

I am often advised by our members that they were retained as a result of a search conducted on the "Find a Lawyer" section of our website. In the event that you have not recently updated your profile, I would encourage you to do so as it is clear that the public uses this as a way to search which lawyers are available in a specific area of practice.

In addition to our website, views of our Facebook page continue to increase.

CPD Requirement

By now the year is almost three quarters over. Members are reminded of

their obligation to obtain a minimum of twelve hours of continuing professional development by December 31. Our most recent seminar on Professionalism, which fulfilled the three hour ethics requirement, had record attendance.

If you have not already fulfilled your requirement, I urge you to check out our website for a list of upcoming programs.

Michael Baker, Q.C.

Sadly, Michael L. Baker, Q.C. passed away on June 28, 2011 at the age of 68. Michael was one of the founding partners of the Agro Zaffiro law firm.

As his Obituary indicated: "Michael was passionate about his career and the legal community in Hamilton. He was roll-on-the-ground funny, bigger than life, and one of the city's best known characters". Michael mentored countless numbers of articling students and associates lawyers over his illustrious forty year career. Michael was a regular participant in CLE programs offered by the Association. His sense of humor was something to behold, and his skills as an advocate and trial lawyer were legendary. You just know that somewhere he and his sidekick, the late Ed Orzel, are looking down at us and having a chuckle. He will be missed. ■



New Lawyers' Subcommittee

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The New Lawyers' Subcommittee has concluded its meeting schedule for 2010-2011 and our inaugural year has seen a great deal of refinement and development of our objectives.

In the course of reflecting on the past year, the decision has been taken to re-evaluate the mandate with which the Subcommittee has been charged. In particular, steps are being taken to continue to ensure that the new lawyer community is kept up to date with all of the opportunities arising from the activities of the Subcommittee. This includes making further improvements to our web presence.

Although the event will have passed by the time of the publication of this edition of the Journal, the Subcommittee is building upon the success of the first Pub Night held in January by hosting a Pub Night on the patio at the Gown and Gavel in Hess Village on July 14. With the arrival of summer (finally!), we hope for a sizable turnout from all members of the Hamilton legal community.

The existing mandate of the Subcommittee includes carriage of the New Lawyers' Seminar and Welcome Dinner in October, 2011, and plans are well-underway for this always interesting event. Please keep your eye out for registration information which will be circulated through the normal channels shortly.

Finally, the Subcommittee is already finalizing some interesting speakers for our meetings for the 2011-2012 year, so as to continue to build connections between the HLA and the broader community.

We are excited about the upcoming year, and as always invite you to please contact any members of the Subcommittee through our evolving webpage at:

<http://www.hamiltonlaw.on.ca/NewLawyers>.

I should note that I have concluded my term as Chair of the Subcommittee and consider myself privileged to have been given the opportunity to Chair it for its first year, and to work with such an enthusiastic group of members. I am very pleased with the progress that we have made over the course of this year, and am confident that the Subcommittee will continue to develop as a valuable resource for the newer members of the Hamilton Bar in the years to come. ■