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THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

Susan Crysler, McCarthy Tetrault LLP

The holiday season and the celebrations around the New Year have come and gone and we are now well on our way into 2006. During the fall, we had three successful VALL meetings at the Law Courts Inn.

In October Gail Nash, the Registrar of Regulations, spoke to us about regulations and legislative process. Gail was unable to attend meetings last year and we were pleased that she was able to come and speak to VALL about a subject that is relevant to all of us.

At the November meeting, Craig Jones, a lawyer at Bull, Housser & Tupper LLP, spoke about complex litigation, specifically the tobacco litigation which the Government of BC has undertaken to recover tobacco-related health care costs. Craig's presentation was both informative and entertaining.

The December social was a success – fun and (real) games. Thanks to Emma Wood for her initiative and Name That Tune game, as well as Lynda Roberts for her law library oriented trivia contest.

The intrepid Executive had one meeting exclusively devoted to discussing strategic planning, with a follow-up discussion after the business meeting the next month. We have been discussing our needs (why we meet and what we want) and how VALL can best meet those needs (a discussion list? luncheons? workshops?). We are also looking at the current structure of the Executive and the style of meetings. We will be sending a series of short surveys to you in February in order to ensure that everyone's concerns are being represented. Please take the time to respond to the surveys when you see them. Local law library associations in different regions are being contacted for information about their structure and programs, their successes and challenges.

Please don't hesitate to share your comments or thoughts about VALL – and its role in your life. You may contact any one of the Executive if you wish to talk about our strategic planning process.

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FROM THE EDITORS

Liisa Tella & Christina Tribe, Harper Grey LLP



This spring issue of **VALL Review** brings to our readers articles and reports from a variety of library experiences. A big thank you to Emma Wood for sharing her working day with us. Since many of us work in a rather isolated environment, it is refreshing to see that we often have a lot in common: the unexpected rushes, the daunting questions, the various interactions with our users, the resources we use. I learnt something from her day, and I hope you do, too.

Thank you to Graeme Dempsey for putting into words what we all know: there is more paper than ever, and what's not published in paper, we print out. It accumulates in piles in our offices and eventually finds its way to recycling boxes.

On the other hand, governments and many organizations are trying not to publish even the most vital pieces of information as illustrated by **Ontario's Bill 14** which would make electronic versions of legislation official. We are fortunate to have a report by TALL on the matter in this issue.

The next issue of VALL Review will be published in June. Your submissions for articles and contributions to the various columns are much appreciated. Our contact information is: ltella@harpergrey.com or ctribe@harpergrey.com.

SurveyMonkey on the VALL Review

Since the last issue was published we conducted a brief survey on what you read, what you like and what you would like to see in the *VALL Review*. Here is a brief summary of the results.

We received 51 responses to the survey, which is a respectable number. Half of the respondents read the *VALL Review* online and the other half print it out. 42% indicated that they read it cover to cover, 46% skim it, 10% read just sections and 2% never read it. The majority of those (41.7%) who didn't read it at all intended to read it later.

Articles and columns: 64.6% read the Feature Article always or most of the time, 33.3% read it if they found it interesting and only 2.1 % rarely read the feature article.

Should we continue publishing the Peter Bark Bursary recipient conference reports? 42.9% said yes, 19% no, and 38.1% would like to see one or two presentations covered in depth.

78.7% read the Tips & Tricks column always or most of the time, whereas 54.2% read the Vendors' Corner always or most of the time.

The question "Would you Like See New Regular Columns on:" Technology - 64.4% said Yes; Member Profiles - 24.4% said Yes; Contributions from VALA, Research Lawyers - 46.7% said Yes ; Reviews and Links to recent articles of interest - 66.7% said Yes; Theme issues - 65% said No.

Thank you for your responses; these results should give us some guidance and ideas for future issues.



MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

Teresa Gleave, Fasken Martineau DuMoulin LLP

If you have recently switched employers, or if any of your contact information has changed, please drop a line to VALL Review Editors & Membership Secretary. We also welcome short biographies of new members.

