

## **Public Sector Lawyers' Section Report 2017-2018**

The Public Sector Lawyers' Section held three in-person events this year. In November, we offered an EPPM session on public sector lawyers and pro bono, featuring presentations by Tana Christianson (Law Society of Manitoba) and Nadia Rumore (Legal Help Centre). In December, we partnered with the Technology & Intellectual Property Section to offer a public sector privacy law update, presented by Andrew Buck (Pitblado LLP). In May, we collaborated with the MBA's Legislation & Law Reform Committee, inviting our members to attend a presentation by Fred Meier (Clerk of the Executive Council and Cabinet Secretary). We are also in the process of organizing a session on alternative dispute resolution in the public sector, which we hope to hold in June.

In addition to these local events, we are plugged into the ongoing work of our national counterpart, the CBA's Public Sector Lawyers' Section. Though I was unable to attend their in-person meeting in Ottawa in April, I regularly call into their monthly teleconference meetings. This year, we were excited to launch a national discussion board, available to all section members, which is accessible online at <https://www.cba.org/Sections/Public-Sector-Lawyers/Forum>.

The national section also held a number of free teleconference CPD programs over the year, on a wide variety of topics: autonomous vehicles; drones; lawyers running for political office; historical legislative research; cyberbullying and revenge pornography; the duty to consult; and parliamentary privilege. I presented on the topic of historical legislative research in January and I organized the teleconference on cyberbullying and revenge pornography in February.

I have enjoyed my first year as a member of the executive of this section. Plans for next year include recruiting additional executive members, increasing the number of section members and planning more CPD and networking events.

Submitted by,  
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