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SOCIETY NEWS

Two more weeks to vote: Election for Second Vice-President: 2012/2013

The Nova Scotia Barristers' Society is holding an election throughout April for the position of Second Vice-President for the 2012/2013 Council year, pursuant to Regulation 2.7.6.

The nominated candidates are **Gavin Giles QC** and **Tilly Pillay QC**, both of Halifax.

Mr. Giles has been member of the Nova Scotia Bar since 1986. He is a Partner at McInnes Cooper, based in Halifax. He was elected last spring to serve on the Society's Council as one of three At Large members.

Ms. Pillay has been a member of the Nova Scotia Bar since 1990. She is currently the Director of Litigation and Co-Executive Director of the Legal Services Division for the province's Department of Justice. She served as a member of Council from 2007 to 2009.

Election dates

Electronic ballots were made available to the membership on **Monday, April 2, 2012** and **voting will close on Monday, April 30, 2012 at 4:30 pm**

All members of the Society who are not suspended may vote in the election for Second Vice-President.

Further details about the electronic voting procedure are on the [Election for Second Vice-President](#) webpage, which is also where the electronic ballots are available. Also visit the election page for candidate information, including biographical details and reasons for wanting to serve on Council's Executive.

The 2012/2013 Council year begins on June 16 after the Society's Annual Meeting. Tim Daley QC of New Glasgow will serve as President, with René Gallant of Halifax as First Vice-President.

Barbara Campbell's retirement: Memo from Darrel Pink, Executive Director

After nearly 30 years at the Society, Barbara Campbell, Director of Library & Information Services, is retiring.

Over her career at the NSBS, Barb has closely observed the continuing revolution in how legal information is developed and delivered. She has been an active participant in many visionary changes. She has taught the majority of us some aspect of legal research and she has assisted many young and older lawyers in locating and accessing hard-to-find sources. She has supported lawyers in every area of the province through the high quality of service provided by the main library and by ensuring that county libraries met the needs of local Bars. She has won awards for her vision, and for turning that vision into practical legal information for lawyers.

Barbara has been a team player, a mentor, a leader and a wonderful colleague. Though she will continue to provide some assistance and advice over the next few months, her daily contributions will be missed. We wish her the best in what lies ahead.

Darrel I Pink
Executive Director

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Open House for Barbara Campbell – April 27 at the Barristers' Library

You are cordially invited to an informal open house in honour of Barbara Campbell, Director of Library & Information Services, who is retiring at the end of April.

April 27, 2012
At the Barristers' Library
1815 Upper Water St., 7th floor, Halifax, NS
1:00 – 5:00 pm

Please RSVP to Library & Information Services at nsbslib@nsbs.org. If you are not able to attend and would like to send Barbara your best wishes for her retirement, she can be reached at 902 425 2665 or bcampbel@nsbs.org.

Changes in Category – March 19 to April 16, 2012

This feature is now available in every edition of *InForum*, for timely updates on changes of category.

The Society welcomes the following lawyers, called to the Nova Scotia Bar since March 19:

Jonathan William Hooper Mitchell Paul LeBlanc James Michael Peter McGonnell

The following members have changed to the Practising Lawyer category:

Sarah Cassandra Hebb Cheryl Ann Schurman
John Daniel MacDonald Natasha Teresa Wirtanen

The following members have changed to Non-practising status:

Tricia Kathleen Barry Melisa Charmaine Marsman David H. Sohmer
Anne Shirley Clark Stephen Alan Mattson, QC Shannon Webb
Christina M. Lazier Donald G. Peverill David George Yarwood
Meghan Eileen MacGillivray Case Dianna Maureen Rievaj

The following member has changed to Suspended status:

Mark Jeffrey Walton

Society has moved to new location

The Nova Scotia Barristers' Society has moved to its new location in Cogswell Tower. The new address is now as follows:

Nova Scotia Barristers' Society
Cogswell Tower
800–2000 Barrington Street
Halifax NS B3J 3K1

This new address is accessible at any time on the website's Contact us page: <http://nsbs.org/contact-us>.

The Society's telephone and fax lines remain the same:

tel. 902 422 1491 | fax 902 429 4869

Implementation of Society's new CPD requirement

Starting on June 1 of this year, practising lawyers will be required to complete at least 12 hours of continuing professional development annually, and to report this education on their Annual Member Reports. Implementation of the new CPD requirement is now underway; Council approved a schedule for the rollout at its January 20 meeting.

The annual cycle for the new CPD requirement will run from **June 1 to May 31 each year**, in order to coincide with the Society's regular annual cycle for members regarding fee payments, Annual Member Reports and other requirements.

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However, to allow some flexibility and lead-up time while introducing the new CPD requirement in its first year, the Society will give credit for CPD completed in the three months prior to the new requirement coming into effect. In other words, the first year will actually be 15 months, so appropriate **CPD completed in March, April and May 2012 will qualify for reporting in the 2012-2013 year.**

Further updates will be available shortly. For detailed information about the new CPD requirement, visit the [NSBS CPD Requirement](#) page of the Society's website, and the [CPD Requirement Chart](#). Also see the April edition of the *Society Record*, coming soon.

For links to CPD programming and providers, visit the [CPD resources](#) page and [Upcoming Events](#).

TWO WEEKS LEFT! Reminder: NSBS Mandatory Online Assessment for new Code of Professional Conduct must be completed by April 30, 2012

The Nova Scotia Barristers' Society [Code of Professional Conduct](#) was approved by Council on September 23, 2011, and came into effect on January 1, 2012.

The new *Code* has a new format and, while there are only a few substantive changes to the rules of ethics, it is important that all lawyers become familiar with the new *Code* and the changes that have been approved. Council also approved a new regulation requiring all practising lawyers and articled clerks to successfully complete a mandatory online *Code of Professional Conduct* assessment. Successful completion of the assessment will be required before a non-practising, retired or life member may change their category of membership to a practising lawyer.

The purpose of this assessment is to ensure that lawyers become familiar with the new format of the *Code*, are able to navigate through the new rules when seeking guidance on ethical matters, and are made aware of those areas where the rules have been amended in any substantial way.

All practising lawyers and articled clerks must complete this online assessment no later than April 30, 2012.

Members should have received an email from assessment@nsbs.org with detailed instructions on how to access and complete the mandatory online assessment. If you have not received this important email, please check your 'junk mail' folder in case it was diverted; if you have misplaced it, please contact the Society.

The assessment is designed to take approximately 60 minutes. It is recommended that you download a copy of the new *Code* on your computer, and have it available electronically while you complete the assessment. The online *Code* is fully searchable by word, which will assist you in navigating the new *Code* while completing the assessment.

The *Code of Professional Conduct* and an [Executive Summary](#) are available on the **Regulation** page of the Society's website: <http://nsbs.org/regulation>.

For more information on the new *Code*, see the feature article in the October 2011 edition of the [Society Record](#) magazine and "Current Issues in Legal Ethics", a series of [InForum](#) articles by Elaine Cumming, Professional Responsibility Counsel:

- The Little Black Book (August 29, 2011 edition of *InForum*);
- Reframing the rules of ethics (September 13, 2011);
- *Code of Professional Conduct*. Mark your calendars! (September 26, 2011);
- New *Code of Professional Conduct* – be aware of these changes to the ethical Rules (October 24, 2011);
- Get to know the new *Code*'s Quality of Service rule (November 21, 2011);
- Marketing legal services: There's no accounting for taste (anymore) (December 5, 2011); and
- A new *Code* for the New Year (December 19, 2011).

Any questions or concerns can be directed to assessment@nsbs.org.

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Call for applications: Pride Mentorship Program seeks mentees

The Pride Mentorship Program is a mentorship program for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgendered lawyers and law students. It matches mentors and mentees by geography, practice area, size of practice and specific interest.

Launched in the spring of 2010, this program is presented by the Equity Office of the Nova Scotia Barristers' Society, in collaboration with the CBA-Sexual Orientation Gender Identity (SOGI) section. Its purpose is to provide a community of support for students and new lawyers entering the profession. LGBT lawyers face specific challenges and barriers, and this program provides a forum for discussion, strategy and support designed to improve the practice experience for this community of lawyers.

The Program is currently seeking applications from mentees; however applications for both mentors and mentees are accepted at any time.

[Pride Mentorship Program Enrolment Form](#)

Please send all applications via email, fax or regular mail to **Emma Halpern, Equity Officer**, at ehalpern@nsbs.org (F) 429-4869. The Society's mailing address is available on the website's [Contact us](#) page.

In the enrolment form, please clearly specify your goals for the mentorship initiative, and any particular qualities you may be seeking in a mentor or mentee.

If you have any questions about the program or the enrolment process, please contact Emma at ehalpern@nsbs.org / 422-1491, or Amy Sakalauskas, Chair, CBA-SOGI Section, sakalaam@gov.ns.ca / 424-2956.

Follow the Society on Twitter.com/NSBS

If you would like to receive Twitter updates from the Society, please follow us at <http://twitter.com/NSBS>.

FROM THE COURTS

Live webcast: Citizenship Ceremony in Federal Court

Next webcast from the Courts of Nova Scotia

Tuesday, April 17, 2012 – 10:00 am

Citizenship Ceremony in Federal Court

(part of the Canadian Bar Association's Law Week celebrations)

To view, visit the News area on the Courts of Nova Scotia website: www.courts.ns.ca

Notices to the Bar

Important updates for the legal profession are routinely posted on the Courts Nova Scotia website, on the "Notices to the Bar" page under the RESOURCES links on the left side of the website. Subscribe to the new Twitter service to be automatically notified whenever something new is added to this web page. For instructions, visit <http://www.courts.ns.ca/General/bar.htm>.

Several Twitter accounts have been set up to better serve the legal profession, the general public and the media, replacing the RSS Feed service that was previously available on the website.

