



THE CANADIAN  
BAR ASSOCIATION  
British Columbia Branch

# Annual Report

## 2013/2014

## A Year in Review: This Year Had it All

Advocacy, law reform, composition of the judiciary and radical change to our Sections - this year had it all.

Ask the nearly 7,000 members in BC what they value in their CBA membership and the answers will vary greatly. Meeting the varied needs and interests of our members must be at the forefront of the CBABC's activities year-round. As the 2013-2014 year draws to a close, I thought it appropriate to highlight some of the year's events and where we are headed in the months to come.

Advocacy and law reform. We had a string of successes in building allies in our advocacy for enhanced and stable funding for legal aid and the Court Services Branch. First up in September was the Union of BC Municipalities, which called for long-term, increased and stable funding of legal aid.

In November, the Select Standing Committee on Finance and Government Services adopted the CBABC submissions and recommended that the government commit to stable funding for the Court Services Branch and increases to legal aid.

In May, the delegates to the AGM of the BC Chamber of Commerce unanimously adopted the resolution of a joint CBABC/Chamber task force calling for commitments to funding of legal aid and the Court Services Branch and for



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the establishment of a formula to determine the proper number of Provincial Court Judges.

Throughout the year, the Legislation and Law Reform Committee and our many Sections made submissions to government on law reform. Topics varied from local government election reform and a proposed Franchise Act to regulation of other legal service providers such as notaries and paralegals.

Excellence and diversity in the judiciary. Members of CBABC's Advisory Committee to Judicial Council make reports on all applicants who apply for a position with the Provincial Court. These reports are the primary source of information for assessing the suitability of applicants and for deciding whether Judicial Council grants an interview. The CBABC performs an invaluable service to the profession, the judiciary and the public.

We have also been focused on diversity in the judiciary, and in late May held a very successful forum, webcast across the province, "Building Diversity on the Bench." Several judges spoke from their own experiences and why both diversity and excellence in judicial appointments are so important.

It has been a pleasure and privilege to serve as President.

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# Section Chairs 2013/2014

The first figure indicates the number of members enrolled during the 2013/2014 Section term, while the second figure indicates the number of meetings held through the Section year. In the event there was a joint meeting, that meeting is counted for each Section.

