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## From the Executive of VALL

Susan Crysler

To be certain, no sooner do the clouds turn up in the skies in late August, than we all start rummaging through our closets looking for something to wear that isn't an Hawaiian tropic print and looking forward to the next VALL meeting in September.

Your executive for this year has had the opportunity of meeting twice since you last saw us. The first time, the outgoing and the incoming executives exchanged information and many thanks on both sides. We thank those leaving the executive for jobs well done: *Heather Moore* (Treasurer), *Lynda Roberts* (Secretary), *Sam Manchur* and *Greg Wurzer* (Program Co-ordinators), *Ana Rosa Blue* (VALL Review Editor) and *Natasha Lyndon* (Membership Secretary). *Gillian Crabtree* is due many thanks for her participation and guidance over the last year as Past President on VALL's Executive.

The second meeting was for the new executive to discuss plans and programs for the next year. The Program Co-ordinators, *Joan Bilsland* and *Laura Cooney* have come up with many great ideas for next year, many with the help of the feedback from all the members on the forms we filled in at the VALL meeting in June. There are plans to keep us all informed about collection development at UBC and we hope to hear about flat fee pricing from both the vendors and the law firms points of view. The plans for a joint luncheon at the WESTPAC/VALL meeting in October are moving ahead as well as sharing in the planning of a reception at the Conference. The VALL members involved in this joint program are *Anne Beresford*, *Joan Bilsland*, *Eve Porter* and *Sam Manchur*.

The remaining new faces on the Executive for this year are *Wendy Holmes* (Treasurer), *Diane Snyder* (Secretary), *Nancy Conner* (Membership Secretary), and *Anna Holeton* (Newsletter Editor). With the continued assistance of *Maureen Fauman* (Newsletter Editor) and *Anne Beresford* to guide us as Past President, we plan to make this another great year for VALL. I know you'll enjoy the programs, I hope you'll be challenged by some of the issues we are all faced with, and I trust that the camaraderie and exchange of ideas at our meetings will continue to benefit us all.

## From the Editors

Maureen Fauman and Anna Holeton

This issue includes a new Vendors Corner—which we hope you will like. Contributions to VALL REVIEW are encouraged and greatly appreciated. Please note the submission deadline is November 28, 1996 for the December issue. Copy may be submitted to *Anna Holeton* by e-mail file transfer at [cmlaw@campneymurphy.com](mailto:cmlaw@campneymurphy.com) [preferred file format is DOS WordPerfect 5.1] or by sending a FAX to 688-0829.

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## NEW PUBLICATIONS AVAILABLE AT THE B.C. COURTHOUSE LIBRARY

### International Treaties

The B.C. Courthouse Library Society recently produced a guide to treaty research in the Vancouver Courthouse Library. The guide includes materials which provide verification and status information about multilateral and bilateral agreements, as well as sources which publish full-text treaties to which Canada is a party. The listings are arranged in order of general usefulness, a subjective method which will make the guide more immediately helpful than the usual alphabetical listing would be. In addition, brief information about the treaty process, annotations for the various sources, as well as telephone contact numbers for the treaty sections of the Canadian Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade and for the United Nations have been included.

### Annual Report

Another publication, the Annual Report of the B.C. Courthouse Library Society is now available. This annual report celebrates the 20th anniversary of the Society. If you would like a copy of either of these publications, or if you have any questions, please contact the reference staff at the Vancouver Courthouse Library by calling (604) 660-2841 or toll-free 1-800-665-2570, or send e-mail to [BCCLS@bccls.bc.ca](mailto:BCCLS@bccls.bc.ca)

*contributed by Linda Morrison*

## CD-ROM "HIGHLIGHTS" IN UBC LAW LIBRARY

TIARA: Treaties and International Agreements. Researchers' Archive. Oceana Publications, Inc. - provides the full-text of more than 8000 in-force treaties and international agreements to which the United States is a signatory, from 1783 to the present.

Treaties with Canada, Lawthority Inc. - contains the full-text and historical notes of over 2000 bilateral, multilateral & Native treaties affecting Canada.

LawDesk code of Federal Regulations. Lawyers Cooperative Publishing. - the entire U.S. Code of Federal Regulations, comprising the general and permanent rules published in the Federal Register, are available on a single disc.

