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SPEAKER: Trudi Brown, Q.C.

TOPIC: The new *Family Relations Act*

Trudi was called to the B.C. bar in 1974 (coincidentally the same year the VLSA began) and although she started off in the BC Crown Counsel Office here she has concentrated her private practice in the area of family law for almost 35 years now. She was one of the first lawyers in Victoria to embrace collaborative law and is still a believer in resolving family disputes without going to trial. Trudi is a commercial arbitrator, family law mediator, parent coordinator, and a member of the BC Hear the Child Society, interviewing children whose parents are unable to agree on parenting plans.

Trudi is a past President of the Law Society of BC and of the Canadian Chapter of International Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers, she has been involved in the CBA, VBA, CLE, and the National Family Law Program as well as a community leader. We are pleased to have her speaking to us on the new *Family Relations Act*.

🎯 WHAT'S FOR DINNER -- HIGHLIGHTS 🎯

Date: Tuesday, April 10, 2012

- Dinner: Build-your-own Burger
- Potato Salad
- Grilled Chicken Breast and Angus Beef Burgers
- A selection of Kaiser Buns
- Tomatoes, Red Onion, Leaf Lettuce & Dill Pickles
- Cheddar, Swiss & Monterey Jack Cheeses, Condiments
- French Fries, Chef's Dessert and Coffee and Tea

(Vegetarian Meal available on request)

Place: Comfort Hotel, 3020 Blanshard Street (formerly Holiday Inn)
 Cost: \$25.00 Member / \$28.00 Guest
 Cocktails: 5:30 p.m. - Dinner at 6:00 p.m.

Please be sure that Dinner Reservations are received by **Thursday, April 5, 2012**. Please forward your reservation and cheque to:

By e-mail to: socialconvenor@shaw.ca
 By mail to: VLSA, 3216 Browning St, Victoria, BC V8P 4C4
 Deliver to: VLSA, Court Box 147

**** Business Attire Only Please****

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Name: _____

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PLEASE MAKE CHEQUES PAYABLE TO V.L.S.A.

PRESIDENT'S NOTES

I am pleased to announce a few new faces on our Executive and Standing Committee Chairs. Our new Vice President is Ricci Bosetti, new Social Convenors are Victoria Smith and Bethany Kemp, newly combined position of Bulletin/Advertising Chair is Linda Picot. Our 2011/2012 scholarship award winner Katrina Bystedt has moved into the role of Public Relations Chair and Alex Chtcherbakova has stepped up to take on our newly combined Scholarship/Mentorship position and Laura Duckett has moved into the Website Administrator position. I am extremely grateful to the Executive and Standing Committee Chairs continuing on and those who have stepped down. It's going to be a great year – I can always tell by the first speaker of our fiscal year and with Trudi L. Brown, Q.C. starting us off, how can we go wrong?!

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