

Public Sector Lawyers' Section Report 2018-2019

The Public Sector Lawyers' Section held four in-person events this year. In March, we learned about recent changes to *The Public Interest Disclosure (Whistleblower Protection) Act* from Cary Jackson of the Manitoba Ombudsman's office. We also collaborated with the MBA's Legislation & Law Reform Committee, inviting our members to attend a presentation by Sandra Hodzic on the use of social impact bonds in Manitoba. In addition to these more traditional CPD events, we organized two volunteer opportunities for our members. In December, Section members met at Siloam Mission and sorted donated clothing items. In June, Section members were invited to participate in a Soup Sisters & Broth Brothers event, making soup for women and children at Willow Place, a local domestic violence shelter.

In addition to these local events, we are plugged into the ongoing work of our national counterpart, the CBA's Public Sector Lawyers' Section. I regularly participate in their bi-monthly teleconference meetings. As in past years, the national Section also held a number of free teleconference CPD programs over the year on a wide variety of topics, including social impact bonds, *Charter* statements and the duty to consult. I organized a teleconference on online political expression by public servants, which was held in January.

Before the end of the year, I plan to connect with MBA members employed in the public sector, with a view to increasing our Section's membership and engagement.

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