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FROM THE PRESIDENT OF VALL

I cannot believe that my term as president is coming to a close. I have really enjoyed being president of VALL. As President I have had the opportunity to work with an amazing group of women, spoken to a lot of people, and learned so very much. I would like to thank the executive; Teresa, for all her guidance, Joanne and Gloria who planned an exciting and fun-filled season of speakers, Susy for her accurate and precise minutes and for often not being able to fully appreciate her dessert as she furiously took down the speaker's notes and luncheon announcements, Kathy's number crunching that kept us in the black while liasing with the Four Seasons Hotel, Susan and Shawna for putting together and publishing informative VALL Reviews, Frances for all her web expertise, and for giving our website a fresh new look, and Larissa for keeping track of the new and current members. Having such a willing and organized group of ladies really made for a smooth term for me as President. And, of course, I would like to thank the membership for all their support throughout my term as President.

I would like to thank everyone for allowing me this opportunity and I look forward to continuing to sit on the executive as past president.

Finally, on behalf of Teresa Gleave, our past president, I am happy to announce the members of next years' executive team:

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FROM THE EDITORS

Susan Daly & Shawna Ford

Summer is here which to the editorial staff means that it is time for the annual editorial rotation. Shawna will be continuing and will be joined by Jean Chong from Legal Services. Those of us who attended CALL in White Oaks were reminded often of the roles that we play in getting the information to our lawyers and students, and that we have to continue to be diligent in learning the new information platforms so that we are able to efficiently teach them. To this end the VALL Review should play a role in educating VALL members. Perhaps a new column in the VALL Review on "Tips for Teaching" might be useful. Let the editors know your interests so that they may fashion the Review to make it more relevant to all. We would like to thank all those who contributed this year and encourage you to submit articles for the next issues.



MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

Lynda Roberts, Manager of Library Services at Bull Housser & Tupper, was the winner of InMagic's prestigious InfoHero award this year. The award is presented at the SLA Conference (which Lynda was unable to attend) "to the customer who is judged to have created an information management solution with an InMagic product that has had the most significant impact

within their organization". See the Press release about the award on InMagic's website at www.inmagic.com.

Susan Caird and **Thea Schmidt** were awarded the Canadian Law Libraries Feature Article Award at the Awards luncheon at CALL this year, for their article on the B.C. Rules of Court, which appeared in the Winter 2002 edition of Canadian Law Libraries. (Vol. 27, No.5).

New Members

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Members' Info Changes

Wendy Ng who was recently married has changed her last name to Deighton:

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Alaina Buckingham moved from Koffman Kalef Business Lawyers to McCarthy Tetrault
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Honoured Member Guidelines

The Executive has developed the following guidelines for the nomination and designation of Honoured members. This is not a call for nominations - these guidelines are being published for your information and comments. The guidelines will be published on the website soon.

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Honoured Member Guidelines

An Honoured Member

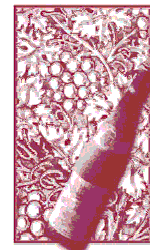
- Must have been a longtime member of VALL, preferably from its inception or if not, at least 10 years.
- Must have attended a large number of meetings.
- Must have served on the Executive in a number of positions, OR
- Contributed to the success of VALL in a measurable way, OR
- Provided leadership or contributed to the Vancouver law library community in a measurable way, for example as a teacher or mentor.
- Must want to be an honoured member, that is, would truly be pleased by the honour and would likely attend meetings periodically or when invited as a guest in December or June.

An Honoured Member can be nominated by any VALL member at any time. The VALL member must write a letter detailing the reasons for the nomination and obtain signatures of five additional VALL members supporting the nomination.

The current VALL Executive reviews the nomination and decides if the person nominated will be designated with honoured member status. Because there is some financial consideration to this designation, the current Executive has the right to reject the nomination for financial reasons. Honoured Members receive a complimentary membership to VALL and are guests of the Association at the December or June luncheon.