Congratulations to **Susan Cryslor** on her expanded role at McCarthy Tetrault LLP. Susan accepted a new position as Firm-Wide Library Projects Manager.

New Members include:

- **Cheryl Berard**, LexisNexis Canada
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Cheryl has been with LexisNexis (Quicklaw) for five years. Last August, when the Customer Support and Training functions were separated, she became the Customer Training Team Leader for BC and Alberta. She is responsible for overseeing and delivering training on the LexisNexis and Quicklaw services. Prior to that she performed both training and support functions as a Customer Service Representative. She has an Honours B.Comm from the University of Toronto.
- **Krista Eckberg**, Bull Housser & Tupper LLP
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Krista graduated from the Library Technician program at Langara in 2003, and has since been getting her feet wet in a variety of contract positions throughout the library community. She began her career as a Library Technician with the Department of Justice Library while studying at Langara, and moved onto a position with VPL's Special Collections Department, followed by a year in Winnipeg with the Canadian Wheat Board Library. Krista is very happy to be back in Vancouver, and is especially happy to be enjoying the work environment and beautiful views of the North Shore from the Bull, Housser & Tupper Library. She will be spending the next year filling Lisa Coco's shoes while Lisa is away being a new mom!

- **Sandra Varga**, Davis & Company LLP
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Sandy is a 1974 alumnus of Langara. In the 80's she worked for 8 years at the Judges' Library. She is currently working at Davis & Co. library in technical services. She lives in Chilliwack, and is raising 3 daughters in her spare time.
- **Marita Clayton**, Fasken Martineau LLP
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Marita is replacing Vanessa Boname while she is away on maternity leave for a year. She was previously at QLT (a biotech company) for 12 years but due to recent restructuring within the company was laid off in December. She spends a lot of time in skating rinks and is an avid ice dancer.

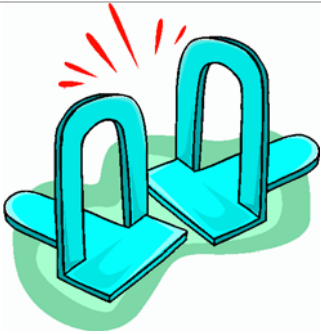
New Student Members include:

- **Drew Jackson** drew@artofresearch.ca
Drew has recently joined the Courthouse Library as a part-time reference librarian while he completes his MLIS degree at UBC. After stints working as a lawyer, a legal editor with Carswell, and a new media manager with the Continuing Legal Education Society of BC, he is looking forward to working in another capacity in the legal community. He has two grade school-age daughters, both have names that contain three letters and punctuation: Zoë and Téa.
- **Paul Joseph** pjoseph@gmail.com



Congratulations to **Lisa Coco** and husband Kevin Peers on the arrival of their son, Ashton Boyd Peers. He was born on Jan. 30th at 8:10am, and he was exactly 10 lbs. They are all doing very well.

Congratulations also to Charles & **Vanessa Boname** on the birth of their daughter Elise Margot Boname. Elise arrived two and a half weeks early on February 17, and weighed in at 5lb 2oz. Vanessa looks great, and everyone is at home and happy.



BOOK ENDS

Recommended Reading & Articles of Interest

Liisa Tella & Christina Tribe, Harper Grey LLP

Reports of interest from Primary Research Group

Primary Research Group is an American Publisher based out of NYC. They gather and interpret data from their own surveys and combine that with information gathered from secondary sources. They publish reports focusing on current library benchmarks and also on forecasting trends in Information Studies. In particular, they have published reports regarding special, academic and law libraries, those libraries' purchasing behavior and management practices. Listed below are some of the recent reports that may be of interest. All prices are in US dollars, and ordering is via their website. <http://www.primaryresearch.com/index.cgi?show=publications&pubs=Information%20Science>

