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2011 - 2012 SECTIONS GUIDE

33 Reasons to Belong to the MBA

FREE REGISTRATION



Joining CBA/MBA Sections is among the best investments you can make in your legal career. With 33 local Sections to choose from, and free enrollment in as many as you select, Sections provide frequent networking opportunities, valuable practice tips, and are a great way to increase your referral network while staying up-to-date on emerging trends in the profession.

As a Section member, you will receive:

- Advance notice of all section meetings and events;
- Automatic Registration in corresponding National CBA Sections;
- The opportunity to network with Government officials, Judges, In-House Counsel; and fellow practitioners;
- Input into Legislative and Regulatory changes.

Sections host over 80 information-packed events each year.

**Make sure you take a moment and send in
your 2011-2012 Section Enrollment form now.**

ABORIGINAL LAW SECTION *(National/Branch Section)*

Updates on emerging areas of the law, recent cases and new directions? Advancements in the duty to consult and accommodate? Labour relations and business structures on-Reserve? Compensation for infringements of Aboriginal and Treaty rights?

Have you ever wanted to know more about these and others topics in the quickly evolving field of Aboriginal law? If so, then join the Aboriginal Law Section. This Section discusses new and important issues in Aboriginal law through CPDs and forums with judges; along with hosting networking events for our Section members. Keep on top of the legal, political, social and economic developments and opportunities involving Canada's Aboriginal peoples.

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW *(National/Branch Section)*

If your clients interact with governments at any level or deal with statutory tribunals and agencies, the Administrative Law Section is the best way for you to improve the legal services that you provide. Regular meetings help you stay up-to-date on developments in the law and offer proven practice tips from colleagues and experts. From judicial review and professional discipline to appearances before boards and the courts, the Administrative Law Section is for you.

AIR AND SPACE LAW *(National Section Only)*

This Section focuses on the law and practice affecting the ownership or operation of aircraft and related matters, as well as issues of significance to lawyers handling air and space law matters.

ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION (ADR) *(National/Branch Section)*

A growing number of disputes are being successfully resolved in case management, settlement conferences (including pre-trials and four way conferences), mini trials, arbitration, mediation, judicially assisted dispute resolution and conciliation. Finely honed skills and styles are required and used in these processes to bring these disputes to successful resolutions. A clear recognition and understanding of the contexts and frameworks of these processes is integral to a positive end result. Negotiating style and techniques for reducing barriers to settlement are learned. Join our Section and be proactive in your learning and practise.

BANKRUPTCY & INSOLVENCY LAW *(National Section - Bankruptcy, Insolvency and Restructuring/Branch Section)*

This Section will interest lawyers practicing in the area of bankruptcy and insolvency generally, and those who deal with restructuring, security issues, priorities, realization, and creditor/debtor rights. Come meet and share your views with leading practitioners and stay current with local and national developments in an entertaining and informal setting.

BUSINESS LAW *(National/Branch Section)*

This Section gives you the opportunity to hear and meet the leading experts and opinion makers on new and emerging legal issues affecting businesses generally. If you have business clients, (which include lenders and other financial institutions) you cannot afford to miss out on the tips, news and industry specific information that Business Law members receive.

CANADIAN JUDGES' FORUM *(National Forum Only)*

The objectives of this Section are: to promote the views and interests of judges within the CBA; to provide a means for judges to participate in the CBA which respects judicial independence; to provide a forum for the exchange of information and ideas amongst judges of all Courts of Record, and between judges and members of the Bar; and to develop member services relevant to judges. Judges who are members of the CBA are automatically enrolled in this Section.

CHARITIES AND NOT-FOR-PROFIT LAW *(National Section Only)*

Do you provide services to Charities and Non-Profit Organizations? If so, you will want to join the Charities and Not-For-Profit Law Section. This Section deals with law and practice relating to the regulation and administration of charities and non-profit organizations.

