



LibraryCo e-Newsletter

SPOTLIGHT ON . . . CCLA 125th Anniversary!

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Janet Whitehead, CDLPA Chair, Alan Silverstein, LibraryCo Chair, and Martha Foote, LibraryCo Board General Manager, at the CCLA Anniversary Dinner, National Gallery of Canada, January 25, 2013.

This year the County of Carleton Law Association (CCLA) celebrates its 125th anniversary. The festivities began on January 26 when the association held a reception and dinner at the National Gallery of Canada. Alan Silverstein, chair of LibraryCo Inc., and I had the pleasure of attending the celebrations. The event was held in the Gallery's atria where we enjoyed a fine meal, entertainment and wonderful views of Parliament Hill and downtown Ottawa. To honour this important anniversary we would like to share some of CCLA's history with you in this issue of the e-newsletter.

The CCLA was founded on 27 January 1888 as an organization for members of the practicing bar in Ottawa and to create a law library for the profession and law students who were preparing for the bar examinations. Robert Lees, Crown Attorney for the county, was elected as the first president. There were 56 founding members, who paid \$5 each to join, and 51 shareholders, who each paid \$10 for a single share. The new CCLA set aside \$150 to decorate the law library. Miss Bella Kealey was hired in 1889 as the first librarian for the princely sum of \$0.75 per day! In spite of her rather modest stipend Miss Kealey was to remain at the CCLA for thirty years.

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Over the years the association continued to grow. Its members included leading lawyers in the community, some of whom went on to become distinguished judges and court officials. A few served as federal cabinet ministers under prime ministers including Sir Wilfrid Laurier and Mackenzie King.

From its beginnings the association occupied space in the county courthouse. It had been constructed in 1871 to replace an earlier building that was destroyed by fire. By the end of World War II this building was deemed inadequate for the needs of bench and bar. Among other deficiencies, it lacked a robing room for female barristers. Renovations carried out in 1952/53 and 1962/63 resulted in additional courtrooms, elevators and other amenities. While the CCLA's library continued to grow and thrive, it was plagued by the perennial problem of lost and missing books. One suggestion, which in the end was not carried out, was to paint the spines of the books with fluorescent paint!

The present courthouse at 161 Elgin Street opened in 1987. The event was celebrated with a gala dinner and dance at Ottawa's Congress Centre. Over 1,000 people attended, including the then Chief of the Supreme Court of Canada and the Premier of Ontario.

Today, the CCLA has over 1,500 members, reflecting the growth of the bar in Ottawa and environs. The library is a vibrant, modern facility with a full time staff of three, and salaries are much more generous than in Miss Kealey's day.

Alan and I would like to thank Jaye Hooper, CCLA president, and Rick Haga, CCLA's executive director, for inviting LibraryCo to this event. It was an evening to remember. We wish the CCLA another 125 years of success!

(Much of the information for this *Spotlight* column comes from "Essays in the History of the First One Hundred Years of the County of Carleton Law Association 1888-1988", (1988) 22 *Law Society Gazette*.)

Directors and Officers Insurance (D&O Insurance)

A letter was sent to association presidents by Wendy Tysall on January 23 together with a form which must be completed by the presidents and returned to LibraryCo within 60 days. If you are a president and have not yet completed the form please do so as soon as possible in order not to lose insurance coverage.

As previously approved by CDLPA and the LibraryCo Board of Directors, LibraryCo has agreed to purchase Directors and Officers insurance which will provide coverage for all 48 associations in an efficient and cost effective manner. The policy is designed to provide a \$2 million limit per claim and a \$10 million policy aggregate.

A summary of insurance, with details of coverage, will be provided to the associations once LibraryCo receives it from Jones Brown. Should you have any questions please contact Gary Cheong, Senior Financial Analyst, Law Society of Upper Canada, at 416-947-3986, 1-800-668-7380 x3986 or by e-mail at gcheong@lsuc.on.ca.

New Employee Assistance Plan

LibraryCo is pleased to announce an enhancement to benefits available through Great West Life. Effective immediately, you and your immediate family members (as defined in your benefit plan) may receive support over the telephone, in person or online through the new Employee Assistance Plan (EAP). There is no cost to use the EAP. The professionals available can help you achieve well-being, obtain legal advice, financial guidance and more. Please refer to the brochure that has already been mailed to you. Confidential and immediate support is available at 1-800-387-4765. Please contact LibraryCo if you need a new brochure or further information.

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Attention New Association Executives! The LibraryCo Handbook Will Answer Your Questions

Are you new to your association's board of directors? Do you want to learn more about LibraryCo? The answers to all your questions are in the [LibraryCo Handbook](#). This document, which is revised often, was written for CDLPA and TLA presidents, library chairs and library staff in the county and district law libraries. Should you need further information please don't hesitate to contact LibraryCo directly.

Law Society of Upper Canada CPD

* Buy 3, Get One Free!

Considering running the "Civil Litigators Series" as a video replay for your local bar? Buy all four programs at once, for the cost of three! The series explores the real estate, family, criminal law and wills and estates issues that can arise in civil litigation.

Contact Nicole Nightingale at nnightin@lsuc.on.ca for details.

* This promotion is only available to the county libraries.

Note: **2012 programs** viewed in 2013 can be applied towards the 2013 CPD requirement.

These 2013 Video Replay programs are now available:

[17th Intellectual Property Law: The Year in Review](#)
[Family Law Practice Essential 2013](#)
[Advance Criminal Law Roundtable](#)
[Practice Gems: Title and Off-Title Searching 2013](#)
[Practice Gems: Construction Lien Essentials 2013](#)
[Disability Benefits in Employment and After Dismissal](#)
[Civil Litigators Series: Family Law](#)

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

View our entire professional development education resources library at <http://ecom.lsuc.on.ca/resources>

Board General Manager's Travels

As noted above, I had the pleasure of travelling to Ottawa for the CCLA celebrations on January 26 and wish to express my thanks to the executive and staff of the CCLA for including LibraryCo in the festivities!

Roving Law Librarian - A Report from Marilyn Elkin

Work on the core collections lists has begun, with prices being updated, editions verified, and new titles considered. I recently met with Debbie Hogan, Director of Sales and Marketing, Professional Division, Emond Montgomery Publications, to discuss their line of law books.

I will be travelling to the Waterloo Law Association library in March to assist with tasks related to their move in to their new location. My January visit to the Huron Law Association has been postponed until a later date. And I am in the process of setting up a visit to the Lanark County Law Association in Perth to train the new Library Assistant, Bev Brett, who is replacing Iris Nixon on her retirement.

Please drop me an email if you have any questions or a project that you would like some help with. I can be reached at melkin@lsuc.on.ca.

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