- ❑ **Law Library Benchmarks, 2005 Edition** Presents data from a survey of 65 major law libraries, including law schools, courthouses, and private law firms. Explores the impact of digitization on the physical size of law libraries, and on management support for libraries. Also presents detailed data on library spending on databases, books, CD-ROMs, etc.
- ❑ **Emerging Best Practices in Legal Records Management** To be published Feb 2006.
- ❑ **Prevailing & Best Practices in Electronic & Print Serials Management, 2006** Includes discussions on: selection, management and budgeting of serials; access issues; periodicals management and software; staff responsibilities; electronic serials/ catalog linking technology; usage statistics etc.
- ❑ **Maximizing Law Library Productivity, 2006** This report looks closely at management issues such as: using blogs/ web resources; retaining (or not) print reporters; satellite office libraries; outsourcing; evaluating databases; managing the flow of reference questions; working with staff and management. Advice and key practices on resources offered.
- ❑ **Creating the Digital Law Library, 2003** This report covers policies concerning electronic journals, archiving, e-books, electronic directories, database user training, use of alert service, virtual reference services, negotiating tactics with vendors, electronic documents delivery, librarian time management, web site redevelopment and design and other issues.

Articles of interest

- ❑ **"Legal Research Roundtable," (2005) 14(7) National 31** - participants Peter Nagy, Gregory Pun, Cynthia Simpson and Ted Tjaden discuss how legal research has changed, how lawyers can benefit most from the best research techniques, and what students need to know about legal research.
- ❑ **Peoples, Lee F. "The Death of the Digest and the Pitfalls of Electronic Research: What Is the Modern Legal Researcher to Do?," (2005) 97(4) Law Library Journal 661**
- ❑ **Whisner, M. "Cool Web Sites," (2005) 97(4) Law Library Journal 721** This article explores cool web sites and discusses the hazards of writing about web sites generally, some ways to find cool sites, and keeping track of them once you do.
- ❑ **"Wikipedia survives research test" <http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/technology/4530930.stm>** The free online resource Wikipedia is about as accurate on science as the Encyclopedia Britannica, a study shows. The British journal **Nature** examined a range of scientific entries on both works of reference and found few differences in accuracy. Wikipedia is produced by volunteers, who add entries and edit any page.
- ❑ **Wade, Nicholas. "It May Look Authentic; Here's How to Tell It Isn't," New York Times (24 January 2006) <http://www.nytimes.com/2006/01/24/science/24frau.html?>** How to tell a medical article is a fraud: discusses how photo-manipulation has proved troublesome for science and how scientific journals are beginning to respond.



WHAT'S NEW From UBC Law Library

Anna Holeton, UBC Law Library

□ UBC Law Library and the BC Courthouse Library Society recently completed a joint project resulting in electronic access to [The British Columbia Reports](#) as a free, searchable database. Funding for this project was provided by the [Notary Foundation](#) of the [Society of Notaries Public of B.C.](#) Additional support was provided by the [British Columbia Courthouse Library Society](#), [UBC Law Library](#), and [UBC Archives](#).

[The British Columbia Reports](#) were published from 1884-1948 by the Law Society of British Columbia, and include judgments dating back to 1867. This collection includes the full text of all decisions published in the series, as well as the accompanying *Digests* volumes.

[The British Columbia Reports](#) (<http://stikine.library.ubc.ca/bcreports/index.html>) are keyword searchable. Results lists provide brief KWIC and links to the PDF documents. However, browsing may be the best way to find information in some cases. To find cases on a particular topic use the BCR *Digests* volumes and look up that topic. If you have a citation for a specific case, open the range of volumes containing that case and drill down until you find it.

- A new Staff Meeting/Training Room in the Law Library was constructed last summer. It is being used for [SLAIS's Legal Bibliography](#) class sessions and by LexisNexis reps for weekly drop-in training sessions. Other physical enhancements to the Law Library include new closed study carrels for PhD students, a competitive moot preparation area, and some new chairs for all law students.



