/ADR Section)
Location:	Patterson Law, 1801 Hollis St., Suite 2100, Halifax, NS
Topic:	Review of Merks Poultry Farms Ltd. v. Whittenberg Decision
Speaker:	Justice Gregory M. Warner, Supreme Court of Nova Scotia

CANADIAN CORPORATE COUNSEL

Terms of Reference: This Section deals with particular problems of concern to in-house lawyers who are employed by a single client, such as a corporation, a major business concern, or, to some extent, by federal, provincial or municipal governments and boards.

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Dates and Proposed Topics:

Date & Time: ✓ Wednesday, October 11, 2017, 4:00 pm – 5:00 pm
Location: CPA Nova Scotia, 300-1871 Hollis St., Halifax, NS
Topic: A Session to Brainstorm about Section Activities for 2017-18. Followed by drinks at Gahan House.

CHARITIES AND NOT-FOR-PROFIT

Terms of Reference: The scope of CBA Nova Scotia Charities and Not-For-Profit section is to address various key practice issues for those lawyers who are involved with charitable and not-for-profit organizations. This is performed in one or more of the following ways:

- Acting for charities and not-for-profit organizations as part of their regular clientele, either as a staff lawyer or as outside counsel, whether for fee or pro bono. Volunteering in a leadership or other role in an organization where he or she brings unique expertise and skills to these organizations.
- Advising and representing clients who volunteer or are employed by these organizations.
- Advising charitably inclined clients on the most effective means of charitable giving as part of their estate and tax planning, or who wish to create a charitable organization or foundation as part of their charitable giving goals.

Like other areas of law, the law relating to charities and not-for-profit organizations is becoming increasingly complex. This new section was created to assist lawyers in addressing these new complexities while continuing profession's proud tradition of service for charities and not-for-profit organizations.

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Dates and Proposed Topics:

No Meetings Scheduled



2017-18 SECTIONS MEETINGS SCHEDULE

CITIZENSHIP & IMMIGRATION LAW

Terms of Reference: The primary objects of this Section are to:

- Maintain a dialogue with the Immigration and Refugee Board and to conduct continuing liaison with its Senior Officials;
- discuss existing legislation and proposed legislative changes;
- ensure that abuses in the enforcement and administration aspects of immigration are publicly voiced;
- conduct continuing legal education seminars;
 - enhance the professionalism of lawyers dealing in the area of Immigration Law.

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Dates and Proposed Topics:

Date & Time: ✓ Thursday, September 28, 2017, 12 noon – 1:00 pm
Location: McInnes Cooper, 1969 Upper Water St., Halifax, NS
Topic: Updates from Employer Liaison Officer for Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada
Speaker: Sean Morency, Employer Liaison Officer for Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada

Date & Time: ✓ Wednesday, October 25, 2017, 5:30pm (Joint Meeting with Family Law and Womens' Forum Sections)
Location: Prince George Hotel, 1725 Market St., Halifax, NS
Topic: To Be Announced
Speaker: To Be Announced

Date & Location: ✓ Thursday, October 26, 2017, 12 noon – 1:00 pm
Location: McInnes Cooper, 1969 Upper Water St., Halifax, NS
Topic: Nova Scotia Office of Immigration – Program Update
Speakers: Shelley Bent and Kim Jardine, Nova Scotia Office of Immigration

CIVIL LITIGATION/ADR

Terms of Reference: This Section deals with any matter of substantive law, not of a criminal nature, and not coming within the work of another section; the administration of civil justice in all the courts of Canada with particular reference to the jurisdiction, procedure and organization of the courts, and the practice of lawyers before the courts.

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Dates and Proposed Topics:

Date & Time: ✓ Wednesday, October 4, 2017, 12 noon – 1:00 pm
(Joint meeting with the Intellectual Property Section)
Location: Burchells LLP, 1801 Hollis St., Suite 1800, Halifax, NS
Topic: The Decision in Google Inc. v Equustek Solutions Inc., et al. Protection of Intellectual Property Online and Injunctions with Extraterritorial Effect
Speakers: David Fraser, McInnes Cooper and Keith Lehwald, Burchells LLP

Date & Time: Thursday, February 15, 2018, 12 noon – 1:00 pm (A joint meeting with the Young Lawyers Section)
Location: Stewart McKelvey, 1959 Upper Water St., Suite 900, Halifax, NS
Topic: How to...Conduct a Discovery Examination
Speakers: Guy Harfouche, HRM Legal Services & Kate Marshall, Stewart McKelvey

Date & Time: Tuesday, March 6, 2018, 12 noon – 1:00pm (Joint meeting with the Government & Public Sector Lawyers Section and the Administrative Law Section)
Location: Nova Scotia Department of Justice, 1690 Hollis St., 9th Floor, Halifax, NS
Topic: Judicial Review and Appeals
Speaker: Agnes MacNeil, NS Department of Justice

Date & Time: Tuesday, March 20, 2018, 12 noon – 1:00 pm (Joint meeting with the Young Lawyers Section)
Location: HRM Legal Services (Duke Tower)
Topic: How to...Run a Small Claims Court Proceeding
Speakers: Gus Richardson, QC, Small Claims Court Adjudicator & Sara Nicholson (Stewart McKelvey)

Date & Time: May 2018 (Confirmed date to be announced)
Location: To Be Determined
Topic: The Oppression Remedy
Speaker: To Be Announced

Date & Time: Tuesday, May 22, 2018, 12 noon – 1:00pm (Joint Meeting with the Business Section)
Location: Patterson Law, 1801 Hollis St., Suite 2100, Halifax, NS
Topic: Review of Merks Poultry Farms Ltd. V. Whittenberg Decision
Speaker: Justice Gregory M. Warner, Supreme Court of Nova Scotia

CONSTITUTIONAL & HUMAN RIGHTS

Terms of Reference: The purpose of the Section is to examine all constitutional and human rights law issues, including division of legislative powers, judicial review of the Constitution, constitutional reform, the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms, human rights codes, and international human rights law.

