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Congratulations to Jason Leung!

Jason Leung, a director of LibraryCo, is the recipient of the Best Asian American Lawyers Under 40 award. Jason is the first Canadian to win this award, which will be presented at the National Asian Pacific American Bar Association (NAPABA) Convention Gala in Washington, D.C. in November. This award "recognize(s) talented individuals within the Asian Pacific American (APA) legal community under the age of 40 who have achieved prominence and distinction in their fields of endeavor —be it the practice of law, academia, business, civic and charitable affairs, the judiciary, or politics—and who have demonstrated a strong commitment to APA civic or community affairs."

The Board of LibraryCo is delighted that Jason's abilities and talents have been recognized by such a prestigious association and extend their warmest congratulations. Jason is the Toronto Lawyers' Association representative to the board of LibraryCo.

COLAL 2012

We are just a week away from this year's conference. The theme is "Future Ready". This year we are fortunate to have Stephen Abram as our keynote speaker. He is a professional librarian and is currently the Vice President for Strategic Partnerships and Markets for Cengage Learning (Gale). Stephen was listed by *Library Journal* as one of the top 50 people influencing the future of libraries.

Other programs include "Aligning Ourselves to be Future Ready", "Ready, Set, Grow!", "Relationship Building and Influencing People", "Open Forum on Relevance" and "Future Ready – Bring it Home!" As always, we will have the LibraryCo update and the Board of Directors session.

We look forward to welcoming everyone to COLAL.

Disaster Planning Checklist

LibraryCo has created a checklist for associations to use in the event of a disaster. Since individual associations will have their own practices, the library staff should work with their boards to create individual protocols. Courthouse management may have disaster protocols in place which could be used in tandem with the library disaster plan. Associations are encouraged to share best practices and lessons learned with their colleagues and LibraryCo.

Please remember that LibraryCo has a commercial and general insurance policy that includes the 48 county and district law associations. Copies are available from LibraryCo upon request.

We thank Vicki Westaway, law librarian at the Elgin Law Association. Vicki worked with LibraryCo to create this comprehensive checklist and we appreciate her participation and hard work.

The checklist has been incorporated into LibraryCo's Handbook and is available on the web site at

<http://www.libraryco.ca/wp-content/uploads/2012/01/LibraryCo-Handbook-Revision-October-2012.pdf>

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SPOTLIGHT ON . . . Special Libraries Association Conference

This month we focus on the Special Libraries Association (SLA) conference, which was held in Chicago from July 15 to 18 at the McCormick Place Convention Centre. This year's theme was "Practising Agility in an Open World Economy". About 3,400 people attended the conference.

SLA is the premiere organization for information professionals and has about 10,000 members worldwide. In addition to its thriving Legal Division, SLA has 26 other subject-based divisions that are responsible for planning and delivering high-quality content at its annual conference. I have attended many library conferences over the years and SLA is superior in terms of overall quality of programming and networking opportunities.

One of SLA's main benefits, and the reason I continue to attend the conferences and assume leadership roles, is that it is not restricted to law librarianship. Conference programs incorporate ideas and best practices from other sectors, including business, financial services, government, information technology, knowledge management and social sciences. A single time slot may include up to 20 different educational programs. This provides attendees with depth and breadth of programming that is not available elsewhere. Examples of programs offered at the 2012 conference include "Reinventing library skills", "Collections in transition: e-books and collection development", "Transitioning into management and leadership", "Thriving in the age of the empowered user", "Tales from the trenches: contract negotiation is not for the faint of heart", "Cross-cultural competitive intelligence", "Creating organizations we want to work in: combating defensiveness at work", "Challenges of buying and selling content in 2012" and "Marketing for the rest of us: a guide for introverts". Each evening there are several networking events, most of which are open to all SLA members.

