

The Legalese

June 2006

HELLO SUMMER!

It's almost summer, and you're reading this instead of doing billable work. What better way is there to ease into a well-earned few months of relaxed living (or somewhat relaxed: we're still lawyers after all) than reading about the delightful upcoming and past events presented by the HCLA. Already this year we've had a plethora of opportunities to connect with fellow professionals. Oh, and somewhere in there – among the networking, discussing issues, and raising money – you found time to have a lot of fun. Sneaky! Watch this space and visit our website (hcla.ca), for there's more to come in 2006. But first...

HCLA SCHOLARSHIPS

The HCLA Board is pleased to announce a most generous donation by the **Panagioti Alexis family**, directed to the granting of two scholarships in the amount of \$1,750 each by the HCLA Board.

To be eligible, you must: (a) be a Canadian resident, (b) be enrolled in an accredited law school as of September 1, 2006, (c) exhibit outstanding scholastic achievement in your post-secondary education, (d) be an HCLA member in good standing, and (e) exhibit involvement in your respective Hellenic community.

You must submit with your application:

- (a) all official post-secondary transcripts (undergraduate, JD/LLB, LLM, or PhD programmes, as applicable);
- (b) *curriculum vitae*;
- (c) a cover letter (maximum 250 words) outlining the reasons you believe you should be chosen as a recipient of a scholarship. The letter should include your name, address, telephone number, email address, and current law school attended (along with your anticipated graduation date); and
- (d) the names of two references, along with their contact details.

The submission deadline is September 29, 2006.

Scholarships will be granted at the HCLA Board's discretion to two candidates, and will be awarded at the HCLA's Annual General Meeting in October 2006. The successful candidates are expected to attend the AGM, where possible, to obtain their awards.

Submit your complete application package to:

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Attention: John Salmas, HCLA Treasurer

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Tuesday, June 20th

A TASTE OF FINE GREEK WINES

To many Canadian wine lovers, "fine Greek wines" is an oxymoron. When the nation's retail liquor stores carry nothing but the oenic equivalent of fast food, it's not surprising that most of us are ignorant of the extraordinary, sophisticated wines emerging from the estates and vineyards of Greece. You now have the unique opportunity to learn about and experience some of the best vintages Greece has to offer.

Join us at the inaugural HCLA tutored wine tasting, led by **John Szabo**, Master Sommelier (www.szaboandszabo.com). John is Canada's first Master Sommelier and he will be leading a small group through a tutored tasting of six fine Greek Wines.

The event takes place ~~this Tuesday, the 20th of June, 2006~~ at the OBA Centre, 20 Toronto Street, Toronto and starts at 6.30 p.m. sharp.

Tickets are \$40 for members and \$60 for non-members. Act now, because seating is limited to 35 lucky oenophiles.

Please RSVP directly to John Yiokaris at jiokaris@sotosllp.com or 416-977-0007.



Hellenic Canadian Lawyers' Association

RECENT EVENTS

HELLENIC PROFESSIONALS' GALA 2006

On the first warm night of the year, March 11, over 500 spirited Hellenic professionals and their friends and families converged on **Spirale** Banquet & Convention Centre for the ninth annual Professionals' Gala. The much-anticipated event was presented by three of the Hellenic community's largest professional organizations working in harmony: the HCLA, the **Hippocrates Hellenic Canadian Medical Association**, and the **Asclepius Dental Society**. We saw people of every age, profession, and background participating in the live and silent auctions and dancing to the wee hours to the energetic live band, **Orchestra Opa-Opa!** Let's just say it: this year's Hellenic Professionals' Gala was the biggest and best ever. We could go on for another four thousand words, but let's let the pictures do the talking...

PRESIDENT'S DINNER

Thirty HCLA members, student members, and honourees attended the annual President's Dinner in honour of the newly-called lawyers of Hellenic descent. This year's excellent dinner was held at the lovely **Copia Grille & Wine Bar** at 310A Front St. W. We are now over five hundred lawyers of Hellenic descent across Canada, and that number is growing every year.

Congratulations to our new lawyers! We welcome you to the profession and look forward to your future involvement in the HCLA.

Julia Koula Anagnostakis	Nicole Sophia Kapos
Antonios Theodosios Antoniou	Violetta Anna Kokolus
Andrew Steven Astritis	Georgia Koulis
Dionisios Chronopoulos	Efthalia Lidakis
Panagiotis Peter Diavolitsis	Kalomira Kelly Margaritis
Maria Dimakas	Christos John Nitsis
Eugenia Drakos	Sam Philip Rappos
Kerry Lynn Figliomeni	Konstantine John Stavrakos
Christina Eugenia Grivakis	Asimina Mai-Ly Stavropoulos
Nikiforos Iatrou	

SKI DAY

Not every HCLA gathering is a blockbuster event attended by people in power suits. A small, intrepid band of HCLA members donned snowsuits and hit the slopes for a chilly winter afternoon's fun a few months ago. *Legalese* spent the afternoon indoors by the fire, martini in one hand, Blackberry in the other. Here's to next winter! Remember that some of our most popular social and networking events are also the most informal. We value your suggestions and your contributions. Drop us a line or come out to one of the many smaller evening or weekend events — like the tutored wine tasting on the first page — held throughout the year.



UPCOMING EVENTS

MONTREAL!

Join us on Saturday, September 23, 2006 for the Third Annual HCLA Montreal Reception. Meet your friends and colleagues in *La Belle Province* at **Mythos** for an evening that begins formally – one might even say soberly – with a reception from 7 to 9 pm. What happens next? See for yourself in the picture, below, and in the members-only photo gallery on our website, www.hcla.ca. Better yet, experience it for yourself in Montreal this September! **Mythos** is located at 5318 Parc Avenue (near Fairmount). Phone (514) 270-0235. More information will be sent to you in the next issue of *Legalese* and in regular emails from the HCLA.



GALA 2007

We'll say it again: the 2006 Hellenic Professionals' Gala was The Best Gala Ever. With the 2007 Gala a full nine months away, you'd think we'd be resting on our laurels, looking back contentedly on a job well done. You'd be wrong.

Even as you read this, a dedicated team assembled from the professional boards is working to make next year's event Even Better Than The Best Gala Ever. Impossible, you say? We'd say you're oh-for-two.

More updates on the 2007 Hellenic Professionals' Gala will follow in *The Legalese*, on the HCLA's website, and in the highly anticipated emails from the President.

ARTICLING POSITIONS NEEDED

The 2006-2007 articling year is starting soon, but several law graduates of Hellenic descent still need articling positions. We need your help. If your firm has articling positions available for this year or you know of other placement opportunities for our student members, please contact any member of the HCLA Board immediately.

HCLA MISSION STATEMENT

NEA: Network — Educate — Advocate

The HCLA is a national non-profit organization founded in 1990. Its primary purpose is to maintain a reliable network of lawyers, judges and law students of Hellenic origin. In addition to creating professional opportunities, this network serves as a platform for members to educate one another on issues that are of common interest, as well as to educate the Hellenic Canadian community at large on relevant legal issues. When necessary, the HCLA is ready, willing, and able to advocate on behalf of its membership and the greater Hellenic Canadian community.

THE FINE PRINT

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