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Martha Foote Receives Thomson Reuters Westlaw Award for Career Achievement

The Board congratulates Martha Foote, LibraryCo's Board General Manager, who received the Thomson Reuters Westlaw Award for Career Achievement at the 2012 Special Libraries Association (SLA) conference last month. The Thomson Reuters Westlaw Award for Career Achievement is designed to recognize a member who has provided significant service to the SLA Legal Division. Martha sat on the executive board of the Legal Division from 2007 to 2010 and was Chair in 2009. She also chaired the Legal Division's International Relations and Strategic Planning committees. Martha continues to serve the Legal Division and SLA and was one of the program planners at this year's conference in Chicago.

The Special Libraries Association, founded in 1909, is an organization of approximately 10,000 information professionals around the world. The Legal Division was established in 1993 and has approximately 1,000 members. Special librarians are information resource experts who collect, analyze, evaluate, package, and disseminate information to facilitate accurate decision-making in corporate, academic, government and related settings.

SPOTLIGHT ON . . . The 2012 CALL Conference

Beginning this month we are featuring a new column called "SPOTLIGHT ON . . .". It will provide in-depth coverage of a topic that we feel will be of interest to our readers. The first few columns will discuss continuing education. This month we are focusing on the CALL conference.

The Canadian Association of Law Libraries (CALL) is the main organization for law librarians and law library staff in Canada. Each year CALL holds a conference in a different Canadian city. The focus is on continuing education and networking. This year's conference was held at the Royal York Hotel in Toronto from May 6-9. The theme was "Towering Opportunities". David Whelan, Manager of Legal Information at the Great Library, Law Society of Upper Canada, was in charge of this year's educational programs and put together a superb package of conference sessions.

There were three plenary sessions this year. The first speaker was Richard Powers, a professor at the Rotman School of Management at the University of Toronto. His presentation, "Helping Your Organization to Manage Its Reputation" encouraged attendees to take the lead in monitoring their employers in the media and other channels. The second plenary, with Professor Joe Janes of the University of Washington, focused on the history of providing information to users, while the third plenary featured Nigel Holloway who spoke about future trends in legal information and law libraries.

In addition to the plenaries there are a number of concurrent sessions that are organized by CALL's committees and special interest groups. This year they included "Evaluating Government Sites", "Collection Development in an Era of Shrinking Budgets", "Statistics for Librarians", "Knowledge Management in Law Libraries: The Role for Legal Information Professionals", "Developing Law Librarians" and "Library in their Pocket: Using Technology to Meet Your Patrons Halfway". The educational sessions are supplemented by an Opening Reception (held this year at Queen's Park), a Closing Banquet and a wine and cheese reception in the Exhibit Hall.

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LibraryCo provides up to ten bursaries for staff in the county and district law associations to attend this conference. The bursaries are worth up to \$1,500 each and pay for transportation, accommodation and meals. Associations are responsible for paying the registration fee. The LibraryCo bursary program has enabled many staff to attend the CALL conference who would not otherwise have been able to go. Following the conference, the bursary recipients are required to write a brief report of their conference experiences.

LibraryCo encourages associations to take advantage of this unique educational opportunity by having their staff apply for bursaries. The 2013 CALL conference will be held in Montreal from May 5 to 8 and the announcement about LibraryCo bursaries will be made in February of next year. Stay tuned for more information!

As a way of demonstrating the value and relevance of the CALL conference, LibraryCo would like to share some of the comments from county and district law library staff who attended this year.

“The CALL conference is a tremendous source of professional development, especially for those of us who operate in libraries on our own. The four main strengths are the opportunity to network with colleagues both informally at the diverse social opportunities and at the scheduled meetings and with professional librarians from across North America, to benefit from the broad knowledge of the keynote speakers, to take part in the practical sessions, and to meet with vendors to discuss new resources and the problem of budgeting.”

“This conference certainly aided me in developing [my] goals and projects for 2012. At this time I am working with the social committee to review our current web page layout with a focus on raising the library profile in our legal community and with the general public. As a result of the various sessions . . . I am now focused on trying to create unique content and looking at implementing social networking as part of the new web page as a means of promoting our library's relevance with the younger members of our bar.”

“As always with events such as this, the opportunity for networking with colleagues was invaluable. I impressed myself with the number of contacts I was able to renew from my previous attendance at CALL, as well as the new contacts I made. It is quite an experience to meet some of these colleagues in person after having read about them in Canadian Law Library Review, and other legal publications.”

“Although I was somewhat reluctant to attend such a large conference, I must say that the experience was extremely rewarding. Although I was aware I would be meeting people from across Canada, I had no idea that people would be attending from England, New Zealand, United States, Australia, etc. I found the plenary sessions [to be] a learning experience and the social events a networking experience where you could discuss freely. . . problems within your library and get possible solutions from other colleagues.”

“As usual the conference was rich with knowledge, the whole atmosphere of the conference is so encouraging and stimulating for me, especially so since I work in such isolation.”

Next month we will feature reports from other conferences that law library staff attended this year.

Board General Manager's Travels

Last week I travelled to Goderich to see the repairs to the Huron Law Association law library following last summer's tornado. Computers, a photocopier and much of the collection had to be replaced due to damage. For a time the law library was located in a trailer on the grounds of the courthouse but has now returned to its place inside the building. Barb Alcock, the Library Assistant at Huron, is to be commended both for “grace under fire” and for ensuring that service continued when the physical space was inaccessible.

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Did you know?

Starting with the September 2012 programs going forward, all additional hardcopy materials for video replays are now \$35.00 + HST.

Here's a listing of this summer's most popular Video Replay programs:

[The Annotated Will 2012](#)

[Emerging Issues in Directors' and Officers' Liability 2012](#)

[Business Law Practice Essentials 2012](#)

[9th Annual Real Estate Law Summit](#)

[The Six-Minute Criminal Defence Lawyer 2012](#)

[6th Annual Family Law Summit](#)

[Administrative Law Practice Essentials 2012](#)

[The Civil Litigation Summit 2012](#)

[The Annotated Agreement of Purchase and Sale for Residential Property 2012](#)

[Criminal Law Practice Essentials 2012](#)

[The Six-Minute Labour Lawyer 2012](#)

[Creative Billing and Collecting in Family Law 2012 FREE](#)

For a listing of upcoming programs, descriptions and accreditation, please visit our [website](#).

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