

A RECORD PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT SESSIONS of the EDMONTON LAW LIBRARIES ASSOCIATION 1977 - 2011

The Earliest sessions:

- *Government Docs available in Edmonton Public Library, the U. of A. and the Legislature Library.*
- *Interlibrary loan cooperation between ELLA member libraries .*
- *The Canadian Law Information Council "...sponsored a project for the instruction in the techniques and procedures of computerized legal information retrieval...The only computerized legal information retrieval system in Canada is QL Systems." Two Vucom terminals were set up at the law library at the U of A with a telephone line to the QL computer centre. Muriel Lefebvre gave a lecture to lawyers, law students, and inviting ELLA members to attend.*
- *Native Land Claims. Workshop. Speaker: Donna Koziak presents her paper about the historical background to Native land claims, dated April 1978.*
- *Immigration Workshop.*
- *The October 1979 workshop was held in cooperation with the Alberta Government Libraries Council called, Automating Library Card Catalogues. Sessions in this one day workshop were:*
 - *The Decision to Computerize: To Do or Not To Do*
 - *The Systems View: What to Ask for and What You Can Get*
 - *Processes Leading to Closing the Card Catalogue*
 - *The Future of Catalogues and the New Code: Role of A.A.C.R. II In the New Catalogue*
- *CASLIS invites ELLA to present a session at the Spring LAA conference in Jasper, for Special Libraries. ELLA planned a session for LAA on library related stress, how to recognize it and how to cope with it.*
- *Motor vehicle law as it relates to impaired driving and the use of radar. Workshop. Speakers: representative of the RCMP, the Edmonton City Police, and the Department of the A.G., a defence lawyer and a judge will outline the various procedures involved from the moment a suspect is stopped, through prosecution and defence of the case, to the hearing of the case before a judge.*
- *Labour Law. Full day workshop. Speakers: Deputy Minister of Alberta Labour, Chairman of the Public Service Grievance Board, a representative from Energy & Chemical Workers Union and a labour lawyer.*

The 1980's

- *Law and Law-Related Dialog Database held at the U of A. Speaker: Ulla de Stricker. Full-day workshop.*
- *The Alberta Legislative Information, SPIRES database. Includes the Alberta acts, regulations and gazette and is searchable by keyword.*

- *Law and the Legal System: A Discussion of the method and procedure of the Administration of the Law for Law Librarians.*
- *Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms.* Full day workshop. The Constitution Act 1982 came into force April 17, 1982 and brought "...major new changes to the Canadian legal system. The most significant aspect of these changes relate to Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms."
- *The Alberta Case Locator.*
- Tour of the Queen's Printer building, including the printing plant.
- *The Law of Foreclosure.* Speaker: Marguerite Trussler of Parlee, Irving, Henning, Mustard & Rodney.
- *Labour Relations in Alberta.* Speaker: Bob Philip, Legal Counsel, Labour Relations Board with a following presentation by Wendy Kinsella on the *Index to the LRB Decisions at the Dept. of Labour library*, including a tour of the labour library.
- *Sports & Entertainment Law.* Speaker: R.A. Winter, Esq.
- *Young Offenders Act.* Workshop.
- *Health Law Project Databases* – hands on workshop re, training for the Cancase, Comcase, UScase and Art Databases. Presenter: Ursula Tauscher, Director of the Health Law Project.
- Mead Data Central presented a slide show and hands-on demonstration on Lexis and Nexis.
- *Legislation and the role of Parliamentary Counsel.* Speaker: M.W.J. Clegg, Parliamentary Counsel.
- *Securities Law and the Securities Commission.* Speaker: S.C. Principe.
- *Insurance and the Library Collection.* Speaker: Lillian MacPherson. If a fire occurred, would your insurance coverage replace your whole collection? Lillian MacPherson discusses the practice and problems of evaluating your collection and a representative of the insurance industry discusses various types of coverage.
- In 1986-1987, the top 5 preferences for lecture topics were: constitutional, family, contracts, labour and tort law.
- ELLA was the Conference Planning Committee for the May 15-18, 1988 Canadian Association of Law Libraries conference, held their conference in Jasper.
- *Law Related Databases on SPIRES.* The session covered: the Alberta Case Locator, Charter Cases, the Health Law Institute, Labour Relations Board Decisions Index and the Alberta Dept. of Labour Grievance Arbitration Awards Index.
- *The Universal Declaration of Human Rights and It's Relationship to the Canadian Charter and the Alberta Individual's Rights Protection Act.* Speaker: John Lynch, Executive Director of the Alberta Human Rights Commission.
- Tour of the Provincial Court Libraries and the Law Society Libraries

- Deirdre Grist, Librarian/Indexer with the Alberta Hansard presented an *overview of Hansard operations and background to Hansard online*, as well as plans for future developments; a tour of the Hansard office was included.
- Caron Rollins and Sandra Wilkins gave a presentation on researching the *new Revised Statutes of Canada, 1985*.
- *Computer Assisted Legal Research: An overview of computer assisted legal research systems presently available in Canada*. Speaker: Muriel Lefebvre, Alberta Director of Operations for LAW SEARCH.