ABORIGINAL LAW-VANCOUVER (208/6)	Kate Blomfield; Jeff Langlois	GEN-PRACT, SOLO & SML FRM-LM (66/3)	Marla Gilsig; Kenneth Learn
ABORIGINAL LAW-VAN ISLAND (66/4)	Timothy Thielmann	GEN-PRACT, SOLO & SML FRM-PR (11/2)	Linda Locke, QC; Megan Olson
ABORIGINAL LAWYERS FORUM (38/5)	Christina Cook; Isabel Jackson	HEALTH LAW (119/3)	Stacey Grubb
ADMINISTRATIVE LAW (274/3)	Andrew Gay; Brent Olthuis	HUMAN RIGHTS LAW (249/3)	Christopher McHardy; Catherine Sullivan
ADR - NANAIMO (11/2)	William Larose	IMMIGRATION LAW (205/26)	Meika Lalonde
ADR - OKANAGAN (24/2)	Ronald Smith, QC	INSOLVENCY LAW (136/7)	Bonita Lewis-Hand
ADR - VANCOUVER (149/7)	Philip Dougan	INSURANCE LAW (350/4)	Gregory Sexton
ADR - VICTORIA (39/3)	Michael Butterfield	INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY & TECH LAW (195/4)	Vincent Yip
AIR LAW (44/2)	Kenneth Burnett	INTERNATIONAL ASSISTANCE (15/4)	Elizabeth Campbell
ANIMAL LAW (30/2)	Rebeka Breder	INTERNATIONAL LAW (98/5)	Jennifer Button; Jeffrey Horswill
APPELLATE ADVOCACY (89/4)	Angus Gunn, QC; Peter Senkpiel	LABOUR LAW (316/6)	Rosalie Cress; Robyn Trask
BANKING LAW (220/7)	Matthew Choi	LAW PRACTICE MANAGEMENT (65/1)	Melody Yiu
BUSINESS LAW (600/5)	Grant Foster; Summer Lane	LEGAL RESEARCH (88/4)	Laurel Courtenay
CCCA BC (795/8)	Allison Crane	MARITIME LAW (58/8)	Michael Silva
CHARITIES & NOT-FOR-PROFIT LAW (111/7)	Kate Bake-Paterson; Michael Blatchford	MUNICIPAL LAW (174/7)	Lindsay Parcells; Rina Thakar
CIVIL LITIGATION-OKANAGAN (62/4)	Sean Kelly	NATURAL RESOURCES LAW (121/5)	Billy Garton; Jeremy Shelford
CIVIL LITIGATION-VANCOUVER (659/2)	John Bilawich	PENSIONS & BENEFITS LAW (52/3)	Colin Galinski
CIVIL LITIGATION-VAN ISLAND (80/2)	Michael Lawless	PRODUCTS LIABILITY LAW (60/3)	R. Nigel Beckmann
CLASS ACTION LAW (94/4)	Jill Yates	PUBLIC SECTOR LAWYERS (44/4)	Cory Bargaen; Rolf Warburton
COMMERCIAL & REAL ESTATE-OKANAGAN (58/6)	Nancy Ling	REAL PROPERTY-VANCOUVER (436/6)	Jordanna Cytrynbaum; Alexander Fane
COMMERCIAL & REAL ESTATE-VAN ISLAND (89/8)	Ramin Erfanifar	SECURITIES LAW (348/6)	Thierry-Olivier Keable
CONSTITUTIONAL/CIVIL LIBERTIES (93/0)	Arthur Grant; Veronica Jackson	SENIOR LAWYERS (29/5)	Gerald Lecovin, QC
CONSTRUCTION LAW (237/4)	Sat Harwood; Ryan Chalmers	SOCIAL JUSTICE (56/4)	Kasari Govender; Rajwant Mangat
CRIMINAL JUSTICE-KAMLOOPS (23/5)	Graham Kay	SOGIC (56/8)	Danielle Jarvis; Preston Parsons
CRIMINAL JUSTICE-NANAIMO (23/6)	Kelly Bradshaw; Christopher Churchill	SOLICITORS' GENERAL PRACTICE – CENTRAL VANCOUVER ISLAND (31/1)	Sucha Ollek Ted Sutcliffe
CRIMINAL JUSTICE-OKANAGAN (19/1)	Clarke Burnett	TAXATION LAW (186/5)	Alison Oxtoby; Kimberly Wallis
CRIMINAL JUSTICE-PRINCE GEORGE (16/2)	Lorne Phipps	WILLS & TRUSTS-OKANAGAN (101/9)	Amy Francis
CRIMINAL JUSTICE-PRINCE RUPERT (18/1)	Dwight Stewart; Dallis Winsor	WILLS & TRUSTS-VANCOUVER (455/8)	Jessica Maude
CRIMINAL JUSTICE-VANCOUVER (185/8)	Michelle Booker	WILLS & TRUSTS-VICTORIA (146/7)	Nicole Byres
CRIMINAL JUSTICE-VICTORIA (60/8)	Paul Pearson; Lesley Ruzicka	WOMEN LAWYERS FORUM (554/9)	Kelsey O'Bray Kerri Priddle
ELDER LAW (132/5)	Lynda Cassels; Nicole Garton	WOMEN LAWYERS FORUM-KAMLOOPS (40/6)	Christine Murray
EMPLOYMENT LAW (371/8)	Martin Sheard	WOMEN LAWYERS FORUM-VAN ISLAND (67/6)	Erin Crocker; Nathan Lidder
ENVIRONMENTAL LAW (210/5)	Jennifer Agnolin; Robert Lesperance	WOMEN LAWYERS FORUM-BC NORTH (19/4)	Kelsey O'Bray
FAMILY LAW-FRASER VALLEY (32/5)	Cristen Gleeson; John Lee, QC	YOUNG LAWYERS-KAMLOOPS (28/3)	Melanie Magnusson; Ashley Syer
FAMILY LAW-KAMLOOPS (41/6)	David Dundee	YOUNG LAWYERS-LOWER MAINLAND (361/13)	Jaime Boyle
FAMILY LAW-NANAIMO (31/6)	Kara Duncan	YOUNG LAWYERS-OKANAGAN (50/8)	Chelsea Lott; Bradley Weldon
FAMILY LAW-OKANAGAN (63/4)	Brian Anslow; Audra Bayer	YOUNG LAWYERS-VICTORIA (97/13)	
FAMILY LAW-VANCOUVER (286/8)	Geeta Bains; Todd Bell		
FAMILY LAW-VICTORIA (103/8)	Jennifer Barrett		
FAMILY LAW-WESTMINSTER (80/9)	David Halkett; G.C. (Scottie) Scott		
FREEDOM OF INFORMATION & PRIVACY LAW (171/6)	Ryan Berger; Monica Muller		

