



THE LEGALESE

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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.

WELCOME TO THE FALL EDITION OF THE LEGALESE 2007!

We have had another great year and we are not done yet! As promised, this year has been record breaking. Thanks to our members, we smashed attendance records at all of our events, including the Gala where over 650 guests enjoyed a wonderful evening!

The HCLA Executive Committee is also pleased to announce that our 2007 membership drive has been extremely

successful. We currently have more paid members than ever before! However, our work is not done. In order to continue to grow and serve both our members and the Hellenic community, we need to remain diligent and committed. The HCLA needs its current members to continue to support our organization. We also need your help in reaching out to all Canadian lawyers of Hellenic decent who have not

yet signed up. Please contact our Membership Directors John Yiokaris, jyokaris@sotosllp.com or George Bougadis, bougadis@bcbaristers.com for more information.



WHAT'S COMING UP...

2007 Annual General Meeting

Join us on Thursday, October 18, 2007 at The Cambridge Club, Sheraton Centre, 100 Richmond Street West, Toronto, ON, for our Annual General Meeting.

We are pleased to announce that our Keynote Speaker this year is the Treasurer of the Law Society of Upper Canada, Mr. Gavin MacKenzie. Cocktails begin at 6:00 p.m. with Dinner to follow at 7:00 p.m.

In addition to our keynote speaker and dinner, we will present our financial report, updates on the HCLA's activities over the past year, and announce the 2007 student scholarship recipients.

Last but not least and, most importantly, elections will be held. This year there are four positions to be filled. Each position is a two year term. Should you be interested in a board position or have any questions regarding the duties of the board members, please email the HCLA at info@hcla.ca or contact any member of our Executive (see the website at www.hcla.com for contact information).

Tickets are only \$50 for Members, \$60 for Non-Members and \$25 for Students. Please RSVP to the Social Director, Francesca Smirnakis via email at fsmirnakis@bigcanada.com or via telephone at (416) 367-6443.

2007 Christmas Cheer

Back by popular demand! This year's event will take place in the first or second week of December. Details will be sent via email and posted on the website in the near future.

Eleventh Annual Professionals' Charitable Gala

As mentioned above, the 2007 Gala was a tremendous success and the 2008 edition is only going to get better. We are pleased to announce that the HCLA has already secured a date and venue for the upcoming event. On February 9, 2008, please join us at the Grand Ballroom at the Sheraton Centre, 100 Richmond Street West, Toronto, ON. Tickets go on sale in December. Check the HCLA website for updates.



THIS PAST YEAR...

President's Dinner

Each year the HCLA honors the new Calls to the Bar. This year's event was held at the trendy Six Steps restaurant located in downtown Toronto.

President Salmas, on behalf of the numerous members in attendance, welcomed the 2006 calls. Following his address and a delicious dinner, HCLA members took advantage of Six Steps's lounge area to mingle with the new Calls and catch up with each other. By all accounts it was a great night.

Congratulations to the following 2006 calls:

Mark Chodos, George Demetriou, Christopher Dimakos, Alex Dirlis, Chrissy Giannoulis, John Helis, Sabrina Karmali, Helen Kavouras Lopes, James George Kosa, Stacey Koumarelas, Rachel Lynn Loizos, Peter Maniatakis, Andreas Orphanides, Vagia Papanicolaou, George Pappas, Peter Roupas, Theodoros Sarantis, Joseph Sidiropoulos, Hariklia Simos, Maria Sountas-Argiropoulos, Alex Tsaferis, Akis Vitsentzatos, Tanya Zigomanis.

Tenth Annual Professionals' Charitable Gala

This year's Gala was so successful that it deserves mention, for a third time, in this edition of the Legalese! The Hellenic Canadian Lawyers' Association, the Hippocrates Hellenic Canadian Medical Association, and the Asclepius Dental Society were proud to present the 2007 Professionals' Charitable Gala.

The Gala took place on Saturday, February 10, 2007 at The Liberty Grand, in Exhibition Place. A sold out crowd enjoyed a five course meal followed by a wonderful evening of dancing with live Greek music.

The Silent Auction was successful again this year. Overall the event raised thousands of dollars that will help fund member events, student scholarships, and provide donations to Hellenic charities.



2007 Presidents Dinner

OTHER NEWS

On June 7, 2007, the HCLA made a donation to the Greek Community of Toronto. Our former President and current Honourary Director, Greg Kanargelidis, presented a \$5000 cheque to the President of the Greek Community of Toronto, Costas Menegakis, at the Community's 8th Annual Golf Classic.

The HCLA would like to extend its thoughts and prayers to all those who were affected by the tragic fires that engulfed many parts of Greece this past summer.

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