

Business Law Section Report 2013-14

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This report describes the activities of the Manitoba Business Law Section from September, 2013 to June, 2014.

Section activities consist primarily of continuing professional development (usually over a lunch hour), together with some participation in law reform and policy recommendations.

Our most significant event for the Business Law Section each year is the Manitoba Mid-Winter Conference, a two day, in-person continuing professional development event hosted each January.

All of our sessions are available in person, and most permit teleconference.

In 2013-14, the Manitoba Business Law Section hosted the following sessions:

1. Private Issuer Exemptions, December 6, 2013. This session was presented by Douglas Stewart, and addressed private issuer exemptions in Manitoba.
2. 2014 Mid-Winter Conference. Effective Lease Negotiations: How to make effective use of your time in reviewing and negotiating leases. This session was presented by Kaely Zettel, Denis Le Heiget, Elmer Gomes and Jonathan Woolley, and addressed both litigation and commercial aspects of lease negotiation.
3. 2014 Mid-Winter Conference. Agricultural Financing. The Business Law section co-sponsored this session with the Real Property section. Presenters included Jon Stewart, Maria Reimer and Michael Jason.
4. Branding from Inside Out, May 9, 2014. This session continued our sections efforts over the past several years to engage presenters who are non-lawyers to expand the scope of education available to our section. Mr. David Baker of Think Shift Advertising presented on branding considerations both for a client's business and a law practice.
5. On June 5, 2014 John Pozios presented on the Hollinger Saga, with guidance for counsel on dealing with conflicts and ethical considerations in representing a corporation and its shareholders.

In addition to the foregoing sessions, the Business Law section also participated in providing comments to the CBA in response to the Industry Canada consultation on the *Canada Business Corporations Act* released in December 2013.

The Business Law section will be seeking nominees for the position of chair or co-chair of this section at its meeting held in June.

Respectfully submitted,
Michael Jason and Robert Fleischaker, Co-Chairs