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Dates and Proposed Topics:

Date & Time: ✓ Monday, October 30, 2017, 12 noon – 1:00 pm
Location: Pink Larkin 1463 South Park St., Suite 201, Halifax, NS
Topic: “Top Equality Rights Cases - Year in Review”
Speaker: Balraj Dosanjh, Pink Larkin

Date & Time: ✓ Thursday, November 9, 2017, 12 noon – 1:00pm (Joint Meeting with the Government & Public Sector Lawyers & Business Law)
Location: NS Department of Justice, 1690 Hollis St., 9th Floor, Halifax, NS
Topic: How Will the Accessibility Act Affect My Clients?
Speakers: Adriana Meloni, NS Department of Justice and Gerry Post, Executive Director, Accessibility Directorate, NS Department of Justice

Date & Time: To Be Confirmed in November or December, 12 noon – 1:00 pm
Location: To Be Confirmed
Title: “Habeas Corpus - A Primer”
Speakers: Melanie Petrunia, Satellite Tax Law & Professor Sheila Wildeman, Dalhousie University

CONSTRUCTION LAW

Terms of Reference: The purpose of this Section is to examine the law and practice relating to problems in the construction industry, including negotiation and conclusion of contracts, bonding and insurance, claims, arbitration and litigation.

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Dates and Proposed Topics:

Date & Time: ✓ Tuesday, October 31, 2017, 12:30 – 1:30 pm, Joint Meeting with the Law Students Section
Location: Weldon Law Building, 6061 University Ave., Room 207, Halifax, NS
Title: Mediation and Arbitration of Construction Disputes
Speakers: Melanie Gillis, McInnes Cooper and Kevin Gibson, McInnes Cooper

CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Terms of Reference: This Section deals with federal and provincial legislation creating offences and crimes, jurisdiction, procedure, and organization of all criminal courts in Canada, the establishment of such courts and the practice of lawyers before such courts; any other matters of a criminal nature.

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Dates and Proposed Topics:

Date & Time: ✓ October 2017 (Firm date to be announced; Joint event with the Military Law Section)
Location: Halifax Citadel Hill
Topic: Beer & Pizza on Citadel Hill

Date & Time: Wednesday, April 11, 2018, 12 noon – 1:00pm (Joint meeting with the Government & Public Sector Lawyers Section)
Location: Halifax Regional Municipality, 5251 Duke St., Suite 302, Halifax, NS
Topic: Avoiding Regulatory Prosecution
Speaker: Josh Judah, Halifax Regional Municipality Prosecutions

ELDER LAW

Terms of Reference: The objectives of the Elder Law Section are tri-fold: to improve the law affecting seniors; to educate the public, the individual Bars, the Judiciary and members of the Association on important Elder Law issues; and to foster professionalism in the practice of Elder Law through communication among Elder Law practitioners. The Elder Law Section addresses legal issues and problems of the elderly, including:

- Age Discrimination;
- General Planning for Aging: A Case-Management and Multidisciplinary Approach;
- Elder Abuse and Exploitation;
- Undue Influence;
- Housing of Older Persons and Care Facility Regulation;
- Ethical and Practical Aspects of Advising the Older Client;
- Mental Capacity and Consent;
- Guardianship and Court Appointed Substitute Decision Making;
- HealthCare Decision-Making;
- Powers of Attorney/ Mandates;
- Elder Divorce and Separation; and Lawyer referral panels, and advocacy and pro bono work for the elderly of low or middle incomes.

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Date & Time: ✓ Thursday, September 14, 2017, 12 noon – 1:00pm
Location: Stewart McKelvey, 1959 Upper Water St., Suite 900, Halifax, NS
Topic: Services for Seniors Available in the Private and Public Sector
Speaker: Marie-Claire Chartrand, Lead Senior Care Consultant with Greywave Senior Care Consulting

Date & Time: Thursday, November 16, 2017, 12 noon – 1:00pm
Location: Cox & Palmer, 1959 Upper Water St., Suite 1100, Halifax, NS
Topic: Accessing Medical Records as an Attorney or Delegate
Speaker: L. Martina Munden, Nova Scotia Health Authority

Date & Time: Tuesday, March 20, 2018, 12:00 noon- 1:00 pm (Joint meeting with the Wills, Estates & Trusts Section)
Location: Stewart McKelvey, 900-1959 Upper Water St., Halifax, NS
Topic: "Capacity Assessment Demonstration"
Speakers: Dr. Mark Bosma, FRCPC, Timothy Matthews, QC, Stewart McKelvey and Kelly Greenwood, Burchells LLP

ENVIRONMENTAL, ENERGY & RESOURCES LAW

Terms of Reference: Environmental, Energy & Resources Law deals with matters of legal reform and legal education and management relating to the environment, as well as law and practice relating to natural resources and energy and the development and distribution thereof.

