

Communiqué

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For most members of the Bar the Errors and Omissions Insurance levy for 1981 will be \$820. Those who have had claims paid for them in the past three years will pay \$870. Those with claims paid in the past three years and who also have not attended the loss prevention program will pay \$920. This year's levy can be paid in two instalments, but if that method is chosen the total levy is \$30 higher to offset the loss of interest to the insurance fund. A letter from the Treasurer will go out to all members shortly, giving the reasons for the increase in the levy for next year. Put as briefly as possible, the reason is that loss experience fully justifies it. The individual deductible remains unchanged at \$5,000 per occurrence. The combined individual and group deductibles go from \$35,000 to \$100,000 and the coverage remains at \$250,000 per occurrence. The cost of coverage is held to a minimum by the increased group deductible out of which it is expected that about 95% of claims will be paid. The levy structure penalizes those who have caused losses and those who have failed to take the course on loss prevention. It is expected that the results of the loss prevention program will become evident soon though it is too early yet for this to appear. Meanwhile the cost of coverage must be based on current loss records.

Convocation today approved of the following policy respecting articling interviewing in 1981: Student applications for interviews to be submitted by the end of July; arrangements for interviews to be made in the first three weeks of August; no interviews to be conducted before the fourth Monday in August. A full statement of the policy will be sent out to all members and all law schools in Canada.

The Treasurer noted with regret the death in October of Cyril Frederick Harshaw Carson, a Gold Medallist and one of Canada's leading counsel. He was first elected a Bencher in 1936 and served for eight years as Treasurer of the Society from 1950, during a period of rapid development particularly in the field of legal education.

Alan D. Libman of Toronto was found guilty of professional misconduct and disbarred. He had induced a client to advance \$16,000 by falsely representing the facts of a proposed loan with the result that the client lost the money. He also received \$5,000 for the purpose of retaining counsel whom he did retain but never paid.

Kenneth Jarvis,

Secretary.