

Young Lawyers' Section Report – 2009/2010

Over the past year the Young Lawyers' Section has been involved in a number of different events.

In fall 2009 the YL Section started off the year with our annual Wine and Cheese reception, graciously sponsored again by Taylor McCaffrey. This event was attended by members of the Manitoba Bar including lawyers, law students and members of the MBA.

In November 2009 Candray Mehkary attended YL-CBA Directorate Meeting in Ottawa. Many topics issues relevant to young lawyers, across Canada, were canvassed amongst the YL-CBA Directorate and representatives from each YL section in Canada.

Our section held a CLE in November 2009 discussing, "An overview of Small Claims Court". We were pleased to have Hearing Officer Georgina Garrett and Luke Bernas speak on this topic, which was without doubt of great use to the many young lawyers that attended this event.

For the Mid-Winter Conference in January 2010, the YL section presented a CLE entitled "Tax Law Refresher". This CLE was the highest attended at the Midwinter Conference, no doubt due to our knowledgeable and well versed speakers. Thank you to Robert Sly and Paul Grower for dedicating their time and hard work.

On April 22, 2010 the YL section hosted the Annual Judges' Luncheon at the Winnipeg Art Gallery. This year we were fortunate to have The Honourable Associate Chief Justice Lori Douglas of the Court of Queen's Bench Family Division as our guest speaker for the event. Justice Douglas delivered an important speech on the topic "We chose the law – are we all the same?" Thank you to all students, lawyers and judges for attending and making this event a success once again.

The YL section is already planning exciting events for the upcoming year. We look forward to seeing our members, current and new, at our events. Have a great summer!