# Professional Development and Sections

*The CBABC is committed to offering its members a full range of professional development opportunities that provide a valuable skills-improvement forum and a platform to exchange ideas with colleagues. Professional Development (PD) and Sections are great opportunities to network and attain the required continuing professional development hours. The 2013/2014 was a successful term producing many well attended events, seminars, and conferences.*

## PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

CBABC Professional Development has had a highly active term, offering a total of 50 courses, 27 held by webinar and 23 in-person. Throughout the course of the year, PD awarded 132.50 hours of continuing professional development (CPD) in accredited educational activities.

PD partnered with local/county bar associations to hold five full day Seminars in Abbotsford, Prince George, Nelson, Smithers, and Courtenay, BC, for a total of 29 hours of CPD. Several Sections also partnered with PD on 4 events. The Solicitors' General Practice – Central Vancouver Island Section, Labour Law Section, Criminal Justice – Vancouver, and the Wills & Trusts – Vancouver, Victoria, and Okanagan Sections all held conferences/events with PD for a total of 11 hours of CPD.

In total, PD had over 2000 registrations this term, 800+ by in-person attendance alone, and a staggering 1200+ by webinar. Of most noteworthy was PD's follow-up on its highly popular *Wills, Estates and Succession Act (WESA)* live webinar in the previous summer. PD hosted three 2 hour seminars in Victoria, North Vancouver, and Kelowna in response to the feedback reached from CBA members and non-member alike.

CBABC PD introduced its first ever E-Learning On-Demand online modules, incorporating reading materials, quizzes, audio and video. Counting for 1 CPD hour each, PD rolled out "Introduction to Ethics and Professional Responsibility in BC" in 2 modules, covering *Canons of Legal Ethics and Client Care* and *Administration of Justice, Supervision, The Profession* respectively.

## SECTIONS

This year 4810 enrolled members attended 395 Section meetings, 47 of which were hosted as social events. 467 Section Executive Officers volunteered their time this term in order to support the highly active 78 Sections, with more than 11,000 Section enrollments taking place. Throughout the course of the year, the CBABC awarded 365 hours of continuing professional development (CPD) in accredited educational activities.

In the spirit of cooperation and mutual collaboration, 23 meetings were held as joint ventures this term, hosted by 2 or more Sections. Looking to increase its outreach, the CBABC increased member participation and engagement by working with Sections to promote the use of high-speed broadband and wireless networks to its advantage by hosting more remote meetings. Of these CPD eligible meetings, 170 were held by remote participation; 123 by Webinar and 47 by Teleconference. The CBABC received upwards of 7,900+ in-person registrations and an overwhelming 1,400+ remote registrations over the course of the year.

The CBABC welcomed the newly formed Young Lawyers – BC North Section this term, who had a successful first year. Hosting 4 events, the Section promoted their mandate to endorse the retention of young lawyers in the BC North region.

## President's Medal



CBABC President Dean Crawford presents Tino Di Bella with the President's Medal.

*Awarded by the CBABC president, this medal recognizes one or more of the following: legal academic proficiency; outstanding works of legal scholarship; significant contribution to the profession; or noteworthy contribution to Canadian public life.*

This year, the CBABC President's Medal was awarded to Tino Di Bella of Jawl Bundon in Victoria.

