

# CAMELOT STREET JOURNAL

January TBLA Board Meeting

Monday, January 18, 2010

## CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

The Nominating Committee of the TBLA is seeking eligible candidates to fill three vacancies at the **Annual General Meeting** scheduled for **Wednesday, March 31, 2010** at the Victoria Inn. If you are interested in getting involved as a Director of the TBLA, or know someone else who would make a good addition to the Board, then please advise Stephen Wojciechowski ([sjw@eryoubarristers.com](mailto:sjw@eryoubarristers.com)) or Mandy Fricot ([mf@mfricotlaw.com](mailto:mf@mfricotlaw.com)) on or before March 15, 2010.

## TBLA Fall CLE

September 29 and 30  
October 1

**BOOK YOUR CALENDARS  
NOW!**

## NEWS FROM THE LIBRARY

The Library Committee of the TBLA is considering offering **video replays** of various CLE events originally held by LSUC or the OBA in 2010. If you have any specific requests for video replay CLE programming, contact Catherine Walsh. Watch for further details.

## LAKEHEAD UNIVERSITY BURSARY 2008/2009 RECIPIENT

Congratulations goes out to Leahanne Ochapowace who was the recipient of last year's LU Bursary which was made possible through contributions from members of the TBLA. As you may recall, the TBLA embarked on several fundraising campaigns in the past which contributed to a capital fund. The available interest is then awarded annually to successful applicants from LU. This past year's bursary was worth approximately \$2,970.00, and all members of the TBLA are thanked for their past and ongoing support of this important initiative.

## JUDGES' DINNER REVISITED

So far, no new date has been set, so the Judges' Dinner for Mr. Justice McCartney and Mr. Justice Platana will still be held on Wednesday, February 10, 2010 at the Travelodge Airline Hotel. Start drinking with your favourite judge at 6:30 p.m., and sit down to eat at 7:00 p.m. Witty and entertaining speeches will then follow, celebrating the supernumerary status of the evening's honoured guests. Call Catherine Walsh now (344-3481) with your cheque for \$40.00 to get your seat at this "must attend" event.

## LibraryCo. Inc. Toolkit of Legal Resources

All lawyers practicing in Northwestern Ontario now have access to a wide range of legal research services through the Toolkit offered by LibraryCo. The Toolkit is a bundled package of electronic resources which provides in-office access to case law, legislation and a citator. Lawyers can access this service once they obtain a Password through the LibraryCo. web page or by e-mailing [libcosupport@lsuc.on.ca](mailto:libcosupport@lsuc.on.ca), and once logged on you will have access to services such as LexisNexis Quicklaw, Criminal Spectrum (Canada Law Book), Canadian Legal Information Institute, E-Laws, Ontario Courts, Parliament of Canada, Department of Justice Canada, Legal Information Institute at Cornell University, British and Irish Legal Information Institute, and World Legal Information Institute. Once you have your Password, simply go to [www.libraryco.ca](http://www.libraryco.ca) and click on the Toolkit icon which will take you to the Toolkit page and prompt you to enter a username and password.

**For further information, please contact Catherine Walsh at 344-3481 or [tbla@tbaytel.net](mailto:tbla@tbaytel.net).**

# YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

## A Message from Jean Olibris

Thinking that some members of the TBLA may be willing to make a donation towards the Disaster Relief for Devastated Haiti but do not know how to go about it, I would suggest that donations be sent to the following organizations earmarked "Haiti Earthquake Relief".

1. UNICEF: 1-800-567-4483
2. Doctors Without Borders: 416-964-0619 or 1-800-982-7903; Fax: 416-963-8707; e-mail: [msfcan@msf.ca](mailto:msfcan@msf.ca)
3. World Vision: <mailto:info@worldvision.ca>; 905-565-6100; 1-866-595-5550; Fax: 1-866-219-8620
4. Partners in Health: P.O. Box 845578 Boston MA 02284-5578 "Haiti Earthquake Relief"
5. International Medical Corps: [imc@imcworldwide.org](mailto:imc@imcworldwide.org); 800-481-4462 (24-hour donation hotline)
6. YELE Haiti: Donate on your mobile phone by texting the word "YELE" TO 501501 for a \$5 donation. It will be charged to your cell phone bill.
7. Mennonite Central Committee: 1-888-622-6337 "Haiti Earthquake Relief".
8. United Jewish Appeal-Federation 416-635-2883 "Haiti Earthquake Relief"

Any donation, whatever the amount, can make a BIG difference in a situation such as this. You may be aware that President Obama raised millions of dollars during his campaign in the USA through mainly "small" donations. And last month when one of the biggest congregations in the US had a deficit of over \$900,000.00, the minister decided to use Twitter to ask for help, and within days he raised over a million dollars mainly through donations less than \$100.00 each.

