The Honourable Bertha Wilson
Remembering a distinguished alumna
Each September, in the very first class our new law students attend at Dalhousie, I take some time to speak about the origins of the Law School and, in particular, the vision of Dean Richard Weldon. As I explain what we all know as the Weldon Tradition of public service, the simple yet powerful idea that the profession of law brings with it an obligation to contribute to the wider community, I confess that I sometimes wonder whether some of them view this with just a touch of cynicism — as a slogan brought out only for special occasions.

Fortunately, it is easy for me to put such thoughts aside, for too many of our students go on to prove, both at law school and afterwards, that they accept and fully live up to the Weldon Tradition. This issue of *Hearsay* brought this home to me in a very forceful way, as I read the many stories of exceptional contributions by our students and alumni, and I know that John Yogis and Karen Kavanaugh had to leave many others for another day, due to the simple constraints of space.

Our cover story for this issue recounts the sad loss of one of our most distinguished alumni, the Honourable Bertha Wilson (LL.B. ’57). It is clear from the moving eulogy delivered by Justice James MacPherson (LL.B. ’74), and the remarks of Chief Justice McLachlin, P.C., that in building an unparalleled legal career, Bertha Wilson never lost sight of a broader purpose, her desire to “raise the expectations of many Canadians, especially disadvantaged Canadians”, in the words of Justice MacPherson. In this edition we also report on the tragic passing of Dugald Christie (LL.B. ’66), this year’s recipient (posthumously) of the Weldon Award for Unselfish Public Service. In a very different career, Mr. Christie also exemplified the Weldon Tradition, devoting much of his life to access to justice issues and to building a network of pro bono legal clinics across Western Canada.

The theme of service and contribution is echoed throughout many of the stories in this *Hearsay*. Whether in the volunteer work of the students who conceived and raised the funds for an award in honour of Justice Corinne Sparks (LL.B., ’79); the exceptional contributions of four of our more recent graduates at the Rwanda Tribunal; the career in public service of Wendell Sanford (LL.B. ’75); the work of student Daphne Kenny Harrold on an internship in Bangladesh, the fundraising efforts of students on behalf of community organizations in the pages that follow — the list goes on and on. I never tire of telling our alumni that Dalhousie consistently has the highest rate of student participation in the Pro Bono Students programme of any law school in Canada, and I believe this bodes well for the continuation of the tradition as we approach the 125th anniversary of the School in 2008.

I would be remiss if I did not thank our co-editors, John Yogis, Q.C., and Karen Kavanaugh, for their efforts on this edition of *Hearsay*. John, as you will read inside, was honoured on his retirement with the acquisition of a work of art for the Dalhousie Art Gallery, which was unveiled at a reception in April, attended by many of John’s colleagues and friends. I do not have the space to comment on the many accomplishments of faculty and students set out here (including a brief summary of some of the remarkable research work conducted in the faculty recently), but am confident you will see the evidence that the Law School continues to thrive in all aspects of its work, from teaching to research to public service.

Phillip Saunders, Dean
"School’s Out — Forever" — said the June 29 headline in the Halifax “Daily News”. After 53 years my high school alma mater, St. Patrick’s High School, closed its doors for the last time. I was a part of the grade nine class when the spanking new building first opened for business in the fall of 1954. Like your humble scribe, St. Pat’s is now a crumbling edifice, *Tempus fugit.*

The passage of time was marked by another personal milestone this spring as I completed teaching at the Law School after 41 years. I very much enjoyed a salutary reception at the Dalhouse Art Gallery on April 26 which was attended by faculty, staff and friends. Dean Saunders made a few (and completely untrue) complimentary comments. I was delighted with a gift of a significant work of art presented to the Gallery in my name. The piece, *Waterbook*, by New Brunswick artist, Peter Powning, is a large archival inkjet photograph laminated on aluminium and mounted on a 2-inch float. It depicts the pages of a book photographed underwater. The words and lettering are never quite decipherable and appear to dissolve into the ripples of the water. I thought it was a perfect metaphor for a lawyer or academic who spends much of a lifetime attempting to discover the meaning of the written word in cases and statutes. The truth, however, always remains elusive. It brought to mind a quote attributed to a Scottish jurist — “The law is not so much carved in stone as it is written in water flowing in and out with the tides.”

To segue from one water theme to another, my partner and I decided to celebrate our mutual retirements with a transatlantic voyage on the Queen Mary 2 of the Atlantic Book Festival. John and his wife, Judith, divide their time between Halifax and Baddeck, Nova Scotia, when John himself is not lecturing aboard the Queen Mary 2 from New York to Southampton.

