



THE CANADIAN
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British Columbia Branch

Notice of Meeting

Legal Research Section

Date: Wednesday, March 12, 2008

Time: 12:00 – 1:00 p.m.

Location: Davis LLP, 2800 – 666 Burrard Street, Vancouver, BC

Guests: Susan Caird, British Columbia Courthouse Library

Peggy Stanier, freelance researcher

Ellen Vandergrift, OnPoint Law Corporation

Topic: Effective Research for the Smaller Practice

This month we have convened an eminent panel to discuss how legal research can best be carried out by sole practitioners, in-house counsel, and lawyers working in smaller firms. However, section members at larger firms will definitely want to attend as well! Topics will include advice on choosing and using commercial electronic research platforms, tips on finding free and low-cost resources, and the design of cost-efficient and productive research strategies.

Susan Caird is the Manager, Information & Research Services, for the British Columbia Courthouse Library in Vancouver. She has worked with the Courthouse Library for seven years, and has previous experience in the public library system.

Peggy Stanier has been conducting legal research for more than twenty years, with firms and (at present) as a freelance researcher, with a focus on civil litigation.

Ellen Vandergrift is a research lawyer with OnPoint Law Corporation. After earning her law degree from UBC, she clerked at the Court of Appeal of Alberta. After a year with a firm, she spent several years as legal counsel to the Alberta Court of Queen's Bench. Currently she specializes in cost-effective research for sole practitioners and small law firms.

RSVP and payment (\$12.50 for lunch) should be made to Borden Ladner Gervais LLP, 1200 Waterfront Centre, 200 Burrard Street, P.O. Box 48600, Vancouver, British Columbia, V7X 1T2. Tel.: (604) 687-5744, Fax: (604) 687-1415, c/o Norlaine Williamson. A registration form is attached.

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The CBABC provides access to Section Activities for all members. The facility for this meeting is wheelchair accessible. For information about accessible parking or to communicate your request for other accommodation you require, please contact Karen Leung at (604) 643-2924 or email kleung@davis.ca. We welcome your suggestions for enhancing the inclusiveness of our activities. Please contact Section Chair Karen Leung or the CBABC Section Coordinator Fran Hodgkins at sections@bccba.org to pass along your suggestions.

Please note: the Law Society now requires lawyers to report annually on their professional development activities. The Benchers also now encourage each practising lawyer in BC to complete a minimum of 12 hours of coursework (the equivalent of two full course days) and 50 hours of self-study each year. The targets are set as minimum expectations for the profession but are not mandatory. **Attendance at CBA Section presentations is reportable** as coursework, and **review of Section minutes/materials is reportable** as self-study hours (as long as it is not for the purpose of research for a file/case).

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