

Aboriginal Law Section Report 2023-2024

Activities Report

CPDs:

1. MBA 2024 Mid-Winter Conference

Thursday, January 18, 2024, to Friday, January 19, 2024, Fairmont Winnipeg

Our Section topic was:

Enforcement of Indigenous Laws:

Discussion on the enforcement of Indigenous Laws in Canada, which is a complex, ever evolving and sometimes challenging process, with roots in inherent jurisdiction, and coexists within Federal and Provincial regimes.

The panel had specific focus on how Indigenous Laws are currently enforced in Indigenous Nations, Provincially and Federally, where the challenges are, and where these might be addressed.

This discussion aimed to show positive steps that have and can be taken in the recognition, implementation and enforcement of Indigenous laws and legal orders.

Speakers:

- Sherry Copenace
- Genevieve Benoit, MN Trachtenberg Law Corporation
- Serena Ehrmantraut, Public Prosecution Service of Canada

Other CPD:

Our Section unfortunately did not offer any CPD courses other than Mid-Winter this year.

Events:

Building Connections Event

Wednesday, March 13, 2024 from 5:00 - 7:00 pm at the Law Society, 200-260 St. Mary Avenue.

In co-ordination with the Law Society of Manitoba, the Manitoba Indigenous Law Students' Association (MILSA) and the Manitoba Bar Association Aboriginal Law Section, we planned and co-hosted the annual Building Connections Event, which has been

developed as a semi-formal networking event to introduce Indigenous Law and Articling Students and members of the Manitoba Bar practicing in a variety of different practice areas.

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