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THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

Valerie Grace, President

Welcome to the third edition of the VALL Review for the 2004-2005 year. Many thanks to Jean Chong and Christina Tribe for their hard work publishing the Review, and to all those who submitted articles.

There were two recipients of this year's Peter Bark Professional Development Bursary and the award was split equally between them. Congratulations to Debbie Benson of Clark Wilson and Lynda Roberts of Bull, Housser and Tupper. Both attended the CALL conference in St. John's, Newfoundland in May and we look forward to their reports this fall.

VALL would like to thank Canada Law Book and Peter Roberts for the generous VALL Educational Program Development Fund donation. Contributions received for the Fund enable the Program Coordinators to seek and provide relevant educational programs presented by expert speakers to the VALL Membership.

VALL is extending a free one year, one time membership to students enrolled in library programs at UBC and local colleges. Notices have been sent to the institutions to pass along to their students, and so far a dozen or so students have signed up.

In the last online survey, we asked for your feedback on topics for next year's luncheon programs. The top 3 contenders are Digital Collection Development, CANLII and Advanced Online Research, and Delivering Knowledge Management Solutions Via the Law Library. Please find a pdf of the survey results on the VALL website.

Many thanks to this year's Executive Committee. It has been a lot of fun, and I hope you have enjoyed contributing to the Association as much as I have.

The 2005-2006 VALL Executive Committee will include returning members Christina Tribe, Andy Froese, and Jane Evans. Congratulations to incoming members Lynda Roberts, Gwendoline Hoar, Susan Daly, Liisa Tella, Susan Crysler, Teresa Gleave, and Johanne Blenkin. Best of luck to next year's Committee.



FROM THE EDITORS

Jean Chong & Christina Tribe, VALL Review Co-Editors

Thanks to everyone who contributed to this time around. We received a number of excellent articles for this issue of the Review and hope you have more to send us for the next issue.

If you would like to contribute to the fall issue, please forward your ideas and submissions to Christina at ctribe@harpergrey.com. We are looking for future submissions of articles, research, tips/ tricks, or blurbs on a useful Internet resource. We encourage you to share your advice and experiences. We will also be approaching potential authors directly for possible newsletter articles. Our guidelines are located on the last page of this newsletter.

Special thanks goes out to Jean Chong for all her work the last two years on the VALL Review. This is Jean's last issue.



MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

Alaina Sabo, VALL Membership Secretary

A huge congratulations to Shawna on the new edition to the Ford family. Frances Katherine was born at 8:29am on Tuesday May 17 weighing in at 7 lbs. 8 ounces. Shawna and Frances are doing well.

Congratulations to Alaina Sabo, nee Buckingham on her recent marriage.

Alaina's email has changed to reflect her new name: asabo@mccarthy.ca

Congratulations also to Canada Law Book's Jennifer Epp, nee Shillington who also recently married.

Her email has been changed to: jepp@canadalawbook.ca

Time to Renew Your VALL Membership!

The time to renew your VALL memberships is fast approaching. Current memberships expire May 31, 2005. The password to the VALL website will also expire May 31 2005 and a new password will be sent to members who renew their membership for 2005/2006. The new term starts June 01, 2005 and runs through to May 31, 2006. Membership fees are \$25 Forms available in PDF format on the website. (An updated VALL Directory 2004/2005 (PDF Format) is now available on the VALL website at <http://www.vall.vancouver.bc.ca>)

Note: If you have recently switched employers, or if any of your contact information has changed, please drop a line to VALL Co-editors & Membership Secretary!

Free First Time Membership for Students

VALL is pleased to announce that we are now offering students a one-time, one-year free membership to the Association. This offer is being extended to students at UBC, Langara and the University College of the Fraser Valley.

Benefits of membership include:

- Members level access to the VALL website
- Networking opportunities within the Vancouver library community
- Receipt of the VALL newsletter which is published three times a year
- Notification of speaker luncheons. Students would be responsible for the lunch registration fee (there's still no such thing as a free lunch!)



TIPS 'N TRICKS

Jean Chong, VALL Review Co-Editor

Using Multilingual Dial-a-Law Scripts More Effectively

Dial-A-Law scripts are basic summaries of legal information concerning common legal questions and problems. The scripts are written for the general public in British Columbia. Dial-A-Law is a free service offered by the BC Chapter of the Canadian Bar Association. The scripts are prepared by lawyers, but not meant as legal advice. They are great places to find basic legal information. The scripts can get anyone started in the right direction, before they pursue other avenues for information and advice.

