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Meet Frances (Frankie) Wood



By now you will already have received some communications from me with respect to a variety of issues. I want to take this opportunity to introduce myself to those of you who haven't yet met me, and tell you a little about myself.

A Mississauga native, I have studied at the universities of Toronto, Edinburgh and New Brunswick. Although formally my diplomas state that I studied law at the latter two, and while I did manage to pick up enough law to get the Law Society of Upper Canada to allow me to practice law, I spent much of time in a careful and detailed study of single malt whisky and craft brew. After returning to Toronto, I found myself practicing family law back in Mississauga, being neither the type of law nor the location I ever thought I would end up in, but life always surprises us. I have practiced family law and civil litigation in Peel since 2000 and although I live in Toronto, I consider Peel to be my second home.

In my other life, I am the mother of Amelia and Lucas, ages 6 and 5 respectively. Some of you no doubt remember me showing up to a Library Committee meeting with Lucas, age about three weeks, in tow. It is perhaps that early experience that made him the library lover he is now.... I am eternally grateful to my husband whose dedication to our family allows me to juggle family, a law practice, my Board duties still allow for an

occasional whisky appreciation... My family keeps me grounded and sane.

Those of you who know me, know that I have a passion for libraries. I am one of the few people I know who regularly uses my local libraries and my children and I often take walks down to our local branch where they spend hours reading and carefully deciding which books to take home for a fortnight. I first became involved with law libraries when I was elected to the Board of Directors of the Peel Law Association in 2003. At that time, our library space was being threatened and it instantly became a cause into which I willingly and happily sunk my teeth.

Several years later, while attending a CDLPA Plenary session, I found myself in a passionate discussion regarding the crucial role that the courthouse libraries play across the province and before I knew it, I was sitting as the Central West representative on CDLPA's library committee. In that role I had the great privilege of working with several of you and I learned more than I ever knew was to be learned about the unique services offered across this province and the many challenges facing the system.

In 2011 I was appointed as a CDLPA appointment to LibraryCo. I believe in our courthouse libraries, in the broad range of services that they can and do provide to the legal profession, their central role in supporting the competence of legal professionals and, in so doing, improving access to justice for Ontarians across this province. We face many challenges from many quarters, and I look forward to rising to them in the coming two years.

CALL/ACBD 2014 Conference in Winnipeg

By Beth Weisz, LibraryCo Inc.

The 52nd annual conference of the Canadian Association of Law Libraries (CALL/ACBD) was held at the Fort Garry Hotel in Winnipeg from May 25 to 28. 23 staff from 20 Ontario county and district law associations attended. As a first time attendee, I learned a great deal about law librarianship and made many connections with various individuals working in law libraries. I initially felt like the



new kid at school but before long I was warmly welcomed by many delegates, including members of OCLA.

The conference was a good mix of educational, networking and social opportunities. I arrived at the lovely Fort Garry Hotel just in time to attend a cocktail party sponsored by Justis Publishing. The revolving lounge provided a good view of downtown Winnipeg.

The first full day consisted mostly of business and committee meetings and the opening of the exhibit hall. I attended the Courthouse & Law Society Libraries SIG meeting where they discussed national resource sharing and servicing self-litigants. There was an opportunity later in the day to attend vendor demonstrations by Wolters Kluwer CCH, Minesoft Ltd., Justis Publishing and Hein & Co.

The Membership Development Committee held a reception for first time attendees. It was followed by the Opening Reception which was held at the Manitoba Museum. This museum shows the history of Manitoba and is famous for the Urban Gallery, which recreates a Winnipeg street scene in the 1920's. They also have the full-size replica ship Nonsuch, whose voyage in 1668 led to the founding of the Hudson's Bay Company. This was a fun way to kick off the conference!

Early the next morning, I attended the Thomson Reuters Breakfast Demo where a detailed overview was given on content changes such as the newly named LabourSource, EmploymentSource and CriminalSource. Thomson Reuters also announced that Practical Law Canada (Canadian transactional law) will be available in the next few months.

The first plenary of the conference was called "From Law Librarian to Integrated KM Professional". Mitch Kowalski gave an interesting overview of where the legal industry is heading and how library staff need to stay relevant in a technology driven workplace. He said that growth is flat for the demand for legal services so law firms and law libraries have to find new ways to be successful. This includes being more efficient and technology driven, offer improved project management, automate processes and be more client focused.

The first concurrent session I attended was "Legal Research Instruction: A Whole New Classroom" by Eunice Friesen. It was interesting to see how evolving technology is changing legal research instruction. Students today want to learn how to do legal research in formats other than just books.

The final session of the day was more for interest – "Beyond Bars: Library Service to Prisons in Manitoba". This talk was given by volunteers of the Elizabeth Fry society. Unfortunately prison libraries are quickly losing their funding and have to rely heavily on volunteer librarians to maintain their programs.

