

Real Property Section Report 2017-2018

During the 2017/2018 year (approximately the beginning of May, 2017 to the end of April, 2018), the Real Property Section's activities have been comprised in part of the general sessions it has conducted, and in part, of the Section's executive's (i.e., Jason Bryk, Maria Penner and Ned Brown) activities with respect to real property practice matters brought to their attention.

Highlights of the Section's activities during the above period have been:

1. The following Section general information sessions have been held:
 - (a) September 28, 2017 – presentation by representative from Manitoba Parks re cottage property conveyancing;
 - (b) October 26, 2017 - presentation by Jeff Shypit re real estate closing trust conditions;
 - (c) November 23, 2017 - presentation by Sarah Rentz and Samantha Mivrata re property taxation in the City of Winnipeg;
 - (d) March 22, 2018 - presentation by Steven Walker and Janice Pochallo re subdivision under The Planning Act (Manitoba); and
 - (e) April 19, 2018 - presentation by Sheryl Rosenberg re environmental law concerns re real estate conveyancing.
2. The Real Property Section put on a legal information session re "mines and minerals" (Jason Bryk and Tom Frohlinger) at the January, 2018 Mid-Winter Bar Conference. The University of Manitoba requested and was provided the digital part of Jason's Bryk's presentation to use as a teaching aid for the part of their real property class covering mines and minerals being taught by Robert Tyler of MLT Aikins.
3. Ned Brown made written submissions to The Manitoba Securities Commission in connection with its review of the form of Offer to Purchase mandated for real estate bankers.
4. The Section's executive, aided by Jeff Shypit, Mona Brown, Lionel Martens, Rick Adams, Albina Moran and David Marshall continues to meet with senior LTO officers approximately every three to four months to discuss matters of mutual concern regarding the administration of the Land Titles system.
5. Jason Bryk and Ned Brown continue to receive calls and queries from practitioners regarding various matters of practice from time to time.
6. Jason Bryk and Ned Brown have sat as representatives of the Real Property Section on the "Stakeholders' Committee" shared by Maureen Terra which deals with and considers matters related to real property law, practice and procedure (and policy).

Submitted by,
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