

8:15 - 9:00
REGISTRATION
Coffee and Muffins

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9:00 – 10:15
CONCURRENT SESSIONS

A. SECURITIES TRANSFER ACT UPDATE

Nova Scotia has announced plans to introduce a *Securities Transfer Act*. It will modernize the transfer of shares and other securities in the Province. The legislation will also change the manner in which lenders will take security over shares and other securities. The session will provide an overview of the *Securities Transfer Act* and highlight issues of particular interest in Nova Scotia. Speaker – **Maurice P. Chiasson, QC** (Stewart McKelvey).

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B. FIVE YEARS AFTER THE WESTRAY BILL

The Westray Bill has been established for some time now and this panel will explore what has evolved since the Bill was put in place.

Speakers – **The Honourable Justice David P.S. Farrar** (Nova Scotia Supreme Court); **Tony W. Mozvik** (Sampson McDougall); **Peter J. Craig** (Public Prosecution Service).

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C. OCCUPIERS LIABILITY IN PERSONAL INJURY CLAIMS

Get the latest on occupiers liability in personal injury claims in Nova Scotia from the different perspective of two lawyers and a judge.

Panelists – **Sean F. Layden** (Boyne Clarke); **Melanie S. Comstock** (McInnes Cooper); **The Honourable Justice Douglas L. MacLellan**, (Nova Scotia Supreme Court).

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COFFEE BREAK

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D. LAWYERS DEALING WITH LAWYERS

Learn from two experienced lawyers how to deal with difficult lawyers, sharp practice do's and don'ts and possible disciplinary implications. Speakers – **Yvonne M.R. LaHaye, QC** (Crowe Dillon Robinson); **Clarence A. Beckett, QC** (Patterson Law).

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E. PERSUASIVE WRITING

Writing persuasively is a must for lawyers but a challenge for many. Justice Saunders will offer an inside view of effective writing and assist you in improving your written briefs for the trial and appeal courts. Questions from the floor will be welcomed. Questions in advance are encouraged and can be emailed to cbainfo@cbans.ca by Friday, December 4th, 2009. Moderator – **J.G. (Jim) Rossiter** (Parks Canada). Speaker – **The Honourable Justice Jamie W.S. Saunders** (Nova Scotia Court of Appeal).

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F. MAKING YOUR CASE TO THE ARBITRATOR OR OTHER ADMINISTRATIVE TRIBUNALS

Learn about the special considerations in arguing your client's case in an administrative forum from Nancy Barteaux who has an extensive practice in the area of labour and employment law. She represents a wide range of union and non-union employers in many sectors and industries. Speaker – **Nancy F. Barteaux** (Ritch Durnford).

LUNCH (11:45 - 1:30)

Special Guest Lunch Speaker

Honourable Graham Steele, Minister of Finance and Minister of Acadian Affairs

Presentation of the CBA's 2009 Awards

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G. "IS THIS A WILL I SEE BEFORE ME?"

Macbeth (II, I, 33, slightly adapted)
How will the August 19, 2008 amendments to the Wills Act change the substantive law and probate practice in Nova Scotia? What is the effect of a decree of divorce or nullity on the interpretation of a Will? When is a document a valid "holograph" Will? What constitutes a "writing" sufficient to satisfy the Court that it expresses the testamentary intentions of the deceased, if it is neither (i) a formally executed and witnessed Will nor (ii) a holograph Will? What are the effective dates for these new rules to apply? Speaker – **Timothy C. Matthews, QC** (Stewart McKelvey).

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H. HIRING (AND FIRING) TEMPORARY FOREIGN WORKERS

Despite the recent economic downturn, many Nova Scotia employers are still facing labour and skills shortages that can only be filled by temporary foreign workers. Recruiting and hiring temporary foreign workers engages immigration and employment legislation that must be understood by lawyers advising employers and employees in this process. Join an immigration lawyer and an employment lawyer for a primer on various factors to consider during the recruitment cycle. Discussion topics will include: pre-contractual considerations, immigration documentation, the consequences of laying off a foreign worker, and options for assisting an employee with permanent residence. Speakers - **Andrea F. Baldwin** (Stewart McKelvey) and **Jennifer L. Ronalds** (Stewart McKelvey).

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I. LEGAL ACTIONS AGAINST DOCTORS AND HOSPITALS

Speakers will provide a review from different perspectives regarding the principles that apply in actions against doctors and hospitals. There will be discussion regarding standard of care, causation and damages. Moderator – **Brian W. Downie, QC** (Cox & Palmer). Panelists - **Robert M. Purdy, QC** (Patterson Law); **James L. Chipman, QC** (Stewart McKelvey).

2:45 - 3:00
COFFEE BREAK

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3:00 - 4:15
CONCURRENT SESSIONS

J. LRA – GETTING DOWN AND DIRTY AND SOMEHOW FINDING A LIGHT

This session will examine extent of title case samples from a surveying point of view and provide checklists for examining parcel registers as well as provide tools for helping find matches of parcel registers. Moderator – **Catherine S. Walker, QC** (Walker's Law Office Inc). Panelists – **Derik DeWolfe** (DeWolfe & Morse Surveying); **Ian H. MacLean** (MacLean & MacDonald).

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K. CURRENT TRENDS IN COSTS – INCREASING AWARDS IN FAMILY LAW CASES

Recent cases in family law have seen an increase in the quantum of cost awards in family law. This panel discussion will involve a discussion of those recent cases and what considerations are involved in the awarding of such cost afterwards. Panelists – To be announced.

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L. THE NEW RULES OF CIVIL PROCEDURE: COMMENTS AFTER A YEAR'S WORTH OF EXPERIENCE

The new Rules of Civil Procedure came into effect on January 1, 2009. Attend this panel session for comments and insight into how the Rules are being utilized by counsel and applied by the Courts, thus far. Participate in an open question and answer period to follow comments from the panel. Panelists – **J. Andrew Fraser**, (Stewart McKelvey); **Raymond F. Wagner** (Wagner & Associates); **The Honourable Justice John D. Murphy** (Nova Scotia Supreme Court); **Professor D.A. Rollie Thompson** (Schulich School of Law).

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AT ITS FINEST!

Our Annual Professional Development Conference has always offered the very highest standard in professional development at a preferred price for our members and our 2010 Conference is no exception, continuing the tradition of providing practical and informative sessions. This year's event will also feature presentation of our 2009 Distinguished Service, Community Service and Z e Odei Young Lawyers Awards, and on-site displays from our valued sponsors. Thank you very much to the organizing committee for their dedication and hard work on this conference. We look forward to you and your colleagues joining us on January 8th to help us celebrate nearly 20 years of the very best in professional development programming.

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Attendance at Lunch: Yes No

Special Dietary Needs: _____

9:00 - 10:15 (CHECK ONE ONLY)

- A. Securities Transfer Act.....
- B. Westray Bill
- C. Occupiers Liability.....

10:30 - 11:45 (CHECK ONE ONLY)

- D. Lawyers Dealing with Lawyers
- E. Persuasive Writing
- F. Making Your Case.....

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- G. Wills
- H. Hiring Foreign Workers
- I. Doctors and Hospitals

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- J. LRA
- K. Costs
- L. Civil Procedure Rules.....

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