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## **WELCOME TO OUR NEWSLETTER!**

Exciting change is coming to your CBA, and it starts with our first ever newsletter! We know you all have busy lives and may not be aware of all that is going on with the CBA, both locally and nationally. Our new quarterly newsletter aims to provide you with all of the information you need to take full advantage of your membership. Want to know what the Executive and the various Sections have been up to in the last few months? Looking for CPD credits? Want to get engaged? Look no further than the CBA Yukon's newsletter, your new source of information for what's going on with YOUR CBA!

Psssst: the newsletter is only one of the upcoming changes to our communication strategy. Keep an eye out for our new, entirely revamped website scheduled to be released in 2016!

Geneviève Chabot, President, Yukon Branch

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**SAVE THE DATE!** The CBA Yukon will hold a Mid-Winter meeting on February 25, 2016 at the Kwanlin Dun Cultural Centre. This meeting will coincide with the visit of our National President, Janet Fuhrer, to the Yukon. The Mid-Winter Committee is already hard at work brainstorming ideas for CLEs and social events. Ideas or suggestions? Email Laura at [cbayukon@northwestel.net](mailto:cbayukon@northwestel.net)

**Public Lecture:** The Maddison Chair in Northern Justice, in association with Yukon College, Yukon Justice, the Law Society of Yukon and CBA Yukon, invites you to a public lecture by Dr. Ian Holloway, QC, on the topic of “The Magna Carta – Reality and Myth”. Thursday, November 19, 2015 at 7:30pm at Yukon College. See the poster at the end of the newsletter for details.

**Criminal Law:** You are invited to a meeting of the Criminal Law Section on Tuesday November 17, 2015 at 12pm in the Legal Aid Board Room. The topic for discussion at this meeting will be “Impeachment of Witnesses”.

**Privacy and Access Law:** The Section will meet on November 24, 2015 at 12pm at the LSB Solicitor’s library, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the Andrew W. Phillipson Building, to hear Pippa Lawson’s report on the National Section meeting she recently attended in Ottawa.

**Civil Litigation:** There will be a meeting of the Section later in November or in early December to discuss practice issues and possible future CLE’s. Keep an eye out for an email invitation in the coming weeks.

**Women Lawyers:** The Forum will meet the first week of December to discuss shared issues and brainstorm as to what the Forum should place an emphasis on in the coming year. An email invitation will be sent once the date is confirmed.

**Elder Law:** Anne Pugh is seeking interest in reviving the Elder Law Section. Issues around aging, care and abuse of seniors affect us all, and tend to encompass many areas of practice. If any lawyers are interested in being involved with the Elder Law Section, please contact Anna at [apugh@lawyukon.com](mailto:apugh@lawyukon.com) or (867) 456-6208.

For further information on any of these events, contact Laura at [cbayukon@northwestel.net](mailto:cbayukon@northwestel.net)

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Thank you to all who came to our AGM held on September 22, 2015. The Executive Committee bid farewell to Heather MacFadgen, who completed her 4-year term on the Executive. Our new Secretary-Treasurer, Vincent Larochelle, was appointed by the Executive Committee at its October 16, 2015 regular meeting. Unfortunately, our Vice-President, Leigh Anne Baker, informed us that she has to step down. We thank her for her contribution to the CBA Yukon.

Here are your 2015-2016 Executive Committee members, Section Chairs and Council Members:

### **Executive Committee**

President: Geneviève Chabot  
Past-President: Jocelyn Barrett  
Vice-President: Vacant\*  
Secretary-Treasurer: Vincent Larochelle  
Executive Director: Laura Davidson

### **Section Chairs**

Aboriginal Law: vacant\*  
Administrative Law: Rick Buchan  
Alternative Dispute Resolution: vacant\*  
Business Law: Paul Lackowicz  
Civil Litigation: Pippa Lawson  
Criminal Law: Norah Mooney  
Employment and Labour Law: Jocelyn Barrett  
Environment, Energy and Resources Law: Julie DesBrisay  
Family Law: Debbie Hoffman  
Privacy and Access Law: Pippa Lawson & Sarah Overington  
Public Sector Lawyers Forum: Geneviève Chabot  
Real Estate: Graham Lang  
Wills, Estates and Trusts: Anna Pugh  
Young Lawyers: Lauren Whyte & Paul Battin  
Women Lawyers Forum: Lesley McCullough

## **Council Members**

### Voting Members:

- Norah Mooney
- Tom Ulyyett

### Non-voting Members

- Rick Buchan
- Lesley McCullough
- Mara Pollock
- Anna Pugh

\* See the Volunteer Opportunities section, below, for information on these openings

## **NEW LAWYERS RECEPTION**

The CBA Yukon held its annual New Lawyers and Articling Students Welcome Reception at the McBride Museum on October 8, 2015. Thank you to all who came, old and new! Once again, CBA Yukon welcomes and wishes best success to:

- Kristi Zychowka
- Kelly Labine
- Aileen Maningas
- Vincent Larochelle
- Katie Mercier
- Vida Nelson

