

## **Business Law Section Report 2010-2011**

We are pleased to report that our section has been fairly active this past year. A summary of our activities is as follows:

- December 8, 2010, (Aikins, MacAulay & Thorvaldson LLP)  
Letters of Intent  
Doug Sigurdson of Aikins, MacAulay & Thorvaldson LLP met with us to discuss letters of intent and what should be included or excluded from same. Extremely well attended event with over 30 attendees.
- January 21, 2011 - MBA Mid-Winter Meeting 2011  
The Franchise Act (Manitoba)  
John Pozios of the University of Manitoba and Andrew Ogaranko of Pitblado LLP met with us to discuss The Franchise Act (Manitoba) with tips for practitioners from both the franchisor and franchisee perspective. Discussion from both a high level and practical perspective.
- May 31, 2011 (James Richardson International Ltd.)  
Employees vs Independent Contractor  
Tracey Epp of Pitblado LLP met with us to discuss the difference between employees and independent contractors. Insight in connection with determining whether or not a relationship is one of independent contract rather than employment was also provided.

Respectfully submitted,

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