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President's Message

It has been another very busy year for your Association. I came into this year not sure what it would hold and have to admit, it was thoroughly enjoyable and rewarding being your President.

First, on your behalf, I would like to thank Rick Haga for his unfailing commitment to the success of the CCLA. Throughout the challenges this year has brought, Rick has remained unflappable and continues to be a source of immense strength for our Association.

The Executive Committee and Board of Trustees were tremendous counsel and support for me throughout the steep learning curve this year brought. The CCLA committees are always an invaluable source of strength for our organization and this year was no exception.

When Jennifer Thompson announced her pregnancy in 2011 we were both delighted for her and fearful of how we would fare without her. Congratulations to Jennifer on the arrival of her baby in July 2012. I would like to thank Sharron Timmins for taking on Jennifer's role and also recognize the ongoing support of Marlee McElligott, Meghan Wilmott and Wanda Walters in their efforts to continue to provide invaluable CLE to the Ottawa region. I would also like to thank our Head Librarian Jennifer Walker and the dedicated library staff of Amanda Elliott and Brenda Lauritzen for all of their efforts to assist our members in their research needs.

When reflecting on this past year however, the largest thank you has to be to you - our members. Not only have you continually supported the Association through your membership and participation in our events, your response to our fundraising efforts for our renovated courthouse space has been tremendous.

I am very lucky to have my year end on such a high note with our 125th gala celebration. It was a night full of laughs and meeting up with old friends. I plan to take part in the 150th celebration and can't wait to see what the future will bring!

Best wishes to all of you in 2013!

Jaye Hooper

President, 2012-2013 Executive Director's Message

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Executive Director's Message

On behalf of the County of Carleton Law Association (CCLA) I am extremely pleased share with you some of the accomplishments and highlights that have been achieved in 2012 by so many individuals.

Throughout 2012 we remained focused on our key Strategic Initiatives, which were the Library and Barristers Lounge Fundraising Drive and Membership Recruitment. Our fundraising efforts have been extremely successful in raising over \$600,000 of our \$800,000 goal. We added a new staff position focused exclusively on membership recruitment and services which resulted in an increase in membership to 1,493 members.

The CCLA continues to operate within a solid financial framework with a strong diversified revenue base coupled with very strong financial controls, procedures and systems. Our year end results netted modest revenue in excess of expenses of just over \$8,000.

Over the past year the CCLA was governed by a group of dedicated leaders on the Executive Committee and Board of Trustees under the leadership of our President Jaye Hooper. On behalf of the CCLA I would also like to extend our thanks and appreciation to the Executive Committee, Board of Trustees and to all of the Committees and volunteers who give so much of their talent and time throughout the year. We also appreciate and recognize our special relationship with the Judiciary and wish to thank the members of the Bench for their support. To our partner organizations and member benefit partners, we appreciate the support you provide to our Association. I also have the distinct pleasure of working with an incredibly talented and committed staff team here at the CCLA and would like to extend my personal thanks to Amanda Elliot, Brenda Lauritzen, Jennifer Thompson, Jennifer Walker, Marlee McElligott, Sharron Timmins, Meghan Wilmott and Wanda Walters.

Join me in celebrating all of our successes in 2012 and to once again thank everyone who contributed in so many ways to furthering the Mission of the CCLA!

Rick Haga
Executive Director

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ASSOCIATION HIGHLIGHTS

CCLA hosted a number of very successful events ranging from Justice Loignon's swearing-in to an event to honour LSUC Treasurer Tom Conway.

- » The AGM and Awards Dinner at the new Ottawa Convention Centre was a huge success with 270 people in attendance.
- » A first ever web-only version of the 2011 Annual Report was also unveiled at the AGM along with a revamped print version.
- » New pages to the website were created to spotlight the CCLA Renovations project and CCLA Awards.
- » As Jennifer Thompson began her maternity leave, Sharron Timmins assumed the role of Acting Education & Events Coordinator. We welcomed Marlee McElligott as our new Education & Events Assistant for a one-year term.
- » The 2013 edition of the Lawyers Directory incorporated a new look with 125th Anniversary branding, and was launched at the Civil Litigation Conference in Mont Tremblant.
- » The CCLA continued to maintain its leadership role within the province advocating on a number of issues that were of importance to the membership.
- » Planning for the CCLA's 125th Anniversary to be celebrated in 2013 was well underway during the second half of the year.