The 1990's

- *Taxation of lawyers' bills of costs*. Speaker: Mr. James Christensen.
- *Management of Information in the 1990's [from a lawyer's perspective]*. Speaker: David Gates, Director of Canada Department of Justice Edmonton Regional Office.
- David Leonard of the Provincial Archives of Alberta spoke on judicial records and legal archives, which included a tour of the Archives.
- *Canadian Law Online Information*. Thomson Electronic Publishing hosts a session previewing the new Canadian Abridgment online service, which would provide "...digests and judicial treatment...for over 40,000 (Canadian) cases dating from 1803."
- *Mexico-United States Free Trade*.
- *ILL Demystified – Policies and Procedures for ELLA members requesting ILL from Weir Law Library*.
- *Electronic Distribution of Government Information and Crown Copyright*.
- InMagic session and it's latest improvements
- *What Law Librarians Should Know About Civil Procedure*. Speaker: Justice Jean Cote
- *Canadian Abridgment*. Speaker: Michael Siverstein of Carswell.
- *Canadian Law Online*. Speaker: Sandra MacKenzie – Thomson Electronic Publisher session.
- Tour of the Environmental Law Centre
- *NEOS: Networking Edmonton's Online Systems*. Speaker: Doug Poff.
- Law Courts Library and VTLS system demonstration.
- Unreported judgments seminar with a panel. Speakers: Madam Justice Ellen Picard; Lorna Ross, Clerk Supervisor, Court of QB; Wendy Yanish, Procedure Control Court of Queen's Bench; Ruth Alstad, Court Reporting Service; Peggy Sydorka, Deputy Registrar Court of Appeal; Jan Lynn George, Alberta Case Locator; Sandra Perry, Provincial Court Librarian.
- *The Internet – What Is It and Why Do I Spend So Much Time Using It?* Speaker: Pat Nelson,, Canada Dept. of Transportation.

- FreeNet Prospectus for Edmonton.
- *Interim Review of the Law Society Libraries*. Speakers Lillian MacPherson.
- *How To Research American Law*. Speakers: Lillian MacPherson and Sandra Wilkins
- *Book Preservation and Repair*.
- Role of the Queen's Printer and session on searching with the Statutes of Alberta "disk".
- Q.L. Update & Demonstration, September 27, 1995. David Carlson gave an update on new QL Services including flat rate pricing.
- Carswell presentation given to ELLA October 11, 1995 on CD-ROM Research using Folioviews.
- Copyright session presented to ELLA, December 6, 1995 by Diane Gagnon (Legislative Consultant), and Lillian MacPherson (Law Librarian, U. of A.)
- *Cyberlaw, Legal Issues Surrounding the Internet*.
- LawPlus presentation - a new fee-for-service interlibrary loan service from the University of Alberta Weir Law Library, with a faster turn-around time, starting March 1, 1996.
- Members discuss the advantages and disadvantages of CDROM publications and how they might be used in their organizations.
- QL presentation by David Carlson , September 24, 1996, focused on new developments: QuickLink 1.7 for Windows; Query Wizard; new online database directory; speed increase to 28.8 b.p.s; and flat rate billing.
- *Getting the most out of Folio*. Speaker: Debbie Green of Canada Law Book.
- A demonstration of CLASS (Criminal Law Search System)
- Business Information Services (EPL)
- Access to Justice Network (ACJNet)
- *Reflections on Equality*. Speaker: the Honourable Catherine A. Fraser, Chief Justice of Alberta.
- The Executives of ELLA & CLLG attended as guests at a Law Society Joint Library Committee meeting to view a presentation on the websites of the U. of A. and U of Calgary law schools.
- David Carlson gave a WESTLAW Demonstration at an ELLA MEETING on October 10, 1997. Focus was on cost effective strategies for researching American case law & statutes, using Quicklink 1.7, Q.L.'s WESTLAW gateway.
- *LAWNOW: From Idea to Reality*. Speaker Teresa Mitchell.
- Government and Information Resources at EPL

- *The Age of Technology: Your Guide to Change Management.* Video conference presented as a partnership between AALL and West Group. CASLIS also contributed resources to assist ELLA in bringing it to Edmonton.
- *Project Management in Theory and Practice.* ELLA offers an all day workshop co-hosted with GELA.

