

Constitutional and Human Rights Law Section Report 2020-2021

This past year has been a busy one for the Section, with multiple different seminars organized over the year, attended by several hundred individuals. Many of these seminars took place in conjunction with other Sections, and I enjoyed the opportunity to collaborate with those individuals to broaden the reach of the presentations. Given the pandemic, these seminars took place virtually, which allowed for individuals to both attend, and present, who previously would have been unable to do so. Additionally, due to the virtual nature, people from many different provinces attended some of the seminars including individuals from British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan and Ontario. Given this success, I anticipate continuing (in some form) virtual presentations going forward. The seminars are as follows:

- Safe Third Country Agreement Update (November 17, 2020)
- Section 24(1) – An Overview for the Criminal Law Practitioner (December 14, 2020)
- Summary Judgment in Child Protection Proceedings (February 4, 2021)
- Child Protection in the Provincial Court (February 18, 2021)
- Watson Applications in Child Protection Proceedings (February 26, 2021)
- Warrantless Searches: Electronic Devices at the Border (March 25, 2021)
- Getting to the Finish Line: Vaccination Policies for Workplaces (April 30, 2021)
- Virtual Court – Best Practices (May 18, 2021)
- Best Practices in JADR for Employment Law Practitioners (June 11, 2021)

Additionally, as Chair of the Section I was asked to join the MBA working group on the Gender-Neutral Pronoun initiative. This has resulted in numerous meetings and it has been a pleasure to work with, and learn from, the other members of the working group on this important issue.

I have enjoyed my time as Chair and look forward to continuing in this role for 2021/22.

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