



MEMORANDUM

May 23, 2011

FROM: Jacob Ziegel, Annual Workshop Convenor

TO: Annual Workshop Veterans and Other Interested Parties

RE: Arrangements for the 41st Annual Workshop on Commercial and consumer Law, University of Toronto, Faculty of Law, Falconer Hall, October 14 & 15, 2011.

Dear Colleagues,

I am writing to bring you up to date on the arrangements for this year's Annual Workshop and to provide you with the attached Draft Programme. The topics and the speakers are firm, though there may be minor changes in the timing of some the sessions. You will note that we are reverting to the Workshop's normal schedule and that the first session will start at 1:00 pm on the Friday afternoon and that the last session will end Saturday afternoon at 4:45 pm.

All the sessions will be held in the familiar surrounding of the Solarium in Falconer Hall.

As you will also see from the Programme, we will again offer a rich selection of topics on both days to reflect the diverse interests of our participants and the dynamic changes in commercial, consumer, corporate and many related branches of the law. The programme also includes two new topics not canvassed at previous Workshops. The first is the late Friday pm session on *The Role of Academic Writings in Appellate Judgments*. This topic arises out of the paper on the same theme contributed by Justice Robert Sharpe and his then law clerk to Volume 50 of the Canadian Business Law Journal, which contains the collection of papers marking the Workshop's 40th anniversary.

The second new topic this year is the Saturday morning panel discussion on *Legal Problems of Canada's Elder Citizens*. Given Canada's ageing population and that in many other Western societies, the problems have been attracting a significant increase in

attention. It is very appropriate therefore for Workshop participants to have an opportunity to hear the problems discussed by a group of leading experts from different parts of Canada.

Hotel Accommodation. We have again made block bookings for out of town participants at the familiar Holiday Inn on Bloor Street West from October 13 to 16. For further details see the Workshop's website at:

<http://www.law.utoronto.ca/conferences/AWCCL41.html>

Workshop Registration Form. The Form is accessible on the Workshop website. Though costs have gone up markedly since last year, we have decided on a very small increase and the registration fees this year for academic and non-academic participants will be, respectively, the very modest amounts of \$95 and \$190. Participants from law schools and other institutions or programmes sponsoring the Workshop will not be required to pay a registration fee but *will* be required to register.

Law School and Other Academic Sponsorships. Last year we were fortunate enough to enjoy the sponsorship of 12 Canadian law schools, two special programmes at the University of Manitoba and the Université de Montréal, as well as the sponsorship of the MBA programme at the Sir Wilfred Laurier University. We are aiming for a similar level of sponsorship this year and would greatly appreciate your assistance in ensuring that your law school or other institution renews its support or, if it is not already a sponsor, joins the ranks of sponsors.

Annual Workshop Travel Scholarships. We hope again to be able to offer a small number of scholarships to doctoral students and new law teachers at non-Toronto Canadian law schools to encourage them to attend the Workshop and to help defray their travel expenses. Details concerning the scholarships will be posted on the Workshop website in late June.

Nita Khare, n.khare@utoronto.ca . Nita, a second year UOT law student, will be this year's Workshop administrative assistant. Please feel free to contact her (preferably by email) for information not appearing on the website and to assist you generally. Please also email the completed registration form to her, or fax it to her attention. The contact information has been included on the Workshop registration form.

That's it for now. We'd be delighted to hear from you and would especially welcome your thoughts and suggestions for improving the Workshop format and how the Workshop can improve your needs as an academic, practitioner, government official or otherwise.

Very best wishes. JACOB ZIEGEL, Workshop Convenor.

Attachment. Draft Programme

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