

MANDATORY CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

As you are now aware, Mandatory Continuing Professional Development came into effect on January 1, 2010. All members with **practising status** must complete twelve (12) hours of mandatory continuing professional development annually (January 1- December 31). These 12 hours can be earned through a variety of educational/activities, including teaching, writing, group study and in-house educational sessions.

Members that provided their e-mail address to the Law Society have been issued a User ID and password which will allow the member to report his or her Mandatory Continuing Professional Development (MCPD) hours on the Law Society of New Brunswick's website.

For a full explanation of the MCPD requirements; to report your MCPD hours; or to access the forms to become a MCPD provider or have a MCPD activity accredited please visit the Law Society's website at www.lawsociety-barreau.nb.ca and from the *Contents* menu select "Mandatory Continuing Professional Development". A list of courses or activities accredited by the Law Society is also posted on the website.

In December 2009, Council adopted the *Rules on Mandatory Continuing Professional Development*. These rules are found on our website at: <http://www.lawsociety-barreau.nb.ca/emain.asp?831>. As indicated previously, there will be no sanction for non-compliance for the first year of operation.

A paper format copy of the Rules on Mandatory Continuing Professional Development will be sent to you within the next few months.

If you have any questions regarding the MCPD program please call Crystal Critch, our Legal Counsel, or Isabelle Noël at the Law Society of New Brunswick: (506) 458-8540.