



Report from the Executive Director's Office

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Fall Events at the HLA

The fall season is upon us and Hamilton Law Association staff is up to their usual busy routine preparing and administering a number of high-quality Continuing Professional Development events for our members and the lawyers of Ontario. Don't miss out on attaining your mandatory CPD hours as all our event flyers, registration forms and dinner invitations can be found on the HLA's "Events" page at <http://www.hamiltonlaw.on.ca/events-cpd>. Upcoming CPD events include our 2nd Annual Estates & Trusts Workshop on October 13th, the Emerging Issues in Real Estate Seminar on November 3rd, the Employment Law Seminar on November 17th and our 16th Annual Advocacy Conference on December 1st.

The Hamilton Law Association's many committees have begun to meet

on a regular basis as well. Conducting as a pilot project, the newly minted Estates & Trusts Subcommittee, chaired by David van der Woerd of Ross & McBride LLP, has already met and discussed various relevant and important issues in the areas of estates and trusts law. I would like to thank all of our volunteers, committee chairs and members, and Board members for volunteering their time and expertise in support of our subcommittees. Your hard work shows in the success of the Association!

Memory Book Firm History

The Hamilton Law Association's Memory Book project is flourishing thanks to the support and enthusiasm of the members of our Memory Book Committee and the members of our Association. Our Memory Book project website page continues to evolve by publishing new and unique digitized materials and artefacts about Hamilton's great legal history. Most recently, we have added the history of two prominent legal firms within the city. Thanks to Francis DeSantis of Agro Zaffiro LLP and David Thompson of Scarfone Hawkins LLP, members of the Association and members of the public can now read about the rich history of these two vibrant firms. We know that there are many firms within the city that have something to offer to our Memory Book project. The Memory Book Committee wel-

comes more Hamilton firm histories for publication on our website. If you, or your firm, would like to submit a completed history, please forward an electronic copy to John Loukidelis, Chair of the Memory Book committee, at john@jltax.ca or Marica Piedigrossi at mpiedigrossi@hamiltonlaw.on.ca.

"For the Public" Website Tab

The Hamilton Law Association is dedicated to assisting the Law Society of Upper Canada's ongoing initiatives of improving access to justice in Ontario. Traditionally, the Association has done this by directly enabling our members to becoming respected, successful, and fulfilled as practitioners of law for the benefit of the public. Recently, the Association has taken further steps to improving access to justice to members of the Hamilton public by creating an easy access set of webpages with various links for legal resources and support for those in need. We feel that including this new "For the Public" tab on the right-hand side of our innovative website enables the Association to continue its work as a market-leading legal association in this province.

The "For the Public" tab includes two drop-down menus with links to legal services in Hamilton and Ontario, and information about electronic and



Ross & McBride LLP

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printed sources of legal research for members of the public. Such links include those to Legal Aid Ontario, The Law Society of Upper Canada's lawyer referral service, Ontario Court of Justice, the National Self Represented Litigants Project, the Landlord and Tenant Board, and CanLii just to name a few. This page is a work-in-

progress and can include a wider array of legal sources and links for members of the public to use. Our webmaster Marica Piedigrossi would be happy to take suggestions for improvements, particularly to our Legal Services page <http://www.hamiltonlaw.on.ca/for-the-public/legal-services>. Suggestions for improvement can be sent to Marica

directly at mpiedigrossi@hamilton-law.on.ca.

Thank you very much for your involvement in The Hamilton Law Association. I hope to see you at one of our events this fall. ■

Jeffrey R. Manishen Inducted into the International Academy of Trial Lawyers



Jeffrey Ronald Manishen of Ross & McBride LLP in Hamilton, ON was recently inducted into the International Academy of Trial Lawyers (IATL) at their Mid-Year Meeting held July 27-31, 2016.

The Academy seeks out, identifies, acknowledges and honors those who have achieved a career of excellence through demonstrated skill and ability in jury trials, trials before the court and appellate practice. Members are engaged in civil practice on both the plaintiff's and the defendant's side of the courtroom, and the trial of criminal cases. The Academy invites only lawyers who have attained the highest level of advocacy. A comprehensive screening process identifies the most distinguished members of the trial bar by means of both peer and judicial review. Mr. Manishen has been evaluated by his colleagues and the judges in his jurisdiction and has been highly recommended by them as possessing these qualifications and characteristics.

In the photo from left to right:

IATL President Richard D. Burbidge, Joanne Anderson, Jeffrey R. Manishen and sponsor Chris G. Paliare

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