

Transportation and Air and Space Law Section Report 2019-2020

The Section continues to serve as a resource-in-waiting for MBA Council and membership on transportation issues.

As Provincial Chair, I also sit on the National Executive of the Canadian Bar Association Air and Space Law Section and am an active contributor to its activities. Only British Columbia has an active Provincial Section.

At the National level, the Air & Space Law Section holds monthly teleconference calls. Traditionally it had met annually with Justice/Transport Canada/regulatory agency legal counsel as part of its annual in-person Executive meeting, but current CBA budget cuts did not allow an in-person meeting this year.

The National Section provides submissions on relevant Federal Legislation and issues, hosts webinars, provides newsletters to members, and materials for the CBA Section Web pages. Those materials are available to MBA members who have indicated interest in the Section.

Nationally, the Section corroborates with ABA Forum on Air & Space Law on its conferences that are held in conjunction with the McGill Institute of Air and Space Law, usually once every three years, with the last being in Montreal in September 2017. The future of in-person conferences remains to be seen.

Efforts to promote local activities section activities in Manitoba have met with little interest, but if any Air-heads or Space-cadets out there are willing to support greater involvement, please let me know.

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