

Aboriginal Law Section Report 2015-2016

- Section Executive Meeting - June 26, 2015
- Aboriginal Law Student Reception (mixer between law students and Aboriginal Law practitioners held at Jerch Law in Winnipeg) – November 3, 2015
- Panel on Access to justice and legal services for Manitoba Children and youth – partnership between the Aboriginal, Constitutional/Human Rights and Child & Youth Law Sections of the MBA. The purpose of the session was to reflect upon issues pertaining to access to justice and legal services for Manitoba children and youth – the impact of apprehensions and remove of children from their communities upon Indigenous children and their families. (The speakers were – Cora Morgan, Lore Mirwaldt, Darryl Buxton and Chris Poudrier.

The MBA Aboriginal Law Section members also organized an Aboriginal Law series with the Law Society of Manitoba which included 5 sessions:

1. Session 1: Aboriginal Law 101 was presented on Tuesday, September 29, 2015 by Allison Fenske & Sacha Paul
2. Session 2: Understanding Treaties: A Primer was presented on Tuesday, December 8, 2015 by Tina Dion & Brenda Gunn
3. Session 3: Section 91(24): The Evolution of Federal Jurisdiction and Implications for Provincial Governments, Métis and Non-Status People was presented on Monday, February 1, 2016 by Catherine Bell, Gord Hannon & Allison Fenske (moderator)
4. Session 4: Urban Reserves as a Tool for Economic Development was presented on Wednesday, March 16, 2016 by Christine Clifford, Kimberley Gilson & Allison Fenske (moderator)
5. The fifth session will be on Indigenous Legal Traditions was held in Turtle Lodge on Sagkeeng First Nation. The presenters will Elders Harry Bone, Dave Courchene, Grandmother Sherry Copenace, Honorable Justice Mandamin (federal court), Honourable Chief Judge Champagne (Manitoba Provincial Court), Professor Aimée Craft, Director of Research at the National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation, Dawnis Kennedy

Upcoming:

- Wine and cheese event at the Canadian Museum for Human Rights in September. Guest speaker will be the Grand Chief of the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs, Derek Nepinak. The topic will be Nation to Nation (September 2016).

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