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Dates and Proposed Topics:

Date & Time: Thursday, April 12, 2018, 12 noon – 1:00pm (Joint Meeting with the Business Law Section)
Location: Patterson Law, 1801 Hollis St., Suite 2100, Halifax, NS
Topic: Exploring Environmental issues with Commercial Property
Speaker: Michael Simms, McInnes Cooper

FAMILY LAW

Terms of Reference: This Section deals with law and practice relating to the family unit, relations 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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Dates and Proposed Topics:

Date & Time: ✓ Wednesday, September 27, 2017, 5:30pm
Location: Prince George Hotel, 1725 Market St., Halifax, NS
Topic: Back to School – Hot Issues in Drafting Separation Agreements
Speaker: Kimberley Johnson, Garson MacDonald

Date & Time: ✓ Wednesday, October 25, 2017, 5:30pm
(Joint Meeting with Citizenship & Immigration Law and Womens' Forum Sections)
Location: Prince George Hotel, 1725 Market St., Halifax, NS
Topic: When Family Sponsorship and Domestic Violence Collide
Speaker: Krista Forbes, Nova Scotia Legal Aid
Family Law continued

Date & Time: Wednesday, January 24, 2018, 5:30pm
Location: Prince George Hotel, 1725 Market St., Halifax, NS
Topic: To Be Announced
Speaker: To Be Announced

Date & Time: Wednesday, February 28, 2018, 5:30pm
Location: Prince George Hotel, 1725 Market St., Halifax, NS
Topic: To Be Announced
Speaker: To Be Announced

Date & Time: Wednesday, March 28, 2018, 5:30pm
Location: Prince George Hotel, 1725 Market St., Halifax, NS
Topic: To Be Announced
Speaker: To Be Announced

Date & Time: Wednesday, April 25, 2018, 5:30pm
Location: Prince George Hotel, 1725 Market St., Halifax, NS
Topic: To Be Announced
Speaker: To Be Announced



GENERAL PRACTICE, SOLO & SMALL FIRM

Terms of Reference: The General Practice, Solo and Small Firm Section addresses the needs of lawyers in general practice, ranging from sole and small firm practitioners in both rural and urban settings, to those practising law in medium and large firms. More than 10 per cent of CBA members identify themselves as being in general practice. The Section represents the common interests of general practitioners within the CBA.

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Dates and Proposed Topics:

Date & Time: Wednesday, January 17, 2018, 12 noon – 1:00pm (Joint meeting with the Real Property Section)
Location: Patterson Law, 2100-1801 Hollis St, Halifax, NS, Remote locations available in Truro and New Glasgow
Topic: Easements
Speaker: Garth Gordon, QC, Barrister & Solicitor

Date & Time: Friday, February 23, 2018, 12 noon – 1:00pm
Location: CBA Nova Scotia, 1809 Barrington St., Suite M102, Halifax, NS
Topic: To Be Announced
Speaker: To Be Announced

Date & Time: Wednesday, March 14, 2018, 12 noon – 1:00pm (Joint meeting with the Real Property Section)
Location: Patterson Law, 2100-1801 Hollis St, Halifax, NS, Remote locations available in Truro and New Glasgow
Topic: Access and Other LRA Issues
Speaker: Ian MacLean, QC, MacLean & MacDonald

GOVERNMENT & PUBLIC SECTOR LAWYERS

Terms of Reference: The Forum is a platform for CBA members who are employed as lawyers at various levels of government or in public sector agencies.

Its objectives are to:

- Provide mechanisms for public sector lawyers to exchange information and ideas; serve as a national network to enable public sector lawyers to connect on shared issues; advance the understanding of the roles played by public sector lawyers; raise the profile of its members by ensuring public sector lawyers interests are represented within the CBA; bring to the CBA the unique perspective of practicing law within a government setting; serve as the national voice of public sector lawyers within the activities of the Forum and those of the CBA; promote networking and delivery of programs through the Forum's provincial and territory branches.

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Date & Time: ✓ Monday, September 11, 2017, 12 noon – 1:00pm
Location: NS Department of Justice, 1690 Hollis St., 9th Floor, Halifax, NS
Topic: The Regulation of Legal Cannabis in Nova Scotia
Speaker: Erin Nauss, Senior Solicitor, NS Department of Justice
Government & Public Sector Lawyers continued

Date & Time: ✓ Monday, October 23, 2017, 12 noon – 1:00pm (Joint Meeting with the Aboriginal Law & Administrative Law Sections)
Location: Barteaux Durnford, 1701 Hollis St., Suite L106, Halifax, NS
Topic: Duty to Consult Following the Clyde River and Chippewas Decisions
Speaker: Diane Rowe, Senior Solicitor, NS Department of Justice

Date & Time: ✓ Thursday, November 9, 2017, 12 noon – 1:00pm (Joint Meeting with the Constitutional & Human Rights Section and the Business Law Section)
Location: Nova Scotia Department of Justice, 1690 Hollis St., 9th Floor, Halifax, NS
Topic: How Will the Accessibility Act Affect My Clients?
Speakers: Adriana Meloni, NS Department of Justice and Gerry Post, Executive Director, Accessibility Directorate, NS Department of Justice

Date & Time: Wednesday, December 6, 2017, 12 noon – 1:00pm (Joint Meeting with the Securities Law Section)
Location: NS Securities Commission, Hearing Room, Suite 400 Duke Tower, 5251 Duke St., Halifax, NS
Topic: "The Nova Scotia Securities Act: A Day in the Life of an Enforcer"
Speaker: Heidi Schedler, Solicitor, NS Securities Commission

