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Library Collection Development

Have you ever wondered how books get on the shelves here at the MLA Library? They don't just magically appear, all catalogued, stamped and ready to borrow. On the contrary, book selection and collection development is a sophisticated and complicated process carried out by your MLA librarians and designed to provide materials specifically geared to the needs of local MLA members.

The first step in the process is tedious and time-consuming. Once each month, the librarians sift through stacks of publishers' blurbs and countless email advertisements, weeding out the obviously unsuitable titles, and selecting the likely possibilities using a well-defined time-tested set of criteria. Some purchasing decisions are almost automatic. For example new editions of a key text, and books recommended or requested by our members, are generally approved. We also have a policy of purchasing every other edition of venerable British texts like *Chitty on Contracts* or *Gatley on Libel and Slander*. We no longer purchase any US material, depending instead on the UWO Law Library and the ever-increasing wealth of available Canadian material.

We then evaluate each of the remaining possibilities individually, physically going to the shelves, book blurbs in hand, to determine whether a new title should be added to the collection. We carefully check to see how much other material we already have on the proposed topic, how current it is, and how much use it has been getting. The book's sign out card is a great help here, as it indicates actual usage over time. If a previous edition of a possible new version is not being used, then there is no point in spending valuable collection dollars on the new one. If it's on a new or topical subject, like the current new rules of civil procedure, or the new Ontario street racing legislation, that book will make the cut. We also check the holdings of the other courthouse libraries to see what they have purchased lately, ask the advice of lawyers who specialize in a particular area of law and consult credible book reviews such as those in *Canadian Law Library Review*.

The final potential purchases are then assembled into a list to be considered and approved by the MLA Library Committee at our monthly meetings. The annual collections budget is divided into monthly amounts and purchases are made accordingly. The current text collection size is approximately 2,000 volumes, and we purchase an average of twelve books per month.

We value input from our MLA members to help provide the materials best suited to your research needs. If you have any purchase suggestions, or comments regarding the collection, your librarians would be happy to hear them. We also appreciate donations of new texts authored by our members and we will feature them in our monthly newsletter article and label the book accordingly. The donation of a book you've authored (and hopefully autographed!) saves us valuable collections budget funds.

Don't Be Dismayed

Don't be dismayed when you see a cancellation notice on the spine of a book. The book is still good! We've noticed a few of our regular patrons recoiling in horror at the sight of the cancellation labels, but there is really no need to shun these books. As noted in the previous installment of "Library News" we've had to cancel our subscriptions to approximately 30 looseleaf titles due to this year's budgetary constraints. These cuts were just made in January, so the books can still be considered current and useful. When they really do become too outdated to be of use, they will be removed from the active collection or replaced with newer versions or titles in that area of law.

New Books

Bennett, Frank. **Bennett on bankruptcy, 12th ed. 2010**, CCH
Bowland, Adelyn. **2010 annotated Ontario Human Rights Code**, Thomson Carswell

Burns, Peter. **Economic interests in Canadian tort law**, LexisNexis
Doherty, Michael. **Portable guide to evidence --3rd ed.**, Carswell
Feldman and Lamont. **Residential tenancies --9th ed.**, Carswell
Glaholt, Duncan W. **2010 annotated Ontario Construction Lien Act**, Thomson Carswell
Houlden, L.W. **2010 annotated Bankruptcy & Insolvency Act**, Thomson Carswell
Hrycko, Oleh. **Electronic discovery in Canada: best practices and guidelines, 2d ed.** CCH
Hutchison, Scott. **Law of traffic offences --3rd ed.**, Carswell
Imai, Shin. **2010 annotated Indian Act and aboriginal constitutional provisions**, Carswell
Killeen, Mr. Justice Gordon. **Annotated Canada Pension Plan and Old Age Security Act --9th ed. 2010**, CCH
Lavender, T. Stephen. **2009 annotated Ontario Employment Standards Act**, Carswell
LSUC. **Six-minute criminal court judge.**
LSUC. **14th annual intellectual property law: the year in review.**
LSUC. **Estate accounting -navigating the complex issues when preparing and reviewing estate format accounts.**
LSUC. **New lawyer practice series- family law.**
LSUC. **Six-minute commercial leasing lawyer 2010.**
LSUC. **Personal injury for law clerks: recent changes that you need to know about.**
LSUC. **Annotated will 2010.**
LSUC. **Practice gems: title and off-title searching 2010.**
n/a. **Canadian master tax guide --65th., 2010**, CCH
O'Connell, Sheilagh. **Annotated Ontario Children's Law Reform Act 2010**, Carswell
Prabhu, Mohan A. **2010 Annotated Customs Act**, Carswell
Sarra, P. Janis. **Annual review of insolvency law 2009**, Carswell
Scott, Ian D. **Police Services Act of Ontario: an annotated guide.** Canada Law Book
Shea, E. Patrick. **BIA, CCAA & WEPPA: A guide to the new bankruptcy and insolvency regime**, LexisNexis
Tari, A. Christina. **Federal income tax litigation in Canada**, LexisNexis

Missing Books

Brown, Craig. **Insurance law in Canada --3rd student ed.**
Epstein, Philip et al. **Separation agreement annotated.**
Fridman, GHL.. **Law of torts in Canada --2nd ed**
Gillese, Eileen. **Law of trusts (Essentials of Canadian law series) --1997**
Hoffer, Joseph. **Practical guide to the Tenant Protection Act**
Kratz, Martin. **Obtaining patents --2nd ed., 1999**
Levy, Earl. **Examination of witnesses in criminal cases --4th ed.**
LSUC. **Annotated trust**
LSUC **How do you plead? Breaking the bonds of boilerplate, Volume 2, book 2**
LSUC. **Marriage contracts: drafting and advising post-Hartshorne**
LSUC. **Real estate for law clerks (2001)**
McGuinness, Kevin. **Construction lien remedies in Ontario --2nd ed**
McGuinness, Kevin. **Law and practice of Canadian business corporations (1999)**
McLeod, James. **Annual review of family law – 2003, 2004.**
OBA. **Agreements, agreements, agreements: how to settle family law disputes effectively**
OBA. **Application of family law to non-traditional relationships : Ozzie & Harriet do not live here.**
OBA. **Common legal problems for common law couples, same sex spouses.**
Sopinka, John. **The Conduct of an Appeal –2nd ed.**
Ziff, Bruce. **Principles of property law --3rd ed.**

Richard: here are the directory updates for January which should be posted elsewhere in the newsletter. Thanks.

Matthew Dupre – has joined with **Murray Austin** to form Austin Dupre Law Firm, 200-120 Wellington St., London N6B 2K6. Further contact information to follow.

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Kristen Carnie – has changed her name to Kristen Ley