The trip was a fabulous experience, and, as is often the case, one which had an indirect law school connection. I attended a lecture given by Maritime historian, Bill Miller, on the great ocean liners. We chatted following the lecture and Bill said, “When you get back to Nova Scotia give my regards to John Langley.” I was thrilled. John graduated with his Dal Law degree in 1972. John is the author of *Steam Lion: A Biography of Samuel Cunard* (Nimbus). John is a world authority on Cunard, the Halifax born and bred shipping magnate. I later learned that on May 11, 2007, John received the Margaret and John Savage First Book Award for *Steam Lion* in part of the Atlantic Book Festival. John and his wife, Judith, divide their time between Halifax and Baddeck, Nova Scotia, when John himself is not lecturing aboard the Queen Mary 2! I managed to contact John on our return, and hope that Hearsay may be able to call upon him for a future contribution.

In this issue we profile mystery author, Anne Emery (LL.B. ’76), and photographic artist, Mary Dixon (LL.B.’87). I was delighted to renew my acquaintance with both Anne and Mary and to coax them to share some of their experiences “on the road less traveled.” My co-editor, Karen Kavanaugh, and I hope you enjoy these and the other stories in this issue relating the news, contributions, honours and updates of our interesting and diverse body of alumni, faculty and students. We would also love to hear from you. The school is now closed.

Have a great summer.

John Yogis
**MYSTERY WRITER:**

Anne Emery '78

“My mother had a saying: ‘Be careful what you wish for.’ For years — decades! — I had been longing for a client a cut above the peer, uneducated, hopeless, heedless, unstable individuals I usually represented. A client more like...more like me. Well, I was about to have one. Be careful what you wish for.”

(Monty Collins in Sign of the Cross, ECW Press [Toronto: 2006])

In the Books section of The Sunday Herald (January 7, 2007) Hearnsay noted a feature by columnist, Paul Flander, “Cops and spies...Some of the best mysteries and crime fiction of 2006.” Along with the likes of Ian Rankin, Peter Robinson and John Le Carré was our own, Anne Emery (L.L.B. 78), whose first novel, *Sign of the Cross*, was cited as “both a thriller and a mystery set in Halifax.”

Anne has now completed a second novel, *Obit*, about to be published, and is working on a third. Hearnsay was delighted when Anne consented to an interview.

Tell us a little about your background.

I was born in Halifax and grew up in Moncton. I’ve been living in Halifax for more than 20 years now. I did my undergrad degree at St. Francis Xavier before law at Dal. I work full-time as a research lawyer (non-practising). I write in the evenings and on weekends. As a child I was forever writing stories. I have always wanted to write. It just took me “a while” to sit down to it. I would say to my family: “When I write my book...” OK, “That’s going in my book.” Finally, one day I said: “I’m going to try to write that book.” Of course I had no idea whether it would really happen. But as soon as I had my two main characters on the page together, I knew I could do it. At that point, my only ambition was to write and publish “a book.” When I got near the end, I realized I could not give it up; so from that point on, I was writing a series.

Were there a particular reason you decided to write mystery novels? Did your legal training have something to do with it?

I have always been a mystery buff, so I knew my book would be a mystery novel. Because of my legal background, a lawyer as narrator seemed a natural choice. Whatever I didn’t know myself, I knew my book would be a mystery novel. Because of my legal background, a lawyer as narrator seemed a natural choice. Whatever I didn’t know myself, I knew how to research. And I knew whom to ask! I enjoy courtroom procedurals, and that makes up part of the story in Sign of the Cross.

Could you say something about the process of writing?

I started with the main characters and their motivations, which are the aspects of most interest to me, and worked from there. I knew what the ending would be, and worked towards that. By contrast, when I was writing *Obit*, I had the characters and the setting in place, but had no idea “whodunnit” till quite late in the process. I jump all over the place when I write. I cannot imagine writing in order from page one to the last. When I think of something that will happen way down the line, I skip to that and then come back to something else.

In addition to your characters and motivations are their special personal elements that find their way into your stories?

Well, another of my main interests is the music I use in the books. Monty Collins is a bluesman; Brennan Burke is a choirmaster. No coincidence there — music is extremely important to me. I go to concerts; I'm a choral singer. One of the longest-running groups I've ever been in is the Nova Scotia Choral Alliance; I've been singing in it for 23 years. I immerse myself in my fictional world, with my earphones jammed in my ears; I listen to Gregorian chant, polyphony, etc...and plot my stories. If I'm stuck, I tune in to my music (rock, blues, opera, Gregorian chant, polyphony, etc...) and tell myself I’m not going home till I’ve come up with a solution.

Can you elaborate a bit on your choice of subject?

I set my novels in a specific time and place. I find it frustrating when you can’t figure out where a story is set or what decade it’s set in. But, I don’t base my plots on current “hot button” or “ripped from the headlines” issues. I am more interested in things that people will be able to relate to if they pick up the books years down the road. I never like it when an author compares a character with a current celebrity; that sort of thing will look dated, and seem meaningless, to a future reader. I might add that there is an element of the “historical” about *Obit*, which refers to various periods in Irish history.

