

## CCCA Section Report 2013-14

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The MBA CCCA Section was very active this year. Regular members of the Section include in-house counsel employed by business enterprises, not-for-profit organizations, and municipal and government bodies, as well as associate members from the private bar.

The Section has continued to receive excellent support from the MBA staff. This is noteworthy, very much appreciated and continues to contribute directly to the success that our Section has had in terms of coordinating communications of our meetings, offerings and other information of interest to members this year.

The Section held eight (8) meetings all of which were very well attended as well as sponsored three (3) sessions at the 2014 MBA Mid-Winter Conference. We worked to co-sponsor these sessions and our meetings with other MBA Sections in the interest of furthering increased collaboration.

Our Section luncheon meetings were all hosted by member corporations as well as private firms in Winnipeg, and included one dinner event. This successful model and tradition of our Section is one of our strengths that we hope to continue. Our annual dinner meeting in March was very well attended and included an out of town speaker Merie-Ann Beavis of Gowlings from Toronto.

As in the past, the focus of this year's meetings has been to provide learning offerings on subjects of interest to the corporate counsel community which can qualify for CPD credit locally by our members. Topics covered in our Section meetings, and at the 2014 Mid-Winter Conference this year included the following subjects:

September	"CCA for CCCA"
October	"Anticorruption and Bribery Legislation"
November	"Financial Literacy & What In-house Counsel Should Know About "Vulnerable Persons"
January	The three Mid-Winter sessions that we co-sponsored with other MBA Sections were: (i) Lessons for Law Firms on Women's Advancement and Increasing Client Connections (ii) The Commissioner of Competition's <i>annus horribilis</i> in the Competition Tribunal (iii) The New Canada Anti-Spam Law: What You, Your Employer and Clients Need to Know
February	"Immigration Law 2014: A New Dawn (Raid)"
March	"The Modern-Day P3: Project Procurement & Politics"

April	“A Review and Best Practices in Procurement Processes” (co-hosted with PSL Section)
May	“Understanding Whistle Blowing Law: The Ethical Considerations”
June	“Fraud – Are You Aware of Current Threats and Risks? What In-House Counsel Should Know About Fraud and Related Commercial Crime Topics”

We were also instrumental in ensuring that Winnipeg was one of a few selected Canadian cities for a public information meeting on Canada’s Anti-Spam Legislation that was hosted by Industry Canada, the CRTC and the federal Office of the Privacy Commissioner in February.

The relationship between the Canadian Bar Association and the Canadian Corporate Counsel Association provides our MBA CCCA Section membership at no additional cost beyond the CBA membership fee in Manitoba, a wide range of the benefits, including:

- CCCA Magazine;
- access to online CCCA CPD opportunities;
- access to an online knowledge centre;
- networking opportunities and learning offerings locally and at the CCCA’s Annual Conference;
- no cost Mentoring program specifically for in-house counsel
- advocacy on in-house issues
- ability to participate in a new Certified In-house Counsel (CIC) Business Leadership Program which was launched this past winter with University of Toronto Rotman School of Business. Several local CCCA members have participated in both review and comment on the curriculum for this program as well as an earlier pilot program.

We are pleased that various MBA CCCA Section members and their firms have been profiled in CCCA Magazine, as well as other legal profession magazines over the past year which is a result of their CCCA and MBA CCCA Section membership.

Also, we would note that Michael Jason of Richardson International received the CCCA’s “Up and Comer Award” at the CCCA’s Annual Meeting in Calgary in April. This award recognizes a CCCA in-house member with less than 15 years in-house experience who demonstrates strong participation within the profession, the CCCA and the organization that he or she serves

We are pleased to also confirm that Manitoba continues to punch above its weight class in its contributions to CBA and CCCA and has been very well represented over the past year on the national CCCA Executive and various national CCCA Committees:

- Dean Scaletta, MPI Legal Department, currently serves as the national CCCA Treasurer and member of the national CCCA Executive Committee, and a member of the national CCCA Values Profile & Influence Committee;
- Nick Slonosky, Investors Group, serves as the MBA’s Section Representative, is also member of the national CCCA Executive, currently serves as Chair of the national CCCA Advocacy Committee, and as a

member of the national CCCA Values Profile & Influence Committee, the national CCCA Certification Committee, the national CCCA Professional Development Committee;

- Michael Jason, Richardson International, is a member of the national CCCA Advocacy Committee, and the national CCCA Professional Development Committee;
- Sonya Reiss, Investors Group, is a member of the national CCCA Values Profile & Influence Committee;
- George Derwin, Manitoba Hydro International, is a member of the national CCCA Pro Bono Committee.

The MBA CCCA Section looks forward and plans to continue to deliver increased value to our membership.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nick Slonosky and Dianne Pemkowski, Co-Chairs