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Michael Emery and Jamie Trimble Appointed

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**Halton Judges' Night,
Awards Night &
Annual General Meeting**

March 27, 2014

Harbour Banquet &
Conference Centre

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The Honourable Michael G. Emery, a lawyer with the firm SimpsonWigle LAW LLP in Burlington, is appointed a judge of the Ontario Superior Court of Justice in Brampton to replace Mr. Justice S. B. Durno, who elected to become a supernumerary judge as of July 31, 2013.

Mr. Justice Emery received a Bachelor of Laws from Queen's University in 1980 and was called to the Bar of Ontario in 1985. He was also a member of the

British Columbia Bar from 1981 to 1984.

Mr. Justice Emery practised with Mitchell, Schuller & Company in Dawson Creek, British Columbia, from 1981 to 1984 before moving to the Toronto area, where he practised with Emery, Reikai & Johnston and later with Ralfe, Green, Germann & Forsyth. In 1991, he joined Simpson Wigle LAW, LLP in Burlington. His main areas of practice were commercial litigation, estate litigation, and insurance litigation.

Mr. Justice Emery has served on several professional organizations, including the boards of the Advocates Society, the Ontario Bar Association, and the Halton County Law Association. He served as President of the Halton County Law Association from 1996-1998.

The Honourable Jamie K. Trimble, a lawyer with the firm Hughes Amys LLP in Hamilton, is appointed a judge of the Ontario Superior Court of Justice in Milton to replace Mr. Justice C.W. Hourigan, who has been appointed to the Court of Appeal for Ontario.

Mr. Justice Trimble received a Bachelor of Laws from Osgoode Hall Law School in 1987 and was called to the Bar of Ontario in 1989. He has since practised with Hughes Amys LLP in Hamilton. His practice focus is insurance defence litigation.

Mr. Justice Trimble was President of the Ontario Bar Association from 2008-09 and received the OBA Award for Distinguished Service in 2012. He is a member of the Hamilton Law Association, the Toronto Lawyers' Association, and the International Association of Defence Counsel. He is also a Certified Risk Manager by the Global Risk Management Society, a Certified Specialist in Civil Litigation, and a board member of the Canadian Bar Insurance Association. In 2012, he was recognized by LExpert as a leading practitioner in commercial insurance.

The Honourable Michael Emery and The Honourable Jamie Trimble were sworn in as Justices of the Superior Court in a double ceremony on Friday, January 17, held in Brampton.

**Deadline for Next Issue:
April 1, 2014**



President's Report by Laura Oliver

(i.e. a percentage of population) or even the suggestion of a guideline. In our case, like Brampton, finding space for more judges would be an issue, if it were determined that we could, in fact, use one (or 2). Having said that, rumours abound regarding the status of our court house. I would encourage every member of the Association who has an opinion on our court house to be vocal at every opportunity. Otherwise, 'solutions' will be imposed on us.

The winter of 2014 has certainly been one to remember! Record snow and record cold have even got me tired as I write this article on the first day the temperature has risen above 0 in living memory

Since my last article our very own Michael Emery (as he then was) was appointed to the Superior Court bench in Brampton and Justice Trimble was appointed to the Superior Court bench in Milton. I was fortunate to attend their swearings in. I think it is fair to say that both appointments will be welcome additions to the bench. We are, for now, at our full local judicial complement. I have tried to determine how judicial complement is arrived at. I have not been able to find a formula

Our first full day family law seminar in January seems to have been a great success. Although the venue had some issue with the heating, the day went well. I was tremendously impressed with the amount of work that each of the speakers put into their presentations. We are very fortunate to have such a great group of family law practitioners in this area as well as a great group who are willing to travel to Milton to participate. The Estates and Family Law Seminar is coming up on Friday, May 9th and also

looks to be an excellent program.

For our criminal law lawyers, we have made some inquiries about this year's moots but do not have any further information at this time. In addition, a local bail committee has been struck and the Association has assigned a representative to sit on that committee on our behalf.

