



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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Keri Grenier is an experienced personal injury lawyer based at Murphy Battista LLP's Kelowna office. Called to the British Columbia Bar in 2001, Keri's practice focuses on helping people who have been injured in motor vehicle accidents or due to the negligence of others. Keri has more than a decade of experience representing clients who have been injured in car accidents, through assaults, by defective products or due to the fault of a health care professional (be it doctor, dentist, chiropractor or other therapist). In addition to personal injury and medical malpractice cases, Keri represents the families of people killed through accidents or malpractice, including children and older relatives. As a woman and mother, Keri's personal and practical insight on how injuries impact a family are two of the reasons clients retain her legal services.

As the kids head back to school, our new government will start to tackle some of the big issues that were left behind by the previous government. Of particular interest to TLABC is the status of ICBC and the information contained within the Ernst & Young report dated July 10, 2017, prepared at the request of the previous government.

I feel fortunate in that we've already have the opportunity to sit down with our new Attorney General, the Honorable David Eby QC to discuss our concerns about the EY report and our thoughts about saving the tort system in British Columbia. We also provided our suggested amendments to the Class Proceedings Act. Minister Eby was receptive to what we had to say, providing comfort that there are no current tort reform changes immediately pending with respect to ICBC. He is willing to work with our organization along with others to try and fix our existing system instead of resorting to any product change. TLABC has provided government with recommendations for changes that we believe would improve ICBC's financial situation. We hope to continue to provide input.

The BC Coalition to End Distracted Driving continues to make progress, currently with thousands of online supporters and 32 partner groups. I encourage everyone to review the website www.distracteddrivingkills.ca and join the fight.

I'm very proud of our staff, executive and board who have sacrificed a significant amount of time and energy to ensure that the rights of British Columbians are preserved with respect to our vehicle insurance system. As I move into my last quarter as President, I am hopeful that the strides our organization has made this year will continue to grow allowing us to be the voice that is needed to protect the rights of individuals in all areas of the law. ✓

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TLABC extends a warm welcome to new Membership Director, Karen St. Aubin! Karen joined the TLABC team this past August.