TIPS 'N TRICKS

Anna Holeton, UBC Law Library

English versions of Quebec court of Appeal decisions

In mid-2005, the Quebec Court of Appeal launched a project under which all of its judgments deemed significant from an out of province perspective will be translated into English. Decisions of the Court rendered since January 1st, 2000 are available, free of charge at <http://www.jugements.qc.ca> Once there, click the "English

Translation" button at right end of the yellow bar. Then select the link to either Court of Appeal judgments or Court of Quebec judgments to see a list of available English translations.

Local and Private BC Statutes

On the BC Courthouse Library Society links page (http://www.bccls.bc.ca/cms/index.cfm?group_id=2658), click on British Columbia - Legislation, which will bring you to a searchable page of Table of Local and Private B.C. Statutes. http://www.bccls.bc.ca/cms/index.cfm?group_id=66423 You can search the entire .PDF document, by clicking the link to open the Table as a complete document. Before running your search, check your selections in "Use these additional criteria" boxes (eg. untick the Case-Sensitive box for case insensitive searching).

History Journals Index

Helps you to find out where historical periodicals are indexed.

<http://213.198.46.80/journals/index.html> which includes, subpages for Legal History <http://213.198.46.80/journals/hjg-subject-leg.html> and for Canada <http://213.198.46.80/journals/hjg-region-can.html> amongst others.



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FEATURE ARTICLES:

Somewhere Ages and Ages Hence: The Myth of the Paperless Office (with apologies to Robert Frost)

Graeme Dempsey, Lawson Lundell LLP

In my ten years in the industry, I have yet to see evidence that the Electronic Age has really affected our distribution and processing of paper in law libraries. In particular, our loose-leaf subscriptions alone continue to generate just as much, if not more paper than ever before. In the past, loose-leaf subscribers could look forward to a veritable plethora of Carswell updates arriving during the Christmas rush; it now appears to be more of a constant flow from all publishers throughout the year, with an additional deluge in the summer months.

Despite the fact that our library has reduced many of its law report subscriptions to make way for the more instantly accessible electronic digests, we are still (nearly) drowning in loose-leaf updates from Carswell, CCH Canadian, Butterworths and Canada Law Book. I find all this quite amazing, to say the least. Yes, we have implemented many new online and CD-ROM subscriptions to various services over the past few years, but from my perspective (and who is better qualified than a Library Technician to comment on the incoming mail?), there has been no decrease in the *volume* of actual physical mail received, or the amount of paper streaming through our office.

Don't get me wrong: I think it's brilliant that the publishers have gone to such lengths to keep these books even more current than before. (One assumes this is why there are so many updates; it couldn't simply be a way for publishers to make money, could it?) I just think it's odd that library staff, whilst welcoming and embracing the ever-expanding Universe of the Electronic Age, are still swimming in paper, perhaps even more so than before.

Thankfully, this means we will always have something to do whenever research and other library duties allow. It seems to me that the publishers and/or authors are making more of an effort to maintain currency of their books, hence the arrival of numerous updates within the fiscal year, and sometimes even within the same month. We are more up to date than ever before, and yet, because of the noticeable increase in releases per year, it's a continual battle to keep all of our loose-leaf subscriptions current. Some firms even hire summer students to assist with filing.

Perhaps law library staff are the only ones who notice this dichotomy. In our modern world of instant document retrieval, we are still, ironically, heavily reliant on paper products and actual printed words. All of our Carswell and Canada Law Book law digest subscriptions in paper are complemented by an electronic version which is immediately posted on our Intranet. Our Butterworths newsletters are, for the most part, available in electronic form as well as paper, and our CCH Canadian newsletters/pamphlets are, more often than not, available *only* in electronic form. So why the deluge of paper? The obvious answer is that human beings are designed to read the printed word far better than any other medium.