- **Decisions of the Courts:** Receive Tweets when the Courts post new decisions on the website. The Tweet will link you directly to the decision itself. Choose to receive Tweets about decisions released by one or all of the Courts. http://www.courts.ns.ca/decisions_recent/decisions_weekly_list.htm
- **Notices To The Bar:** These Tweets include notices about Court schedules, the Prothonotary's "Hints And Tips", amendments to the *Civil Procedure Rules*, and changes to the online dockets of the Court of Appeal, Supreme Court in Kentville/Windsor, and the Bankruptcy Court. <http://www.courts.ns.ca/General/bar.htm>

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- **News of the Courts:** Follow news about the Courts as it is posted on the website. These News Tweets will be in addition to news releases regularly emailed directly to the media. <http://www.courts.ns.ca>

Other notices to the Bar:

Federal Court: Ongoing updates are posted on the [Notices to Parties and the Legal Profession](#) web page.

FROM THE PROVINCE

Provincial notices

Note: Find direct links to more provincial announcements on the What's New page at the start of *InForum*.

Want to make a difference? Applications welcome for Agencies, Boards, Commissions

Nova Scotians interested in serving the public are encouraged to apply for the many positions available through the province's 165 agencies, boards and commissions.

Adjudicative agencies, boards and commissions serve a variety of roles and interests and have quasi-judicial functions. They review evidence, make findings of fact and law, and make decisions affecting the liberty, security or legal rights of people. Members must apply legal, sound professional and technical principals for decisions. Examples include: Farm Practice Board; Review Board Under the *Criminal Code*; Tuition Appeal Board.

Non-adjudicative agencies, boards and commissions make financial, regulatory, business or policy decisions or recommendations to government, which have far-reaching implications for Nova Scotians in many areas, from children and youth services to loan and licensing boards. Examples include: Gaelic College Foundation Board of Governors; Provincial Dental Board of Nova Scotia; Workers Compensation Board.

Applications for non-adjudicative agencies, boards and commissions are welcome anytime, with assessment of applications to begin May 18. The application deadline for adjudicative agencies, boards and commissions is May 25. Applicants are assessed on skills and qualifications and the needs of the individual agency, board or commission.

The Province of Nova Scotia is an equal opportunity employer. Through the Employment Equity Policy, the Government of Nova Scotia seeks to better represent the diverse public it serves. Government is committed to ensuring diversity in the workplace by supporting initiatives that promote the equitable participation of Aboriginal persons, African Nova Scotians and other racially visible persons, persons with disabilities, and women in positions where they are under-represented. All applicants who are members of an employment equity group are encouraged to self-identify.

For more information on board position profiles, current opportunities and how to apply, visit www.gov.ns.ca/exec_council/abc or contact the Executive Council Office at 902 424 4877 or toll free at 1-866-206-6844.

Error & Omission notices

A number of new *Land Registration Act* and *Registry Act* Error & Omission notices have recently been posted online. Please note the new notices from the **Pictou and Yarmouth County Land Registration Offices**. To view these notices in full, refer to the Errors & Omissions page on the [Property OnLine](#) (POL) website.

OTHER NEWS & NOTICES

New from NSCLA: The Presidents' Lunch and Learn Lecture Series

The Nova Scotia Criminal Lawyers' Association (NSCLA) has organized a series of lectures presented by Past Presidents of NSCLA. The Presidents' Lunch and Learn Lecture Series will be held in downtown Halifax approximately once a month on Fridays over the lunch hour and will include food. The cost of attending the series will be nominal, likely in the \$20.00 range, just to cover the cost of the food and venue.

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We anticipate that the following Past Presidents of the NSCLA will deliver lectures during this series:

1. The Honourable Justice Duncan Beveridge;
2. The Honourable Justice Patrick Duncan;
3. Joel Pink QC;
4. Craig Garson QC;
5. Stan MacDonald QC;
6. Mike Taylor; and
7. Josh Arnold QC.

The first lecture will be delivered by Craig Garson QC, on the topic of *Ineffective Counsel (How To Avoid Being One)*.

This inaugural Lunch and Learn lecture will take place on **Friday, April 27, 2012 from 11:45 am to 1:30 pm**, at the Grafton Street Lounge (1579 Grafton Street, Halifax).

Since this will be a private function, the NSCLA needs to have an idea of numbers for the restaurant. Therefore, if you are interested in attending, please email Josh Arnold QC at josh@apmlaw.ca.

Attendance is limited to members of the NSCLA. We encourage all lawyers who practise criminal law as defence counsel (lawyers who are not Crown attorneys) to join the NSCLA, so you can enjoy all the benefits that membership brings. The cost to join the NSCLA is nominal, only \$30.00 per year. Please visit our website at www.nscla.ca for more information about the NSCLA and email Brian Smith at bsmith@smithevans.ns.ca if you would like to join the NSCLA.

Policy Options: Constitutional Affairs Essay Competition

With the support of Norton Rose and the Canadian Constitutional Affairs Conference (CCAC), *Policy Options* magazine, published by the Institute for Research on Public Policy (IRPP), is asking for submissions to the annual [Constitutional Affairs Essay Competition](#).

The competition's organizers aim to promote debate on constitutional affairs in Canada by publishing the best student essays on the topic and compensating their authors. The competition was created in recognition of the CCAC's national conference for law students and constitutional experts, which took place in Quebec City in 2008. This conference focused on Canadian federalism and identity and sought to increase the opportunity for, and quality of, debate among students from across Canada.

General information

The competition is open to all students enrolled full time at a Canadian law school and completing their first degree in law. (Please send a copy of your valid current student ID with your submission.) Essays can be drafted in either French or English and must not exceed 2,500 words.

The content of the essay may focus on any aspect of constitutional affairs in Canada. The essays will be judged using the following criteria:

1. Accuracy in relating information about constitutional law and affairs;
2. Relevance to the evolution of constitutional affairs in Canada, especially with regard to issues of federalism and national identity;
3. Ingenuity of the arguments or approach contained in the essay.

The winning entry will be published in the IRPP's *Policy Options* magazine, and its author awarded a \$1,500 prize. The second place entry will be posted online on the IRPP's website (www.irpp.org), and its author awarded a \$500 prize. For more details and to see winning essays from the past, see: http://www.irpp.org/po/essay_comp.php

Deadline for receipt of submissions: **May 31, 2012**

For information and to submit entries: constitution@irpp.org

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New address for Chisholm & Gillies Law Corporation Inc.

We are pleased to announce that we have moved our law offices around the corner to the Bergengren Credit Union Building, 257 Main Street, Antigonish, NS, on the second floor, with easy elevator access.

Please note our new mailing address below. Our telephone, fax and email addresses remain the same.

Best regards,
Carole

Carole Gillies QC
CHISHOLM & GILLIES LAW CORPORATION INC.
Bergengren Credit Union Building
257 Main Street, 2nd Floor
Antigonish, NS B2G 2C1
Tel. 902-863-2900
Fax: 902-863-1720

Carmichael Lecture available for viewing on EastLink Podium TV

The 11th annual Carmichael Lecture featuring Majora Carter is now being broadcast on EastLink Podium TV. The show will repeat several times throughout the week. Here's the schedule;

PODIUM TV

- Tuesday at 9am and 5pm
- Wednesday at 9am and 5pm
- Following Thursday at 9am and 5pm

EastLink TV | **T: 902.252.1005** | F: 902.453.5714 | www.eastlink.ca
367 Sackville Dr | Sackville, NS B4C 2R7

Notice from German Bar Association: re Berlin Marathon

Dear colleagues and friends,

This year the Berlin Marathon will take place on September 30, 2012. It is one of the largest sports events in Germany with more than a million spectators lining the course.

Fortunately, there are also many lawyers among the participants of the Berlin Marathon. Many German colleagues try to prove that lawyers are fit and that we are not only busy and ambitious while working in our offices. Many international lawyers participate as well.

This is why the German Bar Association (Deutscher Anwaltverein) is providing a special assessment for lawyers, which in 2012 is open to lawyers from all over the world. If you would like to participate in this assessment, please note the following:

Please send your start number and your confirmation of registration with the subject "Sonderwertung für Rechtsanwälte" to:

Deutsche Anwaltakademie - jurEvent
Tobias Hopf, Littenstraße 11, 10179 Berlin, Germany
Tel.: 0049 - 30 - 726153-180 | Fax: 0049 - 30 - 726153-188 | e-mail: hopf@anwaltakademie.de

There will be a short presentation ceremony in the premises of the German Bar Association on September 1. Oktober 2012 10am.

Just in case you enjoy in-line skating: A marathon competition for in-line skaters will take place on Saturday 29. September 2012, 5.30 pm. Provided that there are enough lawyers joining, a special assessment would be available as well.

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Important note: The Berlin Marathon was sold out at the end of February, 2012. However, some of the official tour operators still have entries for sale. You can find them online: <http://www.bmw-berlin-marathon.com/en/service/tour-operators.html>.

It would be an honor for us to welcome you and other members of your bar association or law society in Berlin.
Dr. Cord Brügmann, Chief Executive, German Bar Association

Law Reform Commission of Nova Scotia releases discussion paper on *Builders' Lien Act*

The Law Reform Commission of Nova Scotia has published a discussion paper on the *Builders' Lien Act*. The paper considers a number of proposed amendments to the *Act*, including:

- release of holdback funds to subcontractors as their work is completed;
- retention of a finishing holdback in the amount of 10% of the value of the work remaining after substantial completion;
- public notice of substantial completion of a project; and,
- Small Claims Court jurisdiction over lien actions.

The Commission makes several proposals in relation to these issues, for discussion purposes.

The Commission seeks public comment from interested persons and organizations, on or before **May 11, 2012**. The discussion paper is available through the Commission's website at www.lawreform.ns.ca. Print copies are available on request, by contacting info@lawreform.ns.ca, or 902 423 2633.

AWARDS & APPOINTMENTS

Raymond F. Wagner to receive 2012 LISNS Lorne Clarke, Q.C. Access to Justice Award – on Tuesday, April 17

Raymond F. Wagner is the 2012 recipient of the 2012 LISNS Lorne Clarke Q.C. Access to Justice Award, to be presented at the Lunch for LISNS on Tuesday, April 17 at the WTCC.

