

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

April 19, 2022

Dear CALL/ACBD Members,

After several pivots, much member input, and the amazing effort of the CPC 2022 and VP2 Yemisi Dina, registration is open for the 2022 CALL/ACBD Virtual Annual Conference. It is worth noting that many of our CPC 2022 members were also in the CPC 2021, beginning their work back in 2019. For those who are unfamiliar with the conference planning process, the creativity, efforts, and logistics are considerable. Many of this group have worked on this three times over. I give them my heartfelt thanks, incredible admiration, and big kudos for their achievement. Please show your support and register if you can for the virtual conference and pre-conference, both reasonably priced for members and non-members alike.

And note that in this virtual year, the pre-conference program is available for registration even to those who are unable to attend the conference. Read more about the [topic](#), and consider encouraging lawyers or legal industry professionals in your networks to attend and learn about maximizing the potential of legal practice data.

A virtual Members Open Forum will precede the conference, moderated by my colleague and one of my mentors, Rosalie Fox. Rosalie is a true leader who (with Wendy Reynolds) guided my learning as a student clerk back when I was entering the legal profession and years later when I made the career migration to a different aspect of the legal information disciplines. Please see the details and registration link for the Forum below in the newsletter. There is no cost, and membership is required.

Related, the AGM portions of the conference program will once again be available to all CALL/ACBD members, whether or not registration for the full conference is possible for you. Please watch for details after you register.

Lastly, a note to committee and SIG chairs: If you haven't already, please hold your annual meetings prior to the conference if possible. At those meetings, you'll select your chairs/co-chairs, whose terms will take effect immediately after the final AGM during the conference. Committees will need to send the names of the new chairs/co-chairs and proposed committee members to Sharvari at office@callacbd.ca, for official appointment. Shortly after the conference, we'll hold a virtual chairs and board transition meeting to answer any questions. I found this an exceptionally useful meeting as a new committee co-chair.

Be well,

Kim Nayyer

President, CALL/ACBD

CALL/ACBD MEMBERS VIRTUAL OPEN FORUM

Our Members Open Forum offers a key opportunity for the Executive Board to hear from Members about issues that concern them. Through the Chair, members may raise issues and ask questions, whereas Executive Board members are not permitted to bring issues to the membership. They may clarify points raised or actions taken by the Board.

When: Wednesday, April 20, 2022 12:00 p.m. EST

To submit your question or comment in advance, please send it to our Members Open Forum Chair, [Rosalie Fox](#).

[REGISTER NOW](#)

CALL/ACBD VIRTUAL AGM 2022

The CALL/ACBD 2022 AGM will be held in two parts.

Part 1 will be held on **Wednesday, May 25, 2022 12:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. EST**

Part 2 will occur during the Virtual Conference (May 31 - June 3) with the day and time to be confirmed.

SCHOLARSHIPS & AWARDS

2022 Hugh Lawford Award for Excellence in Legal Publishing

This award honours Hugh Lawford (1933-2009), Professor of Law at Queens' University and founder of Quicklaw. It is awarded to a publisher (whether for-profit or not-for profit, corporate or non-corporate) that has demonstrated excellence by publishing a work, series, website, or electronic product that makes a significant contribution to legal research and scholarship.

After reviewing a number of excellent nominations, the Selection Committee is pleased to announce the short-list of nominees for this prestigious award! Drum roll, please!

They are:

CanLII for [Civil Procedure and Practice in Ontario](#) edited by Noel Semple. A comprehensive and free guide sophisticated enough for specialist litigators, but also straightforward and understandable for law office staff, self-represented litigants, and the general public.

Emond for [Modern Criminal Evidence](#), Brian H. Greenspan and Vincenzo Rondinelli, General Editors. A truly practical and comprehensive guide to criminal evidence law in Canada that guides readers through evidentiary issues in all components of criminal law, providing insight from Crown, defence, and judicial perspectives.

LexisNexis for [The Encyclopedic Dictionary of Canadian Law](#) by Kevin P. McGuinness. The definitions provided in this text are taken predominantly from both Canadian jurisprudence and statutes and also include important terms from pertinent related fields such as economics, sociology, political science, forensic medicine, science and engineering, business and accounting, and many others.

LexisNexis was also shortlisted for:

[Context](#) – a language analytics tool for predicting decisions of courts and judges

[Legal Voices/Paroles juridiques](#) – a French language case summaries podcast

[Market Standards](#) – a deal analyzer for finance and mergers and acquisitions

[Pleadings, Motions, Facta - Québec Court Documents](#) – a collection of court documents from pivotal Québec cases

[Tax Interpretations](#), contributing editor Neal H. Armstrong. “This legal publisher has been around for the past 9 years. It is based out of Toronto and provides updates on Canadian tax information, tax interpretations, transactional implications.” “Impeccable editing.”

Congratulations to all who have been short-listed! And thanks to everyone who submitted nominations.

Under normal circumstances, this award would be presented in-person at CALL/ACBD's Annual Conference. But with circumstances as they are, the winner will instead be announced at our upcoming virtual conference. Stay tuned for more information!

Shaunna Mireau

Past President, CALL/ACBD

Chair, Hugh Lawford Award for Excellence in Legal Publishing Selection Committee

SCHOLARSHIPS & AWARDS

Apply now for the Eunice Beeson Memorial Professional Development Fund!

While exact details of the annual conference remain to be finalized (including cost), we would like to invite interested CALL/ACBD members to apply for the Eunice Beeson Memorial Professional Development Fund.

The fund was established to assist members of the Association who wish to attend the Annual Meeting but, for financial reasons, are unable to do so. While in the past, bursaries covered travel expenses and/or accommodation, bursaries may now be also used to help with registration and other related fees.

For more information, and to apply, please click [here](#). We will start reviewing applications May 7. Please direct any questions about the fund to Member-at-Large Julie Lavigne at julie.lavigne@carleton.ca.

CALL/ACBD Social Media Coordinator

Alan Kilpatrick is stepping down as CALL/ACBD's Social Media Coordinator. The Executive Board would like to thank Alan for his seven years of service in this role and for his dedication and professionalism in keeping membership informed of current events and for helping expand the Association's external reach. The Executive Board is now looking to fill this important communications role. If you are interested, please contact George Tsiakos, Vice-President 1, at tsiakos@allard.ubc.ca by May 13.

CALL BLOG SERIES

CALL Blog Series on Cool Research Tips & Tricks / Blogue de l'ACBD: série sur les trucs et astuces de recherche

We all have a few tricks up our sleeve when it comes to performing legal research. We sometimes share them with clients. And sometimes, we like to use those tricks to hunt down seemingly impossible to find material and wow them. Because nothing is "impossible" for law librarians.

The CALL blog has started a new regular series of research tips and tricks.

Please share your favourite or coolest strategies with [Michel-Adrien Sheppard](#) to have them published on the CALL blog.

Thank you.





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