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PAST PRESIDENT'S FAREWELL MESSAGE

Sonny Parhar is a graduate of the Sauder School of business at the University of British Columbia. After obtaining his Bachelor of Commerce degree at UBC and working briefly in commercial real estate appraisal he moved to Ontario to study law at the University of Windsor. He then worked for the law firm of McDonald & Hayden in Toronto where he completed his articles and was called to the bar in Ontario. He successfully applied and was called to the bar in BC that same year and began his law career with the established Vancouver firm of Thompson & Elliott in the areas of personal injury, family law, commercial litigation and real estate. In 2010, Sonny incorporated Parhar Law Corporation and co-founded the law firm of Kosteckyj & Parhar. His practice is mainly focused on plaintiff's personal injury law and family law.

This will be my final President's column in *the Verdict* as my term comes to an end very shortly. I will begin by thanking all of the staff at the TLABC office for making my term as enjoyable and productive as possible with their willingness to always go the extra mile and do what is best for the association and by exceeding expectations when it came to deadlines and demands placed upon us by various external and internal factors.

The past several months were eventful and I thoroughly enjoyed being able to focus to some extent on outreach events including my attendance at various meetings and local bar association events in addition to attending for meetings with several TLABC members, and members of the local bar in Prince George with our Membership Director Karen St. Aubin this past month.

Our trip to Prince George was dutifully packed with meetings with local members of the bar, a non-profit organization and a dinner hosted by TLABC where we had the pleasure of enjoying local cuisine shared with some of our colleagues from the area.

I am also happy to report that through the continuing efforts of our staff and CEO Shawn Mitchell, TLABC continues to maintain a record number of memberships, and has continued to offer exceptional legal education seminars with record attendance throughout this year (special thank you to Erin Monahan and our staff).

I am also pleased to report that we had a record number of volunteers step forward to join the board and executive in the upcoming year, through continued outreach efforts made by members of our organization. We have further and better representation from all geographical areas of the Province and from different practice areas of our profession.

Finally, to Ron Nairne, our incoming President, I wish you success in the year to come and I know you will take on all of the challenges of your term in the true spirit of our Mission Statement, representing all members of our association, and that you will continue our fight for the rights of the people in this Province.

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