



backing PAC, a TLABC tradition...

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It certainly can be said that the true strength of any group or association lies in its membership. From its leadership right down to the newest face, each individual brings value to the whole.

If this is true, then we are in a great place. We pride ourselves on having a diverse but dedicated sum of parts – which is clearly visible in our Board of Governors and Executive Committee, our over 1400 members, all of our motivated committees, and our staff.

The face of TLABC has changed and grown over the years, but our commitment to justice remains as strong as ever. When issues arise we value discussion, communication and action. With such a strong membership base, there are bound to be hot topics, debate and disagreement – especially when it comes to issues of justice. Yet, with each challenge that surfaces, what always strikes me the most is the engagement and emotion from our members and leaders.

There is passion here. Thank goodness.

Recently, in the wake of a particularly controversial discussion among our Board and Executive, there was a moment when debate had not yet settled, but several of our leaders paused to express a new position – pride: pride in the passion that was being shown on this issue and pride in an association that allows and encourages such intense communication. There is a great respect here, for the time and work that is being done in the

pursuit of justice, as well as for the collegiality that is inherent in our TLABC team.

The Public Affairs Committee (PAC) is a perfect example of what our team can accomplish. The PAC fund is in place so that we can hit the ground running when threats to our justice system arise. It is supported entirely by the personal contributions of our dedicated members and friends in our community. If you don't currently donate to the PAC fund, please consider contributing a monthly or annual amount so that we can continue the work towards justice. You never know what challenges will need to be faced – from our historic victory during the No-Fault Fight of the 90s to the Battle for Legal Aid and the Call for a Wrongful Death Act that we are currently involved in. We need to be prepared for anything.

TLABC may grow and evolve, but our commitment to justice will always be what drives us forward. We are proud of our membership and in the strength of our team.

Soon, we will be convening in Whistler at our Annual Executive and Board Retreat. We'll be devising strategy, and discussing issues, but beyond that, we will be joining together to share and remember our views, passions and values as an association... and the more we do this, the stronger we become.

To learn more about PAC or to make a contribution, please contact megan@tlabc.org or call 604-682-5343 (toll-free: 1 888 558-5222). V

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