There may be situations where a non-English speaking client needs your help, or is accompanied by friend or relative who acts as an interpreter, but who does not have perfect bilingual skills. The CBA of BC began multilingual translations of the scripts in 2004 to address non-English speaking users' needs. Now people who do not speak or read Chinese or Punjabi may still be in a position to help those who do by pointing to one or a few Dial-a-Law Scripts as a starting point. There are a variety of topics available in English, Chinese and Punjabi.

Each Dial-Law Script is numbered. Choose a Dial-Law-Script topic in English and note its script number. The corresponding translations will be:

- in Chinese, add a "5" to the beginning of the English Dial-Law Script topic number.
- in Punjabi, add a "6" to the beginning of the English Dial-a-Law Script topic number.

For example, the script: "Power of Attorney and Representation Agreements" is numbered 180 as shown here: http://www.cba.org/BC/Public_Media/dal/wills.aspx

Hence, on Chinese topic script would be 5180: <http://www.cba.org/bc/pdf/dal/5180.pdf>

and the Punjabi would be 6180: <http://www.cba.org/bc/pdf/dal/6180.pdf>

Dial-A-Law scripts main page is on-line at this URL: http://www.cba.org/BC/Public_Media/dal/default.aspx

Some scripts can also be accessed through CBA of BC's automated phone system. The Dial-A-Law phone lines are available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Phone numbers are: 604.687.4680 in the Lower Mainland &
1.800.565.5297 outside the Lower Mainland.

Of course, the librarian or professional (social worker, etc.) still needs to recommend professional legal advice as a follow-up step for the client.

Economic Calculator

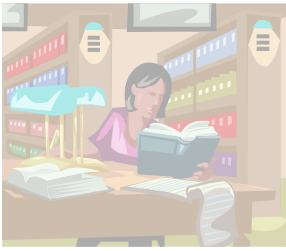
Liisa Tella, Librarian, Harper Grey LLP

This is a link to a website that automatically calculates present day values of non-pecuniary damages. Just go to the side tab that says, "economic calculators." <http://www.browneconomic.com/conferences.html>

Quick Search Guide from Sweden (CADE 2005)

Anna Holeton, Reference Librarian, UBC Law Library

Although the Quick Search Guide presenters from Sweden were unable to attend the CADE 2005 (Canadian Association of Distance Education) conference last month, here is the link to their guide: <http://lilla-sok.bth.se/en/> This guide is available in both English and Swedish. It was tested by 200 students at Uppsala University in Sweden and ranked first out of a group of 4 guides.



News from the B.C. Courthouse Library Society

Susan Caird, Reference Librarian

There have been a few recent changes in staffing at the Vancouver Courthouse Library. The most significant is the departure of Debbie Schachter, Head of Strategic Planning and Development, who as of March 18, 2005, has left BCCLS for a new position. Everyone at the courthouse library will miss Debbie but we wish her well in her new job as Associate Executive Director, Jewish Family Services

Agency.

Debbie's resignation prompted some re-organization of positions and duties and, as a result, a new position has been created. In addition to her existing responsibilities for overall management of the BCCLS collections, Sarah Munro will now also assume supervision of the six Regional Library branches. We all congratulate Sarah in her new position as Manager, Branch Services and Collections.

Sarah's new position will begin in the fall as she is currently off on a six-month leave in Europe. Sarah's leave and adventures began April 1st and she will return October 1st. We are of course all jealous but nonetheless hope that she has a fabulous time!

The B.C. Supreme Court Self-Help Information Centre

*Johanne Blenkin, Executive Director, &
Katie Heung, Reference Librarian, B.C. Courthouse Library Society*

The BC Supreme Court Self-Help Information Centre (SHIC) opened in Vancouver on April 18, 2005. This is a one-year pilot project created in response to the perceived increase in the number of people representing themselves in court and their difficulty in accessing the justice system.

The SHIC will help unrepresented litigants get the information they need to prepare for their Supreme Court family or civil case. They will provide information on what clients should expect and what they may need to consider to get ready for court. The centre will assist them find and use appropriate resources, including self-help packages and forms. Litigants will also be referred to other agencies for further assistance, such as, to courthouse libraries for legal research and to free legal advice services as well as to alternatives to court. Clients can drop in Monday to Friday, 9:00am to 12:00pm, 1:30pm to 4:30pm at 274 – 800 Hornby Street, Vancouver.

