

CANADIAN CORPORATE COUNSEL ASSOCIATION (CCCA)



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THE CANADIAN
 BAR ASSOCIATION
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 BARREAU CANADIEN

INFLUENCE. LEADERSHIP. PROTECTION.

<p>ABOUT</p>	<p>The Canadian Corporate Counsel Association (CCCA) is the national voice and forum for in-house counsel in Canada.</p> <p>Our members are lawyers engaged in practice in corporations, business enterprises, associations, institutions, not-for-profit organizations, government and regulatory boards and agencies, Crown corporations, and regional or municipal corporations. We also welcome associate members from law firms whose support and expertise enrich our educational programs and events.</p>
<p>ESTABLISHED</p>	<p>Established in 1988</p>
<p>MEMBERSHIP</p>	<p>More than 4500 in-house counsel strong, the CCCA is proud to be affiliated with the Canadian Bar Association, the essential ally and advocate of all members of the legal profession in Canada.</p>
<p>MANDATORY/ VOLUNTARY MEMBERSHIP</p>	<p>Voluntary</p>
<p>ASSOCIATED / MANAGING BODY</p>	<p>The CCCA is an integral group within the 35,000 member Canadian Bar Association.</p> <p>The CBA is a voluntary bar association for members of the legal profession; it is the voice of its members and its primary purpose is to serve its members; it is the premier provider of personal and professional development and support to members of the legal profession; it promotes fair justice systems, facilitates effective law reform, promotes equality in the legal profession and is devoted to the elimination of discrimination; the CBA is a leading edge organization committed to enhancing the professional and commercial interests of a diverse membership and to protecting the independence of the judiciary and the bar.</p> <p>The Association advances its objectives through the work of its sections, committees, and task forces at both the national and branch levels. It has branches in each of the provinces and three territories. Membership is voluntary in all but New Brunswick, where by agreement with the law society, lawyers in the province belong to the national association. Approximately half of all practising lawyers in Canada belong to the Canadian Bar Association.</p>
<p>RECOGNISED AS A PROFESSIONAL / LAWYER?</p>	<p>Yes, included under definition of lawyer</p> <p>Regulated by law society rules</p>

<p>OBJECTIVES</p>	<p>The objectives of the CCCA, as set out in our enabling by-laws, are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • to provide a national forum for corporate counsel to develop their professional skills and careers; • to promote a better understanding of and appreciation for the professional role and function of corporate counsel; • to provide products and services to support members in their role as corporate counsel; • to facilitate networking among members; • to sponsor and endorse seminars and other meetings, and to produce publications and other communications, that promote the continuing professional development of corporate counsel; • to work with other Conferences, Sections and Committees of the Canadian Bar Association on matters of mutual concern; • to liaise with corporate counsel organizations in other jurisdictions; and • to promote CCCA and CBA membership.
<p>MISSION AND GOVERNANCE</p>	<p>Mission and Governance</p> <p>The Canadian Corporate Counsel Association provides a national forum and voice for in-house counsel to advance the development of their professional skills and careers as in-house counsel. To achieve this mission, the Board of Directors focuses CCCA resources on the following six strategic objectives:</p> <p>1. Developing Our Community</p> <p>The CCCA engages all in-house counsel to come together in a climate of fellowship and mutual support by creating opportunities for members to network and share accomplishments, experiences and knowledge.</p> <p>2. Fostering Professional Excellence</p> <p>The CCCA enables members to enhance their skills and capabilities as in-house counsel by making available to them value-added resources, services and knowledge.</p> <p>3. Enabling Career Development</p> <p>The CCCA supports members' career growth by facilitating their access to career development pathways, information and support.</p> <p>4. Advancing the Practice</p> <p>The CCCA promotes and enhances a positive perception of the contribution of in-house counsel by identifying and leveraging appropriate information-sharing opportunities within industry, government bodies and professional associations.</p> <p>5. Supporting Our Chapters</p> <p>The CCCA fosters Chapters' growth by encouraging and enabling their establishment and development, supporting local activities. and providing opportunities for co-operation at the regional and national levels.</p> <p>6. Being the Association of Choice</p> <p>The CCCA facilitates involvement in its activities and access to its benefits by all levels of in-house counsel across Canada by developing CBA linkages, publicizing, promoting and expanding membership benefits, leveraging technology to member advantage, and maximizing national presence.</p>