Many lawyers naturally prefer to print off anything electronic that comes their way via the library, be it judgements from Quicklaw or digests obtained electronically through our Intranet. As library staff, we pride ourselves in alerting lawyers to new issues of digests and newsletters on our Intranet or by e-mail. They may send .PDFs of the judgements we provide to their clients, but in the end there is usually a print job of some kind. We supply them with cases and articles as efficiently as we are able, but after we have dispatched the bulletin or e-mail, it is out of our hands. For all we know, our digests are printed and ruminated over by all of our users, for who would elect to read them all online anyway?

With the abundance of electronic products like CD-ROMs and current websites on the market, we are certainly able to deliver information faster than before; this cannot be disputed. But due to the continuing presence of handy and reliable up-to-date loose-leaf publications, it is comforting to know, for all of us bibliophiles, that however far we progress in the uncharted, nebulous world of electronica, there will always be a need for the printed word, and therefore volumes and volumes to update before we sleep.



FEATURE ARTICLES:

A day in the life of a Law Library Technician

Emma Wood, Alexander Holburn Beaudin & Lang LLP

8:55am My boss, Susan, and I grab (what passes for) coffee from the kitchen and sit down for our daily debriefing to discuss what needs to be done that day, research requests that have come in overnight, upcoming events, the jokes on last night's Rick Mercer Report, and the factors that influence the rate at which our candy jar empties - all the important things. We do some brainstorming for our next library awareness event: on Valentine's Day, we'll be giving out "Love Your Library" cookies and bookmarks.

9:15 I go through my e-mail and respond to the urgent ones, fill a couple of case law requests, and sign up for an in-house training session for a software application the firm has recently rolled out.

10:06 I check our media monitoring personal profiles on FP Infomart, and send out e-mails with clippings, articles, and cases that our lawyers and administrators have asked for, or that I know they'll be interested in. We monitor for mentions of our clients, our lawyers and industry news that will affect them. Of course, I also get personal requests – one lawyer even had us watching for last minute show reservations on Oprah.com until I got him set up with his own WatchThatPage account. We don't mind filling the odd personal request, because it increases our reputation as the "go-to gals" for information.

11:22 Mail run. Between new books, loose-leaf filings, serials, invoices and perpetual (and ridiculous) stream of renewal notices from Time magazine, dealing with the mail takes a good chunk of time. Invoices get checked into a CS/Textworks database, which I modeled after the great one I saw being used at Faskens. Magazines and newspapers go out for routing. Any books needing original cataloguing get set aside for Susan to do the classification on; if they're at BCCLS or UBC already, I do copy-cataloguing.

11:42 I'm updating the library pages on our intranet, when someone walks by and makes a seemingly innocuous remark about the ever-growing pile of loose-leaf filing-- as if I hadn't noticed!

11:56 One of our municipal lawyers stops by to ask for current information on P3s in BC. I log on to Insight's Inconference database and discover an entire seminar devoted to the topic, held in June 2005. Nice! Half-way through printing the papers, another lawyer comes in and says he'll be speaking a seminar on the topic of post- 9/11 airline security. I log on to VPL's electronic resources and get a bunch of relevant articles for him.

12:35pm Fire up Bloglines to check my feeds and see what's new in the worlds of search, technology, libraries, and law. Among my must-reads are Vancouver Law Librarian Blog (go Steve!), Slashdot, LLRX, LawLibTech, SearchEngineWatch, Google Blog, Government of BC news, CBC news, and for fun, Anonymous Lawyer. I also get my SLA-CWCN and LTAIG listserv feeds through Bloglines, which greatly reduces the amount of e-mail in my in-box.

1:03 Ah, lunch. Sometimes I meet my roommate, a web designer who works a couple blocks away, for a mid-day vent session. Her gripes typically stem from cross-browser incompatibility. Mine usually involve people using the word "Google" as a verb. Geeks unite!