The Tuesday plenary session was called "Mandate, Methods and Results of the Truth & Reconciliation Commission" and was presented by Justice Murray Sinclair. This session took us through the long and sad history of mistreatment of Aboriginals by the Canadian government. We watched a moving video of residential school survivors talking about abuse they had suffered as young children and the work the commission has done to educate people about this injustice.

The next session was called "Should We Still be Called Librarians?" This was a lively session with a lot of discussion between the panelists and the audience. Allan Fineblit, CEO of the Law Society of Manitoba, said that librarians should have a name that is more reflective of their role. Some of the names up for debate were: Knowledge Professional, Knowledge Manager and Legal Service Provider. Another panelist, advertising specialist Ron Greasley, felt that librarians need to re-brand in order to move forward and that libraries need to act more like a business liaisons within their organization with more emphasis on cost savings. The panelists challenged the audience to really think about who their clients are and how they want to be perceived.

During the Thomson Reuters luncheon, the exhibitors wine and cheese and the closing reception I had the opportunity to learn a great deal about the profession and the vendors' products. Members of OCLA shared some of their work issues and ideas and I gained a better understanding of the role they play in the county law libraries. The theme of this year's conference was ***The Confluence: Knowledge Meets Inspiration. This accurately describes my experience at CALL this year***

Toolkit of Legal Resources

Please remember that all lawyers have access to the Toolkit in all 48 county and district law libraries. Desktop delivery is available to lawyers who practice in the 28 local associations as well as Algoma, Kenora and Thunder Bay.

Lawyers who practice in one of the associations that are included in the Desktop Delivery Initiative should request a password by e-mailing libcosupport@lsuc.on.ca and include their name, date of birth, Law Society of Upper Canada member number and e-mail address. Christopher Stephenson, Library Systems Administrator at the Great Library, will create new accounts and e-mail the password information directly to the lawyer, often the same day.

Lawyers with passwords should go to www.libraryco.ca and click on the Toolkit icon. They will be taken to the Toolkit page where they will click on the icon and be prompted to enter their user name and password. At this point they will be at the search page and ready to begin their research.



Both the Toolkit of Legal Resources and the Desktop Delivery Initiative are available without charge. Please do not hesitate to contact LibraryCo for further information.

Board General Manager's Travels

On May 28, I attended the Annual General Meeting of the Hamilton Law Association and brought greetings from LibraryCo. I was able to offer congratulations to John Krawchenko, the new HLA president.

Law Society of Upper Canada CPD

Library replay programs now available!

Real Estate and the Elderly Client
The Annotated Residential Agreement of Purchase and Sale 2014
Buying and Selling Residential Real Estate
Tips from the Bench for Junior Lawyers
The Six-Minute Labour Lawyer 2014
The Six-Minute Employment Lawyer 2014
Criminal Law Practice Basics 2014 – Coming Soon!
The Six-Minute Business Lawyer 2014
Civil Appeals Issues, Strategies and Best Practices – coming soon!

For a listing of upcoming programs, descriptions and accreditation, please visit our [website](#).
View our entire legal education library at <http://ecom.lsuc.on.ca/catalogue>

Roving Law Librarian-A Report from Marilyn Elkin

During the last week of May, I attended the annual conference of the Canadian Association of Law Libraries in Winnipeg, Manitoba. I took advantage of sessions on new technological advances in linked data and the semantic web, the future of the law library profession, tips on legal research instruction, resource sharing practices in different law library settings, developing new academic law libraries and moving the law library from “place” to “service”. I attended the business meeting of the Courthouse and Law Society Libraries group where an animated discussion took place on self-represented litigants and their access to justice. LexisNexis and Thomson demonstrated their latest products along with other vendors. The Honourable Mr. Justice Murray Sinclair gave the most moving talk on the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's work at a plenary session that I will never forget.

The conference provides an opportunity to network with colleagues from across Canada and to make new connections. I chatted with colleagues from Alberta and Quebec about their courthouse library systems and have already been contacted by another colleague asking

about LibraryCo and the resources provided to Ontario's lawyers.

After returning from Winnipeg, I visited the Lanark Law Association library in Perth to work with Bev Brett completing the shelf list and preparing it for submission to ensure the accuracy of the Lanark catalogue holdings.

Upcoming visits include the Huron Law Association library in Goderich, the Leeds and Grenville Law Association library in Brockville and the Prescott and Russell Law Association library in L'Original. Please contact me at melkin@lsuc.on.ca or 1-800-668-7380 X2433 with any questions or to arrange a visit.

Call for Submissions

Have you improved a process in your library or embraced new technology to improve your work? Have you found a new and better way to provide value-added service? We would love to hear from you!

Send your submissions to Beth Weisz at beweisz@libraryco.ca

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