Membership Statistics



New in 2012: A New Membership Services Assistant

- » The CCLA welcomed a new staff member in 2012 — Meghan Wilmott to the role of Membership Services Assistant!
- » Meghan has actively been involved in all aspects of CCLA's membership renewal process, promotion of the CCLA, and benefits of being a CCLA Member.



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EVENTS HIGHLIGHTS

It was another busy year for the CCLA, as our Events staff and programming committees brought the Ottawa and East Region legal community a host of top-notch social and educational events. This past year, the delegate registration process was made easier than ever through a third-party registration system — conference attendees can now enjoy a seamless registration process, providing instant purchase confirmations and receipts with cost breakdowns. Additionally, delegates attending the four Cornerstone Conferences can all now access conference materials electronically, providing them with options that are both more user-friendly and environmentally sound. Many of our delegates have been quick to comment how much they appreciate no longer having to carry those heavy conference binders!



New in 2012: Fairmont Mt. Tremblant

- » Our largest Cornerstone Conference — Civil Litigation — found a new home to accommodate its growing number of participants
- » Fairmont Mt. Tremblant welcomed more than 350 litigators and close to 30 exhibitors
- » With lots of positive feedback, this conference exceeded expectations, and we look forward to having space to grow this conference even further in the future!





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Financial Statements

REVENUES		EXPENSES	
Members Fees	\$353,618	Collection Costs	\$281,350
Grants	\$587,845	Personnel Costs	\$538,258
Member Services	\$74,164	Amoritzation Expense	\$46,202
Publications	\$39,744	Publications	\$19,443
Conferences & Meetings	\$366,890	Conferences & Meetings	\$235,412
Other	\$5,963	Operating Expenses	\$288,332
		Library Renovations	\$10,656
Total Revenues	\$1,428,223	Total Expenses	\$1,419,653
		Revenue Less Expenses	\$8,570

The summary financial information presented here is derived from the CCLA's audited financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2012. Detailed financial statements are available upon request.

The CCLA financial position is remains healthy this year. These results are directly attributable to maintaining and improving revenue generating strategies such as membership recruitment and solid expense controls by management.

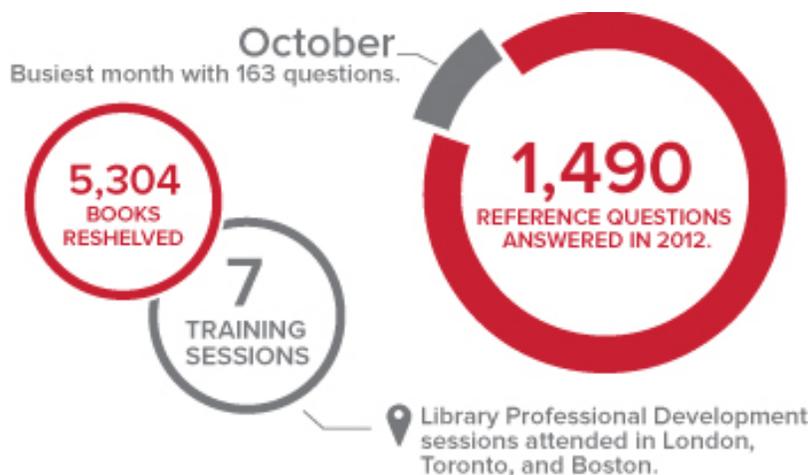
Jennifer Birrell
Treasurer

Rick Haga
Executive Director

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LIBRARY HIGHLIGHTS

In addition to providing traditional reference services to Ottawa and East Region lawyers, the CCLA Library staff aimed to enhance our library services in 2012. Over the year, regularly posted trial lists, twice monthly Ottawa decision round-ups on the Library Blog, and a suite of legal research sessions all entered the Library's portfolio of services, to excellent feedback.



