

## Legal Research Section Report 2014-2015

This year's section executive was composed of the following individuals:

- Co-chairs: Melanie Bueckert and Catherine Skinner
- Vice-chair: Darla Rettie
- Members-at-large: Vivian Hilder and Andrew Robertson

Over the past year, the Legal Research Section organized eight professional development events, namely:

- A webcast by Dr. Daniel M. Russell, Senior Research Scientist with Google in September 2014 on Google search skills
- A presentation by Byron Williams, Director of the Public Interest Law Centre, in November 2014 on empirical research and the practice of law
- Our annual holiday party in December 2014 at Pitblado LLP, with fabulous door prizes donated by Carswell, Emond Montgomery, Irwin Law and LexisNexis
- Two sessions at the January Mid-Winter Meeting: (1) New Directions in Research and (2) Knowledge Management: A Conversation
- A webcast presentation by law librarians from British Columbia and Ontario in April 2015 on the topic of locating unpublished court and tribunal decisions
- An in-person presentation by Mike McCandless of McCandless Trambley in May 2015 on the topic of researching municipal and First Nations by-laws
- Our annual wind-up event in June 2015

The Section also published 10 editions of its electronic newsletter, *The Law & Library Monthly*, made possible by the faithful contributions of its fantastic volunteer writers:

- Tony Cellitti
- David Davis
- Andrea Doyle
- Heather Fast
- Tanya Keller
- Nikki Kowalski
- Lisa Manaire
- Andrew Robertson
- Kimberly Soul

The newsletter, edited by Melanie Bueckert, provides updates on local civil litigation, criminal, family, immigration, labour and employment law developments, as well as law reform initiatives across the country.

Submitted by,  
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