<p>CHAPTERS / SECTIONS</p>	<p>The CCCA's Sections are the backbone of the association's network and the source of much of its famed collegiality. Becoming active in your local section is an unparalleled way to stay engaged, informed and connected. No other corporate counsel association offers the depth of provincial coverage and service that the CCCA provides through its sections.</p> <p>CCCA Sections are your source of year-long regionally customized initiatives for corporate counsel, building and enhancing relationships in your local business community and sharing knowledge and best practices with fellow in-house lawyers.</p> <p>Sections</p> <p>Alberta South Alberta North British Columbia Manitoba New Brunswick & Prince Edward Island Newfoundland & Labrador Nova Scotia Ontario Quebec Saskatchewan North Saskatchewan South</p>
<p>MEMBERSHIP</p>	<p>CCCA operates within a matrix system – there are 13 provincial branches plus CCCA that all report into CBA. The CCCA is semi-autonomous. Membership is complimentary for CBA members.</p> <p>CCCA offers a suite of member services including Certification (http://www.ccca-accje.org/En/membership/main/certification.aspx), CLE, Conferences, Advocacy on behalf of in-house counsel, mentoring, awards, research and CCCA Magazine.</p>
<p>MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS</p>	<p>The Canadian Corporate Counsel Association delivers practical day-to-day value to the entire community of Canada's in-house lawyers, from Only Legal Officers of midsize enterprises to the General Counsel of the country's largest corporations. No other organization helps corporate counsel across Canada develop their professional skills and careers as well as we do.</p> <p>The specific benefits of CCCA membership include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • access to Canada's most comprehensive selection of continuing professional development (CPD) programs for corporate counsel, most of which meet law society requirements of Mandatory Continuing Professional Development (MCPD); • cross-country coverage of emerging legal and regulatory issues that are uniquely Canadian; • opportunities to meet with other corporate counsel and with private-practice lawyers to exchange information and experiences; • participation in a unique program that allows you to mentor other corporate counsel or receive mentoring from a more experienced in-house lawyer; • exclusive access to surveys on compensation for corporate counsel and the opinions and practices of other in-house lawyers; and • access to the full range of products, services and programs delivered by the Canadian Bar Association, at no extra cost.

<p>MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES</p>	<p>Membership Categories</p> <p>There are two categories of membership in the Canadian Corporate Counsel Association.</p> <p>Regular members</p> <p>In-house counsel who are regular members of the CBA, employed by, or providing legal services to, any business enterprise, association, institution, not-for-profit organization, crown corporation, municipal corporation, government, regulatory body or agency. Only regular members may vote at member meetings and elect the Executive Committee.</p> <p>Associate members</p> <p>Lawyers who are regular, associate or affiliate members of the CBA but who are not otherwise included in the definition of regular members (e.g., lawyers in law firms). Through their expertise and support, associate members play a welcome and necessary role in the CCCA.</p>
<p>LAW SOCIETIES</p>	<p>Governing Canada's Legal Profession in the Public Interest.</p> <p>Canada's 14 provincial and territorial law societies govern over 100,000 lawyers and 4,000 Quebec notaries in the public interest.</p> <p>The Federation of Law Societies of Canada is their national coordinating body. The Federation leads the development of high national standards of regulation to ensure that all Canadians are served by a competent, honourable and independent legal profession.</p> <p>Every lawyer in Canada and notary in Quebec is required by law to be a member of a law society and to be governed by its rules.</p> <p><i>Joining Canada's Legal Profession</i></p> <p>Canada's Law Societies</p> <p>Every lawyer in Canada and notary in Quebec is required by law to be a member of a law society and to be governed by its rules. There are 14 law societies in Canada – one in each of the nine provinces and three northern territories which are subject to Canada's common law legal system, and two in the Province of Quebec whose legal traditions originate from the French civil law system. In that province, lawyers (known as "advocates") are governed by the Barreau du Québec. Members of the legal profession who practice notarial law have the same legal training as advocates, but are governed by the Chambre des notaires du Québec.</p> <p>Canada's 14 provincial and territorial law societies govern over 100,000 lawyers and 3,500 Quebec notaries in the public interest. Each law society is established by provincial and territorial law and has a mandate to ensure that people in its jurisdiction are served by legal professionals who meet high standards of competence and professional conduct.</p> <p>Serving the Public Interest</p> <p>A central feature of Canada's legal system is that the public has the right to obtain legal advice and be represented by a legal profession that is independent of the government. For that reason, our laws provide for the self-regulation of the legal profession. One of the key strengths of Canada's legal system is the clear distinction between the function of law societies and that of voluntary associations of members of the profession. The function of law societies is to regulate the legal profession in the public interest. It is the function of voluntary associations of members of the profession, such as the Canadian Bar Association, to speak for and represent the interests of their members.</p>

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Key Functions of Law Societies

To fulfill their public interest mandate, law societies set the standards for admission to the profession and the conduct of members in their province or territory. They audit and monitor the use of trust funds held by members of the profession. They also investigate complaints and discipline members of the profession who violate the required standards of conduct.

