

Corporate (In-House) Counsel Section Report 2011-2012

Section Executive

Co-Chair, Nick Slonosky, Investors Group Financial Services Inc.

Co-Chair, Rennie Stonyk, MPI Legal Department

Past Chair, Jon Sigurdson, Aikins

CCCA – Dean Scalleta, MPI Legal Department, currently serves as the CCCA Treasurer, and is a member of the CCCA Executive Committee;

as well, Nick Slonosky, Investors Group Financial Services Inc., serves as the MBA's Section Representative, is also member of the CCCA Executive, and currently serves also as Chair of the CCCA Advocacy Committee.

The Manitoba Bar Association Corporate (In-House) Counsel Section (and by extension, the Canadian Corporate Counsel Association "CCCA" Manitoba Chapter) were 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 received excellent support from the MBA staff. This is particularly noteworthy, very much appreciated and continues to contribute directly to the success our Section has had in terms of coordinating communications of our meetings, offering and other information of interest to members this year.

The Section held seven meetings all of which were very well attended. Section meetings were hosted by member corporations as well as private firms in Winnipeg, as well as one dinner event. This successful model and tradition of our Section is one we hope to continue. Our annual dinner meeting in March included an out of town speaker, Jeff N. Grubb, Q.C. of Miller Thomson LLP. 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 that can also qualify for CPD credit by our members. Subjects covered in Section meetings this year included:

- Confidentiality, Privilege and Useful Technologies: The Duty, the Law and the LDRC Encryption Project
- Proposed PIDEA Amendments & New Anti-Spam legislation
- Immigration Due Diligence in Mergers and Acquisitions
- *Recent Trends in Employment Law: Tips, Traps, & Minefields*
- What In-house Counsel should know about Legal and Project Management Practice
- Limitation of Liability and Indemnification Clause
- "Non-Disclosure Agreements, and Non-Competition & Non-Solicitation Clauses"

The relationship between the Canadian Bar Association and the CCCA provides membership in both organizations at no additional cost beyond the CBA membership fee in Manitoba. 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 CCCA Executive and various CCCA Committees.

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

Respectfully Submitted,
Nick Slonosky, Co-Chair