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35 Reasons to Belong to the MBA

Joining CBA/MBA Sections is among the best investments you can make in your legal career. With 35 local Sections to choose from, and **free enrollment in as many as you select**, Sections provide frequent networking opportunities, valuable practice tips, and are a great way to increase your referral network while staying up-to-date on emerging trends in the profession.

Make sure you take a moment and send in your Section Enrollment form now.

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ABORIGINAL LAW SECTION

(National/Branch Section)

Updates on emerging areas of the law, recent cases and new directions. Advancements in the duty to consult and accommodate. Labour relations, economic development, business structures on and off-Reserve, and First Nation taxation issues. Compensation for infringements of Aboriginal and Treaty rights. Working with Indigenous legal traditions.

Have you ever wanted to know more about these and other topics in the quickly evolving field of Aboriginal law? If so, then join the Aboriginal Law Section. This Section discusses new and important issues in Aboriginal law through CPDs and forums with judges; along with hosting networking events for our Section members. Keep on top of the legal, political, social and economic developments and opportunities involving Canada's Aboriginal peoples.

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW

(National/Branch Section)

If your clients interact with governments at any level or deal with statutory tribunals and agencies, the Administrative Law Section is the best way for you to improve the legal services that you provide. Regular meetings help you stay up-to-date on developments in the law and offer proven practice tips from colleagues and experts. From judicial review and professional discipline to appearances before boards and the courts, the Administrative Law Section is for you.

AIR AND SPACE LAW

(National Section Only)

This Section focuses on the law and practice affecting the ownership or operation of aircraft and related matters, as well as issues of significance to lawyers handling air and space law matters.

ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION (ADR)

(National/Branch Section)

A growing number of disputes are being successfully resolved in case management, settlement conferences (including pre-trial and four way conferences), mini trials, arbitration, mediation, judicially assisted dispute resolution and conciliation. Finely honed skills and styles are required and used in these processes to bring these disputes to successful resolutions. A clear recognition and understanding of the contexts and frameworks of these processes is integral to a positive end result. Negotiating style and techniques for reducing barriers to settlement are learned. Join our Section and

be proactive in your learning and practice. This Section also hosts CPD sessions over the year and last year they hosted two sessions.

BUSINESS LAW (National/Branch Section)

This Section gives you the opportunity to hear and meet the leading experts and opinion makers on new and emerging legal issues affecting businesses generally. If you have business clients (which include lenders and other financial institutions), you cannot afford to miss out on the tips, news and industry specific information that Business Law members receive.

CHARITIES AND NOT-FOR-PROFIT LAW

(National Section Only)

Do you provide services to Charities and Non-Profit Organizations? If so, you will want to join the Charities and Not-For-Profit Law Section. This Section deals with law and practice relating to the regulation and administration of charities and non-profit organizations.

CHILD AND YOUTH LAW

(Branch Section)

Manitoba children and youth receiving or requiring legal services, or who are subjects of legal proceedings, require legal professionals who understand their unique needs and circumstances. This requires understanding of the cultural, sociological, psychological and economic contexts that serve to shape who these children and youth are, and the challenges they face. The practice of law should have a positive impact on the welfare of Manitoba's children. The child and youth law section privileges the rights and interests of Manitoba's children and youth. Members of this section strive to improve the profession's capacity to serve the needs of children by way of providing continuing professional development that explores practical and ethical issues such as advising and taking instructions from children with disabilities and mental health disorders; examining children's access to justice; educating the bar about children's rights impact assessments; and providing a dedicated voice for children and youth within the MBA on child and youth issues.

CIVIL LITIGATION

(National/Branch Section)

This Section covers all aspects of civil litigation. At meetings, seminars, and through dialogue with a variety of stakeholders including the Manitoba judiciary, the Section addresses current civil litigation issues including legislation, rules of practice, case law, trials, motions, appeals, evidence and

practice management. Join us at our next meeting or seminar to maintain and enhance your advocacy skills.

COMMODITY TAX, CUSTOMS & TRADE

(National Section Only)

This Section deals with law and practise related to commodity taxes, customs and trade remedy matters.

COMPETITION LAW

(National Section Only)

This Section deals with competition law, policy and foreign investment review at the domestic and international levels. Members are encouraged to participate in events offered by 12 active committees.