LegalTrac. Information Access Co. - this CD-ROM version of the print publication entitled Current Law Index is extremely popular at UBC! Containing more than 10 years of indexing in a single index, LegalTrac provides comprehensive coverage to over 975 law journals from the U.S., Canada, the U.K., Ireland, Australia and New Zealand.

FBIS Electronic Index. NewsBank/Readex. - covering the years 1991 to 1996, the index contains references to the Foreign Broadcast Information Service daily reports for all regions.

UCCSEARCH. Clark Boardman Callaghan. - provides complete coverage of the Uniform Commercial Code including: the full text of the Code plus Official Comments; significant case opinions from all federal and state jurisdictions that have interpreted the Code; a case digest and recent issues of the monthly UCC Bulletin.

1991 Canadian Encyclopedia Plus. McClelland & Stewart. - includes the complete revised and updated text of the Canadian Encyclopedia plus the Gage Canadian Dictionary and the Columbia Encyclopedia (5th ed).

*contributed by Mary Mitchell*

## REVISED STATUTES OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

Gail Nash, Registrar of Regulations, clarified rumours circulating about the anticipated R.S.B.C. 1979 loose-leaf & CD-ROM updates and the Statute Revision project. Unfortunately, because the Office of Legislative Counsel was not given additional staff to work on the forthcoming statute revision, the loose-leaf and CD-ROM updates to R.S.B.C. 1979 have been "sidelined." Instead, Legislative Counsel staff will be working on the new R.S.B.C. planned for release in Spring 1997. Work on the Statute Revision project will progress most quickly if there is no Fall 1996 session of the Legislative Assembly. However, if there is a Fall sitting, most legal and support staff will be engaged in drafting bills for the session and Statute Revision work will be put on hold. As to rumours of a Consolidated B.C. Regulations CD-ROM—it is still only "vapourware." Currently the Queen's Printer is planning to create and market selected groups of related regulations and Acts in "compendiums" (e.g.: Forests, Motor Vehicle). Perhaps if each of us were to write to Doug Steele at Queen's Printer we could encourage production of a Consolidated B.C. Regulations CD-ROM.

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## INTERNET CORNER

### BC Courts Website

Effective August 1, 1996, BC Supreme and Court of Appeal judgements rendered in 1996 became available on the Internet. Judgments are available on this site before they become available on QL.

The reasons of the two courts are divided into different databases within the same website. New cases are added daily and include:

- (a) all written and oral reasons for judgement of the BCCA, including reasons in interlocutory matters;
- (b) all written reasons for judgement of the BCSC and any oral reasons that are transcribed and distributed (the latter category is limited to those reasons that have legal significance).

Reasons for judgement are posted as they are released (often on the day of release); there is no retrospective coverage. Reasons will not be enhanced by headnotes or keywords. Further, since there is currently no search engine, cases can only be located by name—using your browser's FIND command on its EDIT menu. However, users are free to download cases as desired for non-commercial distribution.

This judgement service will only be available on an annual basis. The Queen's Printer will be selling the entire data base (every case since January 1, 1990) on a CD-ROM searchable by Folio, with annual updates. More current additions are segregated on a monthly basis, and available on the BC Courts website at:

<http://www.courts.gov.bc.ca>

### Standards for the Preparation, Distribution and Citation of Canadian Judgments in Electronic Form

With the frequency with which we now download judgments from the Internet, it is only a matter of time before you are asked for the correct way of citing them. The answer can be found in the report of the Judges Computer Advisory Committee of the Canadian Judicial Council available from:

<http://www.inforamp.net/~mfelsky/www/standard.htm>

The English version of the final report will be published in Canadian Law Libraries in the Fall issue, volume 21(4).

*Gail Nash*, Registrar of Regulations, advised VALL that two new websites providing statutory information have been mounted by the Office of Legislative Counsel. These sites are:

### 1. Provisions in Force: 1992 to 1996 Sessions: <http://www.legis.gov.bc.ca/procs/>

This site lists all statutes enacted, amended or repealed during the 1992 to 1996 Sessions of the Legislative Assembly of British Columbia. "In force" dates and how the statute became effective [e.g. by Royal Assent or by Regulation], and the B.C. Reg. number is included for each statute. The documents will be updated periodically as new provisions are brought into force.