With other partners from the justice and court system, BCCLS has participated in the development of this exciting and innovative initiative from the beginning. We have been involved in a number of the sub-committees that designed the services of the centre from the ground up. We also assisted with a publications audit of materials for the public and made recommendations for a basic resource collection for the centre. As an on-going member of the Steering committee and the Education sub-committee, we look forward to continue supporting the work of the centre and contributing on specific projects, such as developing research guides for the public.

From all reports, this service has been very well received and is seeing a steady stream of clients since they opened their doors. For more information about the project, visit their web site: <http://www.supremecourtselfhelp.bc.ca/index.htm>. The "Self-Help Centre materials" section contains a series of guides to assist users understand the various stages of a Supreme Court action.

FEATURE ARTICLES:



BCLA Session - Pathfinders

*Christina Tribe. Library Technician, Harper Grey LLP
Co-Editor VALL Review*

This year the BC Libraries' Association annual conference was held in Burnaby. One of the sessions I attended was Laurie Prange's presentation on constructing Pathfinders. Ms. Prange is a Reference/ Inter-Library Loans Librarian at Yukon College Library in Whitehorse. She has developed and refined general topic pathfinders for use in her small college library.

Laurie recommended the use of certain design elements to help the user find the information they need quickly and easily. Some of the simple, yet effective tips Laurie recommended are:

- **Use of tables, lists and bullets**
Lists are easy to read, are concise, logically organized and easy to remember. More-so when offset in a box, columns, in colour or shaded.
- **Fonts, Bolding or Italics**
Use different fonts to identify the relative importance words, phrases or concepts at a glance. Be consistent, but don't go overboard. Highlighting or bolding large areas of text is distracting and ineffective.
- **Graphics, Underlining or Outlining**
The reader (especially those from the Internet generation) is better able to identify breaks in the information and follow the flow of text more easily if there are visual cues.
Note: keep graphics simple for photocopying.
- **Colour**
Use coloured paper to identify and isolate pathfinders from each other. Certain areas on your pathfinder may also benefit from being in colour if you have access to colour printers. Try a bankruptcy pathfinder on red sheets, and no one will forget!
- **Limit the amount of text**
Try to stay away from filling your pathfinders with paragraphs of text. Limit to one introductory paragraph if you must.
- **White Space**
The most essential, but seldom used design element. It is better to leave something out than to cram it in. The general rule is to have 1/3 of the page as white space. This allows the user to follow the flow and pick out the information they need quickly and easily.

Some other design elements I find useful are:

- **Consistency** - Keep all of your pathfinders in a similar format, with notes, tips, further reading and contact information in the same order/ places.
- **Screen shots** - It's often easier to include a cut and paste image of the "New Query" button in your database, rather than trying to describe the DBText-icon-with-the-page-and-the-Q-and-the-star-with-a-box-around-it.
- **Brand it!** Put your library logo on the pathfinder and format the same as you would for other research, memos, route lists or library stationary.
- **Contact information** - Don't forget to include your contact information.

And finally, keep your pathfinders up-to-date, centrally and obviously located so they will be taken.



MEDICAL EXPERT EVIDENCE - An Annotated Bibliography

Liisa Tella, Librarian, Harper Grey LLP

The use of expert evidence in litigation has increased dramatically in recent years. This has resulted in a steady stream of expert-related reference questions for the library.

Here are a few sample questions: How do I find an expert on sex change operations? Is there anyone in Canada who is an expert on Munchausen by Proxy? Has this expert's evidence been accepted by the courts? Do you keep expert evidence transcripts in the library? Can an orthopedic surgeon comment on the standard of care of a general practitioner? Do you have a copy of a ruling on admissibility of the expert's report by Dr. X?

In addition to general resources, creating an in-house expert database is a very useful library project. It is good to collect as much information as possible on a particular expert; cases they appeared in, rejections or acceptance of their evidence, lawyers' candid comments about an expert, rulings, and transcripts. These can all be immensely helpful when assessing an expert's suitability for a particular case, or when a lawyer is preparing to confront the opposing side's expert.