NEWS

Our introductory price for lunch at the Four Seasons has now expired which means that effective September 1, 2003, the cost of lunches will increase to \$30.00. We are always on the lookout for new venues to try to keep the cost of the lunches down, so if you have a suggestion, please let someone on the executive know about it, and the executive will check it out.



NEW WINE | **À VIN NOUVEAU**
in Old Bottles | *esprit nouveau*
Blending Tradition and Innovation | unir les traditions et l'innovation

CALL

CALL 2003 Conference May 25 – 28, 2003

The following is an overview of some of the sessions and since most of the presentations will be available soon on the CALL website please take a look at these for complete information.

The facility, White Oaks Conference Centre and Spa, was excellent in providing everything we have come to expect at our conferences; - the food at every meal and during the breaks was "to overeat for," the flowers everywhere were fresh daily, the meeting room chairs were comfortable, the fitness centre and swimming pool were well-used by those fitness freaks in the crowd, and, of course, the programs were varied and interesting. Publishers were very generous in their sponsorships of receptions, luncheons, the banquet, and pub night.

Bob Bering, the interim dean of the University of California at Berkeley School of Law, and the guru of American law librarians gave the keynote address. His theme was "Finding the law today" which he aptly compared to new wine in old bottles. He spoke about four kinds of knowledge. We use as authorities:

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Personal knowledge- things you know to be true for you.

Perceived knowledge - knowledge gained using visual fields. Images are manipulated, making personal perceptions more problematic.

Trusted knowledge- you use as authority someone who has a particular field of expertise and whom you believe is credible. A certain reputation is involved in the belief of this knowledge and you do not have time to verify this belief.

Institutional knowledge - you trust someone because he belongs to a particular institution which you understand is reputable.

This knowledge has come from different traditions, including the oral tradition, and the book phase where a personal authority survives, and now it is time for us to recognize authorities on the internet. Legal authorities are recognized by personal authorities like "Blackstone's Commentaries" and by institutions like West's and Carswell's Publishing companies. We trust them because they have survived and are widely accepted as authorities. Lexis and Westlaw are trusted publishers of authoritative works and what we find on those databases on the internet, we accept as authority. We need someone to make the right choices for us and according to Mr. Bering, librarians, who are no longer part of the woodwork, are making the decisions as to what "knowledge" is authoritative. Librarians have become the persons best-equipped to decide this. The internet is too easy to use and there is instant access to too much information which may or may not be useful or even correct. As law librarians we know how important quality information is and we recognize it when we see it. Mr. Bering reminded us that we stand between the information and the consumer and we may have to fight off the internet to make our audience understand that all the answers are not instantly accessible through that medium.

Enterprise Content Management: Red, white or rose?

Ann Rockley, *President of the Rockley Group*, gave an interesting presentation on enterprise content management, not a new concept for librarians, but one which is becoming more important to law firms as they become more business-oriented and need to improve their document management systems. The old records management system is being replaced by new document management systems and content management systems. In a document management system you are managing the document as a whole whereas in a content management system, you are managing several pieces of information that create the whole document. Enterprise management systems include all three systems (records management, document management and content management) and are combined to create, capture and deliver customized content which is then managed across the system. The information could be a web database, a transactional content management system, (i.e. e-commerce transactions) or a combination of both to form an integrated document management system. Firms are migrating to these new systems because of increasing costs of managing information, and because it is imperative that information be found in a timely manner. They need to have more control over how their information is accessible and need to store and identify materials for audit trails, etc. Emerging enterprise management systems all have the ability to manage web based information, paper, databases, CD ROMs and video, and law firms especially will be embracing these systems as their information needs continue to mushroom.