Groups of statutes may be scanned by "clicking" on the first significant letter of the statute title. Searches can also be performed for a particular statute, date, or other information.

*Caveat:* Statutes beginning with the same letter are grouped in one file. If you wish to download or print the results of a search you may get extra information on other Acts starting with that letter, and by the same token, if you are searching for diverse items under two or more letters you may need to print or download more than one file. Alternatively, you could do a print preview, then print only the relevant pages.

### 2. Act/Ministry Responsibilities: <http://www.legis.gov.bc.ca/procs/allacts/>

This website lists current public statutes and the ministry responsible for each statute, or, in some cases, portions of each statute (see the Details column). Again, an alphabetical index links you to the particular page of the listing you wish to view.

The Ministries included are: Aboriginal Affairs; Agriculture, Fisheries and Food; Attorney General; Education, Skills and Training; Employment and Investment; Environment, Lands and Parks; Finance and Corporation Relations; Forests; Health; Labour; Municipal Affairs and Housing; Small Business, Tourism and Culture; Social Services; Transportation and Highways; and Women's Equality.

Any comments or questions regarding either of these sites may be e-mailed to *Gail Nash*, at the following address:

[gnash@lucy.qp.gov.bc.ca](mailto:gnash@lucy.qp.gov.bc.ca)

Planning is underway for the Queen's Printer website to become the central website for all BC Ministries' homepages in regard to statutes and regulations. If you are interested in reading the discussion of these plans, point your browser to:

<http://www.itaogov.bc.ca/taskforc/toc.htm>

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### Electronic Information Bulletin

distributed by CALL's Electronic Information SIG

The Electronic Information SIG recently launched an ambitious project. The Electronic Information Bulletin provides information on new electronic products and Internet sites. Five "issues" of the Bulletin have been distributed to subscribers of the CALL-L listserv. Send comments and submissions to either *Susan Crysler* or *Brian Jones* at

**smc@mc carthy.ca OR bjones@osler.com**

### Microsoft's Legal homepage

Microsoft has mounted a homepage aimed at the American legal community and includes links to:

- the Internet Law Symposium homepage;
- "20 Tips" for moving from WordPerfect to Microsoft Word; and
- free software index to downloadable Microsoft software. This site's URL is:

**<http://www.microsoft/industry/legal/>**

## VENDORS CORNER

### NEWS FROM CANADA LAW BOOK

Cartwright Omni Corporation of Calgary, Alberta announced on July 11, 1996 that discussions with the legal division of Reed Elsevier plc U.K. concerning the merger of Canada Law Book Inc. and Butterworth Canada Ltd. were discontinued. Accordingly, the proposed merger is "off."

*source: CALL-L listserv*

### NEWS FROM CCH

CCH recently announced the Canadian Securities Law Reporter on CD-ROM. This Securities CD-ROM is based on the print service and is produced using the FolioViews search engine to provide for ease of use and complete linking capability to related documents. It consists of three modules. Module One contains National & Ontario securities laws. Module Two (available January 1997) will contain B.C., Alberta, Saskatchewan & Manitoba securities materials. Lastly, Module Three (available Spring 1997) will contain Quebec and the Atlantic Provinces.

The CD-Rom service will include these components:

- full texts of federal & provincial statutes & regulations
- policy statements by securities commissions
- by-laws of self-regulatory bodies such as the IDA & Investment Funds Institute
- by-laws and rules of stock exchanges. McCarthy Tétrault will be providing annotations and cross-references to ensure complete research.

System requirements: 8 MB RAM and a 486 hard drive is advised. The service is available for three platforms: DOS, Windows and MAC. The price is comparable to the print service; LAN pricing is available, based upon the number of Securities professionals in the firm. Module One is provided complimentary to print subscribers until the end of the year. Call CCH at 688-7522 for more information or to review the service.

*contributed by David Pleasance*

## NEWS FROM CARSWELL THOMSON PROFESSIONAL PUBLISHING

In answer to customer concerns over CD-ROM pricing policies, Carswell has implemented a new pricing structure that is consistent for all of its CD ROM products. Now instead of pricing on the basis of the number of lawyers within a firm or the number of specialists within a practice area, all of Carswell's CD-ROM pricing will be based on the ACTUAL number of USERS anticipated for the CD-ROM.