With over 30 years experience of plaintiff personal injury litigation, Ray has worked with great effort to access justice in civil law for many people who would not otherwise afford such access. In 2011 in particular, he achieved Class Action certification for the residents of the Sydney Tar Ponds. Other clients include survivors of abuse at the Nova Scotia Home for Coloured Children, the Westray mine disaster victim families, and injured patients in Vioxx and OxyContin pharmaceutical Class Actions.

Outside of his practice, Ray has demonstrated his commitment to access to justice through his involvement with the Atlantic Provinces Trial Lawyers Association (of which he was a founder and the inaugural President). He is currently Chair of its NS Access to Justice Committee.

Seats are still available for the 2012 LUNCH for LISNS on Tuesday, April 17th, 2012 at the WTCC.. Help us mark to the 30th Anniversary of LISNS' important work providing Nova Scotians with information and resources about the law. For details of the event visit LISNS' website at www.legalinfo.org/.

McInnes Cooper website nominated for 'Internet's Highest Honour'

HALIFAX (April 11, 2012) — McInnes Cooper has been nominated for Best Law website in the 16th Annual Webby Awards. Designed and developed by Halifax-based Norex.ca, www.mcinnescooper.com is also eligible to win a Webby People's Voice Award, which is voted online by fans across the globe.

Hailed by the *New York Times* as the 'Internet's Highest Honour', The Webby Awards, presented by the International Academy of Digital Arts and Sciences (IADAS), is the leading international award honouring excellence on the Internet.

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"Nominees like McInnes Cooper are setting the standard for innovation and creativity on the Internet," said David-Michel Davies, Executive Director of The Webby Awards. "It is an incredible achievement to be selected among the best from the nearly 10,000 entries we received this year."

McInnes Cooper's website will be judged by a the IADAS, which is comprised of web industry experts, including media mogul Arianna Huffington from *Huffington Post*, Skype CEO Tony Bates, SHFT.com co-founder Adrian Grenier, Instagram co-founder Kevin Systrom, mobile-phone inventor Martin Cooper and Mikael Hed, CEO of Rovio, creators of the Webby Award-winning game app Angry Birds.

"Every day we try to make our clients' lives better and their businesses more successful. Our website is an important part of this process," said Robert O'Brien, Chief Executive Officer, McInnes Cooper. "It helps our clients connect to the firm online and link to our digital properties to stay up to date on the latest business and legal topics that matter to them."

Fans of McInnes Cooper's website can cast their vote for Webby People's Voice Award, from now until April 26, at <http://pv.webbyawards.com/#ballot/64>.

Winners will be announced on Tuesday, May 1, 2012 and honoured at a star-studded ceremony on Monday, May 21, 2012 at The Hammerstein Ballroom in New York City, where they will have an opportunity to deliver one of The Webby Awards' famous 5-Word Speeches.

Sarah Kirby appointed to the Transportation Appeal Tribunal of Canada

OTTAWA (April 11, 2012 /CNW/) -- The Honourable Denis Lebel, Minister of Transport, Infrastructure and Communities, has announced the appointments of Ms. Sarah Kirby of Bedford and Dr. Robert Perlman of Montréal to the board of directors of the Transportation Appeal Tribunal of Canada (TATC). Both appointments are effective April 5, 2012.

Sarah Kirby was admitted to the Nova Scotia Barristers' Society as Barrister and Solicitor in 2000. She is currently the Assistant Dean, Student Services at the Schulich School of Law at Dalhousie University. From 2000 until 2011, she practised law in various firms in Nova Scotia and made appearances in the Federal Court of Canada, the Nova Scotia Supreme Court and the Nova Scotia Provincial Court. Ms. Kirby is a member of the Canadian Bar Association, the Maritime Law Association, the Women's International Shipping and Trading Association and the Eastern Admiralty Law Association.

Dr. Perlman is currently the chief executive officer and director of Mediservice, a medical clinic he founded in 1984 that provides commercial pilot and air traffic controller licensing exams for Canada, the United States, the United Kingdom and Europe. Dr. Perlman is also an attending physician and an associate professor of family medicine at the Jewish General Hospital in Montreal.

The TATC is a multimodal tribunal that provides a recourse mechanism to the air, rail and marine sectors with respect to certain administrative actions taken by the Minister of Transport under various pieces of federal transportation legislation. The TATC holds review and appeal hearings at the request of persons affected by these administrative decisions.

www.tatc.gc.ca

See also: [*Appointments to the Transportation Appeal Tribunal of Canada*](#) in the *Canada Newswire*.

New Crown attorney appointed in Port Hawkesbury

Cheryl Schurman has been appointed a Crown attorney in the Port Hawkesbury office of the Public Prosecution Service. The appointment was announced on April 4 by Martin Herschorn, Director of Public Prosecutions.

A native of Kensington, Prince Edward Island, Ms. Schurman graduated in 2002 from Mount Allison University with a Bachelor of Arts with Distinction. In 2005, she graduated on the Dean's List from the University of New Brunswick Law School.

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After articling with McInnes Cooper in Charlottetown, Ms. Schurman was admitted to the Bar of Prince Edward Island in 2006. Later in 2006, she was appointed a Crown Prosecutor in Edmonton, Alberta, conducting prosecutions on a variety of *Criminal Code* offences at both the provincial and Queen's Bench levels.

Two years later, Ms. Schurman returned to PEI and joined the firm of Stewart McKelvey, where she focused on litigation including criminal defence work and prosecutions as an agent for the Public Prosecution Service of Canada. In 2010, Ms. Schurman was appointed a Crown Attorney for the Prince Edward Island Department of Justice. For more details, see the [news release](#).

See also:

[New prosecutor appointed in Port Hawkesbury](#)
capebretonpost.com | April 4, 2012

Federation appointment & recruitment for Director, Regulatory Affairs

Good afternoon,

I am pleased to announce that Frederica Wilson has been promoted to the position of Senior Director, Regulatory and Public Affairs of the Federation. During Frederica's five years of service as Director, Policy and Public Affairs, she has made a significant contribution to almost every major national regulatory and policy initiative led by the Federation. Whether in the area of national mobility, admission standards, the Model Code of Conduct, access to legal services, anti-money laundering rules, competition and trade policy, and a myriad of other files big and small, Frederica has developed a wealth of expertise and a cross-cutting view of national issues central to the mission of the Federation. As such she will continue to report to the CEO with oversight of all national regulatory initiatives, policy matters and government relations and she will remain hands-on with current projects.

The Council's call for the Federation to prioritize its work in the area of national standards of regulation of Canada's legal profession means we will be expanding the management team to include a **Director, Regulatory Affairs**. Recruitment efforts are now underway. Reporting to Frederica, the successful candidate will add additional staff-level leadership and depth to the Federation's ability to respond to our growing array of national projects which focus on the core regulatory functions of Canada's law societies.

I attach a [copy of the advertisement for the position](#) and invite you to share it. The contact information for our search firm is indicated in the advertisement.

This is an exciting time for the Federation and signifies an important step in its evolution. I will keep you apprised of our progress in identifying our new staff colleague as the search process unfolds.

Kind regards, Jonathan

Bonjour.

Je suis heureux de vous annoncer que Frederica Wilson a été promue au poste de directrice principale des affaires de réglementation et affaires publiques de la Fédération. Au cours des cinq années depuis que Frederica est entrée en fonctions à titre de directrice des politiques et affaires publiques, elle a grandement contribué à pratiquement toutes les importantes initiatives nationales en matière de réglementation et de politique que la Fédération a entreprises. Que ce soit dans le domaine de la libre circulation nationale, des normes d'admission, du Code type de déontologie, de l'accès aux services juridiques, des règlements contre le blanchiment d'argent, des politiques sur la concurrence et le commerce ou d'innombrables autres dossiers, petits et gros, Frederica a acquis des compétences solides et des connaissances à multiples facettes au sujet des questions de portée nationale qui sont au cœur de la mission de la Fédération. Relevant toujours du premier dirigeant, elle surveillera de près toutes les initiatives de réglementation à l'échelle nationale, les questions de politique et les relations avec le gouvernement. De plus, elle continuera de participer aux projets en cours.

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Puisque le Conseil de la Fédération a décidé de donner la priorité aux normes de réglementation nationales de la profession juridique au Canada, l'équipe de direction prendra de l'ampleur pour inclure un directeur ou une directrice des affaires de réglementation. Le processus de recrutement est en cours.

Sous l'autorité de Frederica, la candidate ou le candidat choisi apportera plus de leadership aux projets nationaux et aidera la Fédération à réagir encore mieux à l'éventail de plus en plus large de projets à l'échelle nationale qui sont axés sur les fonctions de réglementation de base des ordres professionnels de juristes canadiens. Vous trouverez ci-joint [une copie de l'annonce du poste](#) à pourvoir, que nous vous invitons à distribuer. Les coordonnées de notre agence de recrutement sont indiquées sur l'annonce.

Nous sommes en période de grande activité à la Fédération et dans une étape importante de son évolution. Je vous tiendrai informés des progrès de nos recherches pour trouver notre nouveau ou nouvelle collègue.

Sincères salutations. Jonathan

Jonathan G. Herman
Chief Executive Officer / Premier dirigeant

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Bide Awhile Animal Shelter Society seeks new board members

Bide Awhile is a non-profit society that cares for lost, homeless, neglected and surrendered cats and dogs. The shelter is located in Dartmouth. **Bide Awhile** is currently seeking dynamic and hard working people to join its board of directors.

Our Heart and Vision

We are often asked at **Bide Awhile** what makes us different from other shelters and we believe our difference lies in our heart and in our vision. At the very heart of **Bide Awhile** is the respect we have for our animal friends, and the value we put on our relationships with them. We believe that both human and animal lives are enhanced when they come together and because of this, we work hard to place animals in loving home environments. Because we believe in creating a humane community, we strive to educate the public about many topics, including pet ownership, the importance of spaying and neutering, and other animal issues.