NOTE: This bibliography was adapted from a Harper Grey LLP in-house student seminar. It focuses on the resources we have in our library and highlights the use of medical experts, HG's forte. It is not exhaustive. (BC Courthouse Library call numbers, where applicable, are included).

GENERAL TEXTS

Resources listed here discuss the general theory, issues and rules regarding expert evidence. This list is not exhaustive, many general evidence texts contain useful information on expert evidence.

- ❑ Adair, G. "Part VI: Expert Witnesses." *On Trial: Advocacy Skills, Law and Practice*. 2nd ed. (Toronto: LexisNexis Canada, 2004). KN 380. A34 2004
- ❑ Delisle, R.J. "Ch.9: Opinion rule and expert evidence." *Evidence: Principles and Problems*. 6th ed. (Toronto: Carswell, 2001). KN 390. D44 2001
- ❑ Freiman & Berenblut, eds. *Litigators Guide to Expert Witnesses*. (Toronto: Canada Law Book, 1997). KN 392. F74 1997
--This is a good text for non-medical expert issues, e.g. business valuations, accounting and economic damages, statistical experts, actuarial evidence, real estate appraisals, environmental, engineering etc.
- ❑ Matthews et al. *The Expert: a Practitioner's Guide*. loose-leaf (Toronto: Carswell, 1995). KN 392. E96
--Discontinued in 1999 but still useful for non-medical experts and general legal principles.
- ❑ *Phillips on Evidence*. 14th ed. (London: Sweet & Maxwell, 1990). KN 390. P439
--Classic British text - use index under Expert Evidence
- ❑ Sopinka, J. *The Law of Evidence in Canada*. 2nd ed. (Toronto: Butterworths, 1998). KN 390 S665 1998
- ❑ Sopinka, J. "Supplement to Ch.12: Opinion Evidence." *The Law of Evidence in Canada, 2004 Supplement*. 2nd ed. (Toronto: Butterworths, 1998) KN 390 S665 1998
- ❑ White, R. *The Art of Using Expert Evidence*. (Toronto: Canada Law Book, 1997). KN 392. W55 1997
- ❑ Continuing Legal Education Society of B.C. publications:
 - ❑ *Expert Evidence in British Columbia Civil Proceedings*. KN 392 E963 2001
--This is an excellent compilation of practical information written by practitioners on choosing, briefing, calling an expert, and attacking expert evidence. Includes little gems of evidentiary points often not found in other texts.
 - ❑ *Experts*. KN 392. E96 1993 & 1998
 - ❑ *Evidence Update: Civil and Criminal*. KN 390. E943 C75 1999
 - ❑ *Criminal Evidence*. KM 600. C74 C75 1994
 - ❑ "Ch.4: Experts & Expert Reports." *Civil Litigation Conference*. KN 352. C584 C65 1996

- Trial Lawyers Association of B.C. publications (often present the plaintiffs' view point):
 - The A-Z of Expert Witnesses. KN 392. A96 T74 2000
 - Experts: from Retainer to Trial. KB 294. E96 T74 2003
 - Help from the Experts: Keeping up with Recent Advances in Medicine, Engineering and Commerce. Not available at the Courthouse library.
 - The Numbers Game: Choosing and Using Financial Experts. KN 392.9 N85 T74 1989

RULES OF COURT - RULE 40A - EVIDENCE OF EXPERTS

Excellent discussion and case references on Rule 40A can be found in:

- Bouck, J.C. British Columbia Annual Practice. (Vancouver: Canada Law Book, 2004). KN 352. A115 B75
- Fraser & Horn. Conduct of Civil Litigation in British Columbia. (Vancouver: Butterworths, 1978). KN 352. F73
- McLachlin & Taylor. British Columbia Practice. (Vancouver: Butterworths, 1979). KN 352. K693

ADMISSIBILITY OF EXPERT EVIDENCE

- Archibald, T. "Ch.3: The Criteria For Admitting Expert Evidence." Annual Review of Civil Litigation. (Toronto: Carswell, 2003). KA 1.A562 2003
- Continuing Legal Education Society of B.C. "Ch.1: Law of Negligence - Medical Expertise and the Admissibility of Expert Evidence." Medical Malpractice - 2000. (Vancouver: CLE, 2000). KB 298 M434 2000

RULINGS

Issues with respect to admissibility are often decided by the judge while the trial is in progress. These intra-trial rulings are usually not reported but nonetheless they are extremely helpful as precedents. Our library collects and indexes them.