2:10 I return from lunch to find a student rifling through volume after volume of statutes. She tells me she's in a panic, trying to find out how a statute looked prior to a batch of amendments a couple of years ago. I remind her to use the point-in-time feature on QP Legaleze and walk her through it. She starts breathing again. QP Legaleze saves the day!

2:17 I send an e-mail out to the LTAIG committee to set up a meeting to discuss our goals for 2006.

2:34 Lawyer P. e-mails the library, wanting a copy of a by-law as it read in 1999. The consolidation on the city's website is dated 2003. Using the Internet Archive's Wayback Machine, I locate the 1998 consolidation. I search the city of Vancouver archives and see that there were no amendments between 1998 and P.'s date in 1999. Score!

3:02 I zip over to UBC Robson Square to access eJournals in their library. Lawyer S. has a list of articles on an obscure medical condition (that neither he nor I can pronounce) that are referred to in an expert's report, and he wants to have a look at them.

3:45 Back in the office, I find a memo on my chair from our research lawyer about a project we're working on: an overhaul of our research archive / memo bank. Ours currently resides in our DMS, but we've seen the one built with Inmagic at Bull Housser, and frankly, now we're a little embarrassed of ours.

3:50 I finally get to some research for R., one of our ICBC lawyers. Plaintiff's counsel has retained an American expert witness and R. wants everything we can find on him. Susan's looked him up on IDEX but she wants me to search the internet as well. I use my secret weapon, zoominfo.com, to quickly find biographical information, including what associations he belongs to and what companies he works for.

4:30 A former managing partner rushes in. A plane has just gone off the runway at a nearby airport; we represent the airport authority. Fortunately no one is hurt, but the media frenzy has begun. We immediately start monitoring for newswires and stories online. By the end of the week, we'll have an entire binder full of press clippings.

5:03 I escape, unscathed! I head for the train, another day wiser. These heels are killing me!



Are Ontario E-Laws Becoming the Official Version of Legislation? Report on Bill 14, Schedule F of the Access to Justice Act, 2005

Barbara Fingerote, McCarthy Tetrault (Toronto)

The following is a report submitted to us by TALL following their meeting of February 2, 2006 with government officials discussing the sections of Bill 14 which enable the text of Ontario e-laws statutes and regulations to become the "official copy" of the law.

Speakers: John D. Gregory, General Counsel, Policy Division, Ministry of the Attorney General; Mariam Leitman, Associate Chief Legislative Counsel, Office of the Legislative Counsel, Ministry of the Attorney General; Tamara Kuzyk, Legislative Counsel, Ministry of the Attorney General.

1. The first thing they emphasized: they don't know how quickly this bill will progress through the legislature. It is to come into force the day the Access to Justice Act comes into force except as indicated for the Table in section 138(2).
2. This legislation replaces the *Interpretation Act*, the *Regulations Act*, the *Statute and Regulation Revision Act, 1998*, and the *Statutes Act*. It recognizes changes created by electronic access. [section 130 repeals them]
3. Part IV: Proof of Legislation
 - (a) This part represents a shift from paper to electronic format, a shift from decennial consolidation to ongoing consolidation, and a commitment to keep the consolidations up to date.
 - (b) It defines official copy (section 29) with legal status as that which has been printed by the "Queen's Printer or other prescribed entity" or accessible from the e-Laws website.

- (c) The familiar red annual volumes and the Ontario Gazettes containing the regulations also remain official.
- (d) E-Laws will have to be made official by regulation due to technology. They are not making the legislation reference tables official.
- (e) Source law is static; consolidations change.
 - To ensure the electronic consolidations are reliable and accurate, every consolidated law will be associated with a currency period indicated on the site.
 - Currency period: keep in mind date of access and currency date which is indicated on the site when accessed.
 - The act requires a specific currency date as opposed to the “usually” which was previously used.
 - The act mandates that provisions not yet in force be incorporated into the consolidation and identified as not yet in force, as they do now.