Our Mission Statement

- Rescuing and caring for unwanted and abandoned animals.
- Placing all our animals in suitable and caring homes.
Providing an environment free from the threat of unwarranted euthanasia.
- Cultivating awareness, respect and appreciation for the animals whose world we share.
- Vigorously promoting spaying and neutering.
- Managing all our resources and contributions in a responsible manner.

Bide Awhile's Board of Directors is comprised of individuals who agree with the above vision and mission. We strive for a diverse board where a variety of skills and ideas are relied upon for the advancement of our mission. Our board is a "working board". Directors are expected to take an active role in the Society and our various committees (e.g. finance, fundraising, education, nominating, public/supporter relations) are usually chaired by directors.

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The Board of Directors meets once a month at the shelter located at 67 Neptune Crescent in the Woodside Industrial Park – typically the third Wednesday of the month. Board members are elected for a two-year term. Regular attendance and participation at meetings is essential in the continuity of the work.

Purpose: To advise, govern, oversee policy and direction, and assist with the leadership and general promotion of Bide Awhile so as to support the organizations mission and needs.

Major responsibilities:

- Organizational leadership and advisement
- Formulation and oversight of policies and procedures
- Financial management
- Oversight of program planning and evaluation
- Promotion of the organization
- Fundraising and outreach

Who are we looking for?

We're looking for individuals who possess the following skills and assets:

- Current background in any of the following areas; legal counsel, public relations, education, human resources, media, customer relations or business/project/financial management
- Passion and commitment to work to achieve our vision and mission
- Reliable; patient; respectful; compassionate
- Good people skills; communication skills; work well as part of a team
- A desire to work hard and to speak up – we need strong voices and “doers”
- Other more specific skills or experience that would be an asset include: project/organizational management, fundraising, technical skills (website, social media), education

Somewhat oddly, a few of our current directors are allergic to either cats or dogs, but that doesn't stop them from doing all that that they can to assist **Bide Awhile's** residents with finding their forever home. If you think you can help us, whether it be as a director or as a committee member or other volunteer, we want to hear from you.

Nominations for Directors will be accepted until April 30, 2012. However, we are always open to receiving expressions of interest in either the board or other available volunteer opportunities.

Contact us

Darrold Gould, Executive Director

Email: darroldgould@bideawhile.org

902-469-9578

Artists' Legal Information Services (ALIS)

Artists' Legal Information Society (ALIS) is a non-profit legal support volunteer organization based in Halifax. Our mission is to make a stronger, more vibrant arts community in Nova Scotia by helping to resolve legal issues for artists living here. This will be accomplished by providing free clinics, workshops and library resources to artists in Atlantic Canada. We work with all types of artists to help them understand how the law impacts them, and provide a framework for navigating potential obstacles.

If you are a lawyer with experience in contract law, entertainment law, tax law, or just have an interest in the needs of local artists, then we would love to hear from you. We are looking for support from the Atlantic Canada legal community on a *pro bono* basis.

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If you are interested in getting involved, please contact us at info@nsalis.com. For more information please visit www.nsalis.com.

reachAbility Volunteer Opportunities

reachAbility's Legal Referral Service is a community-based service that bridges the gap between existing local resources and public need. We provide an opportunity for persons living with disabilities to better understand their legal rights, as well as providing lawyers with an opportunity to use their legal skills in a volunteer capacity to address the needs of an often marginalized segment of our community.

reachAbility's Legal Referral Service offers access to free legal advice for any person with a disability. Lawyers throughout the province volunteer their time and expertise to our clients and we're always looking for new perspectives. The time commitment that we ask from our volunteers is small – a single one-hour consultation each year – but it is a commitment that will make an immediate difference in the life of a Nova Scotian with a disability.

Join other volunteering members of the Legal Community by completing our online Lawyer Volunteer Form at: <http://reachability.org/legal-programming/lawyer-sign-up-form/>

For further information, contact us: (902) 429-5878 or legal@reachability.org

Or visit us online: <http://reachability.org/legal-programming/legal-referral-services-lawyer-information/>

LIANS and NSBS Mentorship Program

For information, visit the [Mentorship Program](http://lians.ca/rpm/mentorship_program/) section on the LIANS website, under the Risk and Practice Management heading at http://lians.ca/rpm/mentorship_program/. Documents available on the website include the **Mentorship Program Application Form**, a **Model Mentoring Activity Plan** for participants and a **Mentoring Guidelines** booklet.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES: nsbs.org/careers

To post career opportunities relating to the legal profession, use the Society's new [online form](#).

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NSBS ADMISSIONS & PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Visit the [CPD](#) page at [NSBS.org](#)

Land Registration Act Training

Registration is open for the Online *Land Registration Act* training program.
Cost for this program is \$600 plus HST and registrants have one week to complete the course.

Dates for next LRA course:

- June 20 to 27, 2012

[Register online](#)

OUTSIDE CONFERENCES & SEMINARS

Please visit the [events](#) page on our website for the most up-to-date listings.

Lunch for LISNS – Tickets still available

Tuesday, April 17, 2012 - 11:15

World Trade & Convention Centre, 1800 Argyle St, Halifax, NS

Doors open at 11:20 am | Lunch from 11:45-1:30 pm

Tickets \$100/each | Premium tickets \$125/each

Guest Speaker: Mark Farrell

“A funny thing happened to me on the way to Law School”

Mark Farrell grew up in Halifax. After graduating from Dalhousie University, he considered becoming a lawyer... to the point of writing the LSAT's. Instead, he moved to Toronto becoming a stand-up comedian and working on several TV shows including *The Newsroom*. Mark went on to work with Rick Mercer on *Made in Canada* and with Brent Butt on *Corner Gas* for the duration of the series. Most recently Mark co-created, co-wrote and co-executive produced 26 episodes of *Dan for Mayor* for CTV.

50/50 tickets currently being sold - \$5/each or 3 for \$10

Winner will be drawn during the LUNCH and phoned by 4:00 pm if not present

50/50 tickets available from any LISNS Board member or LISNS or by e-mailing

Contact Ann Marie at philanthropy@legalinfo.org

NSCLA: The Presidents' Lunch and Learn Lecture Series

The Nova Scotia Criminal Lawyers' Association (NSCLA) has organized a new series of lectures presented by Past Presidents of NSCLA.

The inaugural lecture:

Craig Garson QC, “Ineffective Counsel (How To Avoid Being One)”

Friday, April 27, 2012

11:45 am to 1:30 pm

The Grafton Street Lounge (1579 Grafton Street, Halifax)

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If you are interested in attending, please email Josh Arnold QC at josh@apmlaw.ca.

Attendance is limited to members of the NSCLA. We encourage all lawyers who practise criminal law as defence counsel (lawyers who are not Crown attorneys) to join, so you can enjoy all the benefits that membership brings. Please visit our website at www.nscla.ca for more information and email Brian Smith at bsmith@smithevans.ns.ca if you would like to join the NSCLA.

UPCOMING EVENTS FROM CBA-NS

- **Law Week Citizenship Ceremony** – April 17, 2012 at 10:00am [Webcasting available](#)
- **Law Week Province House Reception** – April 17, 2012, [View PDF invitation](#)
- **Law Day 2012 at Pier 21** – April 21, 2012, [More information](#)
- **Labour & Employment Law Conference: Making it Work for Your Clients** – May 4, 2012, [More information](#)

Upcoming CBA-NS Online CLE:

- **Family Law in Nova Scotia Family Provincial Court**
Friday, April 27, 2012 (*This CLE has been changed from a two-part series to a one 2 hour session*)
12:00 - 1:30 pm (Atlantic time)
Speaker: Judge Jean Dewolfe, Truro Justice Centre & Lynn Connors, Waterbury Newton
Deadline to register is Wednesday, April 25, 2012. Register today!
- **Criminal Law – Trial Sexual Offence Cases**
Friday, May 18, 2012
12:00 - 1:30 pm (Atlantic time)
Speaker: Frank P. Hoskins, Provincial Court of Nova Scotia
Deadline to register is Wednesday, May 16, 2012. Register today!

Fees: \$90.00 plus HST for CBA Members and \$140.00 plus HST for Non-members.

Group rate available at \$400.00 plus HST for one firm with 5-10 CBA registrants in a boardroom setting.

Bring the experts to your office. All you need for this live interactive educational opportunity is a phone, computer and 90 minutes. Please contact Riea Elder with any questions at (902) 425-8170 or by email at riea.elder@cbans.ca

Family Enterprise Advisor Program

Become a leader in family enterprise advising by augmenting your technical skills with tools and strategies necessary for your role as trusted advisor. The Family Enterprise Advisor Program (FEAP) uses a multi-disciplinary approach where advisors learn to integrate their own discipline as lawyers, to provide collaborative and complementary advice to business family clients. This approach has the added benefit of allowing advisors to build their professional networks to both maintain current clients and attract new ones.

Families are becoming more discerning about the advisors they bring into their fold. By completing FEAP, our graduates put themselves ahead of the curve by being one step closer to receiving the only Family Enterprise Advising (FEA) [designation](#) of its kind in the world. You're the expert in the field of advising. Be an expert in family enterprise advising too.

The Business Families Centre at the University of British Columbia is now accepting applications for the Family Enterprise Advisor Program beginning May 2012, few seats are still available.

For more information, visit our website:

http://www.sauder.ubc.ca/Programs/Business_Families_Centre/Programs_for_Advisors

To reach a special on the Family Enterprise Advisor Program, e-mail Peter.Cotterill@sauder.ubc.ca or phone 604.822.2790.

ACHIEVE Public Workshops

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Workshops coming to Halifax:

- **Personalities at Work - Communication Made Easy through MBTI** – Halifax, May 9
- **Assertive Communication** – Halifax, May 10
- **Mediation - An Informal Process for Conflict Resolution** – Halifax, June 27-28

[Online registration](#) | On-site training – Call or email to receive a fee structure.