Date & Time: Wednesday, January 17, 2018, 5:00-6:15pm with Social 6:15-7:00pm
Or Snow Date: Wednesday, January 24, 2018, 5:00-6:15pm with Social 6:15-7:00pm (Joint Session with the Young Lawyers Section)
Location: Province House, 1726 Hollis St., Halifax, NS
Government & Public Sector Lawyers continued
Topic: Tour of the Legislature and Introduction to the Legislative Process
Speakers: Nicole Arsenault, Assistant Clerk, Office of the Speaker; Neil Ferguson, Chief Clerk, House of Assembly; Annette Boucher, QC, Legislative Counsel and Officer of the Speaker. *This meeting will be open to non-members.*

Date & Time: Monday, February 5, 2018, 12 noon – 1:00pm
Location: Legislative Counsel Office Boardroom, CIBC Building, Suite 802, 1809 Barrington St., Halifax, NS
Topic: Regulatory Enabling Authority: Drafting to Achieve Statutory Vires
Speaker: James Charlton, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel



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GOVERNMENT & PUBLIC SECTOR LAWYERS (cont'd)

- Date & Time:** Tuesday, March 6, 2018, 12 noon – 1:00pm (Joint meeting with the Civil Litigation/ADR Section and the Administrative Law Section)
- Location:** NS Department of Justice, 1690 Hollis St., 9th Floor, Halifax, NS
- Topic:** Judicial Review and Appeals
- Speaker:** Agnes MacNeil, NS Department of Justice
- Date & Time:** Wednesday, April 11, 2018, 12 noon – 1:00pm (Joint meeting with the Criminal Justice Section)
- Location:** Halifax Regional Municipality, 302-5251 Duke St, Halifax, NS
- Topic:** Avoiding Regulatory Prosecution
- Speaker:** Josh Judah, Halifax Regional Municipality Prosecutions
- Date & Time:** Thursday, May 10, 2018, 12 noon – 1:00pm
- Location:** NS Department of Justice, 1690 Hollis St., 9th Floor, Halifax, NS
- Topic:** Plain Language Legislative Drafting – Part II
- Speaker:** Rachel Jones, Registrar of Regulations

HEALTH LAW

Terms of Reference: Any aspect of the law relating to health care, institutions, and professions.

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Dates and Proposed Topics:

- Date & Time:** To Be Determined (January 2018)
- Location:** To Be Determined
- Topic:** A Session on the New Adult Capacity and Decision Making Act
- Speakers:** Tina Hall and Adriana Meloni, NS Department of Justice
- Date & Time:** To Be Determined (March 2018)
- Location:** To Be Determined
- Topic:** A Session on Privacy and Professional Boundaries for Health Care Providers
- Speaker:** Ryan Baxter, McInnes Cooper
- Date & Time:** To Be Determined
- Location:** To Be Determined
- Topic:** A Session on Access/Barriers to Access to Health Care for LGBTQ + Persons
- Speaker:** To Be Determined

INSURANCE LAW

Terms of Reference: The Insurance Law Section brings together CBA members with an interest in all facets of insurance law. Our members include in-house counsel and private practitioners from all parts of the country. Our members deal with all classes of life, accident, and casualty insurance, as well as corporate governance, human rights, insolvency and administrative law issues for insurance industry stakeholders.

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Dates and Proposed Topics:

No Meetings Scheduled

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

Terms of Reference: Law and practice relating to all forms of ownership, licensing, transfer and protection of intellectual property and related property rights, including patents, trademarks, copyright, industrial designs, plant breeders' rights, as well as trade secrets.

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- Date & Time:** ✓ Wednesday, October 4, 2017, 12 noon – 1:00 pm (Joint meeting with the Civil Litigation/ADR Section)
- Location:** Burchells LLP, 1801 Hollis St., Suite 1800, Halifax, NS
- Topic:** The Decision in Google Inc. v Equustek Solutions Inc., et al. Protection of Intellectual Property Online and Injunctions with Extraterritorial Effect
- Speakers:** David Fraser, McInnes Cooper and Keith Lehwald, Burchells LLP
- Date & Time:** ✓ Thursday, November 2, 2017, 12 noon – 1:00 pm (Joint meeting with the Business Law Section)
- Location:** Burchells LLP, 1801 Hollis St., Suite 1800, Halifax, NS
- Topic:** Key Legal Issues for Online Businesses
- Speakers:** Ben Westelman, Director, Head of Legal eBay Classifieds Group Canada and Tariq Remtulla, Senior Legal Counsel at eBay
- Date & Time:** ✓ Wednesday, November 8, 2017, 12 noon – 1:00 pm (Joint meeting with the Aboriginal Law Section)
- Location:** Burchells LLP, 1801 Hollis Street, Suite 1800, Halifax, NS
- Topic:** Cultural Appropriation, Indigenous Rights, and IP Law
- Speaker:** Merle Alexander, Gowling WLG, Vancouver and Cheryl Simon, Simon Governance Services



LABOUR & EMPLOYMENT LAW

Terms of Reference: 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 standards and the like; the establishment of and appointments to boards and tribunals and the practice of lawyers before such boards; and, principles and practice relating to collective agreements and arbitration of labour disputes.

