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Real Estate Lawyers Association - Nova Scotia

2018 CONFERENCE

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BIOGRAPHIES OF PRESENTERS

IAN MACLEAN, Q.C.

Ian MacLean practices in Pictou, NS and was admitted to the bar in 1978. The focus of his practice is the LRA environment.

MELINDA FLEMING, BA, CERT

Melinda is a Senior Tax Manager with Grant Thornton LLP. She has over eleven years of experience working in Goods and Services Tax and Harmonized Sales Taxes. Melinda has been with Grant Thornton for over five years advising a multitude of clients Nationally. Prior to joining Grant Thornton, she worked with the Canada Revenue Agency as a tax compliance auditor. She has a broad range of experience including (but not limited to) assisting clients with tax authorities, delivering planning, reorganization, advisory services and sales tax opinions. Melinda presented at our conference last year, has presented for CPA Canada, the Atlantic Canadian Tax Federation as well as other organizations.

TERESA GANNON, CPA, CA

Theresa is a tax Senior Manager working out of Grant Thornton's Halifax office. Theresa provides tax compliance and advisory services to clients, primarily in Construction Real Estate and Hospitality, and a verity of other owner-managed businesses in the Halifax Region. Theresa's main goals are to help her clients by providing excellent service. Theresa builds and develops strong relationships with her clients, and enjoys assisting them with operation issues, and succession and estate planning. Teresa's experience includes corporate and personal tax planning, estate and succession planning, reorganizations and trusts. Teresa is an instructor of the In-Depth Tax Course for Chartered Professional Accountants of Canada

DEVON CASSIDY

Devon Cassidy is a lawyer in the Halifax office of Cox & Palmer. She obtained her degree at Bristol Law School and then went on to earn her Masters at Trinity College in Dublin.

Her practice focus on condominium law and real estate, as well as estates matters. She is a frequent lecturer both locally and nationally and a part-time member of the Dalhousie Law School faculty.

Active in the condominium law community, Devon is the President of the Nova Scotia Chapter of the Canadian Condominium Institute.

DEAN BENEDICT

Dean is a Nova Scotia Land Surveyor, commissioned in 1985. He has been the Registrar of Crown Lands with the Department of Lands and Forestry since 2006, responsible for overseeing and maintaining all Provincial land records involving Crown land, including Crown Grants issued by the Province. He has been employed with Department of Lands and Forestry for 21 years administering Crown land matters and overseeing Crown land records. Preceding 12 years was the owner and operator of a Land Survey business in the Annapolis Valley. He started his career in the survey industry back in 1976.

LAWRENCE RUBIN

Originally from Moncton N.B., Lawrence received a B.Sc. from Dal in 1986, his law degree from U.N.B. in 1989 and was called to the Bar of Ontario in 1991. Since 1996 until returning to Halifax as the Director of LIANS last year, he was in-house with insurers where his practice included specialty claims, underwriting and policy drafting, transactional, governance, board and regulatory work. The companies he was with include specialty lines insurers, general insurers and a Lloyds MGA. Details are available for all to see on his LinkedIn profile.

MATTHEW MOIR

Matthew is a partner with Weldon McInnis. He has a broad civil practice including real estate transactions and land litigation. Matthew chairs the Practice Standards (Real Estate) Committee for the Nova Scotia Barristers' Society, and is a member of the North Preston Land Titles Clarification Act Pro Bono Initiative. Over the years he has presented to various groups including RELANS, concerning real property law.

MATT CONRAD

Matt Conrad practices in Dartmouth, Nova Scotia with Conrad Connors Law. He was admitted to the Nova Scotia Bar in 2011. His practice focuses primarily on civil litigation, estates litigation and family law.

MATT DORREEN

Matthew is a member of Cox & Palmer's business law group, focusing on commercial real estate, financing, natural resources and environmental matters. In the mining sector, he has acted for a wide variety of major producers, royalty companies and junior exploration companies with respect to all matters of title due diligence, land assembly, conveyancing, and mining agreements, including royalty, joint venture and option agreements. Matt practised in Ontario for several years prior to returning to Nova Scotia in 2016.

SEAN GLOVER

Sean is a partner in Cox & Palmer's Halifax office, and focuses on providing advisory and transactional services to business and

industry. Sean attended Mount Saint Vincent University's Public Relations Program prior to attending Dalhousie's law program. He regularly provides guidance on a wide-range of issues for financial institutions and corporate borrowers

MARK COFFIN

Mark is a practicing lawyer and was admitted to the Nova Scotia bar in 1985. He had a general legal practice in Bedford for 14 years and then came to work for the Province in November 1999, as solicitor for the Land Records Reform Program. From 1999 to 2003, he also acted as solicitor for the Registry 2000 Project.

In 2003, Mark was appointed the Province's first Registrar General of Land Titles. In 2009 he became the Deputy Registrar of Credit for the Province, responsible for regulation of Payday Lenders and Mortgage Brokers.

In May 2010, Mark was appointed the Registrar of Condominiums.

In July 2015 Mark became Director of Land Programs and returned to the post of Registrar General, Land Titles.

SANDI WATERMAN

Sandi started out as a Property Mapper in the southern region of the Province in 1996. From 2009 to 2013 was the Senior Property Mapper in the same region. In 2013, she came to Land Programs as the Policy Coordinator for Mapping. From 2014 to September of this year, she was the Deputy Registrar General for Mapping. Recently, Sandi became the Land Registry Manager/Sr Deputy Registrar General Land Titles.