Two Great Negotiation CPD Programs, One Day. Register for both programs and save! May 11, 2012 at the Delta Halifax

As a lawyer you negotiate every day – within your firm, with clients, and on behalf of clients with other parties. Yet most lawyers still negotiate instinctively even though the experts have proven this leaves money or other terms on the table. The key to getting the absolute best deal - in any circumstance – is to negotiate strategically and systematically based on the experts' research.

Plan now to join your colleagues May 11, 2012 at the Delta Halifax for two outstanding half-day, back to back negotiation programs – ***Gain the Edge: Negotiation Strategies for Lawyers***, and ***Negotiation Ethics: Winning without Selling Your Soul***. Taught by internationally acclaimed author and expert negotiator **Martin Latz**, these hands on practical workshops use mini-lectures, demonstrations and small group exercises to strengthen your existing negotiation skills.

Premiere faculty, including noted local practitioners, and a highly participatory teaching model will enhance your ability to communicate and negotiate in both simple and complex situations. These improved skills will give you the ability to handle any face-to-face or telephone negotiation with greater confidence and impact. This course is an essential component of every lawyer's toolkit. Even if you have been negotiating for years, you will learn something new.

Participants may count their attendance at each program for 3 hours towards Nova Scotia's new annual mandatory CPD requirement. Stay all day and get half of your hours before the new reporting year even starts! [Click here](#) for flier. Seminar Partners has been a trusted provider of CPD to the Nova Scotia bar since 2010.

Five-day workshop: Creating Cultural and Organizational Change

presented by the Nova Scotia Human Rights Commission's Race, Equity and Inclusion Division

May 14-18, 2012 - 9:00 am to 4 pm daily
Halifax (venue to be confirmed)

This workshop is by registration only. Please contact Melissa Brayley by May 1, 2012 at 902-424-4683 or brayleym@gov.ns.ca if you are interested in attending.

UPCOMING EVENTS FROM CANADIAN CENTRE FOR ETHICS IN PUBLIC AFFAIRS (CCEPA)

The Elements – A three-part series examining the ethical uses of our resources: Food, Oil and Water
Part 3: Oil — The Master Resource: Oil and the New Servitude

May 16, 2012 – 7 pm

Scotiabank Theatre Auditorium, Sobey School of Business, Saint Mary's University

Keynote: Andrew Nikiforuk, author of *Tar Sands: Dirty Oil and the Future of a Continent*

The affordability, portability and versatility of petroleum rapidly changed the role of the human species on the planet over the last 150 years. It expanded the role of the state, mechanized cities, industrialized agriculture, propelled demographic growth and changed economic thinking. What changes does the end of cheap oil herald, how much energy are North Americans ethically entitled to, and is it time for a paradigm shift?

Free Admission – Reception to follow. This event will be live streamed and can be viewed here: www.ccepa.ca

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Touching the Wounds: A Theological Reflection on Remorse, Reconciliation and the Catholic Church in the Pedophilia Crisis

May 22, 7pm – 9pm

Scotiabank Theatre Auditorium, Sobey School of Business, Saint Mary

Keynote: Dr. David Deane, Professor of Theology, Atlantic School of Theology

While analyses of the pedophilia crisis in the Catholic Church from sociological, psychological and legal perspectives abound, theological analyses are curiously lacking. This presentation seeks to offer a analysis of the theological failures of the Catholic hierarchy in response to the abuse crisis and suggest coherently theological models for how a process of reconciliation might emerge. While aware that a theological perspective on the crisis can never be exhaustive, this presentation aims to offer a theological voice to the conversation, for Christians and non-Christians disturbed by this crisis, to hear.

Free Admission – Reception to follow. This event will be live streamed and can be viewed here: www.ccepa.ca

A Concert and Conversation with Peter Buffett

Presented by **RBC Wealth Management | Dominion Securities'**

Find out what Warren Buffett's son has to say about life growing up in the Buffett household and more.

Thursday, May 31, 2012 at 7:00 pm

The Lord Nelson Hotel, Halifax

The Concert & Conversation event combines a cello-accompanied live piano/vocal performance with video clips from Peter's film, TV, and philanthropic work. Punctuated by Peter's candid stories, his presentation ultimately conveys that it's one's values—and what we are able to give back to society—that shape and define us as individuals.

To find out more about this event, please visit the Community Foundation of Nova Scotia's website at www.cfns.ca or contact Bev Clark at bev.clark@cfns.ca

Intensive Trial Advocacy Programme

June 3–9, 2012 | Faculté de droit of the Université de Moncton

The Intensive Trial Advocacy Programme is organized and presented by The Faculté de droit of the Université de Moncton, and is designed to train lawyers in basic trial techniques equally applicable to civil and criminal cases. It is ideally suited to lawyers, practising in both the criminal and civil courts with two to twelve years of experience, who have had some familiarity with litigation but limited trial experience.

To view the schedule, for more information and to register: <http://www.umoncton.ca/umcm-droit/node/78>

CTRI Winter/Spring Public Workshops.

De-Escalating Potentially Violent Situations™

Halifax: June 26 (early rate deadline June 5)

This workshop is designed to teach people to de-escalate potentially violent situations through assertiveness and interpersonal communication. The training will explore how anger and violence interplay, including opportunities for self-assessment of personal styles. Participants will develop a clear understanding of how to assess the potential for violence and respond with a diverse set of interpersonal tools and strategies designed to defuse potentially violent situations.

WORKSHOP FEE: Early rate: \$160 + HST; Regular rate: \$190 + HST

On-Site Training - Call or email to receive a fee structure.

Webinars - Our webinars are live on-line training sessions that offer abbreviated versions of our in-person public workshops.

For contact information:

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Web: www.ctrinstitute.com | Email: info@ctrinstitute.com

National Criminal Law Program registration open

Presented by the Federation of Law Societies of Canada, the NCLP is Canada's premier CLE and networking conference for the criminal bar.

**Monday, July 9 to Friday, July 13, 2012
Victoria, British Columbia**

Join over 650 Crowns, defence counsel and judges for Evidence, Ethics, and the Administration of Justice, taking place from July 9 – 13, 2012 in spectacular Victoria, British Columbia.

This year's highlights include:

- The Most Important Evidence Case of the McLachlin Court: The Faculty Speaks
- The Registrants Vote
- Point/Counterpoint: The Use of Prior Criminal Records: Are People With Criminal Records Less Likely to be Truthful Witnesses
- Ask Me anything About Ethics: A Roundtable Discussion of Difficult Ethical Problems, small group workshops, and choice of break-out groups
- Monday and Tuesday receptions and organized activities on Thursday provide opportunities to socialize, forge new friendships and reconnect with colleagues from across the country.

[Brochures and further information](#)

Federation of Law Societies National Family Law Program July 16-19, 2012 | Marriott Harbourfront, Halifax, Nova Scotia

The National Family Law Program was first offered in 1978 and takes place in a different location in Canada every second summer. Opening reception is July 15, 2012

To receive information as it becomes available about the 2012 Program to be held in Halifax, Nova Scotia, please click [here](#). Information will also be posted on this website. To learn more about the National Family Law Program held in Victoria, British Columbia in July 2010, please click [here](#).

Inquiries about the National Family Law Program:

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National Family Law Program
Attention: Heather Walker, Program Coordinator
P.O. Box 244, R.R. #1 Woodville, Ontario
Canada K0M 2T0

Tel: (705) 374-4083 | Tel: (705) 879-3082 (messages) | Fax: (705) 374-4131 | nationalfamilylawprogram@sympatico.ca

Upcoming Events from the Atlantic Provinces Trial Lawyers Association

APTLA ONLINE LEGAL EDUCATION

The Atlantic Provinces Trial Lawyers Association invites you to enhance your practice through online legal education. Eliminate travel expenses and hear from top trial lawyers from the convenience of your office, home or hotel room using a desktop computer or laptop. **SeminarWeb Live!** provides real-time delivery of papers, presentations, podcasts and video presentations. Participants can ask questions, participate in surveys, and post comments from their computers. There is also a broad selection of self-paced online programs, canvassing all areas of a litigation practice; including:

- Case Intake and Evaluation
- iPhone and iPad for Lawyers: Apps You Need to be Using

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- Trying a Case on a Budget
- Powerpoint and Trial: Persuading a 21st Century Jury
- After 25 Years: Lessons Learned Every Trial Lawyer Should Know
- Chronic Pain & Unemployment Equals Depression: A Rateable Disease

To learn more about upcoming programs or the list of available self-paced seminars, visit APTLA's SeminarWeb Live! page at <http://www.seminarweblive.com/ap> or call support at 800 443 1757. More information about these and APTLA's other legal education events can be found at www.apvla.ca.

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:: LIBRARY & INFORMATION SERVICES ::

L&IS to provide basic reference services to lawyers as of April 30, 2012

Since the fall of 2010, the Society has been undergoing an organizational review to ensure that all of its activities are aligned with and supportive of its statutory purpose and core principles. Those principles are summarized as regulating to ensure competent, ethical lawyers, and upholding the public interest in the administration of justice.

Over the last winter, the Society reviewed the service and resource offerings of Library & Information Services (L&IS). As announced in the [January 23, 2012 issue of InForum](#), as a result of this review, Council has decided to reduce the scope of Library & Information Services' work and service offerings as of April 30, 2012.

As of April 30, 2012, Library & Information Services staff will consist of one librarian and two library technicians. L&IS staff will provide basic reference services to lawyers, but will not be providing in-depth research services.

L&IS will continue to keep a list of research lawyers in order to provide options to callers now that L&IS will not fulfil in-depth research requests ourselves. We invite lawyers providing research services to contact us if they wish to be added to this list.

For more information about L&IS and its resources, please call **1 866 219 1202** or **425 BOOK (2665)**, or send an email to nsbslib@nsbs.org.

Purchase sheets of law stamps from NSBS office in Cogswell Tower

As of May 1, 2012, law firms and organizations wishing to purchase a quantity of law stamps must do so through the Society offices at 800-2000 Barrington St., Halifax, NS, B3J 3K1.

