



Canadian Association of Law Libraries – Vancouver 2016

Continuing Professional Development

The Law of Evidence in the Digital Environment

May 15th, 2016. 3:15 – 4:30pm

Speakers: Dr. Anthony Sheppard, UBC Law and Dr. Luciana Duranti, UBC SLAIS

Description

Legal professionals and scholars recognize that the laws we are applying to the rapidly growing digital reality were developed over centuries for a paper-based business environment. The assumptions we make about paper records often do not apply to digital records, and judges and lawyers are not trained in information technology. Despite digital advances, the judicial process still relies heavily on print, increasing costs and reducing efficiency. Procedural changes have not addressed this problem so far with the result that Canadians are denied access to justice due to the excessive cost of court proceedings.

The Business of Aboriginal Law in Canada

May 16th, 2016. 11:00 – 12:30pm

Speakers: Merle Alexander, Gowlings WLG; Ainjil Hunt and Carol Anne Hilton, Transformation International

Description

In the wake of the precedent-setting decision in *Tsilhqot'in* in British Columbia ([2014 SCC 44](#)) and the final report of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission, it is valuable for law library professionals to have a working knowledge of aboriginal law and how it impacts other areas of practice. Aboriginal law increasingly intersects and impacts business development in Canada. This session will offer an overview of the foundation of modern aboriginal law in Canada, offered through the lens of business development both on and off-reserve. Our speakers will discuss the ways in which *Tsilhqot'in* is already leading to innovation in business development, as well as provide a look to the future.

Everything You Ever Wanted to Know About US Legal Research But Were Afraid To Ask! US Legal Research for Canadians

May 16th, 2016. 11:00 – 12:30pm

Speaker: Penny Hazelton, University of Washington School of Law

Description

Access to US legal documents has really accelerated in the past few years with many more good, free resources available. Join Professor Hazelton as she covers the basics of the legal system in the US, the major legal publications, and the wide variety of sources that can be used to locate these primary legal materials. She will share research tips and discuss areas of American legal research that may require access to commercial databases.

Effective Approaches For Business Development and Marketing Research

May 16th, 2016. 3:30 – 5:00pm

Speakers: Heather Ritzer, Lawson Lundell LLP, Jeff Voon, Fasken Martineau LLP, and Karen Sawatzky, Tapper Cuddly LLP

Description

Law librarians across Canada are increasingly working with their organizations' business development and marketing departments (BDM) to provide current research and specialized information. However, while some libraries have jumped in with both feet, others are still waiting to make the leap. Limited budgets and the interdisciplinary nature of the research make it a daunting area to get into. This session will be a free-flowing conversation between a current law firm communication manager and a law firm librarian looking to chart out the first steps towards offering BDM research and related services.

Using Maps in Legal Research

May 17th, 2016. 4:00 – 5:00pm

Speaker: Bronwyn Guiton, Lawson Lundell LLP

Description

Maps play a pivotal role in the work of lawyers in BC's three big law hot spots: natural resources, aboriginal, and real estate law. This session is aimed at law librarians looking to develop an understanding of how maps are leveraged in these areas of law and how to respond to research questions involving them. Just like with any other research materials, librarians must understand which map resources are of most use to lawyers in different practice areas and how to find and deliver them effectively. This session does not cover GIS or data visualizations, but instead takes a close look at old-school maps, why they're still so useful, and how to efficiently and effectively answer research questions about or with them.

Wine, Beer and Weed – West Coast Vices or National Debate?

May 18th, 2016. 11:00 – 12:30pm

Speakers: Mark Hicken, Vintage Law Group, Kirk Tousaw, Tousaw Law Corporation, and Carlos S. Mendes, Richards Buell Sutton LLP.

Description

Our speakers will address the current regulatory and legal framework for three of BC's more notorious "local" products – wine, beer and marijuana. From liquor reform and its impact on BC wine culture to marijuana dispensaries and legalization, the law around these products is set to play out on a national scale, and our speakers will provide the legal background as well as discuss possible trends for the future in this substantive session.