QUALIFYING AND PRESENTING EXPERTS

- Adair, G. "Ch.25: Expert witnesses - The qualifying process." On trial: Advocacy Skills, Law & Practice. (Toronto: LexisNexis Canada, 2004). KN 380 A34 2004
- Babitsky & Mangraviti. Writing & Defending your Expert Report: the Step-by-Step Guide with Models. (Falmouth, MA: Seak, Inc., 2002). Not available at the Courthouse library.
--Offers practical advice to experts. US based.
- Continuing Legal Education Society of B.C. "Chapter 10: Preparation & Presentation of Expert Evidence." Advocacy Conference. (Vancouver: CLE, 2001). KN 380 A39 C65 2001
- Preparing to be an Expert Witness. [videotape] (Toronto: Canada Law Book, 1995).
--Gives good advice to an inexperienced witness on what happens in the courtroom. Not available at the Courthouse library.
- Trial Transcripts - Guidance on how to qualify and present your expert is found in the section of the transcript where the expert is introduced.

DIRECT AND CROSS-EXAMINATION OF EXPERTS

- Adair, G. "Ch.26: The direct examination of an expert witness." & "Ch.27: Cross-examination of experts." On trial: Advocacy Skills, Law and Practice. (Toronto: LexisNexis Canada, 2004). KN 380 A34 2004
- Salhany, R.E. "Ch.8: The Expert Witness." Cross-examination: the Art of the Advocate. (Toronto: Butterworths, 1999) KN 390.4 S34 1999
- Campbell, T.W. Cross-examining psychologists and psychiatrists as expert witnesses. U.S. based - published by author.

- ❑ Trial Transcripts - The library has a collection of trial transcripts. Guidance on how to cross-examine experts can be found here.
- ❑ Continuing Legal Education Society of British Columbia publications:
 - ❑ "Ch.2: Cross-examination of the expert witness." Defending Mild Traumatic Brain Injury Case. KN 38.1 D43 C65 2003
 - ❑ "Ch.4: Proof and use of records" & "Ch.10: Hand written notes." Medicine for Lawyers. KB 290 M43 2001
--Excellent tips for cross-examination in point form.
 - ❑ "Ch.11: Cross-Examination of Expert Witness." Advocacy Conference. KN 380. A38 C65 2001

MEDICAL EXPERT EVIDENCE

These resources highlight special issues encountered with medical expert evidence.

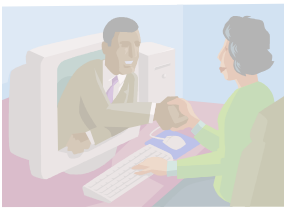
- ❑ Parry., J.D. Civil Law Handbook on Psychiatric and Psychological Evidence and Testimony. (Washington DC: American Bar Association. Commission on Mental and Physical Disability Law, 2001). Not available at the Courthouse library.
- ❑ Picard, E.. "Ch.8: The Doctor in Court." Legal Liability of Doctors and Hospitals in Canada. (Toronto: Carswell, 1996). KB 298 P52 1996
- ❑ Pope, K. The MMPI, MMPI-2 and MMPI-A in Court: a Practical Guide for Expert Witnesses and Attorneys. (Washington DC: American Psychological Association, 1999). KB 291. P76 1993.
--Sheds light on commonly used personality tests.
- ❑ Roccamo, G. Medicine in the Litigation Process. (Toronto: Carswell, 1999). KB 290. R62 1999
- ❑ Ziskin, J. Coping with Psychiatric and Psychological Testimony. (Los Angeles, CA: Law and Psychology Press, 1995). BC Courthouse has 1988 ed. Call # KB 291. Z58 1988.
--Almost every chapter in this book starts with the word "challenging", i.e. how to attack the other side's experts on personality testing (MMPI), PTSD, prognosis and treatment, etc. (US)
- ❑ Continuing Legal Education Society of B.C. publications:
 - ❑ Experts in Personal Injury Cases. KN 392. E962 C65 2003
 - ❑ Medical Malpractice. KB 298 M434 1994
--Discussion on rule 40A.
 - ❑ Medical malpractice - 2000. KB 298 M434 2000.
 - ❑ Medicine for Lawyers. KB 290 M43 1991. Also from years 1993, 1996, 1998, 2001.

