

## Moving on after Your Legal Practice: Navigating the Transition (CPD 379)

February 8, 2024 @ 12:00 pm – 1:30 pm CST

**CPD Hours:** Qualifies for 1.5 CPD Hours all of which qualify as Ethics Hours

**Format:** Virtual – Zoom Webinar

### Program Description

All good things come to an end. “Moving on after Your Legal Practice: Navigating the Transition” is tailored to legal professionals contemplating or navigating retirement or otherwise leaving practice. In this 90-minute webinar, you will:

- Hear how legal professionals have successfully moved out of the profession and forward into a post-practice life, including challenges faced and lessons learned.
- Be informed about the various regulatory and insurance aspects of winding up your legal practice.
- Explore the myriad of opportunities for post-practice life. Whether it’s pro bono work, mentoring, or pursuing an entirely new passion, our panel will share their experiences of post-practice life.

Join our panel of practitioners from various backgrounds to equip yourself with the knowledge, tools, and inspiration needed for a successful and fulfilling transition into post-practice life.

Time	Session	Presenters
12:00 pm (10 min)	<b>Welcome, Land Acknowledgement, Announcements, and Introductions</b>	Melissa Warren, CPD Program Coordinator, Law Society of Saskatchewan
12:10 pm (15 min)	<b>What You Need to Know from the Law Society</b>	Allison Williamson, Manager of Member Services, Law Society of Saskatchewan  Sheila Denysiuk, K.C., Senior Legal Counsel, Hnatyshyn Gough LLP
12:25 pm (10 min)	<b>What You Need to Know from SLIA and CLIA</b>	Dave Jackson, CEO, Canadian Lawyers’ Insurance Association  Stephen McLellan, Legal Counsel, Saskatchewan Lawyers’ Insurance Association.
12:35 pm (45 min)	<b>Insights from the Other Side: Panel Discussion</b>	Janice Gingell Heather Jensen Greg Walen, K.C.  Moderator: Sheila Denysiuk, K.C.
1:20 pm (10 min)	<b>Audience Q&amp;A</b>	
1:30 pm	<b>Adjournment</b>	

## Speaker Biographies

Moderator: Sheila Denysiuk, K.C.



Sheila Denysiuk, K.C., graduated from the University of Saskatchewan with a B.A. in 1978 and LLB in 1981. She is currently in practice as a senior lawyer at Hnatyshyn Gough in Saskatoon. Sheila's work includes arbitration, mediation, and workplace harassment and misconduct investigations throughout the province. She was a member of the Saskatchewan Human Rights Tribunal from 2003 to 2011 and from 2007 to 2016 to she was an adjudicator in the Indian Residential School Independent Assessment process conducting hearings across the country. She has served as an adjudicator and referee under the Canada Labour Code and was a practice advisor with the Law Society of Saskatchewan.

Greg Walen, K.C.

Greg Walen received a B.A. and J.D. from the University of Saskatchewan in 1980. He was called to the Saskatchewan Bar in 1981 and appointed Queen's (now King's) Counsel in Saskatchewan in 2000. Greg, now retired, was a partner with the law firm of Scharfstein Gibbings Walen Fisher LLP in Saskatoon. Greg's practice focused solely in the area of family law. He has been a Sessional Lecturer in Family Law, College of Law, University of Saskatchewan since 2007, and was a co-coordinator and lecturer for the Family Law Section of the Bar Admissions Course from 2000-2004. Greg has written extensively in the area of family law and has been a presenter, panelist and facilitator at many family law conferences organized by the Law Society of Saskatchewan, the Canadian Bar Association, the Saskatchewan Trial Lawyers Association, the National Judicial Institute (NJI) and the Federation of Law Societies National Family Law Program.



Greg was a Bencher of the Law Society of Saskatchewan from 2005 to 2012 and was President of the Law Society in 2012. From 2013 to 2018 he was the Council Member and a Director of the Federation of Law Societies of Canada representing the Law Society of Saskatchewan. From 2016 to 2018 he was the Chairperson of the National Discipline Standards Committee with the Federation. In 2020, Greg was appointed the first Hearing Administrator for the Law Society and in 2022, the first Hearing Administrator for the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Saskatchewan. In 2015, Greg was awarded the Canadian Bar Association- Saskatchewan Branch's Distinguished Service Award and he was inducted as a Fellow of the International Academy of Family Lawyers.

## Janice Gingell

Janice graduated from the University of Saskatchewan Law College in 1975. She practiced family and criminal law working in the legal aid system and as a private practitioner. Janice spent the six years prior to retirement as the Senior Staff Lawyer at the Saskatchewan Human Rights Commission. Since retiring in 2012 Janice has practiced as a pro bono lawyer. She spends approximately 15 hours a week working at CLASSIC, a poverty law office providing free legal services to low-income Saskatoon residents.



## Heather Jensen

Heather Jensen became a former member of the Law Society of Saskatchewan in January 2024, after 18 years of practice. Heather graduated from the University of Saskatchewan College of Law and articulated as a clerk to the Saskatchewan Court of Appeal. She obtained a Master of Laws from the University of Victoria, and has taught several courses at the University of Saskatchewan College of Law. Heather began her practice in Regina, and then moved to Saskatoon, where she became the owner of Plaxton Jensen Lawyers, a small firm primarily serving trade unions and individual employees. As part of a planned career change, Heather closed the firm in June 2022.



## CLIA, SLIA and the Law Society

### Dave Jackson

Dave is the first CEO of CLIA and joined the organization in January 2016. The CEO and the Office of the CEO are based in Regina, Saskatchewan and are responsible for the coordination and management of all phases of CLIA's operations. CLIA was formed as an insurance reciprocal in 1988 and provides specialized professional liability insurance for private practice lawyers in Canada.

Prior to joining CLIA, Dave was the Director of Legal Services, Insurance, and Risk Management for the Saskatchewan School Boards Association. Dave also sits as a Board Trustee on the 3S Health Board, providing oversight to an Employee Benefits Plan for 45,000 health care workers in Saskatchewan.



Dave holds a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Economics and Finance and a Masters Degree in Public Administration from the University of Regina. He is a Certified Risk Manager (CRM) receiving his designation from the University of Toronto in 2005.

## Stephen McLellan

Stephen McLellan received his law degree (LL.B) from the University of Saskatchewan in 1999 after having received his Bachelor of Arts (Hons) from Acadia University in 1993. After being called to the Bar in 2000, he joined Gerrand Rath Johnson until 2004 when he became in-house legal counsel for Saskatchewan Government Insurance. In 2007 Stephen joined Saskatchewan Lawyers' Insurance Association as Director of Insurance. In 2013, Stephen briefly returned to private practice with Gerrand Rath Johnson but left to become in-house counsel for the Saskatchewan Association of Health Organizations in 2014. In 2021, Stephen returned to Saskatchewan Lawyers' Insurance Association as Legal Counsel.

## Allison Williamson

Allison Williamson has been with the Law Society of Saskatchewan for 6 years and is the Manager of Member Services. She is the friendly and sometimes stern voice on the other side of the phone and emails when members reach out for information on various subjects such as starting or shutting down a practice, trust safety, CPD, firm regulation, renewal, admissions, or just general questions they may have.

Allison received her Business Accountancy Diploma with distinction from Saskpolytech in 2021 and is currently working towards her Business Management Diploma which will be completed end of spring 2024. Allison will then be applying for her professional designation in management.



Outside of work and school Allison is a single mom of three busy teenagers, a LGBTQ2S+ ally, a plant enthusiast, a true crime lover and an avid reader.