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Date & Time: ✓ Friday, October 6, 2017, 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm
Location: Pink Larkin, 1463 South Park St., Halifax, NS
Topic: "Trauma-Informed Legal Services for Workplace Sexual Harassment and Assault"
Speakers: Representatives from Avalon Sexual Assault Centre

Date & Time: Thursday, March 15, 2018, 12 noon – 1:00pm (Joint Meeting with the Business Law Section)
Location: Patterson Law, 1801 Hollis St., Suite 2100, Halifax, NS
Topic: Employment Hot Topics
Speaker: Kimberley D. Pochini, Patterson Law

LAW STUDENTS

Terms of Reference: The current goals of the CBA Student Section are to increase awareness of the Section among law students, promote the benefits of becoming a CBA member and recruit law students to the section. The Section's ultimate purpose is to supplement law students with resources to excel in their law degree and effectively transition into the workforce.

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Dates and Proposed Topics:

Date & Time: ✓ Tuesday, October 31, 2017, 12:30 – 1:30 pm, Joint Meeting with the Construction Law Section
Location: Weldon Law Building, 6061 University Ave., Room 207, Halifax, NS
Title: Mediation and Arbitration of Construction Disputes
Speakers: Melanie Gillis, McInnes Cooper and Kevin Gibson, McInnes Cooper

Date & Time: Monday, November 20, 2017, 5:45pm – 7:30 pm
(Joint Meeting with the Women's Forum Section)
Location: Weldon Law Building, 6061 University Avenue, Halifax, NS
Topic: Connect: Women in Law

MILITARY LAW

Terms of Reference: This Section deals with military law, including the military system of justice and operational law, as well as uniquely military aspects of established substantive bodies of law practised by civilians such as criminal law, tort law, intellectual property, employment and human rights law, air law, maritime law and international law.

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Dates and Proposed Topics:

Date & Time: ✓ October 2017 (Firm date to be announced; Joint event with the Criminal Justice Section)
Location: Halifax Citadel Hill
Topic: Beer & Pizza on Citadel Hill

Date & Time: November 2017 (Firm date to be announced)
Location: To Be Announced
Topic: Mixed Dining In

MUNICIPAL LAW

Terms of Reference: Municipal lawyers practise entirely or substantially in areas of law relating to local government. The Municipal Law Section serves as a co-ordination and communications focus for issues of common interest to lawyers practising in the many areas which touch on the work of municipalities. If you are a member of the Municipal Section you are automatically a member of the National Municipal Section.

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Dates and Proposed Topics:

Date & Time: ✓ Tuesday, September 12, 2017, 12 noon – 1:00pm
Location: Cox & Palmer, 1100-1959 Upper Water St., Halifax, NS
Topic: The Decisions of the UARB and The Court of Appeal in the Tasty Budds Case
Speakers: Roxanne MacLaurin and Claire Gillivan, Halifax Regional Municipality Legal Services



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MUNICIPAL LAW (cont'd)

Date & Time: To Be Determined
Location: Cox & Palmer, 1100-1959 Upper Water St., Halifax, NS
Topic: Practice Before the Utility and Review Board
Speaker: Nancy Rubin, QC, Stewart McKelvey

Date & Time: Thursday, November 23, 2017, 12 noon – 1:00pm
Location: Cox & Palmer, 1100-1959 Upper Water St., Halifax, NS
Topic: The Decision of the Court of Appeal in Ghosn v. Halifax (Regional Municipality), 2016 NSCA90
Speaker: Richard Norman, Cox & Palmer

Date & Time: Thursday, January 11, 2018, 12 noon – 1:00pm
Location: Patterson Law, 2100-1801 Hollis St, Halifax, NS
Topic: Councillor Discipline
Speaker: Dennis James, QC, Patterson Law

Date & Time: Tuesday, February 13, 2018, 12 noon – 1:00pm
Location: Patterson Law, 2100-1801 Hollis St, Halifax, NS
Topic: Basics of Bylaw Drafting
Speaker: Karen Kinley, QC, NS Department of Justice

Date & Time: Wednesday, March 7, 2018, 12 noon – 1:00pm
Location: Patterson Law, 2100-1801 Hollis St, Halifax, NS
Topic: Expropriation
Speaker: Robert Pineo, Patterson law

PRIVACY & ACCESS LAW

Terms of Reference: This Section deals with domestic and international law, policy and education related to privacy matters and access to information. Where there is an overlap of interests concerning privacy or access to information matters, the Section works in consultation and communication with other Sections.

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Dates and Proposed Topics:

No Meetings Scheduled

REAL PROPERTY

Terms of Reference: The Real Property Section is concerned with the problems inherent in the ownership, devising, mortgaging, loaning, using, leasing and other dealings with real property, including: Estates; uses; trusts and settlements; perpetuities; fixtures; titles; workers' and mechanics' liens; leaseholds; mortgages; easements and licenses; planning legislation and restrictions on use, realty taxes, registration and land titles system; vendor and purchaser; ecological control of land; financing problems on real property security

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Dates and Proposed Topics:

Date & Time: ✓ Wednesday, October 18, 2017, 12 noon – 1:00pm
Location: Patterson Law, 2100-1801 Hollis St, Halifax, NS; Remote locations available in Truro and New Glasgow
Topic: Recent Amendments to Builders' Lien Act and Implication for Financing Transactions
Speaker: Alison Henderson, Patterson Law

Date & Time: Wednesday, November 15, 2017, 12:00 noon- 1:30 pm (Joint meeting with the Wills, Estates & Trusts Section)
Location: Cox & Palmer, 1100-1959 Upper Water St., Halifax, NS
Topic: "Buying and Selling U.S. Real Estate"
Speakers: Mark Tipperman, Barrister & Solicitor and Earl MacLeod CPA, CA, MNP LLP