CONSTITUTIONAL/HUMAN RIGHTS LAW

(National/Branch Section)

The Section provides topical CPD programming dealing with constitutional issues (*Charter*, federalism and the relationship and roles of the legislative, executive and judicial branches of government) and human rights issues (human rights codes and international human rights law). Our aim is to provide a forum for debate, discussion and learning on leading cases and recent developments in the areas of Constitutional and Human Rights law.

CONSTRUCTION AND INFRASTRUCTURE

(National/Branch Section)

More than sawdust and nails, this Section deals with a wide variety of construction law topics that will be of interest to those lawyers who represent owners, contractors, developers, governments, trades, engineers, insurers, architects, planners and suppliers to the construction industry. Topics include case law and legislative updates relevant to construction and infrastructure law in Manitoba and Canada, Builders' Liens actions, trust claims, bidding and tendering issues, public and private partnerships, and workplace safety.

CCCA (Canadian Corporate Counsel

Association)

(National/Branch Section)

In-house corporate counsel are among the fastest growing segments of the profession and this is their Section. This group welcomes in-house counsel employed by business enterprises, not-for-profit organizations, and municipal and government bodies, as well as associate members from the private bar. The Section provides members with practical and informative programs on topics such as employment/human rights law, corporate governance, and the roles/responsibilities of in-house counsel.

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CRIMINAL JUSTICE

(National/Branch Section)

If your practice involves criminal law, do not miss out on the valuable opportunities this Section offers for you to keep current with legal developments. Through professional development sessions, the Section provides its members with informative programs on procedural and substantive criminal law. The sessions are well-attended by our members because of the valuable opportunity to meet and discuss topics with senior lawyers and the judiciary. The Section is also very active in law reform work and consultations with stakeholders in any changes proposed to the administration of criminal justice.

(National/Branch Section)

The objectives of this Section are tri-fold: 1) to improve the law affecting seniors; 2) to educate the public, the individual Bars, the Judiciary and members of the Association on important Elder Law issues; and 3) to foster professionalism in the area of Elder Law through communication among Elder Law practitioners.

ENTERTAINMENT, MEDIA & COMMUNICATIONS

(National/Branch Section)

Film, television, music, news and social media, content and the internet. If your practice involves forms of communication, information products or entertainment, this Section is for you. The Section deals with the laws and procedures pertaining to defamation, contempt, privacy, publication bans, access to information, broadcasting, publishing, etc. Opportunities are offered to network with counsel in the media, entertainment and communications areas.

ENVIRONMENTAL, ENERGY & RESOURCES LAW

(National/Branch Section)

This is an essential Section for practitioners working in the environmental, energy and resource areas of the law. If you deal with clients in respect to commercial and industrial development, manufacturing, lending, real estate and property development, waste management, natural resource development and extraction (including oil and gas, mining and forestry) the municipal arena, and the many other sectors affected by environmental legislation and regulatory approval processes, you will find timely information and contacts to enhance your practice.

EQUALITY ISSUES

(National Subcommittee/Branch Section)

The Equality Issues Section works toward equality within the legal system and legal

profession, in particular on the basis of sex, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, race, national or ethnic origin, colour, religion, language, age or disability. The Section aims to:

- promote awareness of equality in the legal profession and legal system;
- develop resources to assist the legal profession in eliminating discrimination and achieving equality and diversity;
- encourage appropriate accommodation where possible; and
- monitor the status of equality and diversity in the legal profession.

(National/Branch Section)

Family law covers a myriad of issues, including child and spousal support, custody, and property matters; and many methods of resolution including litigation and alternate dispute resolution processes such as collaborative law, mediation and arbitration. This Section can help you stay on top of the latest information including court rulings, legislative developments, and procedural news. Members enjoy a wide range of educational programs and opportunities including meeting with members of the judiciary, government, and other members of the family law bar. The Section also gives members a voice on many committees that deal with issues affecting them and/or their clients, including those that deal with legislative changes, court processes, and services for clients.

FRENCH SPEAKING LAWYERS

(National/Branch Section)

The purpose of the Section is to make members aware of the practice of common law in French, identify relevant tools and resources for members, work with National and Provincial Branch Sections and standing committees to promote the organization of meetings in French, hold continuing education programs in French, work with other organizations interested in common law in French, examine the evolution of linguistic rights in Canada with particular attention to the unique situation in Manitoba and promote linguistic equality within the profession.

