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BACKING THE PAC, A TLABC TRADITION

Megan Ejack has been the Development Director at TLABC for the past 9 years. She facilitates both the Public Affairs Committee (PAC) fund and new media initiatives for the association. She holds a BA (Hon) from the University of Alberta and has a strong background in fine arts and communications. Megan has spoken at the National Association of Trial Lawyers Executives (NATLE) annual conventions and at the CBABC Women's Forum and is a freelance writer for several outlets. She is also the Creative Director of locally-run, Wink Productions. Megan has travelled the world and is fluent in French, Spanglish and sarcasm. She is passionate about football, sunshine and wine and is currently working towards her certification at the acclaimed International Sommelier's Guild (ISG).

THE ETHICS OF PAC

“Do the right thing. The ethical path can be lonely, hard, costly... but you'll never lose self-respect, and that's priceless and fragile.”

— WAYLON H. LEWIS

They say that to have integrity means to do the right thing, even when no one is watching. In our profession, however, they're *all always* watching – the media, the government, our members and the public. What will TLABC do or say in the face of issues that affect BC citizens?

It can be a double-edged sword – a risk or an opportunity.

In the face of sometimes unfortunate misperceptions about the legal profession, TLABC embraces the opportunity to show the citizens of our province that we are willing to stand up for their rights, and the Public Affairs Committee (PAC) is what gives us a voice to carry through with that promise.

It's all about integrity, exemplified by those who dedicate themselves to doing this important work.

At TLABC, we have a small, specialized staff, but our network of committees, including the Board of Governors and Executive Committee, is made up entirely of volunteers. These volunteers are regular members – BC lawyers who choose to go above and beyond to help protect our justice system. To support those who give their time on these task forces, many others also choose to contribute dollars to the PAC fund. Some of them donate to a specific cause or campaign, while others are ongoing monthly donors, trusting in the process of the TLABC leadership. Every dollar is extremely appreciated - no amount of time or money is insignificant.

As Development Director for the past ten years, I have seen the frontlines of this commitment to justice, firsthand. I have worked with these volunteers and I am proud of what we have all been

able to achieve in the name of this association. We have made great strides, yet we will continue to push for justice in BC. It is often hard and sometimes thankless, and we do not always take the time to celebrate the successes, so today I say... thank you.

FROM ME TO ALL OF YOU

Thank you for your time, your energy, your ethics and your integrity. Thank you for the early meetings and late-night strategy sessions, for your humour after long days and all the inside jokes, for the friendship and support, the banter and respect, but most of all, for your dedication to the cause.

Integrity is defined as both “the quality of having strong moral principles” and “the state of being whole and undivided.” Both of which we do and are.

Regardless of what challenges may arise, I am confident that the work will get done because of this. This will be the spirit of our legacy, and I am proud to have been part of it. ✓



Above: A big PAC welcome to John Green into the historical Peacock Club!
 Left: Recent award received by TLABC Development Director, Megan Ejack at the TLABC Holiday Bash this past December in recognition of her years of service with TLABC.