On the real estate front I recently received a report from LawPro regarding their Public Awareness Campaign on the Role of the Real Estate Lawyer. It is reported that last year LawPro gave our 2,815 referrals to real estate lawyers in the province. If you practice real estate in Halton and this has not been your experience the Association would be very pleased to hear from you and take your concerns to the next CDLPA session in May.

Our board will be meeting with representatives of the Law Society and the Law Practice Placement program shortly to determine if, as an area, we want to try and make the local articling experience more structured. We hope to be in a position to present information to the local bar shortly and get your feedback on how we best support new young lawyers in our jurisdiction.

It looks as though we will have a great turn out for our first (hopefully to be) annual Judges Night. What a great opportunity to come out and see colleagues who have been appointed elsewhere and mingle with our local judiciary. As well, we will be delivering the Award of Excellence and the Award of Civility. John Cox will be presenting the Award of Civility and will provide some insight into why the award has been named in honour of Eric Swan. I hope to see you on March 27!!



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Family Law News

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Halton County Law Association Annual Family Law Seminar, The Family Law Trial Start to Finish, that was held on Friday, January 24th at the Halton Region Museum. The seminar was a big success, thanks to the hard work and dedication of the following list of organizers and presenters:

Program chairs: Laura Oliver and Rachael Pulis
 Speakers: The Honourable Madam Justice Francine Van Melle, Regional Senior Justice for Central West Region, the Honourable Madam Justice Kendra

Coats, Superior Court of Justice, The Honourable Sheilagh O'Connell, Ontario Court of Justice, Lisa Osak, Law Society of Upper Canada, Lucy McSweeny, Children's Lawyer for Ontario, Catherine Haber, Robert S. Martin, Victoria Starr, Michael Marra, Brian Burke, Aaron Mastervick, Steve McCutcheon, Ann Stoner, John G. Cox, Nick Mastroluisi, Sanley Jaskot and Laura Oliver. The success of this event is due to your hard work and dedication.

Thanks to the attendees as well, who braved the cold ... both inside the and out!

Watch for details regarding next year's event!!



L to R: Justice Sheilagh O'Connell, Catherine Haber, Nick Mastroluisi and Stanley Jaskot

Stanley P. Jaskot, Darryl A. Willer and Charanjit K. Gill are pleased to announce that effective February 1, 2014, they will continue in the practice of law as partners as

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Legal Information and Support Services Working Group

The Treasurer of the Law Society created a Working Group in the fall of 2013 to provide advice on the distribution of legal information and the provision of other support services to Law Society members in Ontario. The Legal Information and Support Services Working Group is chaired by Susan Elliott, who was instrumental in development of the Beyond 2000 reports presented to the Law Society in the late 1990's. These reports set out the framework for our current county law library system.

Library News by Karen Kennett

The Working Group is trying to determine the needs of members with respect to legal information and support services not just for today, but for the foreseeable future. The Working Group is looking to ensure the most effective means of meeting these needs within the context of member competency and appropriate access to justice.

To that end, a survey has been circulated by email and I would urge you to take a few minutes and complete it by **Thursday, February 27th**.

Library—2013 Year End

I am very pleased to advise that the Law Library was able to come in under budget for the 2013 year-end, despite escalating publishing costs.

The installation of the vend unit for copies and printing has shown a significant impact on our revenue. With future LibraryCo funding in question

and possible cuts in 2015, this initiative taken on by your board of directors has been a very proactive and necessary step in capturing this otherwise lost revenue. The new system is very user-friendly and seems to have been very well received. Please do not hesitate to ask for my assistance, if you are having difficulty maneuvering the new procedure!

The collection expenses were overspent by just over \$400.00, however, many cancellation of looseleaf texts were necessary to ensure that we were not exceeding our LibraryCo grant.

As always, I welcome your feedback as to which looseleaf services you are using and would like to see maintained in the library.