CIVIL LITIGATION *(National/Branch Section)*

This Section covers all aspects of litigation. At our meetings and through dialogue with a variety of stakeholders involved in our litigation processes, we address many current litigation issues throughout the year. Topics include new Rules and changes to existing Rules, new Legislation, new case law, developing areas of the law, trials, appeals, evidentiary issues and practice management. Meetings and seminars take place throughout the year. Dialogue with the Judiciary is ongoing and productive. Join us at our next meeting in order to maintain and enhance your advocacy skills.

COMMODITY TAX, CUSTOMS & TRADE *(National Section Only)*

This Section is concerned primarily with practise issues arising from commodity taxes, customs and trade remedy matters.

COMPETITION LAW *(National Section Only)*

The general purpose of the Section is the promotion of the objects of the Association within the competition law field.

CONFERENCE OF FRENCH SPEAKING COMMON LAW MEMBERS *(National Conference Only)*

The purpose of the Conference is: (a) to make the Association, its Branches and its members aware of the practice of common law in French, identifying and making members aware of relevant tools and resources; (b) to work with National and Branch Sections, Conferences and Standing Committees to promote the organization of meetings, continuing legal education and other programs in French; (c) to organize common law programs and programming in French at meetings of the Association; (d) to work with other organizations interested in common law in French; (e) to examine the evolution of linguistic rights in Canada; (f) to promote linguistic equality within the legal profession and the Association; and (g) to publish a regular bulletin to inform those using the French language in the Canadian legal milieu.

CONSTITUTIONAL/HUMAN RIGHTS LAW *(National/Branch Section)*

The Section provides topical CPD programming dealing with constitutional issues (*Charter*, federalism and the relationship and roles of the legislative executive and judicial branches of government) and human rights issues (human rights codes and international human rights law). Regular features include, "You be the Judge" reviewing the top constitutional and human rights cases of the year, a CPD on recent developments in accommodation, and a CPD on a leading Supreme Court *Charter* case.

CONSTRUCTION LAW *(National/Branch Section)*

More than sawdust and nails, this Section deals with a wide variety of construction law topics that will be of interest to those lawyers who represent owners, contractors, developers, governments, trades, engineers, insurers, architects, planners and suppliers to the construction industry. Topics include case law and legislative updates relevant to construction law in Manitoba and Canada, Builders' Liens actions, trust claims, bidding and tendering issues, public private partnerships, and workplace safety.

CORPORATE COUNSEL *(National/Branch Section)*

In-house corporate counsel are among the fastest growing segments of the profession and this is their forum. This group welcomes in-house counsel employed by business enterprises, not for profit organizations, and municipal and government bodies, as well as associate members from the private bar. The Section provides members with practical and informative programs on topics such as employment/human rights law, corporate governance, and the roles/responsibilities of in-house counsel.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE *(National/Branch Section)*

If your practice involves criminal law, don't miss out on the valuable opportunities this Section offers for you to keep current with legal developments. Through professional development sessions, the Section provides its members with informative programs on procedural and substantive criminal law. The sessions are well-attended by our members because of the valuable opportunity to meet and discuss topics with senior lawyers and the judiciary. The Section is also very active in law reform work and consultations with stakeholders in any changes proposed to the administration of criminal justice.

ELDER LAW *(National/Branch Section)*

The objectives of this Section are tri-fold: 1) to improve the law affecting seniors; 2) to educate the public, the individual Bars, the Judiciary and members of the Association on important Elder Law issues; and 3) to foster professionalism in the area of Elder Law through communication among Elder Law practitioners.

ENVIRONMENTAL LAW *(National Environmental, Energy & Resource Law/Branch Section)*

This is an essential Section for networking within the environmental law, business and regulatory communities. If you deal with clients in manufacturing, real estate, development, waste management, lending, the municipal arena, and the many other sectors affected by environmental legislation, you'll find timely information and contacts to enhance your practice.

EQUALITY ISSUES *(National Standing Committee/Branch Section)*

This Section takes a close look at equality issues within both the legal system and the profession. Practitioners and academics alike share ideas in a collegial atmosphere. This Section also plays a role in advising the CBA/MBA and government on law and women. Make contacts that will enrich both your professional and personal life.