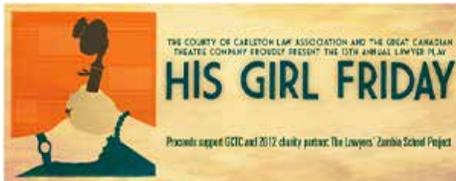
New in 2012: HeadStart Ottawa

- » A half-day legal research course designed and presented exclusively for articling students
- » Based on a long-running Edmonton program of the same name
- » Was opened by remarks from Regional Senior Justice of the Superior Court Charles Hackland
- » Attended by 80 students and followed by an Articling Student Luncheon in the CCLA Library



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COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT



Causes we've provided financial support to:

- » Collaborative Justice Program
- » Emmanuel United Church - Zambia School Fund

Causes we've supported administratively:

- » Annual Courthouse Food Bank Drive
- » REACH Canada
- » Law Day & Law Day Fund Run
- » Annual Lawyers Play

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Renovations

- » In 2012 the CCLA officially launched its renovations fundraising campaign with the goal to raise \$800,000 for this project.
- » The transformation of CCLA space will happen with the support of the legal profession and community. Our Fundraising Committee, co-chaired by 2011 CCLA President Mary Jane Binks, Q.C. and 1982 CCLA President Abraham Feinstein, began work in the spring of 2012 and undertook an extensive fundraising campaign throughout the year that will extend into 2013.
- » The CCLA is aiming to begin construction in 2013.



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AWARD WINNERS



A. Edwin Honeywell
The Abe Feinstein Solicitor Award



**The Honourable Madam Justice
Lise S. Parent, Ontario Court of Justice**
The Carleton Medal



Warren Creates
The Gordon F. Henderson Award



Jean-François Laberge
The Regional Senior Justice Award

Umbrella Recipients

50 Years at the Bar Umbrellas

- » Brian Crane, Q.C.
- » Leonard Max, Q.C.
- » The Honourable Bernard J. Manton
- » Rose-Marie Perry, Q.C.
- » Wilfred F. Prachter
- » David W. Scott, Q.C.



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Board of Trustees

Executive

Jaye E. Hooper — **President**
Ian B. McBride — **Vice-President**
Jennifer Birrell — **Treasurer**
Steven C. Gaon — **Secretary**
Mary Jane Binks, Q.C. —
Past President
Rick Haga — **Executive
Director (Ex-Officio)**

Trustees

C. Jill Alexander
Rosalind Conway
Edward (Ted) Mann
Craig O'Brien
Karen Ann Reid
Jeff Saikaley
Lisa Sharp
D. Lynne Watt



Back row, from left to right: Ian B. McBride, Lisa Sharp, C. Jill Alexander, D. Lynne Watt, Mary Jane Binks, Q.C., Edward (Ted) Mann, Jennifer Birrell, Steven C. Gaon

Front row, from left to right: Rick Haga, Rosalind Conway, Jaye E. Hooper, Karen Ann Reid, Jeff Saikaley

CCLA Staff

Amanda Elliott — **Library Technician**
Rick Haga — **Executive Director**
Brenda Lauritzen — **Reference Librarian**
Marlee McElligott — **Education &
Events Assistant**
Jennifer Thompson — **Education &
Events Coordinator [on leave 2012-
2013]**
Sharron Timmins — **Acting
Education & Events Coordinator**
Jennifer Walker — **Head Librarian**
Wanda Walters — **Finance Administrator**
Meghan Wilmott —
Membership Services Assistant



From left to right: Wanda Walters, Sharron Timmins, Brenda Lauritzen, Amanda Elliott, Rick Haga, Jennifer Thompson, Jennifer Walker, Meghan Wilmott

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