

Citizenship and Immigration Law Section
Report to CBA- NB
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I am pleased to provide the following report on behalf of New Brunswick's Citizenship and Immigration Law Section.

Since my last report in August, 2008, I attended the National Section Meeting in Ottawa in November. As always, this section meeting was very informative. Upon my return, New Brunswick section members were provided with a report which summarized the meeting and updated members on the National Section's activities and work performed on behalf of lawyers by the Canadian Bar Association.

The National Section has been busy organizing this year's conference in Whistler, British Columbia which will be held in April, 2009. In this regard, I participated in the agenda organizing committee for the conference. I am pleased to report that the agenda has now been finalized and we are proud of the various programs being offered this year.

In terms of organizing a local CLE for our NB section, it is still the hope that a CLE can occur in the somewhat near future. As indicated in my last report, we had been working at organizing an on-line CLE with our counterparts in Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island and Newfoundland. Due to logistical issues, organizing this CLE is taking longer than expected. Should this idea not prove feasible, it is hoped that a CLE for New Brunswick lawyers can still proceed, albeit with a different format.

In the meantime, our section continues to have periodic meetings wherein guests are invited to attend and give presentations which benefit our members. We have been in contact with Service Canada to have representatives attend our next section meeting in February and give a presentation on the services provided by them regarding labour market opinions and new advertising requirements which came into effect on January 1, 2009. A tentative date has been scheduled for February 27, 2009 and an email will be circulated shortly to members.

Respectfully submitted,

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