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Researching International Environmental Law with a Clear Head in the Hazy Era of Climate Change

Jutta Brunnee, Professor, Faculty of Law, University of Toronto

Marilyn Raisch, Librarian for International and Foreign Law, Bora Laskin Law Library, University of Toronto

Ms. Brunnee explained the global warming situation and then provided information on the global regime-building to monitor compliance with environmental regulations. She discussed the various international treaties starting with the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change in 1992, the 1997 Kyoto Protocol to that treaty, the Buenos Aires Plan in 1998, the Hague Protocol of 2000, and the Marrakesh Accords in 2001. On December 17, 2002, Canada ratified the Kyoto Protocol, thus promising to reduce its greenhouse gas emissions by 6% of the level it had agreed to in 1990. But, to take effect, the Protocol must be ratified by at least 55 countries, including those industrialized countries responsible for 55% of the world's emissions by 1990. Since the U.S. which is responsible for approximately 1/4 of the world's carbon dioxide emissions, has rejected it, the treaty will not come into effect until Russia ratifies it which could be later this year.

Ms. Raisch provided an excellent bibliography and showed how an information specialist would create a resource that would integrate all materials necessary to research global sustainable development in the context of international law.

Vin Nouveau: New and Cool Things We are Doing in our Libraries

Short presentations were given by members of CALL/ACBD and ALLUNY on new and innovative ideas they have used successfully in their libraries. Most of them focussed on new marketing ideas, like, for example, how to interest a firm in the new library catalogue, (poster blitz and the promise of food) and how to attract students into the library of a law school (huge plasma screen with news and important information streaming on the screen). Lynda

Roberts from Bull Houser & Tupper, gave an overview of how the library staff packages materials which are available in various media, and presents them to the lawyers and clients of the firm.

One for the Road: Social Host Liability

Roger G. Oatley, Partner, Oatley Vigmond, Barrie, Ontario.

Mr. Oatley who was the lawyer in one of the most important and controversial social host cases in Canada to date, *Hunt v. Sutton Group*, gave an overview of the case where he acted for the plaintiff, Linda Hunt. He showed how the national media portrayed the case of the woman who suffered debilitating injury after leaving her employer's Christmas party intoxicated, and then he explained how the case actually progressed in the courts. The case has now been settled and will not proceed to the Supreme Court of Canada.

Securities Research: North & South submitted by Anne Ikeda, Lang Michener

*Louis Mirando, Director
Library Services, Torys, Toronto*

Michael Hoffman, Librarian, Torys, Toronto

The final session of a busy conference from 4 p.m. to 5.30 p.m.!! Who would have thought it would be so interesting and enlightening? The main speaker, Louis Mirando, Library Director at Tory's LLP in Toronto, was almost mobbed at the closing banquet by people thanking him for making it so clear and asking him to present part 2 next year. Louis reviewed the Canadian sources and Michael Hoffman, from Tory's in New York discussed the U.S. material. They explained the regulatory structure, legislation, filing requirements, Commissions and other organizations. The resources we need for securities research were then covered - including many free sites. Perhaps the biggest "ah ha" from many of us was to be told that we do not have to subscribe to all seven volumes of the Federal Securities Law Reporter with it's weekly filings. We can save money and filing time by receiving a condensed version of 5 volumes. I'm off to call CCH but you can see an electronic version of this presentation on the CALL website.

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COURTHOUSE NEWS

Debbie Schachter

The New B.C. Courthouse Library Society Website

The B.C. Courthouse Library Society (BCCLS) has been working with a local web design firm, Communicopia.net, to create a new and improved website to better serve our users. The new website was launched in early May, and is located at the same web address www.bccls.bc.ca.

The redesigned website includes improvements over our previous website:

- updated and improved design and navigation features,
- the addition of a site search engine,
- additional content pages added to the site,
- web-enabled databases freely accessible on the site.