(National/Branch Section)

Issues related to current and proposed legislation, patients' rights, mental health consumers, confidentiality of health information including e-health records, the regulation of health professionals, medical malpractice issues and civil actions involving health professionals are among the many

topics debated in this Section's meetings, information programs and publications.

IMMIGRATION LAW

(National/Branch Section)

Benefit from the shared information and expertise this Section offers to all immigration, citizenship, and refugee law practitioners. Members hear about current issues and solutions in this frequently changing area of the law and work together to develop constructive legislative and policy reforms. This Section has a continuing dialogue and meetings with the Manitoba Provincial Nominee Program for Skilled Workers and Business; Immigration, Refugees, and Citizenship Canada, the Canada Border Services Agency, Service Canada, the Immigration and Refugee Board and the United States Customs and Border Protection service, and is an essential component of any immigration lawyer's practice.

INSOLVENCY LAW

(National/Branch Section)

This Section will interest lawyers practicing in the area of bankruptcy and insolvency generally, and those who deal with restructuring, security issues, priorities, realization, and creditor/debtor rights. Come meet and share your views with leading practitioners and stay current with local and national developments in an entertaining and informal setting.

(National Section Only)

This Section serves legal professionals who deal with life, accident and casualty insurance. We also examine corporate governance, human rights, insolvency and administrative law issues for the insurance industry. Our members get access to the latest programs, news, submissions and articles.

INTERNATIONAL LAW

(National/Branch Section)

This Section deals with all areas of private and public international law and its application in Canadian domestic law. If your practice involves international issues, be they related to business, trade, investment, the environment or human rights, or if international law is a personal interest of yours, you will benefit from becoming a member of this Section. The Section aims to facilitate discussion forums and CPDs on current international law developments.

JUDGES' SECTION

(National Section Only)

The Section provides a meeting place within the CBA for Judges from all courts to take on projects of interest to members of the

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judiciary. With its 600 active members, the Section is the only organization in Canada for both federally and provincially appointed Judges. The Section allows Judges to be active in CBA activities, while maintaining their judicial independence through isolation from our CBA policymaking efforts. Judges who join the CBA are automatically enrolled in this Section.

LABOUR & EMPLOYMENT LAW (National/Branch Section)

You're fired! You're hired! From sexual harassment to new decisions of the courts, arbitrators, Labour Board and human rights commissions, the Labour Law Section examines the full scope of legal issues arising in the workplace. The Section's programs bring experts together to discuss topics of interest to labour and employment practitioners, including employment standards, workplace safety and health, human rights, case law updates, government initiatives and legislative changes, effective advocacy and dispute settlement. No matter which side you represent, employer or employee, this is a must-join Section to stay current on matters relevant to labour and employment law.

LAW PRACTICE MANAGEMENT (Branch Section Only)

This Section is concerned with the business of the practice of law. Areas of focus include: organizational structure for law firms and law departments; recruitment and retention of legal talent; talent management and professional development; knowledge management; marketing of legal services; pricing of legal services; e-lawyering; multi-disciplinary and multi-jurisdictional practice of law; relationships between law firms and their clients; compensation systems for partners, associates, and in-house counsel; ethics and professionalism in the delivery of legal services.

LAW STUDENTS (National Section Only)

This Section promotes the interests of law students in the Association by working together to exchange ideas, raise awareness of student related issues and to advance the interests of law school and articling students in Canada.

The section aims to:

- promote and maintain membership of law students and articling students in the Association;
- provide opportunities to exchange professional ideas among articling students and law students from all law schools across Canada;

- sponsoring programs of particular interest to law students and articling students to advance their professional education and welfare;
- studying issues of particular interest to law students and articling students;
- raising awareness and advancing the interests of Canadian law students and articling students; and
- participating in the activities of the Association.