Carswell has, over the past couple of years, made a significant investment in CD-ROM development—introducing over 35 CD-ROM titles. Some of the more recent developments are Criminal Law Partner, Family Law Partner, Immigration Partner, Securities Partner Plus, Environmental Law Partner, GST Partner and the Canada Reporter.

Carswell also distributes international print titles that are of relevance to Canadian professionals. Among the publishers whose products Carswell handles are Sweet & Maxwell, the Federal Department of Justice, Lawyers Cooperative Publishing (USA), Warren, Gorham and Lamont (USA), Clark Boardman Callaghan (USA) amongst others. For a list of upcoming CD-ROM developments or an up to date list of products, visit Carswell's Homepages at <http://www.carswell.com> or contact your local representative at (604) 685-8171.

*contributed by Stewart Reid*

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Finally, Anne Foster, currently Senior Vice President, Product Systems and Electronic Design for Carswell will become the Director of Digital Publishing for the Thomson Legal and Professional Group effective October 1, 1996. "Anne's role will be to coordinate strategy throughout the Group and work on specific implementation within companies. Initially she will focus on developments at Sweet & Maxwell."

*source: CALL-L listserv*

## NEW CLE PUBLICATIONS

- CASE DIGESTS SUBSCRIPTION SERVICE  
Summaries of BCSC & BCCA decisions

CLE now publishes concise summaries of every judgment handed down by the British Columbia Supreme Court and Court of Appeal. Case digests are published in 13 distinct subject areas. Each summary: describes the decision; names counsel; cites cases considered; and identifies expert witnesses.

Weekly case digests are available in Civil Practice and Procedure, Commercial, Family, and Personal Injury. You'll get information within approximately one week of the decision being available. The weekly service is \$195 annually; optional quarterly indexes are available for \$75 per subject for a year's subscription.

Monthly case digests are available for Bankruptcy and Insolvency, Construction, Court of Appeal, Insurance, Labour and Employment, Municipal, Real Property, and Wills and Estates. The monthly service is \$125 per year; the quarterly index is \$50 per year for each subject.

Or you can subscribe to the weekly Civil Law Digest, which includes all weekly and monthly topics [\$345/year]. Its quarterly index is \$100 per year. By ordering extra subscriptions - several subjects or all one subject - you can save 25%.

- Condominium Law and Practice in British Columbia

Condominium Law and Practice in British Columbia is a new, comprehensive guide to B.C. condominium law, authored by *Margaret Fairweather* and *Lynn Ramsay, Q.C.*

During the past two decades, British Columbia has witnessed a remarkable burgeoning of condominium projects. The sheer number of projects, their diversity, and their sophistication have presented exciting challenges to the legal skills and ingenuity of the province's lawyers.

Condominium Law and Practice presents a comprehensive examination of a condominium project's life cycle from creation to destruction. The authors analyze British Columbia's Condominium Act and regulations plus Part 2 of the Real Estate Act and policy statements under the Real Estate Act. In addition, they canvass the major B.C. condominium cases, explore the roles of the key players in the condominium project; and discuss some of the practical problems practitioners are likely to encounter.

Condominium Law and Practice will include tables of cases, statutes, and references, and a comprehensive index. The book is available for \$250. Regular updates will be published.

- Index to CLE Publications (1978 - 1995): Square One  
[soon on CD & the Internet]

CLE is getting ready to launch its first publication on CD-ROM—Square One. This cumulative index (currently in print form and disk) includes complete subject, title, author, and publication number indexes, all cross-referenced to three volumes of publication profiles that include chapter summaries. The Index offers you a thorough, efficient, and accurate reference for finding exactly the right article, case note, form or precedent, and is updated annually.

To make the Index on CD-ROM as user-friendly as possible, CLE has received input from law librarians. The Index will use FolioVIEWS for easy keyword searching.

The electronic Index is scheduled to be launched at the end of October and will be available on disk, CD-ROM and, this winter, on CLE's website:

<http://www.cle.bc.ca>.

CLE's website also includes the CLE catalogue & product information, CLE course calendar, and Notices to the Profession.

CLE's Customer Service representatives are available to answer questions; call 893-2162 or 1-800-663-0437.