FAMILY LAW *(National/Branch Section)*

Family law covers a myriad of issues, including child and spousal support, custody, and property matters; and many methods of resolution including litigation and alternate dispute resolution processes such as mediation. This Section can help you stay on top of the latest information including court rulings, legislative developments and procedural news. Members enjoy a wide range of educational programs and the opportunity to meet with members of the judiciary and the family law bar. The Section also gives members a voice on many committees that deal with issues affecting them or their clients, including those that deal with legislative changes, court processes, and services for clients.

GENERAL PRACTITIONERS *(National Forum - Small, Solo and General Practice/Branch Section)*

Want to make sure you are up to speed on the issues facing sole or small firm practitioners? No one should be without membership in this valuable Section. Geared to your unique needs, this Section can help you manage your practice, keep up with the latest trends and network with fellow practitioners.

HEALTH LAW *(National/Branch Section)*

Issues related to current and proposed legislation, patients' rights, mental health consumers, confidentiality of health information including e-health records, the regulation of health professionals, medical malpractice issues and civil actions involving health professionals are among the many topics debated in this Section's meetings, information programs and publications.

IMMIGRATION LAW *(National/Branch Section)*

Benefit from the shared information and expertise this Section offers to all citizenship law, refugee law and immigration law practitioners. Members hear about common problems and solutions and work together to develop constructive legislative and policy reforms. This Section has a continuing dialogue and meetings with

Citizenship and Immigration Canada, the Canada Border Services Agency, Service Canada, Immigration and Refugee Board and the United States consulate and US Customs and Border Protection, and is an essential component of any immigration lawyer's practice.

INSURANCE LAW (National Section Only)

The Insurance Law Section brings together CBA members with an interest in all facets of insurance law. Members include in-house counsel and private practitioners from all parts of the country. Members deal with all classes of life, accident and casualty insurance, as well as corporate governance, human rights, insolvency and administrative law issues for insurance industry stakeholders.

INTERNATIONAL LAW (National/Branch Section)

This Section deals with all areas of private and public international law and its application in Canadian domestic law. If your practice involves international transactions, be they related to business, trade, investment, the environment or human rights, or if international law is a personal interest of yours, you will benefit from becoming a member of this Section. The Section aims to facilitate discussion forums and CPDs on current international law developments.

LABOUR LAW

(National Labour & Employment Law/Branch Section)

You're fired! You're hired! From sexual harassment to new decisions of the Labour Board, arbitrators, courts and human rights commissions, the Labour Law Section examines the full scope of legal issues arising in the workplace. The Section's programs bring experts together to discuss employment standards, collective bargaining, government initiatives and legislative changes, effective advocacy and dispute settlement. No matter which side you represent, employer or trade union or a neutral, this is a must-join Section.

LAW PRACTICE MANAGEMENT & TECHNOLOGY

(National/Branch Section)

This Section is concerned with the business of the practice of law. Areas of focus include: organizational structure for law firms and law departments; recruitment and retention of legal talent; talent management and professional development, knowledge management, marketing of legal services, pricing of legal services, e-lawyering, multi-disciplinary and multi-jurisdictional practice of law; relationships between law firms and their clients; compensation systems for partners, associates, and in house counsel; ethics and professionalism in the delivery of legal services.

LEGAL RESEARCH (Branch Section Only)

This Section caters to the unique professional needs of research lawyers in the private bar and who serve as government counsel, counsel to non-profit organizations, sole practitioners specializing in research, legal educators, legal counsel to courts and tribunals, and legislative drafters. Members will be kept up to date on rapidly developing areas of law, with presentations by local and international experts, a monthly newsletter, strategic skill development sessions, and enjoyable networking initiatives. This Section will actively build partnerships with other MBA Sections, in an effort to improve the legal research undertaken by all members of the profession.