Mr. Di Bella is the chair of the British Columbia Law Institute and a past chair of the CBABC's Legislation and Law Reform Committee. In making the award to Mr. Di Bella, President Crawford said, "I can think of no lawyer in British Columbia who has committed as many volunteer hours to the important work of law reform. He is a most deserving recipient."

## CBABC Award Winners

**COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARDS**  
Kim Karras; Frances Kelly

**EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY AWARD**  
Janine Benedet

**GEORGE A. GOYER, QC MEMORIAL AWARD FOR DISTINGUISHED SERVICE**  
Donald J. Sorochan, QC; Glenn Gallins, QC

**HARRY RANKIN, QC PRO BONO AWARD**  
Jamie Maclaren

**INNOVATIVE WORKPLACE AWARD**  
Clark Wilson LLP



President Dean Crawford presents the CBABC Awards to: (LR) Janine Benedet; Jamie Maclaren; Frances Kelly, and Kim Karras..

## Student Awards

The Canadian Bar Association, BC Branch annually awards Student Awards to the law student who best exemplifies CBABC ideals at the University of British Columbia, the University of Victoria, and Thompson Rivers University. Award criteria includes participation in activities that support the members of the profession and law students; promotion of justice and law reform; promotion of equality, and demonstration of public or community service.

The 2014 Student Award winners were UBC law students Miryam Burns, Jason Harman, Sarah Martin and Vanessa Mensink; UVIC law students Jeremy Henderson and Joelle Karras.

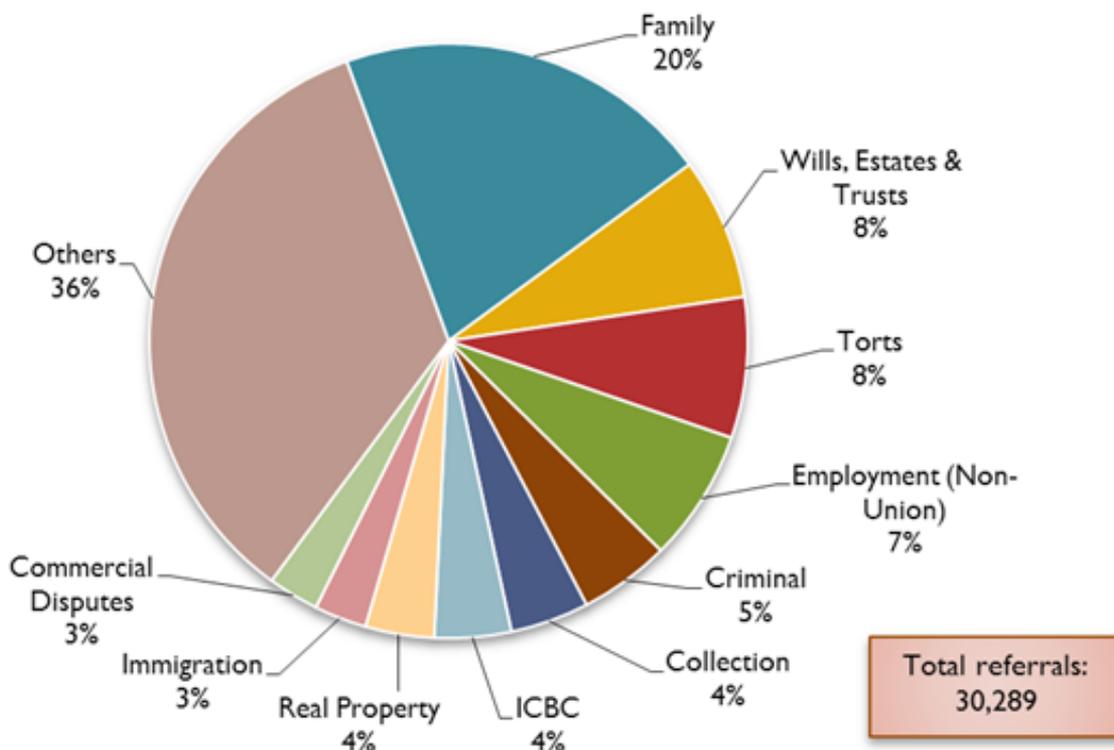
# The Lawyer Referral Service and Dial-A-Law