*contributed by Debbie Wong*

## NEWS FROM QUICKLAW

QL is hopping! In May 1996, all databases relating to British Columbia Statutes and Bills were gathered into a new bulletin board: **BCSB** (British Columbia Statutes & Bills). Sign on to **QDA**, no. 166 for a full description. The collection includes:

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### British Columbia ACTS - Full Text:

- **RSBC** R.S.B.C. 1979, consolidated to December 5, 1994.
- **SB95** Statutes of B.C. 1995-1996, updated July 24, 1996. With effective dates current to July 15, 1996.
- **BCGL** Statutes of B.C. Global (RSBC & SB95).
- **BCPR** Menu, Prior versions of RSBC, 1989 to 1993.

### British Columbia BILLS - Full Text:

- **BCB** B.C. Bills and Progress Tables, June 1996 session, current to August 19, 1996. The Legislature recessed on August 15, 1996.
- **BCBH** B.C. Bills and Progress Tables, Historical.
- B.C. REGULATIONS will be added this fall.

### *BCJ Global Database*

QUICKLAW has launched a new service which complements the new British Columbia Courts Homepage [described earlier in this issue.] Decisions added daily to the B.C. Courts Website are available in the new QUICKLAW database **BCJQ** (British Columbia Judgments QUICK).

Whereas the Court versions can be read or downloaded, QL's QUICK versions are considerably enhanced and:

- are fully searchable;
- have normal QL field searching (by case name, docket number, court, judge, date and counsel);
- contain an "Indexed as" case name and a "B.C.J. citation" for easier case citation;
- are linked directly to cases cited within the text;
- are quickly added to QUICKCITE case citator;
- are headnoted by QL staff.

A new global database BCJG provides simultaneous searches of:

- **BCJ** Over 29,400 judgments from all B.C. courts since 1986, updated daily; plus
- **BCJQ** QUICK versions of recent B.C.C.A. and B.C.S.C. judgments, updated daily.

Judgments are weeded from **BCJQ** and added to **BCJ** once they are fully processed so researchers do not obtain duplicate copies when searching **BCJG**.

### *New QUICKLINK ver. 1.7 available*

The new version of QUICKLINK software provides a full Windows-based graphical user interface to QUICKLAW. Together with enhancements to QL's host computer, the program converts QL commands into easy to use point-and-click features:

- Query Wizard: to assist users in building queries—either off-line or while connected;
- the ability to save search strategies for later use;
- improved selection facility for field and data searching;
- Speedbars to provide point-and-click commands;
- Jump Markers to provide hyperlinks from embedded citations within cases directly to full text, digests or citator records; (Jump Markers also work with WESTLAW);
- Tip Messages, offering short explanations of what will happen in response to points and clicks;
- Faster access to QUICKLAW—up to 28.8 kbps. For a copy of QUICKLINK, call QL at 684-1462.

*contributed by Joan Honeywell*

## NEW FROM B.C. COURTHOUSE LIBRARY SOCIETY

The B.C. Courthouse Library Society announces a new publication: The Advocate Index (1996). This new index provides quick reference to resource material contained in The Advocate, a journal published by the Vancouver Bar Association. Coverage is from 1943 to date; all articles are indexed by author, title, subject, case or statute name. Also included are biographical pieces, obituaries, practice directions and a separate book review index. An annual subscription fee is \$40.00 plus G.S.T. for the paper version and \$20.00 plus G.S.T. for the disk\* version. For details or to order your copy, please contact Susan Whalen at the B.C. Courthouse Library Society, 800 Smithe Street, Vancouver, B.C. V6Z 2E1. Telephone: (604) 660-2910; Fax: (604) 660-9418.

\* To use The Advocate Index on disk, you will need: an IBM-compatible personal computer with an 80386sx, 80386, or higher

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processor (386/20 or higher is recommended). Hard disk with 6 megabytes of free space for installation. Microsoft Mouse or other compatible pointing device. EGA, VGA, or compatible display (VGA or higher is recommended). Six megabytes of RAM (8 MB or more is recommended). MS-DOS version 3.1 or later and Microsoft Windows, Windows for Workgroups, or Windows NT version 3.1 or later.