MARITIME LAW (National Section Only)

This Section deals with the examination and evaluation of: the Law and practice of provincial, national and international nature, affecting shipping and matters relating to shipping; establishment, jurisdiction, procedure and organization of Canadian admiralty courts; and practice of lawyers before such courts.

MEDIA AND COMMUNICATIONS

(National Section - Entertainment, Media and Communications Law/Branch Section)

Television, radio, newspapers, internet, films. If your practice involves forms of communication, information products or entertainment, this Section is for you. The Section deals with the laws and procedures pertaining to

defamation, contempt, privacy, publication bans, access to information, broadcasting, publishing, etc. Opportunities are offered to network with counsel in the media, entertainment and communications areas.

MILITARY LAW (National Section Only)

This Section deals with Military Law, including the military system of justice and operational law, as well as uniquely military aspects of established substantive bodies of law practised by civilians such as criminal law, tort law, intellectual property, employment and human rights law, air law, maritime law and international law.

MUNICIPAL LAW (National/Branch Section)

Connect with some of the leading players in municipal law and government and get the inside track on today's latest legislative changes and court decisions involving all aspects of this practice, from assessment and expropriation to licensing, land use and planning matters. This is a key Section to join if your practice includes private or public sector clients that have dealings with cities or municipalities or if you act for cities or municipalities.

PENSIONS AND BENEFITS LAW SECTION

(National Section only)

The purpose of the Section is to review developing pensions and benefits legislation, standards and policy, and to promote the harmonization of same; to facilitate the exchange of information and ideas on pensions and benefits matters among members of the legal profession, legislators, the judiciary, public policy organizations, employers, unions, retirees and other pension plan members, and the public; to serve as an educational resource and to organize lectures and seminars on pensions and benefits laws, standards and policy; to promote and undertake research on pensions and benefits law and related matters; and to advocate for pension standards reform.

PUBLIC SECTOR LAWYERS' FORUM

(National Conference/Branch Section)

This Section welcomes any CBA members who are employed by any level of government or the public sector. The Public Sector Lawyers' Forum was formed to promote a forum for government and public sector lawyers, who have interests which are distinct from lawyers in private practice. The conference has members from all levels of government, crown corporations, legal aid, AJAG and the public sector generally.

PRIVACY & ACCESS LAW (National Section Only)

The purpose of this Section is to: review developing privacy legislation in Canada, to advise on such legislation, to promote the harmonization of such legislation and to consider and discuss all related subjects; facilitate the exchange of information and ideas on privacy matters, including international developments in privacy law, among members of the legal profession, the federal, provincial and territorial governments, the Judiciary and the Canadian public; organize lectures and seminars relating to privacy law in Canada; and promote and undertake research on privacy law and related matters.

REAL PROPERTY (National/Branch Section)

If your practice touches upon any aspect of real property law, then you must enroll in this Section now! Whether you act for lenders, purchasers, vendors, landlords, tenants or developers, this Section's initiatives, materials, publications and programs are aimed at helping you.

SECURITIES LAW (Branch Section Only)

This Section deals with sources of securities regulation applicable in Manitoba, including *The Securities Act* (Manitoba) and the regulations, notices and rules thereunder; the policies, notices, blanket orders and other instruments adopted by The Manitoba Securities Commission; the national instruments multilateral instruments and national policy statements published by

the Canadian Administrators; and the rules and policies set out by any other securities regulatory organizations having jurisdiction in Manitoba.

SOGIC MANITOBA (National Conference - Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity/Branch Section)

The SOGIC Manitoba Section is the MBA equivalent to the CBA's National Conference - Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity. The purpose of the Section is to provide a forum for the exchange of information, ideas and action on legal issues relating to sexual orientation and gender identity. The Section has been active in promoting continuing professional development, hosting information sessions for the community at large and working towards legislative changes to ensure greater equality in society.

TAXATION LAW (National/Branch Section)

Tax practitioners will not want to miss the networking opportunities and informative programmes offered by this Section. Exchange valuable insights with fellow tax colleagues.