The Lawyer Referral Service (LRS) was established in 1955 in British Columbia to assist those in the community seeking legal representation. This unique service assists the people of province in locating lawyers for specific types of legal matters. The LRS operates by matching potential clients to a member of the Lawyer Referral Service panel for free. LRS will refer the client to a participating lawyer with whom they may consult for up to 30 minutes. The lawyer may provide the consultation for free or charge a minimum \$25. After the brief consultation the client and the lawyer decide whether or not the lawyer will be retained to provide additional services at the lawyer’s regular rates.

Each year, thousands of clients are referred to lawyers through the LRS. Members and non members of the Canadian Bar Association, BC Branch may join the Lawyer Referral Service panel for free and have access to the referrals. Many of the lawyers registered on LRS volunteer to update the Dial-A-Law (DAL) scripts that are available to the public for free by telephone and online (audio format available). DAL is a library of practical information on specific topics of law. Scripts are available in English, Punjabi and Chinese.

To join LRS call at 604.687.3221 or 1.800.663.1919. To view DAL scripts go online at [www.dialalaw.org](http://www.dialalaw.org) or call 604.687.4680 or 1.800.565.5297 (BC access only). These public service programs are operated by the Canadian Bar Association, BC Branch and funded by the Law Foundation of BC.

## LRS REFERRALS BY AREA OF LAW September 2013 - August 2014



## Law Week in British Columbia

Law Week is an annual public legal education program that provides an opportunity for young people and adults to become familiarized with the Canadian legal system. Law Week 2014 showcased the legal community through in-person live events throughout British Columbia, such as mock trials, interactive displays and courthouse tours, and online with a vibrant social media presence.

Law Week's theme for 2014 was *Access to Justice: What Does it Mean to You?* This year, nine locations across British Columbia participated in celebrating the 32nd Anniversary of the Charter of Rights.

Vancouver Law Week activities started early with the "Meet the Chiefs" student forum with the three Chiefs and more than 100 students hosted by CBC's Ian Hanomansing. The "Judges in the Classroom" student outreach program matched judges with high school classes. There was a greater focus on public education in 2014. There was a campaign to encourage the public to check their legal health online. Public education classes were coordinated across the lower mainland for a total of 14 classes with almost 400 people in attendance. Three "sold-out" courthouse tours took place on Law Day beginning in the Justice Education Centre, moving to the Provincial Court, Court of Appeal, and the Supreme Court. Attendees listened to presentations from the JEC, Provincial Court staff, a Supreme Court Judge, Sheriffs, and Court Registry.

Volunteer lawyers assisted approximately 300 people during the Province-wide annual "Dial-A-Lawyer" event, held on Saturday, April 12, in various areas of law (an increase of almost 20% of incoming calls from 2013). BC residents were invited to call and speak with a lawyer for up to 15 minutes at no cost.

The 2014 Barry Sullivan Law Cup Public Speaking competition was held in the heritage courtrooms at the Vancouver Art Gallery. Over thirty students presented five minute speeches that pertained to the theme "Access to Justice: The Role of law in the Digital Age." Ciara O'Leary of Little Flower Academy took home the top honour, receiving a trophy along with a \$1,500 cash prize.



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## CBABC 2013/2014 Executive Committee

(L-R) Front: Alex Shorten (Vice-President), Clint Sadlemyer, QC (Officer), Carmen Rogers, QC (Secretary-Treasurer), Dean Crawford (President), Kerry L. Simmons, QC (Past President), Krystle Gill (Equality & Diversity Representative). (L-R) Back: Sean Rowell (Young Lawyers Representative), Jennifer Chow (Officer), Michael Welsh (Officer), Bill Veenstra (Officer)..

# Committee Chairs 2013/2014

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## 2013/2014 Provincial Council

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Meghan Selinger  
Mark Slay  
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Dierk Ullrich  
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Perminder Tung

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