

Corporate (In-House) Counsel Section Report 2012-2013

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The Manitoba Bar Association 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 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, offerings and other information of interest to members this year.

The Section held seven meetings all of which were very well attended as well as sponsored a session at the 2013 MBA Mid-Winter Conference . 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, Bradley Freedman, of Borden Ladner Gervais LLP of Vancouver.

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. Topics covered in Section meetings, and Mid-Winter this year included the following subjects:

- "Recent and Upcoming changes in Accessibility Legislation"
- "The Hollinger Case" – A lesson in ethics for corporate/in-house counsel"
- "Recent Developments in Competition Law: Enforcement Themes and Compliance Activities"
- "Getting Beyond "Take it or Leave it": The Art and Science of Effective Negotiation
- "Technology & Security – Are You Meeting Your Confidentiality Obligations?"
- "When Rights, Obligations, & Business Imperatives Collide: Hot Topics in Technology, Privacy, & Data Security"
- "Canada's Anti-Spam Law is in your Inbox: Will you open or delete? What In-House Counsel Needs to Know... Now!"
- "Ethical Issues for In-House Counsel, Including Whistleblower Situations"

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.

In November 2012, the Manitoba Bar Council re-named the Corporate (In-house Counsel) Section as the CCCA Section. 2013 also marked the CCCA's 25th Anniversary Year of providing in-house excellence.

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.

Dean Scalleta, MPI Legal Department, currently serves as the CCCA Treasurer and member of the CCCA Executive Committee, and a member of CCCA Values Profile & Influence Committee;

Nick Slonosky, Investors Group, serves as the MBA's Section Representative, is also member of the CCCA Executive, currently serves as Chair of the CCCA Advocacy Committee, and as a member of the CCCA Values Profile & Influence Committee, the CCCA Certification Committee, the CCCA Professional Development Committee.

Michael Jason, Richardson International, is a member of the CCCA Advocacy Committee, and the CCCA Professional Development Committee

Sonya Reiss, Investors Group, is a member of the CCCA Values Profile & Influence 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