

Legal Research Section Report 2019-2020

The Legal Research Section was active throughout the year. The monthly newsletter continues by popular demand edited by Past Chair Melanie Bueckert. We thank Melanie for her tireless effort in reminding the writers of their due date for their contribution and ensuring the newsletter appears in a timely manner.

In September 2019, we had our Section's first CPD of the year at the legislative reading room research discussion. It was interesting and informative. What a great resource that many did not even know existed. And a great place to hide away from it all to do some serious research.

The month of November 2019 included a session on computerized legal research with Mr. Mark Doble of ALEXSEI. This also marked our first webinar hosted on Zoom. The session was very informative on how Mark's firm can conduct legal research on particular issues and present in legal memo format in less than 48 hours. A great tool for the busy lawyer.

The Mid-Winter Conference CPD included many great topics and one hosted by our Section on Animal Justice and related issues which saw many guest speakers present on very topical issues of research in the area of animal law and litigation techniques. Our Section also co-sponsored the Manitoba Law Reform Commission's session at the Mid-Winter.

In March, our Section hosted the return of Lightning Talks at Robson Hall Law School just in time before the pandemic changed everything. Seven speakers including professors, lawyers and students presented on a range of topics that they are either studying or writing thesis on a range of legal topics. Well attended and provocative discussion had by all who attended.

Our Section's two other speaking engagements have been postponed to the fall of 2020 with the hopes that the pandemic will flatten out allowing for in-person legal discussions. Our Section will end the season with our annual BBQ that is in the final stages of planning.

Submitted by,
David Davis, Chair, MBA Legal Research Section