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EXECUTIVE

The Criminal Justice Section is administered by a section chair, Cameron Gunn, along with an executive comprised of a staff lawyer from Legal Aid, Edward Derrah, a lawyer from private practice, Ronald Morris, and two Crown Prosecutors, Pierre Gionet and Darlene Blunston.

ACTIVITIES AND CONTINUING LEGAL EDUCATION

A planned CLE for Saint John focussing on Mental Health issues in the criminal courts was postponed but it is now hoped that it can be staged in May or June 2008.

A CLE in the northern part of the province is also in the works, though the theme of the program has not yet been decided upon. The Criminal Lawyers Association has contacted the section about the possibility of collaborating on a CLE and there may be an opportunity to combine these two initiatives.

NEW SECTION INTIATIVES

As part of the new section administration's efforts to revitalize the section and offer value to its members, a New Brunswick Criminal Law Update was created (as was reported in the last section report). The update is a synopsis of recent decisions from all levels of court in the Province in criminal and quasi-criminal law matters. Two editions have been produced. A copy of the first and second editions can be viewed at <http://www.cba.org/NB/sections/criminaljus.aspx>. The third edition is in the works.