4. Part V: Change Powers

- (a) This power becomes ongoing instead of decennial.
- (b) An update cannot alter legal effect [subsection 36(1)].
- (c) Subsection 36(2) sets out the changes allowed.
- (d) Subsection 36(3) sets out what is not allowed, including wholesale renumbering, changes of names and titles of Ministers and Ministries, documents, acts, and regulations is not permitted; these must be done by legislation.
- (e) Public service should not be interpreters of the law or “sloppy in drafting” it.
- (f) Section 37 discusses notice of change: changes must be citeable and trackable and must not render legislation confusing or misleading. Citation may be prescribed by regulation; choices include current, accepted legislative practices, and/or alternatives presented by Legislative Counsel.
- (g) Regulations to this act will be available soon.

5. Part VI: Interpretation

- (a) The act and its parts now apply to all statutes, regulations, and orders-in-council both existing and future.
- (b) The act clarifies the effect of legislative intentions, e.g., repealed and not replaced, amended, statute regulations that revoke regulations under it, orphan regulations, etc.; these may now be cleaned up.
- (c) The act also clarifies rules on incorporated documents by reference.
 - A rolling or fixed incorporation will make these documents more accessible; older versions will be included.
 - The Minister responsible will have to take appropriate steps; these do not have to be free.
- (d) Rules of construction of the laws are provided.

- (e) Definitions are provided and among other things clarify “holidays” and time limits affected by offices being closed.
- (f) The Evidence Act is affected by the allowance of “affirmation” or “declaration” rather than just “oath”.
- (g) They have now fixed the problem of whom to ask when an entity no longer exists with which file or obtain documents: there is now a follow through process via order-in-council or regulation.

6. Private Acts

- (a) There is a slight change in the definition of private acts.
- (b) A policy has been implemented regarding those acts which have over time been both private and public: they will be repealed and remade as public acts.
- (c) They are considering adding these to the public acts table if they are amended by a public act.

7. Unconsolidated laws

- (a) The plan is also to reduce the number of unconsolidated laws, as per sections 92 and 93.
- (b) An authority will be created to allow Chief Legislative Counsel to consolidate and publish these on e-Laws.

8. Questions:

- Crown copyright? Have not heard of any suggestions for change.
- Historical? Struggling to improve history.
- January 1 snapshots? Getting rid of them.
- Next release? Will allow searches across body of law on every date back at least four years.

Table of Proclamations? Will indicate Gazette page.



LEADERSHIP POSITIONS AVAILABLE

Susan Crysler, McCarthy Tetrault LLP

The VALL Executive is actively seeking new energy and ideas!

Would you like to gain valuable experience serving on the executive, or gain experience running meetings, or perhaps work with your peers in a committee to bring continuing education all of us in Vancouver? Would you like to help steer the future of VALL, and become involved in the Strategic Plan?

What's involved? Monthly meetings with the executive, some (but not huge) time commitment between meetings, working alone or with other executive members as well as diverse people outside the library world.

If you have new ideas, a positive attitude, would like to become involved in taking VALL into the future and can devote a little extra time per month, we would love for you to join us!

For more information about serving on next year's Executive, contact Susan Crysler scrysler@mccarthy.ca.

For more information regarding regular VALL Review contributions (ie. writing regular columns, book reviews or technology tips) contact Liisa Tella at tella@harpergrey.com.



VENDORS' CORNER

NEWS from LexisNexis Canada (www.lexisnexis.ca)

LexisNexis is leading the way among legal publishers by decentralizing some of its top management across the country thereby providing customers with local access to decision makers as well as a strong support team. There are now three national managers located in Vancouver: Arthur Vaz (print), Jeff Purkiss (online – large law) and Jane Evans (online – small law).

The **ECLIPSE** service on LexisNexis has new added functionality and a new name: **Alert**. "Alert" searches can now be run up to three times a day and users may request that duplicate stories be removed from search results.

