

MEMBERSHIP NEWS



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As TLABC's Membership Director, Karen St. Aubin combines her passion for stewardship, relationship-building, and event management. Karen comes to TLABC from the Canadian Bar Association, BC Branch with over 15 years of event and member-service experience in the non-profit world, previously in the arts and medical industries. Growing up in a military family and having moved every few years, she enjoys exploring new places and meeting new people (kind of perfect for member outreach, right?). Outside the office, Karen is the President (2017-18) of the International Live Events Association, Vancouver chapter.

Technology - isn't it supposed to make our lives easier, make us more efficient? I'm far from the first person to say that in many ways it has the opposite effect. We expect an immediate response to an email. We write in short form and abbreviated terms. We are impatient with detailed requests or emails so much so that there is an acronym to excuse our lack of attention (TL;DR means "too long; didn't read"). How many times have you seen a group at a dinner table with everyone staring down at their smart device? We seem to spend more time looking at a screen than at our loved ones. The reality is the world isn't going to change and in fact we are only likely to increase our use of technology not decrease it.

So what do we do? There are myriad experts who have provided wise words and sage advice about incorporating technology into our lives. So what can I add? I have two suggestions. First, I say - embrace it! Specifically with the TLABC listservs. As a TLABC member, each of you is entitled to participate in the Trial Practice Listserv giving you quick and easy access to every member on the list. This is a fabulous benefit of your membership and I believe EVERY member should be on this listserv! With a single email you have immediate access to your fellow members from seasoned trial masters practicing in all areas of law to new lawyers who can offer a fresh perspective. This listserv allows you to simply and easily request and exchange information, tips and advice. There is just one requirement for you to access this resource: sign the agreement form.

If you aren't already on this listserv, I encourage you to do so now! Go to this link: <https://www.tlabc.org/index.cfm?pg=joinlists>, print off the form, sign and send it back to TLABC. That's it! Alternatively, send an email to me at karen@tlabc.org and I can help you.

There are also specific practice group listservs to consider joining. Each of these has its own subscription fee and eligibility rules do differ. Again, check out the website or contact me directly for information.

My second suggestion is - turn it off! At the time of writing, I am at the Medical-Legal Conference observing and participating in so much networking among the attendees. New friendships are being made and old ones rekindled. It is wonderful to see and

hear the buzz of enthusiastic conversation in the meeting room, at the coffee breaks and at social functions.

The New Lawyers Retreat 2018 is taking place from April 27-29 in Squamish and this will be another fantastic opportunity for networking. Approximately 50 attendees are expected at this event - new lawyers will learn from and be mentored by senior members of the bar and the bench as they spend the weekend connecting and communicating. Check out the event page on TLABC.org to learn about the Retreat. I hope to see you in Squamish! ✓

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