

CAMELOT STREET JOURNAL

February TBLA Board Meeting

Monday, February 22, 2010

2010 TBLA Budget Approved

At the last Board meeting, the TBLA Board approved a budget for 2010 which originally contemplated the Association operating over the next year at an anticipated deficit approaching \$5,000.00. The main component of the annual budget which pushed the numbers into the red related to the efforts of the Recruitment and Retention Committee, which hopes to launch a PR effort aimed at attracting more lawyers to the Thunder Bay district in 2010 and subsequent years. However, in order to support this initiative, and in light of the anticipated costs associated with the TBLA move into the Consolidated Court House in a few years, the Board also agreed to support an increase in membership dues from \$150.00 to \$185.00 which will be effective in 2011, subject to approval at the Annual General Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, March 31, 2010.

Bill 168 Training Seminar

The *Occupational Health and Safety Act* will be amended by Bill 168 effective June 15, 2010, enacting changes with respect to violence and harassment in the workplace. This new Bill requires every employer in Ontario, when more than five workers are employed, to take specific steps, including developing a violence risk assessment and implementing a policy and program, to prevent and manage workplace violence and harassment. Lawyers from Gowlings' law firm are offering a half day seminar which will provide a detailed legal analysis of the new legislation and outlining a practical plan for compliance. Contact the Gowlings' law firm at www.gowlings.com/ohslaw for more details.

NEWS FROM THE LIBRARY

The Library Committee of the TBLA will be approaching the OBA in order to obtain and replay videos of CLE sessions from the recent OBA Institute. It is anticipated that the first program will involve a session addressing Criminal Law issues, and sessions will be run in the TBLA library. If you have any specific requests for future video replay CLE programming, contact Catherine Walsh. Watch for further details.

MEDIATION OPPORTUNITY

The Thunder Bay Counselling Centre, pursuant to the Eliminating Barriers and Building on Strengths Initiative, has six interns working towards accumulating their 100 hours of supervised practice. If you have any potential referrals, then the TBCC has a window of opportunity to provide mediation serves free of charge, including Family Mediation and Child Protection Mediation. If you are interested in accessing these free services for your client, please contact the Thunder Bay Counselling Centre for more details.

TBLA Fall CLE

September 29 and 30

October 1

**YOU WON'T WANT
TO MISS OUT!**

SO MARK YOUR CALENDAR NOW

 **THE TBLA NEEDS YOU!** 

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) or Mandy Fricot (mf@mfricotlaw.com) on or before March 15, 2010.

I Will Act for Animals

The World Society for the Protection of Animals is supporting a new fundraising and awareness campaign which pairs participating local lawyers with members of the community so they can have a will or power or attorney prepared at a discounted rate. Lawyers who participate in this program donate their services such that 100% of the proceeds go to the WSPA International's animal welfare work. Lawyers will receive Revenue Canada receipts. This allows lawyers to demonstrate their philanthropic spirit to both existing and new clients while supporting WSPA's vital work. Visit www.wspa.ca for more details.

LIBRARY COMMITTEE REPORT

The Library Committee reported to the Board that, in order to stretch our limited resources, a number of Looseleaf publications will be cancelled and updated annually instead of monthly. In most cases, the cost to update a publication was hundreds, if not over a thousand dollars more than the one time purchase price. Please let Catherine Walsh know if there are any concerns with any of the Committee's choices to "annualize" looseleaf publications.

BENCH AND BAR

Friday, March 5, 2010 at 4:30 p.m.

The Armoury

317 Park Avenue

Dress Code - Jacket Required - No Jeans

LAW DAY 2010

Come Celebrate the Charter With Us

Thursday, April 8, 2010

★ Superior Court of Justice Open House

★ Grade 5 Poster Contest

★ Charter Challenge Contest

Friday, April 9, 2010

★ High School Mock Trial Competitions

► St. Ignatius v. Superior CVI

► Hammarskjold v. Westgate

News from the Ontario Court of Justice

Counsel appearing in the OCJ are reminded that costs are an integral part of the process in all Courts.

Rule 24(10) reads as follows: Promptly after each step in the case, the judge or other person who dealt with that step shall decide in a summary manner who, if anyone, is entitled to costs, and set the amount of costs. O. Reg. 114/99, r. 24(10).

RSJ Bode reminds counsel that they need to be prepared to address costs at the conclusion of each step in the court process. This includes all conferences and motions. The case law now seems to be clear. Requests made at the conclusion of a case for costs that should have been sought after each step will almost always fail.