Admission to Canada's Law Societies

As a rule, Canada's law societies in common law jurisdictions accept applications for admission from holders of three or four year LL.B. or J.D. degrees issued by a Canadian law school. The Barreau du Québec and the Chambre des notaires du Québec require applicants to have completed an approved three year civil law degree program in Canada.

In 2010, Canada's law societies approved a new national requirement for Canadian common law degree programs which is in the process of being implemented. To learn more about the new national requirement, consult the **Report of the Task Force on the Canadian Common Law Degree.**

Individuals whose legal education credentials were obtained outside of Canada, or in a civil law degree program in Canada, and who wish to apply for admission to a Canadian common law jurisdiction, are required to have their credentials assessed by the **National Committee on Accreditation.**

Applicants for admission to Canada's law societies are generally required to complete a bar admissions course and examinations, as well as complete a practical training program (known as "articling") for a prescribed period of time. Upon successful completion of these steps, applicants must also demonstrate that they are of good character before they can be admitted to a law society and be licensed to practice law.

Although the rules of admission are similar for all jurisdictions, details vary from one jurisdiction to the next. Work is underway to for Canada's law societies to agree upon national admission standards. To learn more about the specific rules and procedures currently applicable for admission to each of Canada's law societies, you can use the following links:

- [Law Society of British Columbia](#)
- [Law Society of Alberta](#)
- [Law Society of Saskatchewan](#)
- [Law Society of Manitoba](#)
- [Law Society of Upper Canada](#)
- [Barreau du Québec](#)
- [Chambre des notaires du Québec](#)
- [Nova Scotia Barristers' Society](#)
- [Law Society of New Brunswick](#)
- [Law Society of Prince Edward Island](#)
- [Law Society of Newfoundland and Labrador](#)
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<p>SPONSORS</p>	<p>Providers and Sponsors</p> <p>The Canadian Corporate Counsel Association, the only national forum for in-house counsel in Canada, is a powerful arena for building relationships and sharing expertise.</p> <p>It's no surprise, given our thousands of members in the corporate community that the CCCA thinks like a business. We understand the challenges and opportunities facing companies in the legal marketplace, and we recognize that the chance to partner with the CCCA is attractive to many firms and businesses in this market.</p> <p>Accordingly, we welcome the opportunity to enter into partnership and sponsorship arrangements with high-quality providers and to create relationships that deliver real value to our membership. Enterprises interested in these kinds of relationships must keep in mind that the ultimate result must be the delivery of extraordinary added value to our members.</p> <p>CCCA partnerships are divided into two categories: providers and sponsors.</p> <p>CCCA Providers</p> <p>The CCCA has established strategic relationships with some of Canada's finest legal and business service providers in order to benefit our members. We encourage our members to explore the valuable expertise, products and services of our Preferred Providers, whose investments in the CCCA and excellent service to our members have distinguished them from their competitors.</p> <p>Preferred Providers are recognized exclusively in the categories they represent. Please click on the "Preferred Provider" link in the sidebar to learn more.</p> <p>The CCCA is pleased to enjoy ongoing Preferred Provider arrangements with Legal Suite for legal information technology, with Catalyst Consulting for legal department management, with Cognition for alternative legal services models and with The Counsel Network for legal recruitment services. Please click on the "Preferred Provider" link in the sidebar to learn more.</p>

<p>SPONSORS <i>(Cont.)</i></p>	<p>CCCA Sponsors</p> <p>There are numerous ways in which firms, companies and other entities can partner with the CCCA other than through Preferred Supplier relationships. Recognizing the wide and diverse range of interests within corporate Canada, we have created a series of sponsorship options. Please click on the “CCCA Sponsor” link in the sidebar to learn more.</p> <p>The CCCA welcomes inquiries from entities interested in learning more about becoming a Preferred or Recognized Provider or a Sponsor. Inquiries can be directed to:</p> <p>Catherine Cummings Executive Director Canadian Corporate Counsel Association cathyc@ccca-cba.org</p> <p>The CCCA thanks all of its current partners, providers and sponsors for their investment in the CCCA and our ongoing efforts to deliver greater value to our members every day.</p> <div data-bbox="443 857 938 992" style="text-align: center;">  <p>COGNITION <small>LLP</small> your business your counsel your way</p> </div>
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