

International Client Counseling Competition Committee

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Canada Report

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Six teams from Canada participated this year in the American Bar Association Client Counseling Competition. Law schools entering teams were: Osgoode Hall Law School of York University, Queen's University, The University of Western Ontario, University of Alberta, University of British Columbia, and University of Victoria. There was a tie in the regional competitions for top-ranked Canadian team between the University of British Columbia and the University of Western Ontario. Faced with difficulties in scheduling a run-off involving Canada's large distances, the two teams opted to cooperate and form a joint team, comprising one member from each team to represent Canada in the International event this year.

The main agenda for the Canadian National Representative following last year's AGM was to attempt to develop a proposal to host the International in a future year, possibly 2008. Regrettably, my law school is not in a position to bid to host at this time. I also put the word out to other participating Canadian law schools without success. It would be desirable for Canada to bid to host, but I have no proposal to offer this year.

The American Bar Association has hosted Canadian teams in its Regional and National competitions for many years. Selection of the Canadian team for the international event is made according to Canadian team performance in the ABA competition. The ABA has recently made overtures suggesting that Canada consider organizing its own competition in Canada. I anticipate this will be discussed further in the coming year.

I will not be attending Wales this year. Kindest regards to all representatives and participants. Doug Cochrane of the University of British Columbia, who has long familiarity with the competition, will be attending as coach of the Canadian team. I am happy to continue in the role of Canadian representative on the ICCC committee, to participate in the above discussions in the coming year.