HOW TO CHECK EXPERTS' TRACK RECORD

- ❑ **Have the courts rejected or accepted the expert's evidence?**
--Check case law on *Quicklaw*, *CLE Case Digests* or *Western Decisions (Dart)* Both CLE & Dart allow limiting the search to "expert evidence" making your search quick and easy. CLE Case Digest also notes whether the evidence was accepted, rejected, or just considered.
- ❑ **Trial transcript collection of expert evidence.**
--You can read the verbatim of the evidence at trial from trial transcripts.
- ❑ **What has the expert published in the area of expertise? Is "the expert" truly an expert?**
--Check library catalogues, leading journals of the expert's speciality and newspaper articles. For medical experts check PubMed - Medline (free) <http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/entrez/query.fcgi>
- ❑ **Google**
--Searches work too but check the authority of the site carefully.
- ❑ **TrialSmith**
--A US based organization serving plaintiffs' lawyers world-wide. They hold a large on-line collection of deposition transcripts and court testimony including expert depositions (both plaintiff and defendant). Subscription needed. <http://www.trialsmith.com/databases.cfm>
- ❑ **CourtLink - Lexis -US bases experts**
--Allows searching filed court documents - including motions to exclude testimony, resumes, reports, filed transcripts of testimony, affidavits, declarations etc.
- ❑ It is advisable to **check the expert's record for disciplinary proceedings**.
--Most licensing bodies (Colleges of doctors and other health professions, engineers, architects etc.) make this information available to the public, and it is often found on their web sites.
**If your potential expert has been disciplined, your lawyer does not want to hear about it from the opposing counsel in court!

HOW TO FIND CANADIAN EXPERTS

- ❑ Canadian Medical Directory, (Toronto: Canadian Medical Association, 2004).
--Includes Medical Experts Listing
- ❑ Canadian Directory of Environmental Experts who have Appeared before Courts and Tribunals, (Edmonton: Environmental Law Centre (Alberta) Society, 1998).
- ❑ Literature searches
--Who has written a lot about a topic and whose work has been published in reputable journals is usually an expert.
- ❑ Litigation Resource Centre - web directory - Expert Witnesses.
This is a reputable, Ontario based directory. Detailed information on expert witnesses may be found by clicking on the individual registrant or highlighted category. http://www.litigationresource.com/flash_frameset.html
- ❑ Martindale Hubbell Canadian Law Directory. (New Providence, NJ: Martindale-Hubbell, 2003).
K 150. M377 C36 Services, Suppliers and Consultants Index
- ❑ Professional Organizations / Licensing bodies & their Directories
--A great source for potential experts.
- ❑ TASA (Technical Advisory Service for Attorneys)
--This is U.S. based but does serve Canada and has Canadian consultants/ experts listed. Use the search boxes at the top of page to search for type of witness, and select "All Canada" or an individual province to search. Note, they do not actually give you the contact info on the Website--they just tell you if you get any hits in the database. You have to contact them to obtain the contacts (and probably pay \$\$\$).
<http://www.tasanet.com/>
- ❑ Universities are often a good sources for experts - Here are just two samples:
 - ❑ University of British Columbia - Find UBC Experts - Searchable database with fairly detailed listing of expertise. <http://webservices.publicaffairs.ubc.ca/clients/pa/apps/experts/public/index.php>
 - ❑ University of Toronto's BlueBook of Expert Witnesses is a great web directory of hundreds of experts: <http://www.library.utoronto.ca/bluebook/>



VENDORS' CORNER

NEWS from LexisNexis Canada (www.lexisnexis.ca)

LexisNexis & Factiva

LexisNexis and Factiva agreed to an alliance that has added more than 2,000 news, business, economic, and financial information sources from around the globe to the 20,000 news and business publications already in place for subscribers of LexisNexis at *lexis.com*. New Factiva sources added to the existing collection on LexisNexis:

- Full-text national dailies including *The Globe and Mail* and the *National Post*TM
- 30 full-text Canadian metropolitan daily newspapers from CanWest, Torstar, and Sun Media
- Wire services including Canadian Press (CP), Canada NewsWire, and Canadian Corporate News
- Leading U.S. news sources including full-text editions of *The Wall Street Journal*, *The New York Times*, and *The Washington Post*
- Global business news and financial sources including Dow Jones and Reuters newswires, Barron's, Moody's, and Bloomberg

LexisNexis now gives users the power to create personalized combined search sources using the **Combined Source** function. Searching sources from different countries, topic areas and industries has never been easier.

