Where will you be in April 2020?

Hello from Calgary, Alberta. I am the Chair of the Branch Committee and the Alberta South Member of the Executive Committee of the CCCA. As Senior Legal Counsel at Gibson Energy, I am delighted to be part of the CCCA community. One of the highlights of engaging with the CCCA is the opportunity to meet with colleagues facing similar challenges and opportunities. One of those opportunities is our national conference, which offers a great venue to connect. You will leave with practical new ideas and insights, a sense of validation about what we do, and a wider professional network.

This year, we are very excited to be in Montreal this spring (April 26-28)! This metropolitan city is a charming ménage of funky-modern buildings and historic heritage landmarks. The world’s second largest francophone city after Paris, you’d be hard pressed to miss the European flair from fashion to cafes to restaurants. One of the great things about Montreal is that you cannot have a bad meal in this city whether it’s a $4 hotdog from a street vendor or a seared shark steak. Our conference will offer a happy medium. Seriously, how can you miss this?

I genuinely look forward to meeting as many of you as possible in Montreal, but I can’t do that if you aren’t there! Come join us in April. We are quite an impressive community when we come together.

Steve Smyth
CCCA Branch Committee Chair

“Book your room at the Queen Elizabeth Hotel now! Experience one of Canada’s great cities this spring.”
Top 10 Reasons to Come to Montreal in April 2020?

Reason #10. Montreal is an amazing and artistic city. Art surrounds beautiful aspects of the city and embeds itself inside unique spaces. Seeing Montreal means experiencing the art.

In the coming weeks, we'll continue to count down the Top 10 Reasons to Come to Montreal for our National Conference: April 26-28/20. Can you think of a compelling reason to go to Montreal? Let us know at CCCA Marketing.


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Cross-country Connections

Christine Thomas, Director, Legal, Subsidiary Investments, CMA chaired the OBA Ottawa Chapter event, hosted in the Ottawa offices of Faskens which kicked off the summer. It was a great opportunity for local members to reconnect with Ottawa in-house colleagues, build new relationships and compare summer plans! Attendees also had the opportunity to share ideas with the group for upcoming events in Ottawa in 2019-2020.

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The CBA President’s Reception in Toronto

(L-R) Alexandra Chyczij, Executive Director of CCCA; Malcolm Mercer, Treasurer Law Society of Ontario; Vivene Salmon, President CBA; Charlene Theodore, VP OBA; Lynne Vicars, Past President OBA.

CCCA + CBA Rings the TSX Bell – in conjunction with the Governance Professionals of Canada (GPS)

(L-R) KJ Chong, Chair of the CCCA Ontario Section; Alexandra Chyczij, Executive Director of CCCA; Vivene Salmon, President CBA; Daniel Bourque, Chair CCCA.

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KJ Chong, Chair of the CCCA Ontario Section opens the Cocktails and Conversations in October. “What a wonderful room showcasing the best of our Canadian in-house counsel community. Thank you to our amazing sponsor and partner LexisNexis for organizing.”

In October, in Edmonton, Jeremy Hockin, Q.C. from Parlee McLaws LLP spoke to a great turnout on the following topic: Key Contractual Terms for In-House Counsel: “Bulletproof Your Contract.”

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Yukon

Cross-country Connections
Upcoming Events

NOV 27
Edmonton, AB
Dealing with Difficult People + Mental Health

NOV 28
Calgary, AB
CBA Office at noon
4th Thursday (monthly)

NOV 28
Calgary, AB
Ethics in Negotiation: Champs? Or Chumps?

NOV 28 +
Edmundston, NB
Formation Professionnelle

NOV 29
Edmundston, NB
Formation Professionnelle

DEC 2
Toronto, ON
Top Drafting Clauses for In-House Counsel

DEC 3
Montréal, PQ
La vie en entreprise : le rôle de conseiller juridique comme décideur stratégique (only in French)

DEC 4
Montréal, PQ
Sinistres Cyber : Comment s’y préparer et leçons tirées d’incident récents (only in French)
Cross-country Connections

In October, McCarthy Tétrault hosted CCCA-AB to a unique and interactive presentation called: **2020 Essentials**, on trending legal topics from artificial intelligence, cyber security and white-collar crime to understanding cannabis and running an effective RFP process.
Q&A With Lindsey LeClair

Lindsey is Director of Legal Affairs for First West Credit Union and a Member-At-Large on the Executive Committee of CCCA.

Q. Who is your hero? Who is your inspiration?
A. My Dad. Always has been. His work ethic, dedication to his family and pride in his community encourage me to try my hardest to make a positive difference every day.

Q. What is it you like most about your career?
A. The variety. Every day is different.

Q. What makes you laugh?
A. Animals dressed as humans.

Q. If you could choose to do anything for a day, what would it be?
A. I’d love to spend the day with my daughter and R.B.G.

Q. How would your friends describe you?
A. Sarcastic as .... Probably best not to ask.

Q. What would you sing at Karaoke?
A. Well the last time I sang Karaoke, it was “I Want It That Way” by the Backstreet Boys.

Q. What would you do if you won the lottery?
A. Open a bar. My neighbourhood has a dozen coffee places and zero bars. Something must be done!

Q. What’s your favourite fast food guilty pleasure?
A. Wendy’s Frosty - The. Best.

Q. What 3 books are critical reading for an in-house counsel?
A. Radical Candor; The Generalist Counsel; Talking to Strangers

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Credit: Sing King Karaoke
(YouTube)