

Aboriginal Law Section Report 2022-2023

CPDs:

1. MBA 2023 Mid-Winter Conference

Thursday, January 19, 2023 to Friday, January 20, 2023, Fairmont Winnipeg & Online via Zoom Webinar (Hybrid Model)

Our Section topic was:

Recognition of Indigenous Laws: In Action and In Discussion:

Discussion on the recognition, implementation and enforcement of Indigenous laws and legal orders and the establishment of Indigenous courts, which goes further than “Indigenization” of colonial laws.

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 akin to the calls from reports such as AJI, RCAP, TRC and MMIWG and the principal tenets of UNDRIP.

Speakers:

- Chief Judge Abby Abinanti: Chief Judge of the Yurok Court and an enrolled Yurok Tribal member, located in northern California.
- Joyce Tekahnawiiaks King: Director of the Akwesasne Justice Department, for the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne.
- Valerie Matthews Lemieux: Lawyer, MBA Aboriginal Law Section Executive, General Counsel to the Nisichawayasihk Cree Nation (NCN)

2. Other CPD:

Our Section unfortunately did not offer any CPD courses other than Mid-Winter this year, but we are planning at least two (2) CPD sessions this year in coordination with other sections. No dates have been confirmed, as of yet.

Events:

Building Connections Event

Thursday, March 16, 2023 from 5:00pm – 7:00pm at the Law Society of Manitoba (in-person)

In co-ordination with the Law Society of Manitoba, the Manitoba Indigenous Law Students’ Association 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.

Submitted by
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