LEGAL RESEARCH (Branch Section Only)

This Section supports the professional development of lawyers in Manitoba who wish to hone their skill set in this critical cornerstone of professional practice. This Section is relevant to those who practice in the private and public bar as well as legal educators, legal counsel to courts and tribunals, and legislative drafters. Members are kept up-to-date on rapidly developing research methodologies and sources of law, with presentations by local and international experts (in person and via webcast), a monthly newsletter, hands-on skill development sessions, and enjoyable networking initiatives. This Section also offers research-focused joint sessions with other MBA Sections, in an effort to address the research needs particular to specific areas of law.

MARITIME LAW (National Section Only)

This Section deals with issues related to domestic and international law and practice affecting shipping and navigation.

MILITARY LAW (National Section Only)

This Section deals with Military Law, including the military system of justice and operational law, as well as uniquely military aspects of law practised by civilians such as criminal law, tort law, intellectual property, employment and human rights law, air law, maritime law and international law.

MUNICIPAL LAW (National/Branch Section)

Connect with some of the leading players in municipal law and government and get the inside track on today's latest legislative changes and court decisions involving all aspects of this practice, from assessment and expropriation to licensing, land use and planning matters. This is a key Section to join if your practice includes private or public sector clients that have dealings with cities or municipalities or if you act for cities or municipalities.

PENSIONS AND BENEFITS LAW SECTION (National Section only)

This Section promotes and undertakes research, facilitates the exchange of information and ideas, organizes seminars, reviews developing legislation, standards and policy and promotes harmonization, and advocates for reform on pensions and benefits law, standards, and policy, and related matters.

PUBLIC SECTOR LAWYERS (National/Branch Section)

This Section welcomes any CBA members who are employed by any level of government or the public sector or have an interest in governmental or public sector issues. The Public Sector Lawyers' Section was formed to promote a forum for government and public sector lawyers, who have interests which are distinct from lawyers in private practice. The conference has members from all levels of government, crown corporations, legal aid, AJAG and the public sector generally.

PRIVACY & ACCESS LAW (National Section Only)

This Section focuses on domestic and international law, policy and education related to privacy matters and access to information.

REAL PROPERTY (National/Branch Section)

If your practice touches upon any aspect of real property law, then you must enroll in this Section now! Whether you act for lenders, purchasers, vendors, landlords, tenants or developers, this Section's initiatives, materials, publications and programs are aimed at helping you.

SECURITIES LAW (National Business Law Section/Branch Section)

This Section deals with sources of securities legislation applicable in Manitoba, including *The Securities Act* (Manitoba) and the regulations, notices and rules thereunder; the policies, notices, blanket orders and other instruments adopted by The Manitoba Securities Commission; the national instruments, multilateral instruments, and national policy statements published by the Canadian Securities Administrators; and the rules and policies set out by any other securities regulatory organizations having jurisdiction in Manitoba.

SMALL, SOLO AND GENERAL PRACTICE (National/Branch Section)

Want to make sure you are up to speed on the issues facing sole or small firm practitioners? No one should be without membership in this

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valuable Section. Geared to your unique needs, this Section can help you manage your practice, keep up with the latest trends and network with fellow practitioners. This Section may also be your voice for the “little guy” practising law.

SOGIC MANITOBA

(National Section - Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity Community/Branch Section)

The SOGIC Manitoba Section is the MBA equivalent to the CBA's National Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity Community Section. The purpose of the Section is to allow members from a large cross-section of practice areas to meet and to provide a forum for the exchange of information, ideas and action on legal issues relating to sexual orientation and gender identity. The Section has been active in promoting continuing professional development, hosting information sessions for the community at large and working towards legislative changes to ensure greater equality in society.

TAXATION LAW

(National/Branch Section)

Tax practitioners will not want to miss the informative programs offered by this Section.

TECHNOLOGY, INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY, & PRIVACY LAW

(National Section - Intellectual Property/Privacy and Access Law/Branch Section)

Technology, intellectual property and privacy are among the most dynamic and challenging areas of law in today's fast moving economy. This Section holds meetings, facilitates

continuing professional development seminars with the goal of keeping its members informed and up to date with emerging legal issues and industry practices in these exciting and diverse fields.

TRANSPORTATION LAW (National Air & Space Law Section/Branch Section)

Planes, trains and automobiles are the focus of this Section. It examines issues in the logistics of distribution, and the financing, operation and regulation of air, land, water and intermodal transportation. The Section has worked with MBA to get the Provincial Government to pass Cape Town legislation and, with implementation of the Convention in Canada, has provided information on it to the Business Law Section and through *Headnotes & Footnotes*. Local interest in Transportation Law is limited, but the Chair represents the Province on the CBA Air & Space Law National Section Executive and welcomes any suggestions for local activities or distribution of relevant materials.