## **2015 CANADIAN LEGAL CONFERENCE UPDATE**

The August 2015 CLC in Calgary (Building a Better Lawyer – Do Yourself Justice) was infused with optimism about the future and focussed on wellness within the profession. The optimism was clearly communicated in the welcoming statements of Alberta Minister of Justice and Solicitor General and Minister of Aboriginal Relations Kathleen Ganley, and, in particular, in her comments on the review of existing Alberta programs and policies to implement the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples. Chief Justice Beverley McLachlin, in her address to the conference, discussed the many bleak reasons why change is necessary within our profession and the legal system, and encouraged us to move forward with conviction, hope and optimism. Lawyer-Psychologist Dr. Larry Richard's fascinating presentation on resilience and lawyers revealed some surprising conclusions about why the character traits that make a good lawyer also lead to resilience being particularly challenging for lawyers, and how to overcome these challenges. Other sessions, designed to improve our profession, our practices, and ourselves, were informative and definitely worthwhile. Take some time for yourself and for the legal profession next summer and consider attending the CLC in Ottawa August 12-14, 2016.

Jocelyn Barrett, Past-President, Yukon Branch

## **MAKE A WILL MONTH**

It's Make A Will Month – a cooperative effort of Yukon Government, Department of Justice; the CBA Yukon Wills, Estates Trusts section and the Yukon Public Legal Education Association (YPLEA). Material and information is available on social media, the Department of Justice website, and there will be news releases and interviews throughout the month. It is estimated that less than half of Canadians have current wills, and it is of public concern, given our aging population. In order to boost numbers of Yukoners with wills, we hope to make this an ongoing event for the Yukon.

Any questions? Please contact Anna Pugh, Section Chair, Wills Estates & Trusts Section at [apugh@lawyukon.com](mailto:apugh@lawyukon.com)

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## GUIDE TO STRATEGY FOR LAWYERS

What's your strategy for navigating the legal future?

Strategy? That's for big firms, says the solo or small-firm practitioner who's paddling like mad just to stay afloat. Meanwhile, the leaders of big firms might say the only strategy they need is to keep doing what they're doing because it's worked for them so far. And they're both wrong. In fact, in today's rapidly changing legal landscape the lawyer who doesn't have a clear path to follow can easily get lost.

The CBA Legal Futures Initiative has done the work to identify some of the changes affecting the legal profession. And with the help of special adviser Richard Susskind it is offering guidance to firms large and small trying to navigate those changes.

“For twenty years or more, the ‘strategy’ for most law firms was to repeat the previous year’s performance, ideally with a bit more fee income and some cutting of costs,” Susskind writes in *A Guide to Strategy for Lawyers*, published in the summer of 2015, which is meant to complement the Futures report. “The lesson of Futures is that tomorrow’s legal landscape will not look like yesterday’s, that the old ways of working need to be replaced, that legal businesses need to re-consider what services they offer, how they deliver them, and how to work more closely with their clients.” Formulating strategy, he says, is above all about setting the overall direction for the firm.

Susskind drew on his 25 years’ experience advising law firms and legal departments, offering up some of the tools he’s used to help law firms develop their own strategies for the future. Susskind has worked with firms and departments of all sizes and says it is “fundamentally mistaken to assume that small firms do not need to think through their strategies.” A portion of the guide is aimed specifically at small firms. “Every business should think through the pivotal issues ... and basic questions such as ‘which markets should we serve?’ and ‘how can we best compete in these chosen markets?’”

The guide is a member-only benefit available on [cbafutures.org](http://cbafutures.org).

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Volunteering with the CBA Yukon is one of the best ways to fully enjoy the benefits of your membership. Professional development, networking and travel opportunities are all at your fingertips! For information on any of the positions listed below, or to submit an application, please email Laura at [cbayukon@northwestel.net](mailto:cbayukon@northwestel.net)

### **Executive Committee**

CBA Yukon is accepting applications for the position of Vice-President until Friday, November 20<sup>th</sup>. For more information on this position, contact Geneviève Chabot at (867) 333-0585 or [gchabot015@gmail.com](mailto:gchabot015@gmail.com)

### **Section Chairs**

We are looking for volunteers to chair the following sections: Aboriginal Law and Alternative Dispute Resolution.

### **Working Group on Physician-Assisted Dying**

Work is underway, both nationally and in the Yukon, to implement the Supreme Court of Canada's decision in *Carter v Canada*. The CBA has recently formed a national Working Group to address this issue. If you are interested in representing the Yukon in this Working Group, please email Laura with a brief summary of your interests and relevant experience.

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Celebrating the  
800<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Magna Carta

## THE MAGNA CARTA—REALITY AND MYTH



The Maddison Chair in Northern Justice  
proudly presents a lecture  
by

**DR. IAN HOLLOWAY, QC**

Dean of Law, University of Calgary  
Specializing in administrative law and legal history

Thursday, November 19, 7:30pm | YUKON COLLEGE PIT

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