

**UNIFORM LAW CONFERENCE OF CANADA
CIVIL LAW SECTION**

**ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON PROGRAM
DEVELOPMENT AND MANAGEMENT (ACPDM)**

Yellowknife, Northwest Territories

August 2015

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT AND MANAGEMENT

[1] It is my pleasure to report to the Conference on behalf of the Advisory Committee on Program Development and Management.

[2] I must first express my gratitude to the members of this Committee who have worked hard and faithfully throughout the year. In particular, the Committee is comprehensively supported by Mr. Clark Dalton, our National Coordinator, and I thank him for his work in agenda and minutes. These are an important record of the work of the Committee.

[3] The Committee meets only periodically face-to-face, and normally meets by teleconference on a monthly basis. Members are well prepared and are accustomed to teleconferences so that business can be conducted efficiently. There are often “homework assignments” in preparation for subsequent meetings and I am grateful to members for taking on these additional duties to report and inform the Committee. We hope that in the 2015/2016 year it will be possible to hold one face-to-face meeting.

[4] The early part of this year’s meetings concentrated on a review of our four-year rolling plan and an assessment of various suggestions in four different categories. We were able to clear out a number of topics which had been languishing on our list but did not occupy a high priority. This also allowed us to look at a number of specific suggestions as they arose during the year. The Committee considered specific suggestions relating to Buyers’ Liens, Oaths and Affirmations, Witness Immunity, Lobbyist Legislation and Strata Title Properties. Later in the year the topics of Judgment Interest and Intra-family Loans and Guarantees were discussed. Finally towards the end of the year the question of Interprovincial Collection of Tax Debts was considered. Your input on these suggestions would be appreciated along with any others you would like the Committee to consider.

[5] It has been particularly helpful to have the Chair of the Civil Section participate in the Advisory Committee’s activities. This avoids any overlap of activity and also allows both the Advisory Committee and the Steering Committee to concentrate on their respective areas of concern, namely, the Advisory Committee on the medium to longer term and the Steering Committee on the immediate year.

[6] A joint meeting was held at the end of January with the leadership of the Uniform Law Commission in the United States, and was attended by Mr. Lown and Mr. Dalton. The background materials for this meeting were substantial. While we did not identify a formal joint project there is significant sharing of information and experience in the area of Digital Assets, Enforcement of Judgments, Voidable Transactions and Unclaimed Property. The work of Clark Dalton and John Sebert in preparing for these meetings is crucial. While we were sad to lose the counsel of John Sebert, we were happy to meet and have discussions with his replacement, Ms. Liza Karsai. I am sure the level of cooperation and sharing of information will continue to the benefit of both conferences.

[7] Over the last few years the Committee has developed project selection criteria, templates for the description of potential projects, a model timeline for the completion of projects and

UNIFORM LAW CONFERENCE OF CANADA

sample explanatory materials for when projects have been completed. This is a substantial body of work and will assist the Conference both in its adoption and planning of projects and hopefully in implementation of projects once complete.

[8] The membership of the Committee is attached. I express my gratitude to each of them for their work and I trust that the result is of benefit to the conference.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT AND MANAGEMENT

MEMBERSHIP

Mr. Peter Lown, QC, Chair
Alberta Law Reform Institute

Ms. Manon Dostie
Department of Justice Canada

Mr. Nolan Steed, QC
Alberta Justice

Ms. Kathryn Sabo
Department of Justice Canada

Mr. Russell Getz
Ministry of the Attorney General
British Columbia

Ms. Myriam Ancil
Ministère de la Justice Quebec

Mr. Arthur Close, QC
British Columbia Civil Section

Ms. Frédérique Sabourin
Ministère de la Justice Quebec

Mr. Gregory Steele, QC
British Columbia Civil Section

Ms. Elizabeth Strange
Office of the Attorney General
New Brunswick

Ms. Susan C. Amrud, QC
Executive Director
Public Law Division
Saskatchewan Justice

Ms. Genevieve Harvey
Nova Scotia Department of Justice

Mr. Darcy McGovern, QC
Saskatchewan Justice

Ms. Marie Bordeleau
Executive Director
Uniform Law Conference of Canada

Ms. Lynn Romeo
Manitoba Department of Justice

Mr. Clark Dalton, QC
Projects Coordinator
Uniform Law Conference of Canada

Mr. John Lee
Ministry of the Attorney General Ontario

Ms. Jennifer Babe
Miller Thomson LLP