

Transportation and Air & Space Law Section Report 2022-2023

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.

The National Air & Space Law Section's executive holds monthly teleconference calls, with a variety of Section projects re-started including webinars, articles, student essay contest and social media communications, all available to members through the CBA Section website: <https://www.cba.org/Sections/Air-and-Space-Law> . We are waiting anxiously to see if the tradition of meeting annually with Justice/Transport Canada/regulatory agency legal counsel as part of our annual in-person executive meeting can be reinstituted despite Covid and CBA budget cuts.

The National Section also provides submissions on relevant Federal Legislation and 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 3 years, with the last being in Montreal in September 2017. In-person conferences are opening up and these conferences are excellent.

Efforts to recruit members for the Provincial Section executive have met with little interest. We did hold a Webinar this spring on security on transportation equipment for the Transportation and Business Sections that was well-attended (and hopefully not too boring!).

A joint meeting with the Real Estate Section on the Airport Vicinity Development Plan awaits finalization of the Plan amendments following Provincial intervention into the process intended to protect the 24/7 operations at Winnipeg's James A. Richardson International Airport from noise complaints and curfews.

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