TECHNOLOGY & INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY LAW

(National Section - Intellectual Property/Branch Section Only)

Technology, intellectual property and privacy are among the most dynamic and challenging areas of law in today's fast moving economy. This Section holds meetings, facilitates continuing professional development seminars with the goal of keeping its members informed and up to date with emerging legal issues and industry practices in these exciting and diverse fields.

TRANSPORTATION LAW

(National Air & Space Law Section/Branch Section)

Planes, trains and automobiles, plus any other mode of transport are the focus of this Section. This Section also examines issues in the logistics of distribution, financing, operation and regulation of air, land, water and intermodal transportation. The Section has been largely dormant locally for several years. Local interest is limited, but the Chair welcomes any suggestions for activities or distribution of relevant materials.

WILLS & ESTATES (National Wills, Estates & Trusts/Branch Section)

No one is getting any younger and demographic forecasts suggest this is one practice area more practitioners are pursuing. This popular Section offers up-to-date news of common law and frequent legislative changes affecting the establishment and administration of wills, trusts and estates, including mental incompetency matters and taxation issues. Meet and exchange ideas and information with some of the top practitioners in the field.

WOMEN LAWYERS' FORUM

(National Conference/Branch Section)

The Women Lawyers' Forum is the connecting point for women in the legal profession. Through the inter-lacing of the social and the professional, the Women Lawyers' Forum provides an opportunity for women in the law to meet, to talk and to get to know each other better, for personal and professional benefit.

YOUNG LAWYERS'

(National Conference/Branch Section)

Starting out, you want all the help and inside tips you can get and this Section offers it to young members of the profession throughout the province. If you are a student or a lawyer who has been called to the Bar in the last five years you are automatically a member of this Section. The Section offers practical and fact-filled series of seminars and events giving you knowledge you can use in your practice today. The Section also provides you with the opportunity to mix and mingle with many of the leading names in law, government and the judiciary.

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2011 - 2012 SECTION ENROLLMENT FORM

Sections keep you up to date on practice trends, legal developments and increase your network of professional contacts at regularly held meetings. Receive valuable materials and information on new practise tips and substantive issues addressed by the Section.

Name: _____ CBA No: _____ Year of Call: _____

Firm: _____

Mailing Address: _____ Postal Code: _____

Tel: _____ Fax: _____ E-mail: _____

SECTION MEMBERSHIP - You must be a CBA member in good standing to become a Section member and attend Section meetings. CBA memberships are not transferable. Registration in a MBA Branch Section automatically registers you in the corresponding National Section, if any, at no extra charge.

REGISTRATION PERIOD - Your Section registration covers the period September 1, 2011 to August 31, 2012 and will expire on August 31, 2012. You must register for Sections to receive Notices of Meetings.

MBA BRANCH SECTIONS - Please check the Sections for which you would like to receive notices.

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| 04 <input type="checkbox"/> Bankruptcy & Insolvency Law | 21 <input type="checkbox"/> Legal Research |
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PLEASE NOTE: THE 2011 - 2012 Section lists will be updated and compiled from the information received on this form.

The following National Sections do not have a corresponding MBA Branch Section. To register for any of these, at no charge, please complete.

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| 01 <input type="checkbox"/> Air and Space Law | 07 <input type="checkbox"/> Insurance Law |
| 02 <input type="checkbox"/> Canadian Judges' Forum | 08 <input type="checkbox"/> Legal Profession Assistance Conference |
| 03 <input type="checkbox"/> Charities & Not-for-Profit Law | 09 <input type="checkbox"/> Maritime Law |
| 04 <input type="checkbox"/> Commodity Tax, Customs and Trade | 10 <input type="checkbox"/> Military Law |
| 05 <input type="checkbox"/> Competition Law | 11 <input type="checkbox"/> Pensions and Benefits Law |
| 06 <input type="checkbox"/> Conference of French Speaking Common Law Members | 12 <input type="checkbox"/> Privacy & Access Law |

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