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MMAR Constitutional Challenge

After the federal government's appeal of the injunction failed in the Allard case, pretrial motions continued throughout the winter in preparation for the trial set to begin February 23, 2015. Both CAMCD President Jamie Shaw, and Advisory Board member Rielle Capler have entered testimony in this case. For more information, or to contribute, please visit johnconroy.com, or MMARcoalitionagainstrepeal.com

Extracts and Edibles

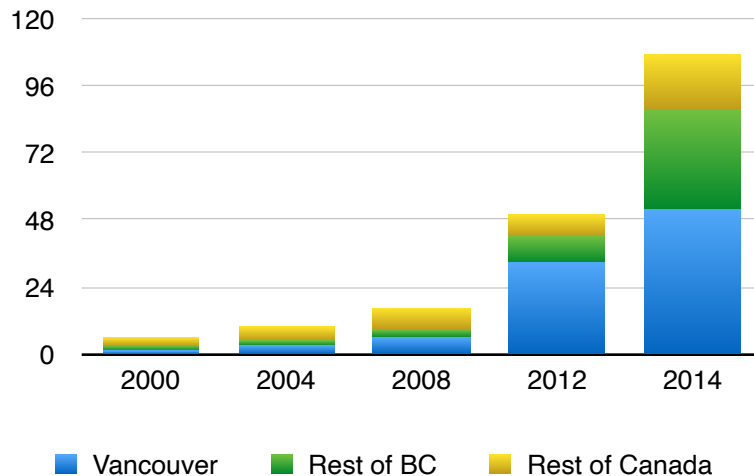
The Federal Government is appealing the win by lawyer Kirk Tousaw in R v Smith, which found the restriction to dried cannabis only to be unconstitutional. This historic case is being heard by the Supreme Court of Canada on March 20, 2015. To contribute, please e-mail hemp0101@gmail.com

Stay Informed!

There are numerous cases involving medicinal cannabis in Canada. Visit [NORML](#) or [Cannabis Culture](#) for more up-to-date information.

CANADA'S DISPENSARY INDUSTRY KEEPS ON GROWING

Over the last few weeks, national media sources have been quoting CAMCD on the number of dispensaries in Canada. The thing is, dispensaries keep popping up like...well, you know. The chart to the left shows the number of dispensaries in Canada that we were aware of at the end of last year: Vancouver 52, Rest of BC 35, Rest of Canada 30. Vancouver is now estimated to be at 63, and numbers in other places have doubled again. We hope to have an updated version out soon.



What's New With CAMCD

CAMCD Dispensary Symposium, Vancouver 2014

On December 8th of last year, CAMCD held its second Vancouver Dispensary Symposium. The event (which we're pretty sure was the largest gathering of dispensary operators in Canadian history) saw Kirk Tousaw, John Conroy, and others giving updates from some of the biggest cannabis court cases, as well as presentations from Kim Crosby, Jamie Shaw, Shega A'Mula, Dana Larsen, Hilary Black, Rielle Capler, and Zachary Walsh.

Our thanks again to our speakers, and to the active and engaged attendees for making the event a great success, and apologize once again to all those we had to turn away.

First Certified Dispensary!

We are pleased to announce the certification of the first pilot dispensary location, the Eden Medicinal Society on Davie St. in Vancouver. The next few pilot dispensaries should be completing the process shortly.

Revamped Website

As a rolling stone gathers no moss, we've also got a new website, with new features. We've added an endorsement page for Health Organizations and Physicians, a Directors Blog Roll, and made it easier to navigate.

New Membership Class Created

The CAMCD Board of Directors voted last week to create a new class of member to be known as Trade Association Members. These will be non-voting members that carry no liability for CAMCD.

This move sets a new initial benchmark in the CAMCD Certification process that recognizes compliance with the 18 basic operational requirements reflected in the Dispensary Certification Standards as Required Organizational Practices (ROPs).

To be eligible, dispensaries must prove compliance with the ROPs, and grant CAMCD the right to review policy manuals and documents related to the ROPs, as well as to conduct spot inspections.

Once accepted as a Trade Association Member, dispensaries are then eligible for the CAMCD Certification Program, and full voting membership upon attaining certification.

For more information, please visit the Trade Association Membership page on our brand new [website!](#)

Events Calendar 2015

- February 21: Trial Kick-off MMAR Coalition For Repeal Trial Kick-off
Langley, BC
- February 23 -
March 13 Allard v. Canada, Federal Court Trial Division
Vancouver, BC
- February 27 -
March 1 : A Rising Revolution: Drug Policy Reform Around the Globe (CSSDP)
Toronto, ON
- March 20 R v. Smith, Supreme Court of Canada
Ottawa, ON
- March (TBD): CAMCD Spring Networking Event - Vancouver
Vancouver, BC
- April 20: Annual Erb4Herb 420 Celebrations
Across Canada
- May 2: Annual Global Marijuana March
Across Canada