Let me put it this way: what you may think is too small to give may be a BIG donation for a Haitian.

On behalf of "my people" I thank you in advance for your much needed financial support in this time of crisis.

## NEWSLETTER CONTRIBUTIONS

Any TBLA member can submit contributions to The Camelot Journal for inclusion in the next publication. Newsletters are typically distributed during the third week of every month, immediately after the Board of Directors' Meeting which is usually held on the second Friday of each month. Please forward your submissions to [sjw@eryoubarristers.com](mailto:sjw@eryoubarristers.com).

## The Civility Challenge

### Treasurer's Forum with the Profession

February 8, 2010  
Victoria Inn  
4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

**Chaired by Treasurer W.A. Derry Millar**

*Please register on the LSUC web site.*

# THE NEW RULE AMENDMENTS

## CIVIL JUSTICE REFORM

For those of you who missed this CLE event - and with almost 90 attendees at the event, not many of you did - the materials and papers prepared by the presenters are available for purchase from the TBLA at a cost of \$25.00. Thanks goes out to Madam Justice Pierce, Mr. Justice Shaw, Dan Newton, Brian Babcock, Robin Clinker, Michelle Doughan, Chris Hacio and Stephen Wojciechowski for their presentations, as well as Chief Justice Heather Smith for her remarks made at the close of the session. Congratulations to everyone for making this one of the most successful CLE events in TBLA history.

## APPOINTMENT TO THE SPECIFIC CLAIMS TRIBUNAL: MR. JUSTICE G. PATRICK SMITH

On November 27, 2009, the Honourable Mr. Justice Patrick Smith was appointed by the Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada as a full-time member of the Specific Claims Tribunal. The Tribunal was created in October 2008, and when fully established will comprise six to eighteen Superior Court justices mandated to determine First Nations' specific claims, including alleged breaches of treaties, fraud, illegal dispositions, or inadequate compensation, related to reserve lands. During the twelve month appointment - which is subject to renewal - Mr. Justice Smith will work with two other justices in an effort to essentially set up the Tribunal, including its Rules of Procedure as well as the manner and the locations in which hearings will be held. Because this assignment will require the full time participation of Mr. Justice Smith over the next year or two, he will no longer be sitting in the Northwest Region as a Superior Court Justice, and will only be working locally on matters with which he is seized or had been reserved. Despite this, Mr. Justice Smith plans to work out of his chambers in Thunder Bay for approximately 50% of the time. The remaining time will be spent in Ottawa or traveling the country and meeting with the various interest groups who have a stake in the Specific Claims Tribunal process to ensure that the Tribunal is established in such a manner as to best meet their needs.

**The TBLA congratulates Mr. Justice Smith in his new appointment, and wishes him well as he embarks on this new adventure within his judicial career.**

The Thunder Bay Law Association and The Advocates' Society proudly present:

### The Thunder Bay Court House Series 2010

### Tackling the Tough Case: Limitations, Liability and Experts

Wednesday, February 17, 2010

Superior Court of Justice

1:00 p.m - 5:00 p.m.

This year's Court House Series will feature an outstanding cast of experienced advocates sharing practical strategies for overcoming the hurdles in a building inspection case. Whether you are just starting out or have been litigating for years, you won't want to miss this informative and entertaining annual celebration of advocacy. Dynamic live and video demonstrations showcase a variety of advocacy styles on this year's topics addressing Motions, Discoveries and Expert Witnesses. Presenters include The Hon. Justice T.A. Platana, Peter H. Griffen, Brian A. Babcock, Ava Hillier and Stephen Wojciechowski.

Registration can be made through The Advocates' Society web site, or send an e-mail to [robin@advocates.ca](mailto:robin@advocates.ca) for more information.