NEWS from Quicklaw (LexisNexis Canada)

Quicklaw is excited to announce **45 new tribunal sources**. Those of particular interest in BC include:

- Canada Indian Claims Commission Reports,
- Canada Environmental Assessment Agency Reports,
- BC Utilities Commission Decisions,
- BC Forest Appeals Commission Decisions,
- BC Mediation and Arbitration Board (Surface Rights) Orders,
- BC Workers' Compensation Appeal Tribunal Decisions &
- BC Workers' Compensation Board Decisions, to name only a few.

There is a **new Quicklaw citation format for tribunal decisions**. The new citation format is simple and elegant, the core being made up of the jurisdiction plus "Trib" and an identifying abbreviation for the tribunal. For example **2005 BC Trib 25 (ECB)** is the 25th decision issued by the British Columbia Expropriation Compensation Board in 2005.

The LAW/NET Legal Update Service is more comprehensive than ever — and is now the source for precedent-setting or newsworthy court and tribunal decisions. LAW/NET has been dramatically enhanced, with more cases gathered and digested each day than ever before. LAW/NET now contains every substantive Canadian court decision covered in a major Canadian newspaper; that is high profile, legally or factually significant, precedent setting, or that concerns a novel issue or area of law. LexisNexis legal editors select cases and provide concise lawyer-written summaries.

Quicklaw now carries Canadian **statutes and regulations for all jurisdictions**. Logon to Quicklaw's legislation collection view the new collections.

Quicklaw now carries **Rules of Court for all jurisdictions**. Logon to Quicklaw's legislation collection to view the new Rules of Court. BC 's Rules of Court can be found in source BCRC.

For more information about any of the new Quicklaw or LexisNexis features, please contact

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NEWS from CCH

In 2004, CCH made significant content and feature enhancements – a direct result of customer feedback and market research. Based on this feedback, we updated and revised:

➤ **British Columbia Real Estate Law Guide**

Included in the more than 1,800 pages of revised materials were:

- Updated digests of over 60 real estate law cases;
- Amendments to the 152 relevant Federal, Provincial and Territorial Statutes and Regulations -- including the addition of four new British Columbia statutes that came into force in 2004: the *Residential Tenancy Act*, the *Manufactured Home Park Tenancy Act*, the *Manufactured Home Act* and the *Administrative Tribunals Act*;
- Commentary on Residential Tenancies, Professional Duties and Liabilities Purchase/ Sales, Agreements;
- Revisions to Offer and Acceptance, Easements, Duties of Real Estate Agents and Solicitor's Duties;
- Updated Property Transfer Tax Act Bulletins and Mortgage Brokers Act Bulletins;

Plans for the BC Real Estate Law Guide in 2005 include:

Additional commentary on: Title Insurance; Aboriginal Law; changes brought about by the new *Residential Tenancy Act*; the impact of the *Manufactured Home Park Tenancy Act*; and changes required by the *Real Estate Services Act*.

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- A Table of Concordance for the BC *Companies Act* and the BC *Business Corporations Act*; and

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- **Counsel for the Defence: The Bernard Cohn Memorial Lectures in Criminal Law** – edited by Edward L. Greenspan, Q.C. – 288 pgs (March 2005). The Bernard Cohn Memorial Lecture in Criminal Law has been delivered annually since 1987 at the University of Windsor Faculty of Law. This volume brings together fifteen of the lectures by some of Canada's leading defence counsel and jurists. \$65.00.
- **Law Society of Upper Canada Special Lectures 2004: Corporate and Commercial Law** (hardcover) – 619 pgs (March 2005). \$95.00.
- **Legal Research & Writing, 2nd edition** – by Ted Tjaden – 365 pgs (November 2004). \$42.95.

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- **Laws of Government: The Legal Foundations of Canadian Democracy** – by Craig Forcese and Aaron Freeman – due June 2005. \$48.00.
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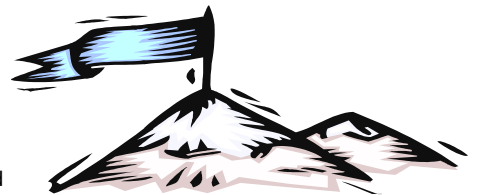
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