Date & Time: Wednesday, January 17, 2018, 12 noon – 1:00pm (Joint meeting with the General Practice, Solo & Small Firm Section)
Location: Patterson Law, 2100-1801 Hollis St, Halifax, NS, Remote locations available in Truro and New Glasgow
Topic: Easements
Speaker: Garth Gordon, QC, Barrister & Solicitor

Date & Time: Wednesday, March 14, 2018, 12 noon – 1:00pm (Joint meeting with the General Practice, Solo & Small Firm Section)
Location: Patterson Law, 2100-1801 Hollis St, Halifax, NS, Remote locations available in Truro and New Glasgow
Topic: Access and Other LRA Issues
Speaker: Ian MacLean, QC, MacLean & MacDonald

SECURITIES LAW

Terms of Reference: This Section deals with sources of securities regulation applicable in Nova Scotia including The Securities Act and the regulations, notices and rules arising from it, and the rules and policies set out by any other securities regulatory organizations.

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Dates and Proposed Topics:

- Date & Time:** ✓ Wednesday, September 27, 2017, 12 noon – 1:00pm
(Joint Meeting with the Business Law Section)
Location: Patterson Law, 2100 – 1801 Hollis St, Halifax NS
Topic: Corporate Governance – Board Diversity
Speaker: Clair Milton, QC, BoyneClarke LLP
- Date & Time:** Tuesday, November 21, 2017, 12 noon – 1:00pm
Location: NS Securities Commission, 4th Floor, 5251 Duke St., Halifax NS
Topic: Recent Developments in Securities Regulation – Derivatives Regulation, Blockchain and Cryptocurrency Transactions, Etc.
Speaker: H. Jane Anderson, Director of Policy and Market Regulation, Nova Scotia Securities Commission
- Date & Time:** Wednesday, December 6, 2017, 12 noon – 1:00pm
(Joint Meeting with the Government & Public Sector Lawyers Section)
Location: NS Securities Commission, Hearing Room, Suite 400 Duke Tower, 5251 Duke St., Halifax, NS
Topic: “The Nova Scotia Securities Act: A Day in the Life of an Enforcer”
Speaker: Heidi Schedler, Solicitor, NS Securities Commission
- Date & Time:** Thursday, January 18, 2018, 12 noon – 1:00pm (Joint Meeting with the Government & Public Sector Lawyers Section)
Location: NS Securities Commission, Hearing Room, Suite 400 Duke Tower, 5251 Duke St., Halifax, NS
Topic: “Registration, When is it Triggered? Things to Consider and Cases from the Perspective of the NSSC and Counsel for Registrants”
Speakers: Brian Murphy, Deputy Director, Capital Markets of Nova Scotia Securities Commission and Counsel, To Be Announced
- Date & Time:** Thursday, March 18, 2018, 12 noon – 1:00pm
Location: NS Securities Commission, Hearing Room, Suite 400 Duke Tower, 5251 Duke St., Halifax, NS
Topic: “Hallmarks of Financial Fraud”
Speaker: Heidi Schedler, Solicitor, NS Securities Commission
- Date & Time:** Thursday, May 17, 2018, 12 noon – 1:00pm
Location: To Be Determined
Topic: “Capital Raising Exemptions”
Speaker: To Be Announced

SEXUAL ORIENTATION & GENDER IDENTITY

Terms of Reference: The purpose of the SOGI Section is 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
- develop member services relevant to lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgendered and two-spirited members of the Association

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Dates and Proposed Topics:

- Date & Time:** ✓ Tuesday, October 3, 2017, 12:00 noon – 1:30 pm
(Joint meeting with the Equity Committee)
Location: Cox & Palmer, 1100-1959 Upper Water St., Halifax, NS
Topic: “Supporting Trans and Gender-Variant Clients and Colleagues”
Speaker: Gabriel Enxuga, Youth Project
- Date & Time:** ✓ Thursday, November 2, 2017, 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm
Location: The Local, 2037 Gottingen Street, Halifax, NS
Topic: Annual Meet and Greet with the Schulich School of Law OUTLaw Society

TAXATION LAW

Terms of Reference:

- Review 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.

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Dates and Proposed Topics:

No Meetings Scheduled

WILLS, ESTATES & TRUSTS

Terms of Reference: Law and practice relating to wills, trusts, estates and their administration, and matters including taxes and duties related thereto; and 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.

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Date & Time: ✓ Tuesday, September 12, 2017, 12:00 noon – 1:00 pm
Location: Stewart McKelvey, 900-1959 Upper Water St., Halifax, NS

Topic: "Getting a Passing Grade on Passing Executors' Accounts"

Speakers: Sharon Atton, Stewart McKelvey and Cora Jacquemin, Registrar of Probate, Halifax District

Date & Time: ✓ Tuesday, October 10, 2017, 12:00 noon- 1:30 pm
Location: Cox & Palmer, 1100-1959 Upper Water St., Halifax, NS
Topic: "Where There's No Will, There's Still a Way: Lost and Missing Wills Lost Wills"

Speaker: Tanya L. Butler, Cox & Palmer

Date & Time: Wednesday, November 15, 2017, 12:00 noon- 1:00 pm (Joint meeting with the Real Property Section)
Location: Cox & Palmer, 1100-1959 Upper Water St., Halifax, NS
Topic: "Buying and Selling U.S. Real Estate"
Speaker: Mark Tipperman, Barrister & Solicitor and Earl MacLeod CPA, CA, Partner Tax and Business Advisor, MNP