Individual law stamps will continue to be available for purchase at County Prothonotaries and the Halifax Law Courts Administration office for those filing documents.

Please note that cheques for law stamps must be made out to the Nova Scotia Barristers' Society.

CanLII provides new legislation note-up and citation features

As reported by Simon Fodden on SLAW on April 4, 2012, [CanLII](#) has introduced a new legislation note-up and citation formation tool.

When viewing legislation with a table of contents on the service, a link at each section and subsection leads to a pop-up linking to cases citing that provision and an additional link to a fully formed citation for that provision.

See Fodden's article, "[CanLII Introduces New Feature for Citation and Search of Specific Statutory Provisions](#)", for full details.

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:: NEW DECISIONS ::

BARRISTERS AND SOLICITORS – Fees – appeal from taxation *Mor-Town Developments Ltd. v. MacDonald*, C.A. No. 352806, Saunders, J.A., April 5, 2012. [2012 NSCA 35](#); **S645/6**

CIVIL RIGHTS – Exclusion of evidence – possession for the purpose of trafficking marijuana *R. v. Earle*, No. 2336596, Whalen, J.P.C., April 5, 2012; March 26, 2012 (orally). [2012 NSPC 27](#); **M26**

CONTRACTS – Agency – standing, test on non-suit motion *Ross v. Steeple Developments*, Tru. No. 282076, Boudreau, J., March 30, 2012. [2012 NSSC 132](#); **S646/27**

CRIMINAL LAW – Impaired driving – care or control *R. v. MacDonald*, No. 2156688, Halfpenny MacQuarrie, J., March 26, 2012. [2012 NSPC 26](#); **M26**

CRIMINAL LAW – Sentence appeal – young offender, attempted murder *R. v. Smith*, C.A.C. No. 337898, Hamilton, J.A., April 11, 2012. [2012 NSCA 37](#); **S645/8**

CRIMINAL LAW – Sentencing – breach of conditional sentence *R. v. Allen*, No. 2176678; 2187660; 2225911; 2275279; 2361399; 2362519, Scovil, J.P.C., March 27, 2012; January 16, 2012 (orally). [2012 NSPC 22](#); **M26**

CRIMINAL LAW – Sentencing – breach of conditional sentence *R. v. Allen*, No. 2176678; 2187660; 2225911; 2275279; 2361399; 2362519, Scovil, J.P.C., March 27, 2012; January 16, 2012 (orally). [2012 NSPC 23](#); **M26**

CRIMINAL LAW – Sentencing – break and enter *R. v. Best*, C.A.C. No. 345701, MacDonald, M. C.J., April 3, 2012. [2012 NSCA 34](#); **S645/5**

CRIMINAL LAW – Uttering threats – not guilty *R. v. Beals*, No. 2364949, Williams, J.P.C., March 16, 2012. [2012 NSPC 24](#); **M26**

CRIMINAL LAW – Voir dire – voluntary statement *R. v. J. (B.R.)*, No. 2364452; 2364455, Derrick, J.P.C., March 23, 2012. [2012 NSPC 25](#); **M26**

EMPLOYMENT LAW – Wrongful dismissal – summary judgment *Horechuk v. I.M.P. Group International Inc.*, Syd. No. 344799, Bourgeois, J., March 5, 2012. [2012 NSSC 96](#); **S646/24**

FAMILY LAW – Child in need of protective services – minister's application for permanent care order dismissed *Nova Scotia (Minister of Community Services) v. F. (R.) et al.*, S.F.H.C.F.S.A. No. 072635; S.F.H.-M.C.A. No. 079265, Jollimore, J., April 2, 2012. [2012 NSSC 125](#); **S647/3**

FAMILY LAW – Costs – custody, access and paternity tests *Wellman v. Moss*, S.F.H.M.C.A. No. 075674, Legere-Sers, J., March 28, 2012. [2012 NSSC 127](#); **S646/22**

FAMILY LAW – Divorce – divisions of matrimonial assets, custody, child and spousal support *Cunningham v. Cunningham*, No. 1202-001904; 073766, Bourgeois, J., March 2, 2012. [2012 NSSC 91](#); **S646/23**

FAMILY LAW – Matrimonial property – division of matrimonial assets and farming business *Cole v. Luckman*, No. 1209-001119, Muise, J., March 28, 2012. [2012 NSSC 118](#); **S646/29**

FAMILY LAW – Practice – jurisdiction and provisional order *Goulding v. Goulding*, No. 1201-064392; S.F.H.D. No. 069157, MacDonald, B. J., April 10, 2012. [2012 NSSC 138](#); **S647/4**

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FAMILY LAW – Unjust enrichment – spousal support and division of property *Webb v. Webb et al.*, S.F.H.P. No. 078097; S.F.H.M.C.A. No. 075308, Legere-Sers, J., March 28, 2012. [2012 NSSC 122](#); **S646/21**

INJUNCTIONS – Interim injunction – in advance of motion for interlocutory injunction, non-competition clause *MacQuarrie's Drugs Ltd. Salsman*, Hfx. No. 388365, Edwards, J., April 5, 2012; March 29, 2012 (orally). [2012 NSSC 139](#); **S646/31**

MAINTENANCE – Spousal support – interim spousal support, imputed income, corporate veil pierced *Jenkins v. Jenkins*, No. 1206-6265, Forgeron, J., April 4, 2012; March 7, 2012 (orally). [2012 NSSC 117](#); **S647/2**

MAINTENANCE – Spousal support – pension as asset, imputed income *Mullins v. Mullins*, S.F.S.N.D. No. 1206-006010, Wilson, J., April 12, 2012. [2012 NSSC 143](#); **S647/6**

MORTGAGES – Procedure – appeals, certificate of readiness *Cragg v. Eisener*, C.A. No. 377951, Bryson, J.A., April 12, 2012. [2012 NSCA 38](#); **S645/9**

PRACTICE – Disclosure – of documents *Morrison v. Nova Scotia (Attorney General) et al.*, Hfx. No. 192118, Duncan, J., March 26, 2012. [2012 NSSC 136](#); **S646/30**

PRACTICE – Proceedings – motion to convert application to action *Matthews v. Ocean Nutrition Canada Ltd. et al.*, Hfx. No. 353606, Wood, J., April 12, 2012. [2012 NSSC 142](#); **S647/5**

PRACTICE – Right to a jury trial – civil action, complex expert evidence *Green v. T&T Inspections & Engineering Ltd.*, Hfx. No. 181886, Smith, A.C.J., April 3, 2012; March 28, 2012 (orally). [2012 NSSC 131](#); **S646/26**

PRACTICE – Summary judgment – insufficient facts to make determination *All Tech Sealants & Waterproofing Ltd. v. Halifax (Halifax Regional Municipality)*, Hfx. No. 309250, Wood, J., April 2, 2012; March 30, 2012 (orally). [2012 NSSC 133](#); **S646/28**

PRACTICE – Summary judgment – standard of review *Innocente v. Canada (Attorney General)*, C.A. No. 350439, Fichaud, J.A., April 11, 2012. [2012 NSCA 36](#); **S645/7**

REAL PROPERTY – Crown land – application for declaratory relief *Paradise Active Healthy Living Society (PAHLS) v. Nova Scotia (Attorney General)*, Hfx. No. 308491, Coughlan, J., April 11, 2012. [2012 NSSC 99](#); **S647/1**

SUPREME COURT of CANADA — recent decisions

Library & Information Services - Keeping you informed

The following decisions were released on the [Supreme Court of Canada Judgments](#) website since the last *InForum*. The subject headings and summaries have been prepared by the Supreme Court of Canada.

April 13, 2012

[R. v. Tse](#)

Neutral Citation: [2012 SCC 16](#) (CanLII)

File No.: 33751.

2011: November 18; 2012: April 13.

Present: McLachlin C.J. and LeBel, Deschamps, Fish, Abella, Rothstein, Cromwell, Moldaver and Karakatsanis JJ.

On Appeal from the Supreme Court of British Columbia

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Constitutional law — Charter of Rights — Search and seizure — Interception of private communications — Police intercepting communications without authorization pursuant to s. 184.4 of Criminal Code on grounds interceptions were immediately necessary to prevent serious harm to person or property and judicial authorization not available with reasonable diligence — Whether s. 184.4 contravenes right to be free from unreasonable search and seizure pursuant to s. 8 of the Charter — Whether provision saved under s. 1 — Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms, ss. 1 and 8 — Criminal Code, R.S.C. 1985, c. C-46, ss. 184.4, 185, 186 and 188.

This appeal concerns the constitutionality of the emergency wiretap provision, s. 184.4 of the *Criminal Code*. In this case, the police used s. 184.4 to carry out unauthorized warrantless interceptions of private communications when the daughter of an alleged kidnapping victim began receiving calls from her father stating that he was being held for ransom. Approximately 24 hours later, the police obtained a judicial authorization for continued interceptions, pursuant to s. 186 of the *Code*. The trial judge found that s. 184.4 contravened the right to be free from unreasonable search or seizure under s. 8 of the *Charter* and that it was not a reasonable limit under s. 1. The Crown has appealed the declaration of unconstitutionality directly to this Court.

Held: The appeal should be dismissed.

April 12, 2012

[R. v. Kociuk](#)

Neutral Citation: [2012 SCC 15](#) (CanLII)

File No.: 34517

2011: October 21; 2012: April 12.

Coram: McLachlin C.J. and LeBel, Fish, Abella, Rothstein, Moldaver and Karakatsanis JJ.

BETWEEN:

Robert Joseph Kociuk
Appellant

- and -

Her Majesty the Queen
Respondent

JUDGMENT

The appeal from the judgment of the Court of Appeal of Manitoba, Number AR 10-30-07346, 2011 MBCA 85, dated October 21, 2011, was heard this day and the following judgment was rendered orally:

The Chief Justice — We agree that the appeal should be dismissed for the reasons of the majority of the Court of Appeal of Manitoba.