In 2011, in an effort to enrich the educational opportunities for staff in the county and district law libraries, LibraryCo created two new conference bursaries. One was for the SLA conference and the other for the American Association of Law Libraries (AALL) conference. Based on the success of these bursaries LibraryCo decided to offer them again this year. We received several applications and in the end Kelly Elliott, library technician at the Lincoln County Law Association, was the lucky recipient of a bursary to attend SLA.

In her post-conference report to LibraryCo Kelly commented "[t]he SLA conference took me on a roller-coaster ride. Believing in what I do as an information provider, teacher, collections manager (both print and online) and wanting to learn more about how to be better – layered with the global perception that library staff might be redundant and easily replaceable by Wikipedia and Google – to realizing that we have to rethink our approach to patrons and funders. I came away from this conference more convinced that what we do actually does matter but that we need to align our skills to keep moving forward so that we can continue to add value to our organizations."

Articling and Beyond

Over 300 law students, new lawyers, and licensing candidates are registered to attend the SOLD OUT Articling & Beyond Symposium and Career Fair

You will not want to miss your opportunity to join us this year as a Career Fair Representative to **CONNECT WITH NEW LAWYERS, PROMOTE YOUR PRACTICE** and **YOUR COMMUNITY**.

WHAT IS IT?

It's a Symposium and Career Fair for law students, licensing candidates and new lawyers to provide them with the information and contacts they need to explore opportunities in smaller firms and smaller communities throughout Ontario.

WHY SHOULD AN ESTABLISHED LAWYER LIKE YOU PARTICIPATE?

Succession Planning and the Greying of the Bar are more than just buzz words. These issues are (or will likely soon be) an issue for you and your community. If you would like to one day be able to transition your practice to a younger lawyer, you need younger lawyers in your community.

NEW THIS YEAR: Career Fair Representatives who **pre-register** and attend the **Succession & Contingency/Disaster Planning Workshop** (Friday, Nov. 23, 10:30 am – 12:00 pm, @ THE LAW SOCIETY) are eligible to receive 1.5 professionalism hours towards their CPD requirement.

AND IF THIS ISN'T ENOUGH OF A REASON TO PARTICIPATE...

All Career Fair registrants will be entered into a draw to **WIN FREE CPD PROGRAMS**. The top prize is **\$500** worth of Law Society CPD programming. You must be present to win so register today!

And participating as a Career Fair Rep at Articling & Beyond is completely **FREE!**

WHEN AND WHERE?

November 23, 2012, 1:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. at The Law Society of Upper Canada, Toronto

Last year registration filled-up quickly. Don't be left out! TO REGISTER and find out more:

<https://ecom.lsuc.on.ca/articlingandbeyond/index.jsp>



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LSUC CPD

Just a Reminder...

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

These new Video Replay programs are Now Available:

The Twelve Minute Civil Litigator 2012
Practice Gems: Bankruptcy, Insolvency, and Receivership
Essentials 2012
Social Media and e-Discovery in Family Law
Damages in Small Claims Court
Ontario e-Discovery Institute 2012 – Coming Soon

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

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

Roving Law Librarian - A Report from Marilyn Elkin

This month, I visited the Parry Sound Law Association library. Patricia Harris and I intersorted the catalogued text and CLE binder collections and boxed them, ready to be moved to the new library space on the ground floor. The new space was not quite ready for unpacking when I was there, as the shelving had been delivered but not built. Patricia has laid out the new space to take advantage of natural light and to offer a seating area, a study area and a work space for herself. The light wood finish of the new shelving adds to the overall open and welcoming feeling of the space.

I am travelling to the Algoma Law Association library next where I will work with Amanda Ward. We will complete a shelf reading of the collection, a great way for Amanda to become familiar with the collection. During the 4th week of October, I will be attending the Conference for Ontario Law Associations' Libraries in Toronto where I will have the opportunity to chat with law library staff and attend the educational sessions. And at the end of the month, I will be flying to the Thunder Bay Law Association library to visit with Helen Heerema to discuss operational issues and to answer any questions that she may have.

If you have a project that you would like assistance with or any questions, please contact me at melkin@lsuc.on.ca or speak with me at COLAL.

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