Date & Time: Tuesday, January 16, 2018, 12:00 noon- 1:00 pm
Location: Cox & Palmer, 1100-1959 Upper Water St., Halifax, NS
Topic: "Planning for U.S. Beneficiaries of Canadian Estates and Trusts"
Speaker: Sarah Dykema, McInnes Cooper

Date & Time: Tuesday, February 13, 2018, 12:00 noon- 1:00 pm
Location: Stewart McKelvey, 900-1959 Upper Water St., Halifax, NS
Topic: "Powers of Appointment and Powers to Add and Remove Beneficiaries"
Speaker: Richard Niedermayer, Stewart McKelvey Wills, Estates & Trusts continued

Date & Time: Tuesday, March 20, 2018, 12:00 noon- 1:00 pm (Joint meeting with the Elder Law Section)
Location: Stewart McKelvey, 900-1959 Upper Water St., Halifax, NS
Topic: "Capacity Assessment Demonstration"
Speakers: Dr. Mark Bosma, FRCPC, Timothy Matthews, QC, Stewart McKelvey and Kelly Greenwood, Burchells LLP

Date & Time: Tuesday, April 17, 2018, 12:00 noon- 1:00 pm
Location: Cox & Palmer, 1100-1959 Upper Water St., Halifax, NS
Topic: "Undue Influence"
Speakers: Jessica Lyle, Sealy Cornish Coulthard and Peter Rumscheidt, Weldon McInnis

Date & Time: Tuesday, May 15, 2018, 12:00 noon- 1:00 pm
Location: To Be Determined
Topic: "How to Prepare Your Solicitor's File to Withstand Litigation: Estate Planning Professionals in the Witness Box"
Speaker: Richard Norman, Cox & Palmer

WOMEN'S FORUM

Terms of Reference: The Women's Forum is aimed at promoting the stature and influence of women in the profession, as well as developing programs, networking opportunities and mentoring programs.

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Dates and Proposed Topics:

Date & Time: ✓ Wednesday, September 20, 2017, 4:00 pm
Topic: The Breadwinner
Location: Park Lane Cinemas

Date & Time: ✓ Wednesday, October 25, 2017, 5:30pm
(Joint Meeting with Citizenship & Immigration Law and Family Law Sections)
Location: Prince George Hotel, 1725 Market St., Halifax, NS
Topic: When Family Sponsorship and Domestic Violence Collide
Speaker: Krista Forbes, Nova Scotia Legal Aid

Date & Time: Monday, November 20, 2017, 5:45pm – 7:30 pm
(Joint Meeting with the Law Students Section)
Location: Weldon Law Building, 6061 University Avenue, Halifax, NS
Topic: Connect: Women in Law

YOUNG LAWYERS

Terms of Reference: For 2017/2018, we hope our Lawyers Section activities will meet one of two overarching goals: building practical skills with our "HOW TO..." section meetings, and building community awareness with our "SOCIAL JUSTICE" series of events. (With a few other special events in the mix as well.)

Please note that lawyers and law students of all ages and stages are always welcome at Young Lawyers Section meetings and events.

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Dates and Proposed Topics:

Date & Time: ✓ Wednesday, September 27, 2017, 5:30-7:30pm
Location: The Old Triangle, Pantry Room, 5136 Prince St., Halifax, NS
Topic: It's Time to #TALKJUSTICE!
Speakers: Emma Halpern, Nova Scotia Barristers' Society and El Jones, Professor, Journalist and Justice Activist

Date & Time: ✓ Wednesday, October 18, 2017, 12 noon – 1:00 pm
(Joint meeting with the Young Lawyers of the Cape Breton Barristers' Society)
Locations: Stewart McKelvey, 1959 Upper Water St., Suite 900, Halifax, NS and Sydney Justice Centre, PIP Room
Topic: How to...Conduct a Client Interview
Speakers: Sean MacDonald, Breton Law; Candee McCarthy, Candee McCarthy Law; Margaret (Peg) MacInnis, Executive Director, Executive Office of the Nova Scotia Judiciary Young Lawyers continued

Date & Time: ✓ Wednesday, November 8, 2017, 12 noon – 1:00 pm
(Joint meeting with the Aboriginal Law and Intellectual Property Law Sections)
Location: Burchells LLP, 1801 Hollis Street, Suite 1800, Halifax, NS
Topic: Cultural Appropriation, Indigenous Rights, and IP Law
Speaker: Merle Alexander, Gowling WLG, Vancouver and Cheryl Simon, Simon Governance Services

Date & Time: Tuesday, November 28, 2017, 12:30 pm – 1:30 pm (In partnership with the Career Development Office)
Location: Schulich School of Law
Topic: Effective Job Search Strategies
Speakers: To Be Determined

Date & Time: Wednesday, January 17, 2018, 4:30-5:45pm with Social 5:45-6:30pm (Joint Session with the Government & Public Sector Lawyers Section)
Or Snow Date

Wednesday, January 24, 2018, 4:30-5:45 pm with Social 5:45-6:30pm (Joint Session with the Government & Public Sector Lawyers Section)
Location: Province House, 1726 Hollis St., Halifax, NS
Topic: Tour of the Legislature and Introduction to the Legislative Process
Speakers: Nicole Arseneault, Assistant Clerk, Office of the Speaker; Neil Ferguson, Chief Clerk, House of Assembly; Annette Boucher, QC, Legislative Counsel and Officer of the Speaker

Date & Time: Thursday, February 15, 2018, 12 noon – 1:00 pm (A joint meeting with the Civil Litigation & ADR Section)
Location: Stewart McKelvey, 1959 Upper Water St., Suite 900, Halifax, NS
Topic: How to...Conduct a Discovery Examination
Speakers: Guy Harfouche, HRM Legal Services & Kate Marshall, Stewart McKelvey