*contributed by Linda Morrison*

### The Advocate Index: a Review

*reviewed by Catherine Ryan*

The Advocate Index, recently published by the B.C. Courthouse Library Society in paper copy and computer disk format is a pleasure to use. The Index provides the key to finding specific items in the wealth of articles, wit and wisdom contained in more than fifty years of Advocate issues.

One of the most helpful features of the Index is the thorough indexing of practice directions, obituaries and biographical material which can be maddeningly difficult to track down without such a comprehensive key. Similarly, case comments and statute commentaries can be located with considerable ease. Book reviews are contained in a separate index with its own tab in the printed version and its own file in the computer version.

The typeface, page and screen layouts chosen are reader friendly and the citation style is clear and consistent. The computer disk version is contained in four properly labeled disks which can be easily installed to a Microsoft Windows computer network. The accompanying Guide to Using the Indexes is concise and uses appropriate examples to illustrate the search instructions set out.

The computer disk version has certain advantages over the printed version: you can search for statute commentaries using key words from the statute title without knowing the exact title, you can find case comments using only the defendant's name, you can search for two subjects simultaneously and you can print out the result of your search. The system reports the number of hits your search has found and gives cross references and additional references in the subject search field. It is also possible to selectively print a few items from the list of search results.

Although it is possible to search for alternative spellings using an asterisk (\*) to represent one or more unknown characters, it is not possible to search for only one version of a word. For example,

a search in the Author field on the surname "Hall" turned up reference to articles by "Bhalloo" and "Marshall" in addition to those by "Hall." This flaw may be confusing to certain users. Despite this, The Advocate Index is highly recommended for law library collections of all sizes.

## ADDENDUM TO REPORT FROM THE CALL CONFERENCE

*Tracey Carmicheal*

CALL has a new homepage on the Internet at:

<http://www.kingston.net/iknet/call>

Micromedia has a new service called Voyageur which was free until September 1, 1996. It provides access through their website (<http://www.micromedia.on.ca>), to many databases including the Index to Canadian Legal Literature, Index to Legal Periodicals, Index to Foreign Legal Periodicals, and the Legal Resource Index. You can search the databases separately or create your own global databases.

Pre-conference workshop: "Creating Pathfinders for the WWW." The course turned out to be on creating your own Folio Infobase. It was helpful to me because it let you see how an infobase is created and the control that is given to the creator to customize the database.

My session on "Preparing an Internet Training Program" was well attended by about 120 people. Please contact me if you would like to receive the handouts.

I attended an interesting session on Cataloguing Internet resources. Many libraries are interested in including entries for Internet resources in their on-line catalogues. Some libraries are already doing it. There are developments in some library automation software programs that let you link to the Internet site directly from your cataloguing entry.

The Courthouse Library SIG had an interesting program on implementing new technologies. Rosalie Fox from the Federal Court of Canada provided some interesting discussion about how automation affects staffing. They re-evaluated the tasks and responsibilities for all library staff and changed many procedure and job responsibilities. She also assured us that no technological decision is ever irreversible. For example, if you order a CD-ROM that no longer meets your needs, you can always cancel your subscription.

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## MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

**Lynda Roberts**, who just graduated from UBC's SLAIS—while working as Librarian at both Koffman, Birnie & Kalef and at Fletcher Challenge Canada Ltd.—has accepted the head librarian's position at Bull, Housser & Tupper.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### WESTPAC/VALL

*Anne Beresford*

Preparations for WestPac's 1996 Annual Meeting, "Neighbours to the North—Beyond the 49th" have been well underway for some time and the program is now set. The meeting's dates are October 17-19, 1996, and its location is the Coast Plaza Hotel at Stanley Park. The meeting which starts Thursday evening with an Opening Reception, includes Friday and Saturday morning programs on native American law, Canadian legal research and a Hot Topics Roundtable session on "Positioning Law Libraries for the 21st Century" which will cover Internet and other Electronic Resources, Vendor Relations, Space Planning and New Technologies and Technical Services. In addition, a number of vendors will be present. This is our opportunity to meet our neighbours to the south and show off that true Vancouver hospitality. Watch and sign up for the "Dutch Treat" dinners on Friday evening. The registration package was mailed in early September—if you haven't acted on it yet don't hesitate any longer!