Databases

The website now provides access to the following BCCLS developed databases:

- ***B.C. Legal Literature Index***: a fully searchable database that provides access to articles published in The Advocate from 1943 to present, Canadian Bar Association, B.C. Branch Section Papers.
- ***Supreme Court of Canada Index***: provides tracking information and indexing for cases that have been appealed to the Supreme Court of Canada, from 1990.
- ***Unreported Decisions Index***: indexes the unreported decisions held in the Vancouver Courthouse Library, that are not available elsewhere. This database indexes selected unreported B.C. court decisions from 1955 to the present, selected Immigration Appeal Board decisions from 1977 to 1987 and a few court decisions from other jurisdictions.

The database search results screen provides users with the opportunity to order any of the retrieved

articles or cases from the B.C. Courthouse Library Society.

B.C. Supreme Court Family Law Judgments

In addition to the databases, BCCLS provides access to the B.C. Supreme Court Family Law Judgments from September 2002, in Microsoft Word format, through a password-protected system. Lawyers must sign up for a library card and will pick a PIN at that time. The lawyer's Law Society of B.C. number and their PIN will allow them access to the database. For library staff in law firms, your BCCLS library card barcode and your PIN will allow you access. Please contact the Circulation Department for further details at 604.660.2838.

Content Pages

Content pages of interest to legal researchers include all of the existing content resources, including What's New and our online catalogue, as well as an increased number of legal research help guides in a variety of subject areas, aimed at a variety of research levels. The site also includes specific assistance in researching legislation, cases and court rules.

Additional contact information is provided for assistance in not only the Vancouver Courthouse Library, but also the six regional libraries of Kamloops, Kelowna, Nanaimo, New Westminster, Prince George, and Victoria, in addition to a map-based location tool for all 35 courthouse libraries.

Links

A newly updated links section now provides a powerful link searching tool, in addition to the traditional link browsing of quality legal information resource websites. Behind the scenes, the new link management software will ensure that links are uniformly updated across the site, as links are edited.

BCCLS is pleased to be able to provide additional information and orientation sessions on the new website and the variety of research tools located therein. We are interested in receiving feedback on the new site or any questions you may have about the resources on the site. Please e-mail website feedback to Debbie Schachter at dschachter@bccls.bc.ca.

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B.C. Statute Service online

As of June, 2003, all courthouse libraries with a computer have access to a new Internet subscription: the *British Columbia Statute Service*.

The *British Columbia Statute Service* provides access across the province to the Internet version of the same service which previously was available only on CD-ROM in the Vancouver Courthouse Library. The *B.C. Statute Service* contains the ongoing consolidation of the *Revised Statutes of B.C. 1996*, the *Regulations of B.C.*, and the *British Columbia Statute Citator* (also previously only available in print in the Vancouver Courthouse Library).

The statutes in this service are generally more current than those published by the Queen's Printer, and the *B.C. Statute Service* also provides a history of amendments to each statute. Selected cases that interpret statutory language or intent are linked to the text of the relevant section. The full text of these cases is provided.



VENDORS CORNER

News from Canada Law Book

Even though you've heard it all before, we are now able to announce that the long-awaited new 5th edition of ***Falconbridge on Mortgages*** is now available!! This replaces the 4th edition, which came out in 1977. The other long-awaited product is the ***O'Briens Forms – Division One on the Internet***. It is currently being beta-tested in 13 different law offices and after the results are in, we are expecting to launch it in July.

We will be sending out our '**Early Bird**' order forms for the ***B.C. Legal Telephone Directory-***

2004 Edition later this month. I should point out that this directory is priced about \$5 per copy less than the competitor, so if you are looking carefully at your budget, then this may be the way to go. Other new publications include:

