

**Public Sector Lawyers' Conference
Mid-Winter Meeting 2000**

Gerry Stobo, Chair

In addressing CBA Council, Conference Chair Gerry Stobo expressed his thanks for the approval of the reduced fees pilot project extension. Originally established during the 1995-96 year, the project has allowed newly joining public sector lawyers to benefit from a 25% reduction in fees. CBA Council approval means that the pilot will continue for two additional years at the 25% reduction, and for the third and final year at a 12.5% reduction. The Conference views the continuation of the reduced fees program as key to increasing public sector lawyers representation in the CBA.

The Conference is continuing to work in partnership with other groups both within and outside the CBA. He cited the upcoming International Law Conference in May 2000 as just one such example. The Conference is being developed in partnership with three CBA Sections (International Law, Sales and Commodity Tax, and Military Law); the federal Department of Justice; Foreign Affairs; and the Canadian International Trade Tribunal, and will showcase the legal talent of these groups, and will tackle a myriad of international law issues.