April 12, 2012

[Fundy Settlement v. Canada](#)

Neutral Citation: [2012 SCC 14](#) (CanLII)

File Nos.: 34056, 34057.

2012: March 13; 2012: April 12.

Present: LeBel, Deschamps, Fish, Abella, Rothstein, Moldaver and Karakatsanis JJ.

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On Appeal from the Federal Court of Appeal

Taxation — Income tax — Trusts — Residence — Trusts held by corporation resident in Barbados — Beneficiaries of trusts resident in Canada — Central management and control of trusts carried out by main trust beneficiaries in Canada — Trustee seeking return of amounts withheld on account of Canadian tax from capital gains realized by trusts on sale of shares in Canada — Whether trusts are resident in Canada for taxation purposes.

Held: The appeals should be dismissed

:: NOVA SCOTIA BILLS ::

<http://nslegislature.ca/index.php/proceedings/status-of-bills/>

The House resumed sitting on Thursday, March 29, 2012.

The following bills were INTRODUCED since the last *InForum*:

Government Bills

Bill No. 5

Municipal Government Act (amended)

An Act to Amend Chapter 18 of the Acts of 1998, the Municipal Government Act

Hon. John MacDonell

Minister of Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations

First Reading: April 2, 2012

Bill No. 9

Canada-Nova Scotia Offshore Petroleum Resources Accord Implementation (Nova Scotia) Act (amended)

An Act to Amend Chapter 3 of the Acts of 1987, the Canada-Nova Scotia Offshore Petroleum Resources Accord Implementation (Nova Scotia) Act

Hon. Charlie Parker

Minister of Energy

First Reading: April 4, 2012

Bill No. 11

Nova Scotia Tartan Act (amended)

An Act to Amend Chapter 318 of the Revised Statutes, 1989, the Nova Scotia Tartan Act

Hon. David Wilson

Minister of Communities, Culture and Heritage

First Reading: April 10, 2012

Bill No. 13

Education Act (amended)

An Act to Amend Chapter 1 of the Acts of 1995-96, the Education Act

Hon. Ramona Jennex

Minister of Education

First Reading: April 11, 2012

Bill No. 17

Financial Measures (2012) Act

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An Act Respecting Certain Financial Measures
Hon. Graham Steele
Minister of Finance
First Reading: April 12, 2012

Bill No. 20
Public Trustee Act (amended)
An Act to Amend Chapter 379 of the Revised Statutes, 1989, the Public Trustee Act
Hon. Ross Landry
Minister of Justice
First Reading: April 13, 2012

Private Member Bills

Bill No. 2
Tax Review (2012-13) Act
An Act to Review the Provincial Tax Regime
Hon. Stephen McNeil
Annapolis
First Reading: March 30, 2012

Bill No. 3
Sales Tax Act (amended)
An Act to Amend Chapter 31 of the Acts of 1996, the Sales Tax Act
Harold (Junior) Theriault
Digby-Annapolis
First Reading: March 30, 2012

Bill No. 4
Maintenance and Custody Act (amended)
An Act to Amend Chapter 160 of the Revised Statutes, 1989, the Maintenance and Custody Act
Keith Bain
Victoria-The Lakes
First Reading: March 30, 2012

Bill No. 6
Fair Treatment of Children Act
An Act to Provide for the Fair Treatment of Children
Chuck Porter
Hants West
First Reading: April 2, 2012

Bill No. 7
Concussion Awareness Act
An Act to Promote Education Respecting Concussion in Sports
Chuck Porter
Hants West
First Reading: April 2, 2012

Bill No. 8
Joseph Howe Day Act
An Act to Establish Joseph Howe Day
Introduced by:
Diana Whalen

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Halifax Clayton Park
First Reading: April 4, 2012

Bill No. 10
Blueprint for the Future of Public Education in Nova Scotia Act
An Act to Review the Public School Programs in Nova Scotia
Hon. Stephen McNeil
Annapolis
First Reading: April 10, 2012

Bill No. 12
Petroleum Products Pricing Act (repealed)
An Act to Repeal Chapter 11 of the Acts of 2005, the Petroleum Products Pricing Act
Hon. Stephen McNeil
Annapolis
First Reading: April 10, 2012

Bill No. 14
Trade Union Act (amended)
An Act to Amend Chapter 475 of the Revised Statutes, 1989, the Trade Union Act
Hon. Stephen McNeil
Annapolis
First Reading: April 11, 2012

Bill No. 15
House of Assembly Management Commission Act (amended)
An Act to Amend Chapter 5 of the Acts of 2010, the House of Assembly Management Commission Act
Hon. Michel P Samson
Richmond
First Reading: April 11, 2012

Bill No. 16
Affordable Higher Education Act
An Act to Review Ancillary Fees at Universities in Nova Scotia
Zach Churchill
Yarmouth
First Reading: April 11, 2012

Bill No. 18
Agriculture and Marketing Act (amended)
An Act to Amend Chapter 6 of the Revised Statutes, 1989, the Agriculture and Marketing Act
Leo Glavine
Kings West
First Reading: April 12, 2012

Bill No. 19
Early Development Instrument Assessment Program Act
An Act to Require the Establishment of a Mandatory Early Development Instrument Assessment Program in Nova Scotia
Hon. Karen Casey
Colchester North
First Reading: April 12, 2012

Bill No. 21
Sound Recording Tax Credit Act

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An Act to Amend Chapter 217 of the Revised Statutes, 1989, the Income Tax Act, to Provide a Nova Scotia Sound Recording Tax Credit

Hon. Harold (Junior) Theriault

Digby-Annapolis

First Reading: April 13, 2012

Private and Local Bills

The following bills received **SECOND READING** since the last *InForum*:

Government Bills

Bill No. 1

Status of the Artist Act

An Act to Respect the Status of the Artist

Hon. David Wilson

Minister of Communities, Culture and Heritage

First Reading: March 30, 2012

Second Reading: April 3, 2012

View the status and full text of bills at

<http://nslegislature.ca/index.php/proceedings/status-of-bills/>

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:: PROCLAMATIONS UPDATE ::

The following proclamations were published in the *Royal Gazette, Part II* since the last issue of *InForum*:

Safer School Zones Act, SNS 2011, c. 46, s 8.

NS Gaz Pt 2, [04/06/12](#)

NS Reg 70/2012

Proclamations are published in the *Royal Gazette, Part II*, which is issued every other week and is available by [subscription](#). Unofficial copies of the *Royal Gazette, Part II* are available [online](#) through the Registry of Regulations website.

The Office of the Legislative Counsel maintains a Proclamations of Statutes database, providing the effective dates of proclamations for statutes from 1990 to date. The database is updated with information received weekly from the Executive Council Office. To access the database, go to the Office of the Legislative Counsel's [website](#), then select Proclamations from the list of links on the left side of the page. The information provided by the database is for convenience only. For purposes of interpreting and applying the law, please consult official sources.

The orders in council authorizing the proclamations can be searched via the [Orders in Council](#) database maintained by the Executive Council Office. This database contains information about orders in council dating back to 1991.

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:: LIANS TIPS ::

RISK AND PRACTICE MANAGEMENT TIP: Removing metadata from your documents

Imagine opening a document from a client or opposing counsel, and in the margin are the comments and changes made before it was forwarded to you. That behind-the-scenes information is referred to as "metadata"; the default settings for some Microsoft Office programs automatically display that information whenever a document is opened or saved.

Take these simple steps to scrub metadata from Microsoft Office, WordPerfect and Adobe Acrobat PDF documents:

1. Open the **Office** document (e.g., Word, Excel, PowerPoint, etc.) that you want to inspect for hidden data or personal information.
2. Click the Microsoft Office Button , click Save As and save a copy of your original document to inspect, as it is not always possible to restore the data that Document Inspector removes.
3. In the copy of your document, click the Microsoft Office Button, point to 'Prepare' and then select 'Inspect Document'.
4. In the Document Inspector dialog box, select the check boxes to choose the types of hidden content that you want to look for.
5. Click 'Inspect'.
6. Review the results of the inspection in the Document Inspector dialog box.
7. Select 'Remove All' next to the inspection results for the types of hidden content that you want to remove from your document.

To save a **WordPerfect** document without metadata, choose File > Save without metadata. If you are converting from Word to **PDF** with Acrobat, there is a checkbox called "Convert Document Information", which (when unchecked) will not retain information like 'Title' or 'Author' when the Word document is converted to PDF.

*If you have any questions on these, or any other risk- or practice-related matters, do not hesitate to contact Stacey Gerrard, LIANS Counsel with the **Risk and Practice Management Program** at sgerrard@lians.ca or call 423-1300 ext. 345.*

FRAUD ALERT: Business debt collection scams

Three versions of the business collection scam have been circulating, requesting representation to recover a large sum of money from "former business associates". The emails have been accompanied at times by supporting documents such as promissory notes in order give an air of legitimacy. The emails purport to be from:

- "Dan Hensen" of Hensen Equipment LLC, Colorado
- "John Fischer" of Belleville, Ontario
- "Don Hill" of Hill Equipment Co., Texas

These have been reported to us by various members and have appeared on scam reporting websites. If you receive any of these emails or versions of them (details such as names, locations and dollar amounts may vary), simply disregard the "requests" and forward the message to me if so desired.

Be vigilant with every request for services that you receive. As we have seen, fraudulent requests for services can be made by email, paper mail and courier, as well as by individuals who arrive in person to retain you and to use your trust account to receive and disburse funds. Be cautious with all cheques received, especially if they exceed the agreed-upon amount.

Visit our [Fraud section](#) to read more on reported scams and how to avoid them.

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Remember that **you must always confirm** a prospective client's identification in accordance with the [Client ID Regulations](#) of the Nova Scotia Barristers' Society.

If you do decide to proceed with a transaction, be sure to go to the bank website to verify branch transit number, address and phone number on the cheque. Wait until the bank confirms that the funds are legitimate and are safe to withdraw from the deposit. Where possible, use the [Large Value Transfer System \(LVTS\)](#), an electronic funds transfer system that allows large payments to be exchanged securely and immediately.