### September VALL meeting's Speaker

**David Hill** has been invited to speak on "Professional Liability for Failure to Use Computers in Legal Research." David is a UBC law graduate ('83) who articulated and practiced in Vancouver until 1987. He then joined Continuing Legal Education to manage their Computer Education Program and teach computer skills to lawyers, judges, legal secretaries and legal administrators. Mr. Hill is now with Davis & Company.

## INFOBITS

### • How to quickly TAG FolioViews records for printing

You may have discovered that many FolioViews databases break one section of a statute or regulation into many different records. This fact becomes troublesome when you want to print the Act's title and several non-consecutive sections. It can be time-consuming to TAG each record individually.

A better way is to combine the highlighting and tagging features. HIGHLIGHT each section in turn—by clicking and dragging with your mouse—then TAG the selection. Once all desired sections are tagged, move your cursor to some white space and click the mouse button [this removes highlighting from the last selection and ensures TAG is the print default]. Print the TAGGED records.

### • How a statutory provision "comes into force"

**Q:** Section 57 of the *Evidence Act*, R.S.B.C. 1979, c. 116 was amended by the *Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act (No. 2), 1995*, S.B.C. 1995, c. 12, s. 3. Section 36 of the amending act provides for its "commencement" but does not mention section 3. Is the amendment to section 57 "in force"?

**A:** Yes, section 3 of the *Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act (No. 2), 1995*, S.B.C. 1995, c. 12 is in force. By operation of s. 3(1) of the *Interpretation Act*, the effective date of the amendment to s. 57 of the *Evidence Act* was June 8, 1995.

### Explanation:

An act [or section of an act] may come into force in one of 3 ways:

- on a date specified by the act itself;
- by regulation; or
- by operation of the relevant provincial or federal *Interpretation Act* provision,

*Interpretation Act*, R.S.B.C. 1979, c. 206, s. 3; or  
*Interpretation Act*, R.S.B.C. 1985, I-12, s. 5.

Section 3(1) of the B.C.'s *Interpretation Act*, R.S.B.C. 1979, c. 206 provides that the date of Royal Assent is the effective date of an act—or section of an act—where no other commencement date is provided. The federal *Interpretation Act*, R.S.C. 1985, I-21, s. 5(2) similarly provides, "If no date of commencement is provided for in an Act, the date of commencement of that Act is the date of assent to the Act."

Remember, when checking whether a statutory provision is in force, don't forget about these "date of commencement" provisions.



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## VALL TREASURER'S REPORT 1996

Statement of Income and Expenses - August 1, 1995 - July 31, 1996

### INCOME

Membership fees	\$1,755.00
Workshop (Net)	973.67
Bank charges/interest (Net)	<u>38.87</u>
	<u>\$2,767.54</u>

### EXPENSES

Lunch meetings (Net)	\$314.41
CALL breakfast	98.54
Postage, printing and stationery	730.55
Post office box	98.98
Name tags	46.66
Miscellaneous	491.61
Peter Bark Memorial Fund	<u>\$4,200.00</u>
	<u>\$5,980.75</u>

NET INCOME (LOSS) (\$3,213.21)

<u>CHEQUING ACCOUNT BALANCE</u> as of July 31, 1995	\$4,091.82
Shares	<u>50.00</u>
	<u>\$4,141.82*</u>

### PETER BARK MEMORIAL FUND

Term deposit (matures April 17, 1997)	\$8,924.00
Chequing savings	\$1,777.98
Shares	<u>.02</u>
	<u>\$10,702.00</u>

\* Note - Does not reflect cheque issued July 29, 1996 to Print'n Run Print & Copy Centre for \$401.90, which had not yet been cashed by recipient as of July 31, 1996.

# VALL REVIEW

## VALL MEETING DATES

While the programs for the meetings are still being finalized, please mark your calendar with the dates for this year's VALL meetings:

<b>September:</b>	September 19, 1996
<b>October:</b>	no VALL meeting  Friday, October 18: Westpac/VALL Conference Lunch <b>Register with Westpac by September 30th if attending</b>
<b>November:</b>	November 14, 1996
<b>December:</b>	December 19, 1996
<b>January:</b>	January 16, 1997
<b>February:</b>	February 20, 1997
<b>March:</b>	March 20, 1997
<b>April:</b>	April 17, 1997
<b>May:</b>	May 22, 1997
<b>June:</b>	June 19, 1997