WILLS & ESTATES (National Wills, Estates & Trusts/Branch Section)

No one is getting any younger and demographic forecasts suggest this is one practice area more practitioners are pursuing. This popular Section offers up-to-date news of common law and frequent legislative changes affecting the establishment and administration of wills, trusts and estates, including mental incompetency matters and taxation issues. Meet and exchange ideas and information with some of the top practitioners in the field.

WOMEN LAWYERS

(National/Branch Section)

The Women Lawyers' Section is the connecting point for women in the legal profession. Through the inter-lacing of the social and the professional, the Women Lawyers' Section provides an opportunity for women in the law to meet, to talk and to get to know each other better, for personal and professional benefit.

YOUNG LAWYERS

(National/Branch Section)

When beginning your legal career, you want all the advice and assistance that you can get. The Young Lawyers' Section offers those things to junior members of the profession throughout the province. If you are a law student, articling student, or a lawyer who has been called to the Bar within the last five years, then you are automatically a member of this Section. The Young Lawyers' Section offers practical and informative seminars, providing you with information and useful tips that you can integrate into your daily practice. The Section also provides you with opportunities to network with members of the Bar and Judiciary, through different social events.

As a Manitoba Section member, you will receive:

- Advance notice of all Section meetings and events;
- Automatic registration in corresponding National CBA Sections;
- The opportunity to network with government officials, Judges, in-house counsel and fellow practitioners;
- Input into Legislative and Regulatory changes.

Sections host over 80 information-packed events each year.

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SECTION ENROLLMENT FORM

Sections keep you up to date on practice trends, legal developments and increase your network of professional contacts at regularly held meetings. Receive valuable materials and information on new practice tips and substantive issues addressed by the Section.

Name: _____ CBA No: _____ Year of Call: _____

Firm: _____

Mailing Address: _____ Postal Code: _____

Tel: _____ Fax: _____ E-mail: _____

SECTION MEMBERSHIP - You must be a CBA member in good standing to become a Section member and attend Section meetings. CBA memberships are not transferable. Registration in a MBA Branch Section automatically registers you in the corresponding National Section, if any, at no extra charge.

REGISTRATION - You must register for Sections to receive notices of meetings. **By completing this form, you are consenting to receive email communication regarding these Sections.**

MBA BRANCH SECTIONS - Please check the Sections for which you would like to receive notices.

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| 01 <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal Law | 19 <input type="checkbox"/> Insolvency Law |
| 02 <input type="checkbox"/> Administrative Law | 20 <input type="checkbox"/> International Law |
| 03 <input type="checkbox"/> Alternative Dispute Resolution | 21 <input type="checkbox"/> Labour Law |
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| 09 <input type="checkbox"/> CCCA | 27 <input type="checkbox"/> Securities Law |
| 10 <input type="checkbox"/> Criminal Justice | 28 <input type="checkbox"/> Small, Solo and General Practice |
| 11 <input type="checkbox"/> Elder Law | 29 <input type="checkbox"/> SOGIC |
| 12 <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment, Media & Communications Law | 30 <input type="checkbox"/> Taxation Law |
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PLEASE NOTE: The Section lists will be updated and compiled from the information received on this form. You only need to send in the form if your selections have changed from the previous year.

The following National Sections do not have a corresponding MBA Branch Section. To register for any of these, at no charge, please complete.

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| 01 <input type="checkbox"/> Air and Space Law | 07 <input type="checkbox"/> Law Students |
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| 03 <input type="checkbox"/> Commodity Tax, Customs and Trade | 09 <input type="checkbox"/> Military Law |
| 04 <input type="checkbox"/> Competition Law | 10 <input type="checkbox"/> Pensions and Benefits Law |
| 05 <input type="checkbox"/> Insurance Law | 11 <input type="checkbox"/> Privacy and Access Law |
| 06 <input type="checkbox"/> Judges' Section | |

PLEASE KEEP A COPY OF YOUR REGISTRATION FOR REFERENCE

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