As always, trust your instincts – and when in doubt, contact Cynthia Nield, LIANS' Database and Information Officer, at cnield@lians.ca or 423 1300 x346 to help you debunk any emails or potential "clients".

TECHNOLOGY TIP: New citation tools from CanLII

A new citation feature in [CanLII](#) is available for statutes and regulations in most jurisdictions. For those offering a table of contents, each section and subsection features a link with citation tools specific to this provision. When a search for citing documents is performed, CanLII will display a full citation that can be copied and pasted or, where it exists, you can view the French or English version of that provision. Simply click on any hyperlinked section number in an Act to view the citation options.

NSLAP WELLNESS TIP: Eating healthier on the run

The following is an article excerpt from Homewood Human Solutions™, your health and wellness provider.

A common challenge in sticking to a healthy diet is learning how to eat healthy on the run. Often we're so busy that our good intentions fall to the wayside. Why do many of us find sticking to a healthy diet so difficult?

A balanced diet full of fresh vegetables, fruit and grains is an essential part of a healthy lifestyle. However, in today's hectic world, most of us are rushing from dawn to dusk and we sometimes choose convenience over health. Maybe we rush to get the kids ready for school, to get to work or to a meeting, to get home, to make dinner and then to get ready for bed. Even though we know what eating healthy is, and why it's important, it's no wonder we have very little time to eat healthy. Many of us forego preparing a healthy, balanced meal for the convenience of the local drive-thru.

The irony is that when our life is hectic, nutrition is even more important. When our bodies are fuelled with good food, we have more energy and can better manage our weight and cope with stress. Eating healthy is vital, whether we're on the run or not. Here are some strategies and tips to help you stay focused on healthy eating habits for you and/or your family.

- **Eat breakfast.** More than a third of us skip breakfast, and that can be disastrous for our waistlines, and ability to concentrate. Eating breakfast kick-starts our metabolism and prevents us from overeating later. It also prevents us from becoming so hungry that we grab whatever we can find (usually sugary or salty foods such as donuts, potato chips or muffins).
- **Grab some fruit or eggs.** Make sure you always have bananas, apples or pears on hand and get in the habit of boiling a dozen eggs every weekend. Peel them, put into baggies – either one or two, it's up to you – and put them in the fridge. For those mornings where you don't have time to eat, grab a baggie and a piece of fruit and you have a nutritious breakfast.
- **Stock up on healthy snacks.** Create a small "stash" of non-perishable snacks that can be kept in a car glove compartment, school locker or desk drawer. This is readily available food you can snack on or use to round out a meal on the go. Examples of healthy snacks include dried fruits (raisins, apricots, banana chips), canned fruit or applesauce, whole-grain crackers, mini-boxes of whole-grain cereal, rice cakes with a small container of peanut butter, granola or protein bars, nuts or trail mix, small tins of tuna, cans of soup or vegetarian chili.
- **Don't skip lunch.** By eating regularly, you'll help keep your blood-sugar levels stable, help reduce "bad" cholesterol levels and lower your calorie intake. When you don't eat, the resulting dip in blood sugar around 2 pm can make you feel tired, cranky and have you running to the vending machine. If you can't get away from your desk and didn't pack a lunch, dip into your snack stash for some protein, fruit and carbohydrates.

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One of the most important parts of eating healthy on the run is remembering to drink water, instead of soft drinks or coffee. A lack of water causes fatigue, irritability and headaches, and it's common to mistake thirst for hunger, so staying well hydrated will also help you make healthier food choices.

Another important part of healthy eating is planning – we carefully plan other aspects of our lives but not our diet. Try planning your meals for the week before going to the grocery store. Also try washing and cutting your fruits and vegetables in advance, placing handfuls in baggies and putting them in the fridge for quick snacks or dinner side dishes. If you know you're arriving late from work or school, keep something around that is quick and easy to prepare, and make more than you're going to eat at any one sitting. You can then take the leftovers to work or school the next day.

If for whatever reason, you are not able to bring your own food for lunch and must buy a meal, keep the following in mind.

- **Consider a supermarket for your fast-food break.** You can pick up pre-cut and washed fresh fruit or vegetables, yogurt or low-fat cheese. Many supermarkets also offer sushi, wraps, salads or other healthy prepared items.
- **Chicken or fish aren't always healthy choices.** Many fast-food chains offer fried breaded chicken or fish sandwiches on white bread that actually contain more fat and calories than a burger. Grilled chicken is a better option.
- **Order a sub or sandwich** on whole wheat bread or a wrap. And hold the mayo.
- **Order a side salad instead of fries.** You'll be less likely to fill up on unhealthy items and the salad will add some fibre and vitamins to your diet.

Eating healthy when you're on the run, commuting or travelling is a challenge. But with a little forethought and planning, you can maintain a healthy lifestyle even when you're on the go. The benefits of healthy eating vastly outweigh the time it takes to prepare a healthy meal, and once you understand this, you're well on your way to living healthier.

*For more information and support on healthy eating, along with resources and counselling to improve your health and wellness, visit the NSLAP website at www.nslap.ca. Please note that **LAP** is your "company" name when you register. When you call the LAP number at **1-866-299-1299**, your call will be answered any time, day or night, 365 days per year.*

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:: CURRENT ISSUES IN GENDER EQUITY ::

The Gender Equity Committee (GEC) launched a postcard campaign titled "It will be Our Little Secret," designed to raise awareness about gender harassment and discrimination in the legal profession. Over the past two years, we have received almost 50 postcards detailing the personal experiences of lawyers in this province. For more information on this postcard campaign, please see the [detailed article](#) in the February 2011 edition of the Society Record. In an effort to spark discussion and examination of these important issues, the GEC is providing InForum articles on a range of topics, inspired directly by the experiences highlighted in the postcards.

Be nice ... but not too nice

By Katherine Salsman, Member, Gender Equity Committee

"Another senior partner perpetuated a rumour that a client's desire to have me work on a file was because the client only wanted to sleep with me. I was an articling clerk/first year associate at the time; my advice to young women entering the profession is to keep their heads down and do great work – and don't be too friendly because, no matter how innocent you are, you'll be accused/suspected of flirting/sleeping your way up ... still in 2009!"

"And from another recent partner:

- *Stop bringing in baked goods. It's pathetic and makes you appear desperate. People are laughing at you.*
- *Shut up and do what you are told. When are you going to learn your place?"*
- *"While working in a small community with mostly male lawyers, I frequently heard negative comments about strong women who stood up for women's rights. There were called 'man-haters' and 'feminists' (with a very negative connotation) or 'bleeding hearts.'"*

These responses we received to the "It will be our little secret" postcard campaign, from Nova Scotian lawyers, illustrate clearly the contradictory traits that are expected of women in their legal role. As women, we are often expected to be "nice" – meaning friendly and supportive, willing to take advice and be led, never pushy or critical, and thinking of others before ourselves. The many women who don't or won't live up to this almost impossible standard can be judged harshly for it. Lawyers, on the other hand, are expected to be something very different – assertive and confident, competitive, opinionated, unemotional critical thinkers, and pushy when standing up for a client or themselves.

How can someone successfully be both a lawyer and a woman, given those very different expectations? Obviously, given the experiences of some members of our Bar, this still isn't easy. You can face criticism or contempt if you are too friendly, too nice or too accommodating, but also when you speak out, have an opinion or stand up for yourself or others.

The answer, of course, is you can't meet both standards. Even meeting one is arguably impossible, and probably undesirable to most. Who wants to be the sweet but opinion-free helpmeet that some people see as the ideal woman? But who wants to be the hyper-competitive jerk that some people see as the archetypal lawyer?

Hopefully these expectations are beginning to fade, and will continue to do so. A woman can't be a successful or effective lawyer without being strong, independent and opinionated. But there is maybe more room in the practice of law for more stereotypically "feminine" traits as well – a little kindness and empathy can grease a lot of wheels and speed a lot of negotiations. Maybe the key is not to eliminate those characteristics and behaviours in our female lawyers, but to encourage them in the men as well. After all, who doesn't appreciate a homemade cookie at the end of a long workday?

In case you missed the previous articles:

- [Heros in our own lives: Janie Justice, Gloria Steinem and Wonder Woman](#), by Dale Darling, GEC Member, February 20, 2012
- ["Killer Instinct" v. Compassion](#), by Catherine A. Cogswell, GEC Member, January 23, 2012
- [Mom, LLB](#), by Amy Sakalauskas, GEC Member, December 19, 2011

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- [Closing the pay equity gender gap: a task made for lawyers](#), by Kathleen Lumsden, GEC Member, November 21, 2011
- [Come on, honey, just laugh it off](#), by Candee McCarthy, Co-Chair, Gender Equity Committee, October 24, 2011

If you are interested in receiving more information about the postcard campaign or having postcards sent to you or your workplace, please contact the Equity Officer, Emma Halpern, at equity@nsbs.org.

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:: CLASSIFIEDS ::

Bedford South: Pre-leasing available in new Nine Mile Circle development

We are pre-leasing our latest development in Bedford South on Larry Uteck Boulevard. The building, Nine Mile Circle, will have 25,000 square feet of retail space on the ground floor and 25,000 square feet of office space on the second level.

The site will provide tremendous exposure, ample parking, and modern amenities. Further details and visuals are available at this link: <http://www.borisholdings.com/ninemilecircle.htm>.

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Cusack Law Office Inc. is having to destroy or give away several sets of law books:

- a set of AllERs ... not kept up to date;
- DLRS up to about 10 years ago;
- NSRs up to about 5 or 6 years ago
- perhaps a set of MPRs
- Halsbury's 3rd and perhaps 2nd.

This is because the office building was sold and the current office is too small. A local lawyer has room for some, but not all of the books. Takers will be responsible to transport the books.

Please contact Elizabeth Cusack QC if interested: 902 564 8396.