Shepard's Alert – Need to know when a Shepard's Signal indicator changes? Want to see additional citing references to a case? Shepard's Alert gives you the power to run regularly scheduled Shepard's reports to receive updates on a particular citation. You can specifically identify the parameters of the updates, receiving notification only when changes occur to the Shepard's report that matched your defined parameters.

LexisNexis Publisher - is an advanced content management tool that offers an easy way to integrate crucial, comprehensive and on-point information to your web site, portal, or for your intranet visitors. And now, BlackBerry Wireless Handheld users can access the topics you publish. With a single interface, LexisNexis Publisher allows you to tap into a full array of respected news sources. With LexisNexis Publisher you can enhance the value of the information by adding comments and links to direct users to related internal or external documents. You can control your user's experience by presenting content in a style which melds seamlessly with your site.

NEWS from Quicklaw

In order to better serve all our Quicklaw customers, LexisNexis Canada has made changes to our **Customer Support Centres**. In the past, staff in our Vancouver, Toronto and Ottawa Customer Support Centres performed the dual functions of providing technical and search assistance, and customer training. This staff is now exclusively dedicated to customer training as **Training and Support Specialists**. This was done in order to facilitate a greater focus on the quality of our training, to better meet the ever-increasing demand for training, and to allow us to provide training on a wider range of current and upcoming LexisNexis products. An online Customer Support Centre in Ottawa now supports all telephone search and account inquiries.

For more information about new Quicklaw or LexisNexis features and content or about training and support, please do not hesitate to contact Jeff Purkiss at 604-684-1462 or jeffrey.purkiss@lexisnexis.ca.

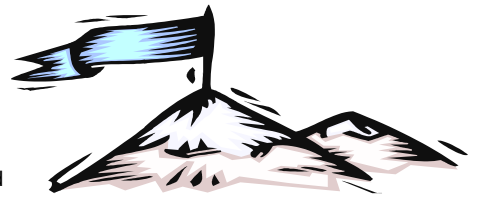
NEWS from LexisNexis Butterworths print

LexisNexis published several core titles in 2005 which were well received by lawyers and librarians. The publishing plan for 2006 looks very good with several new editions and new works scheduled. Of particular note are **Administrative Law in Canada, 4th Ed** (Blake); **Corporate Governance Report** and **Law of Aboriginal and Treaty Rights in Canada**.

The Canadian office is now responsible for sales and invoicing of the Matthew Bender line (print/CD/Internet). A checklist of the essential titles will be sent out in February. Several of the Sarna (Jewel) titles that LexisNexis acquired last May have been revised with additional content and feature case references which contain both the official report citation and the LexisNexis *Quicklaw* citation, allowing you to quickly identify and obtain the full-text decisions relevant to your particular case.

I look forward to being of service to the librarian community as I head into my 22nd year with LexisNexis. You can direct any questions or orders to Arthur Vaz at 604-689-4133 or arthur.vaz@lexisnexis.ca

VALL REVIEW NEWSLETTER ARTICLE CONTENT -- SUBMISSION GUIDELINES



To provide short news and articles on library information and knowledge management developments of interest to VALL members with a priority focus on legal information and related issues concerning legal sector.

To highlight resources of interest to VALL which would be useful to the legal community and for professional library staff development.

Authors are advised to submit their draft articles that meet the minimal criteria:

For articles:

- 1) In Microsoft Word, Plain text or Rich-text.
- 2) Maximum of up to 800 words for full articles.
- 3) Single spaced with paragraphs.
- 4) Functional URLs and corresponding footnote bibliographic information for further reading.
- 5) Identification of author, their official position title and parent organization.

Publishers and vendors should only highlight for submission:

- 6) No more than 3-4 resources of key value per issue. Title, edition, author and projected price is helpful.
- 7) Of value, would be very recent new product developments that the vendor has not yet publicly released or the vendor would like feedback from its customers.

Note: If a vendor has already released public marketing information to all customers on its corporate web site, VALL Review editors will exercise rights to determine if there is sufficient space to include the submitted information, in light of other VALL content publishing priorities.

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