Many services are very expensive to keep current and are perhaps used quite infrequently, so I am always interested in your feedback!

Library Renovations/Books for Sale ... FREE!The Executive has plans for some additional work stations, to be located at the west end of the library, along with windows. This will require the removal of a couple of bays of shelving. In order to free up some of the space, we have a number of Canadian law reporter series "up for grabs". Please let me know if you are interested.

CALL Conference

The Canadian Association of Law Libraries Conference will be held in Winnipeg from May 25-28. The theme for this year's conference is "The Confluence: Knowledge meets Inspiration".

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The theme of the 2014 conference refers to the power and potential which arise when we expose our professional knowledge to inspiring speakers, instruction, and ideas.

As always, this conference provides a wonderful opportunity to network with colleagues and learn about the latest products and services.

Farewell Justine!

Lastly, and on a very sad note, I have had to say goodbye to our Library Assistant, Justine Smith, at the end of 2013, as she has relocated to Toronto. Justine has worked in the library since October 2006 and has been a great asset to me, since I began here in August 2007. She will be greatly missed and I wish Justine the best of luck in her future endeavours.



Mark your Calendars!!!

Estates & Trusts and Family Law Seminar

Oakville Golf Club
Friday, May 9, 2014

Annual Charity Golf Tournament

Friday, June 6, 2014
Hidden Lake Golf & Country Club
This year's Charity: Big Brothers / Big Sisters-Halton



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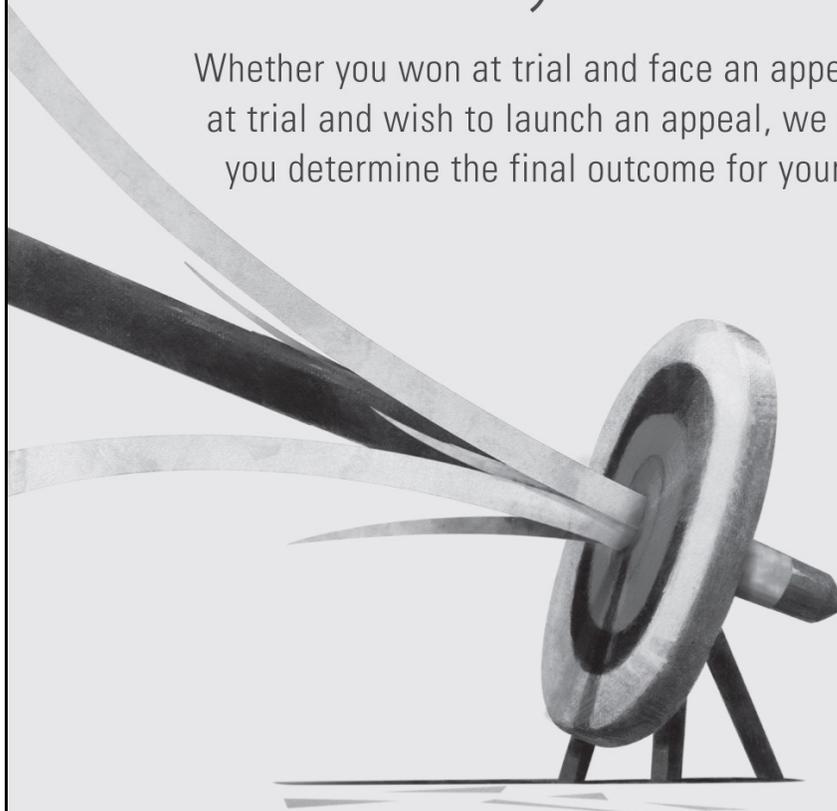
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The Halton County Law Association*

Annual General Meeting

Judges Night & Awards Night

Thursday, March 27, 2014

*Harbour Banquet & Conference Centre
2340 Ontario Street
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Oakville*

Cocktails 6:00 p.m. Dinner 7:00 p.m.

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