The 2000's

- *What are the Primary Canadian Titles in Specific Areas of the Law?* Carswell luncheon.
- *What are the Core International Titles used in Canadian Law?* Carswell luncheon.
- *The Trail of A Trial.* Speaker: Kim Nayyer - tracing the path of a trial from the lawyer's office to the court registry.
- Peter Pagano, Chief Legislative Counsel, spoke about understanding the legislative process.
- *What's New with QL & eCarswell?*
- Tour of Edmonton Public Library new Heritage Room as well as government documents and legal collection.
- Legal information buffet with Carswell, Lexis, CCH, Canada Law Book and the Alberta Queen's Printer.
- *The CPLED Program* - explanation of the Canadian Centre for Professional Legal Education program for articling students.
- Family law changes
- Publisher luncheon
- *Research at the University* - 4 legal research groups report on their work and publications.
- Legal information buffet with: Carswell, Lexis, CCH, Canada Law Book and the Alberta Queen's Printer.
- *Southern Sudan Legal Library and Resource Centre Mission. The Sudan Assessment Mission, January 18-27, 2007.* Speaker: Eve Poirier of the Department of Justice travelled to Sudan to investigate and report on the requirements for establishing a law library system there.
- *The International Criminal Court Library,* Marlice Schmidt spoke on her term working at the ICCL from March 2004 - March 2005.
- Co-presented film with GELA (open to public after hours), "The Hollywood Librarian"
- Added a blog to ELLA website.
- Thomson luncheon on International titles
- Interlibrary loans in law firm libraries, round table.

- *Demystifying Statistics*, ELLA logs on as a group to an online session put on by The Partnership: The Provincial and Territorial Library Associations of Canada.
- *Wikis for Law Libraries*
- *Electronic Publications I – ELLA member round table* discussion re issues surrounding publications in various electronic or print + electronic format and ebooks
- *Electronic Publications II – Vendor Forum* – publishers respond to questions that arose from Electronic Pubs. I session
- Sonia Poulin, Director of the Alberta Law Libraries, explains *the major restructuring of the Alberta Law Society Libraries and the Alberta Justice Libraries* into the Alberta Law Libraries.
- *Revision of the Alberta Rules of Court* – Sandra Petterson of the Alberta Law Reform Institute explains the major revision of the rules of court.
- Two University of Alberta students library students presented papers originally presented at their Professional Development Day program: Martina King from the School of Library and Information Science spoke on *Choosing Web Icons* for your library webpage. Melanie Nathan discusses *Search Engine Optimization*.
- *Tackling that Humpty Dumpty Feeling*. Marla Sterritt from the Calgary Law Library Group presents a session she recently did for the CLLG, re training programs for articling students. This was an update of her CALL 2006 presentation called, *Games Students Play*.
- Eve Poirier of the Dept. of Justice presents a follow up report for the Department of Justice on, *Creating a Law Library in Southern Sudan*. This plan that arose from the her first trip to Sudan in 2007.
- *Current Issues in Copyright Law*. Speaker: Martin Kratz (Bennett Jones LLP)
- *Fall Vendors Forum*: The latest in publishing presented by representatives from Carswell, LexisNexis Butterworths, CCH, Canada Law Book and the Alberta Queen's Printer.
- *Researching International Law*. Speaker: Dr. Joanna Harrington, Professor, Faculty of Law, University of Alberta. Professor Harrington provides an overview of international law, and highlights several useful research resources and techniques.
- *A View from the Bench: My Research Challenges in Family Law*. Speaker: The Honourable Madam Justice J. Veit of the Court of Queen's Bench of Alberta
- *Legal Archives Society of Alberta (LASA)*. Speaker: Stacy Kaufeld of LASA spoke about the society, what they do, what materials they keep, etc.
- *Criminal Law*. Speaker: Brian Beresh, Q.C., shares his insights and experience from over 30 years of practice in the field of criminal defence.
- *The Sword and the Shield: The Intricacies of Insolvency Law*. Speaker: The Honourable Madam Justice J. Topolniski of the Court of Queen's Bench of Alberta, gives an overview of this interesting and creative field of law.

- *The House of Lords*. Speaker, Peter D. Banks of Fraser Milner Casgrain LLP explains recent changes to the House of Lords.
- *Publishers' Forum*: The latest in publishing presented by representatives from Carswell, LexisNexis Butterworths, CCH, Canada Law Book, and the Alberta Queen's Printer.
- *Tweets, Twits and 2.0's: Utility or Futility? You Be the Judge*. Speaker: Geoffrey Harder Digital Initiatives Coordinator, University of Alberta.
- *Omar Khadr*: Speaker: Dennis Edney, criminal defence lawyer, will speak about the Omar Khadr trial and appearing before an international court.