

Wills, Estates & Trusts Section Report 2017-2018

The Wills, Estates and Trusts Section has been busy over the past year. Our Section again participated in the January MBA Mid-Winter Conference, wherein our session on gaining access to a lawyer's file for cases involving challenging a Will had one of the highest attendance rates! We also hosted well-attended sessions on "Debunking the Myth – Trust Companies", a joint session with the Young Lawyers Section on "Basic Will Drafting: Tips and Challenges", and "TFSAs, RESPs and Other 4-Letter Words".

We have one of the largest, if not the largest executive amongst the MBA Sections, and our members remain very involved, with excellent attendance rates at all sessions. The executive and its members also continue to represent wills and estates practitioners by providing feedback on projects and proposals from the Law Reform Commission, the Law Society and the Manitoba Bar Association.

In the coming year, we hope to do a session out at the University of Manitoba, Robson Hall Faculty of Law, so as to reach out to student members of the Section. We have several sessions for which we are planning in the coming year, including joint sessions with the Elder Law Section and the Real Property Section of the MBA.

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