

Environmental Law Section Report

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The first substantive educational session was held in December 2014. Terry Sargeant the current Chair of the Clean Environment Commission gave a presentation on *Effective Advocacy before the CEC*. The second educational section was held in March 2015 at which time Jon Stefaniuk and Gord Hannon did a joint presentation on the *Implications of the SCC decision in Tsilhqot'in Nation v. British Columbia to the Private Sector and to Government*. The section has shown some slow but steady growth over the last few years, with a consistent and steady core of members, augmented by newer lawyers who are beginning to develop practices that have an Environmental law component to them. So that is encouraging. In March 2015, as the MBA Section Rep, I attended the annual CBA NEERLS educational conference and business meeting in Calgary. The topic was *Environment in the Courtroom: Evidentiary Issues in Environmental Prosecutions and Hearings*. A wide range of enforcement issues were canvassed from across Canada. A third section meeting is contemplated for late June with the topic yet to be determined.

Respectfully submitted,
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