

## EDUCATION UPDATE



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Erin has been Trial Lawyers Association of BC's Education Director since the summer of 2011 and is responsible for the association's program development and execution. She has organized events all over the province, as well as in Jamaica, Mexico, Hawaii, California and is working on Costa Rica for January 2019. Since joining TLABC, she has introduced a webcasting component for online viewers, a yearly webinar series, and expanded TLABC's material sales to include seminar video archives and webinar recordings. Most recently, the association has been awarded the ACLEA Award for Outstanding Achievement (2016 & 2017) as well as the NATLE CLE of the Year (2017).

### HOW CAN YOU GET YOUR CPD CREDITS? LET ME COUNT THE WAYS...

Here is a scenario I am sure a few of you out there are familiar with: *It is nearing the end of the year... you just added up the credits for all the courses you have taken in the past year and realize you are 4 credits short. You look on the TLABC upcoming programs website and realize that you missed our last live programs of the year. You checked with other CLE providers.... They too are off for the holidays. You have just a few days to get the rest of your credits, and there are no more live programs to register for...*

#### THE GOOD NEWS

Changes have been made to how LSBC members can claim their annual credits with respect to online learning. Previously, any pre-recorded material had to be viewed with a colleague in order for it to be creditable. The Benchers recently decided to remove that restriction, recognizing that for solo practitioners (especially those in remote communities) that stipulation added a significant challenge in finding activities worthy of CPD credits (that did not involve a plane and hotel stay in Vancouver). The good news... now you can claim credits for viewing a pre-recorded seminar solo.

#### THE BETTER NEWS

TLABC members get access to all of our pre-recorded video archives for an even more reduced rate! We recently made changes the costs of our past seminar materials to make it even more affordable for you. You can purchase one archive for the low cost of \$150 (to compare, the cost is \$564 and up for non-members), or even get a few archives and pay bulk pricing:

1. Seminar Archive - \$150
2. Seminars Archive - \$250 (\$125 each)
3. Seminars Archive - \$300 (\$100 each)
4. One full (calendar) year of video archives - \$500 (approx \$75 each)



Left: Getting ready to zip line!  
Right: Registrants & faculty outside of the Costa Rican Supreme Court in San Jose

Additionally, we recently filmed the first in what we hope to be a long and exciting list in on-line trial advocacy training videos: *Examinations for Discovery: Exhausting, Summarizing and Boxing In*, presented by Robyn Wishart of Wishart Brain and Spine Law. In this program, Robyn breaks these techniques down during an XFD with video examples so the viewer can see how powerful this tool is. When used properly, this set of skills will sharpen your evidence for trial and nail down testimony that later cannot be altered in trial.

So... now the above scenario looks a little like this: *It is nearing the end of the year... you are short 4 credits for the year. You look on the TLABC video archive listings, pick out a recording of a seminar that interests you the most, watch it and claim your credits.* (Phew, that was easy!)

At TLABC our goal is to give you the education you need, the way you want it. Conferences and seminars are still the primary source of CPD credits, but we are moving our focus to include more on-line training options for our members. Stay tuned for new developments! [V](#)

### DID YOU KNOW?

TLABC members also get access to all seminar materials (papers and slides) going back to April 2016? This is at no additional cost! This is another way for us to show our appreciation for our members.

To get access, visit [tlabc.org/PastSemMaterials](http://tlabc.org/PastSemMaterials). Once you have logged in with your username and password, you will have access to over 27 seminars worth of materials.