Date & Time: Thursday, March 8, 2018, Time to Be Determined (In partnership with the Dalhousie Feminist Legal Association)
Location: To Be Determined
Topic: Abortion Access in Nova Scotia: An International Women's Day Discussion
Speaker(s): To Be Determined

Date & Time: Tuesday, March 20, 2018, 12 noon – 1:00 pm (Joint meeting with the Civil Litigation & ADR Section)
Location: HRM Legal Services (Duke Tower)
Topic: How to...Run a Small Claims Court Proceeding
Speakers: Gus Richardson, QC, Small Claims Court Adjudicator & Sara Nicholson (Stewart McKelvey)

April 2018: Law Day – Details TBD

May 2018: Community Event – Details TBD

June 2018: End-of-year Social – Details TBD

Annual Conference

Lord Nelson Hotel

Bench & Bar Mixer

November 30, 2017, 5pm – 7pm

Young Lawyers Stream on Consent in the Law

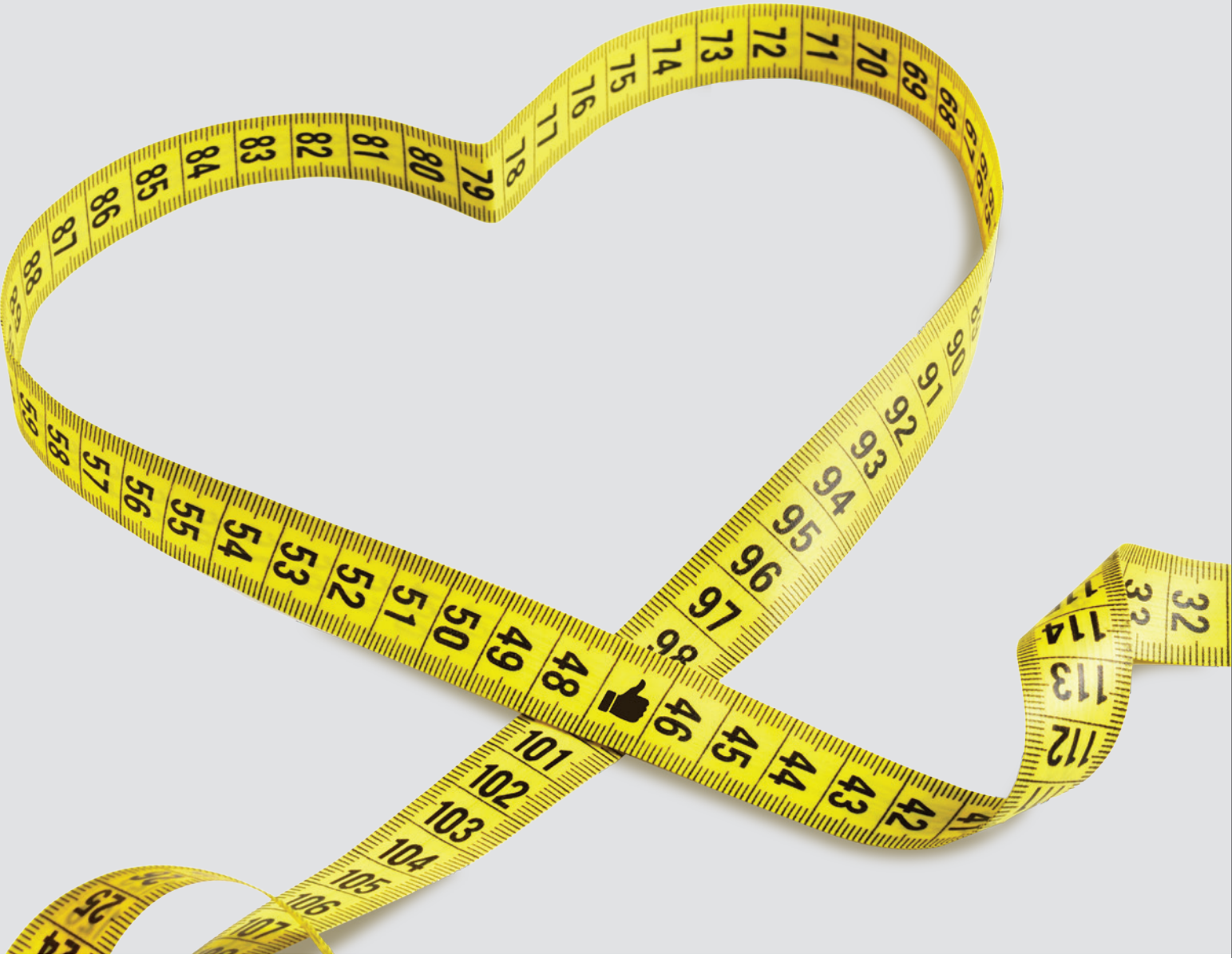
(sessions 5B, 6B, 7B, and 8B):

December 1, 2017, 9:30am – 4:15pm

Please see the *CBA-NS website* and/or the 2017 Annual Conference brochure for more details

Date & Time: Wednesday, January 10, 2018, 12 noon – 1:00pm (Joint Meeting with the Business Law Section with video link to Patterson Law, Truro)
Location: Patterson Law, 1801 Hollis St., Suite 2100, Halifax, NS
Topic: How to ...Incorporate a Business
Speaker: Sadira E. Jan, Stewart McKelvey

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