Annotated B.C. Court Order Enforcement Act	\$ 85
The Duty to Accommodate by Kevin MacNeill	\$ 160
Mediating Estate Disputes by Susan Easterbrook	\$ 59
The Youth Criminal Justice Act Manual by Peter Harris	\$ 295
Martin's Related Statutes, 2003-2004 Edition	\$ 99
Mediating Commercial Disputes by Stitt	\$ 55
Canadian Compensation Handbook by Tyson	\$ 80
Fiduciary Duties by Michael Ng	\$ 110
Guide to Personal Injury Practice by Roger Oatley	\$ 275
Privacy Law in the Practice Sector by Platt	\$ 135
Product liability Handbook by Theall	\$ 145
McWilliams: Canadian Criminal Evidence, 4th ed.	Due Aug.
The Law of Restitution by Madaugh & McCamus, 2nd	Due Aug.
Preparation of Wills by MacGregor, 3rd edition	Due Aug.
Pregnancy, the workplace & the law by Rubin	Due Aug.
The Law of Dismissal by Levitt, 3rd. edition	Due Nov.
Criminal Evidence Handbook, 2003/04 by Harold Cox	Due July

On the electronic side, Jennifer Shillington, our Electronic Products representative, has been busy fine-tuning a Folio 4x training aid for our various products. She has been working in association with Anna Holeyton and it is almost ready to go. There is also an "interactive learning" PowerPoint in the works for our Canada Statute Service subscribers. Please feel free to contact Jennifer about these developments.

We were very happy to hear that Teresa Gleave was the winner of the CLB prize at CALL this year. She won a relaxing visit to the White Oaks spa. Well done Teresa!!

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NEWS from CCH

ELibrarian

NEW for librarians in legal, tax and accounting firms! eLibrarian is your quarterly connection to best practice tips and tools. Each issue features a librarian Close Up. Delivered in an easy-to-read and easy-to-access format, eLibrarian helps you keep your busy library running smoothly! Visit <http://www.elibrarian.cch.ca>. We'd love to hear your feedback, on what you'd like to see in future issues.

Annotated Ontario Securities Legislation Annotations by McCarthy Tétrault

McCarthy Tétrault provides extensive annotations to give the complete picture of the Ontario securities regulatory scheme, linking the *Securities Act* to related material in the regulations, rules, policies, notices, and communiqués. **AVAILABLE: August 2003**

What's New In Training

Our new Professional Training and Development Centre is now available on the web. www.training.cch.ca is one more way of helping you enhance your use of CCH products. And it's free of charge! Sign up on our online calendar for your web-based training at www.training.cch.ca or call Customer Service at **416-224-2248**.

Taking You from Better to Best

CCH online enhanced & Folio 4.3

CCH Canadian continues to upgrade its offering of powerful Internet products. Starting June 2003, we will complete the final conversion from LivePublish to CCH Online Enhanced for all Internet subscribers. This platform includes an innovative News Tracker feature, which instantly e-mails reports on significant events, in your area of expertise, as they happen. In June, we will begin upgrading all of our CD-based products with Folio 4.3 software that works on a 32-bit state-of-the-art platform for optimized performance.

NEWS from LexisNexis

Company Dossier—LexisNexis™ Coming Soon!

Many of you in attendance at the 2003 CALL Conference saw an advanced preview of the latest enhancements coming soon to LexisNexis Company Dossier. The enhancements include the addition of over one million Canadian companies.

LexisNexis™ Company Dossier combines many LexisNexis news, company and financial, legal, and intellectual property sources into a comprehensive report, retrieved with one easy search.

Use LexisNexis Company Dossier for client and business development or for any of your company or industry research needs.

See how LexisNexis Company Dossier works with LexisNexis™ Industry Dossier. View the top 20 companies in an industry with their ratios and merger and acquisition activity—all in one report.

Stayed tuned for more announcements about Company Dossier – The One Report Solution.

Internet Corner

This month I would like to share an excellent list of websites presented by LexisNexis at the Spring Workshop & All-California Joint Institute (NOCALL, SOCALL, SANDALL), San Luis Obispo, CA "MEETING THE FUTURE: DYNAMIC LAW LIBRARIANSHIP IN THE 21ST CENTURY" Around the World (Wide Web): 60 Sites in 60 Minutes by Jenny Kanji, Team Lead, Librarian Relations Group, LexisNexis:

<http://www.lexisnexis.com/infopro/events/60sites.shtml>