Is it fair to say that mystery writing has come a long way from Agatha Christie? Today’s so-called mystery writers like Ian Rankin, Peter Robinson and Minette Walters, to name just a few, seem more part of the literary mainstream?

Oh, absolutely. I agree with those who say that much of the crime writing today is right up there with “literary” writing in terms of quality and universal interest. And that’s the kind of writing I enjoy, as opposed to the kind that just moves the plot along. I’m very much interested in the “big picture.”

This would seem the best place to ask which writers are your personal favourites?

If we are speaking of favourite crime writers I would list Michael Connelly, John Lescroart, John Brady, Peter Robinson, P.D. James, Colin Dexter, Caroline Graham, Elizabeth George, Deborah Crombie, Andrew Taylor, William Devenell, and Ian Rankin. And, I know I have probably missed quite a few.

Is there a particular genre of mystery or crime fiction you prefer?

I like the British mysteries, including some of the village or cathedral close variety; but I like the hard-boiled stuff too. The “true crime” book that stands out for me is Redrum (the Innocent), by Kirk Mabon, about the Guy Paul Morin case.

What about some “desert island” books, not necessarily mysteries?

Favourite books that come to mind are Crime and Punishment, Ulysses, John LeCarré’s cold war spy novels, Graham Greene’s novels, Bonfire of the Vanities by Tom Wolfe, Paddy Clarke Ha Ha Ha by Roddy Doyle, Annie-Marie MacDonald’s Fall On Your Knees. But, look, as soon as we finish this I know I’ll slap my forehead and remember all kinds of other books I cherish. Also, I’m usually reading several books at once, so some of them non-fiction for enjoyment and research.

Finally, we understand that there has been some recent good news about Sign of the Cross. Yes, I was delighted to learn recently that Sign of the Cross has been short-listed for the Arthur Ellis Award for “Best First Crime Novel.”

Congratulations, and thank you for this, Anne.

Subsequent to this interview Anne Emery was presented with the Arthur Ellis Award for Best Novel for Sign of the Cross as part of national crime writer week in Canada.
Mary Dixon

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No library when I arrived! Mary, you were born in Montreal. What?

Yes, other than during university years in Halifax and four years in Cape Breton. My very brief legal career all happened in Sydney, articling and working with the then-named Sampson MacDougall Gillis law firm. I came back to the Bridgewater area in 1991 as my parents were still there. I thought it would be a temporary break in when one had not done first class — I was still only 24. And, you have lived on the South Shore ever since?

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Do you remember much of your law school period? Do any particular experiences come to mind?

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Mary Dixon (LL.B.’87) was a lawyer for its first seven years and of Visual Arts Point Gallery Co-operative in Halifax. Since 1994 she has worked commercially as well, providing studio photography to regional artists and artisans, professional and personal portraits, stock travel photography as well, providing studio photography to a house on the LaHave River near Bridgewater on the road to Kejimkujik Park.

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In high school I thought I would become a newspaper writer. I started at the University of King’s College and enrolled in the new journalism program in 1978. However, as a very naive and insecure 17-year-old, I felt intimidated by my early experience in the journalism part of the program so dropped it and continued with the Foundation Year Programme. I graduated from Dal in 1982 with a BA in Pol Sci. When I found myself as a young married BA grad selling wicker in Fredericton while my husband was at UNB, I decided there must be a better lawyer there. I applied and was accepted at UNB. Frankly, being a lawyer fit with my family profile of professionals and academics, it made sense in terms of what I thought was expected of me and absolutely no sense in terms of who I really was, which I must admit, I am still unearting. My then husband was hired to teach in Halifax I managed to transfer to Dalhousie for my second year.

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Basically during my transitional time after leaving Cape Breton I met and developed a relationship with an editorial photographer, started doing odd jobs editing and cataloguing for him and accompanying him on assignments and started learning a lot about photography through the back door. I learned basic skills, editorial approaches and darkroom technique from him, but the urge to paint or play around with photos was there so I found other teachers and books to educate me on aspects like the alternative print processes I work with today. The commercial studio work evolved with us both learning at the same time.

So art was always there lurking in the background? I think my artistic inclination was fostered in childhood by my parents who were collectors and appreciators of fine art. My mother was a frustrated would-be painter who wouldn’t permit herself the time to pursue it to a great degree. I think she felt that her painting was self-indulgent. I think that’s maybe where I got the mixed message that although art is great, being an artist is maybe something that one wouldn’t engage in, not seriously at least in our family.

Could you speak a little about what you like to express in your photographs?

My choice of subject matter and technique are varied and I tend to choose particular techniques to portray different subjects. For example, Polaroid transfer for colourful travel images, hand- colouring when I want to reflect on something more nostalgically or romantically, straight black and white for portraits or quieter studies and digital capture in colour for natural landscapes. In all cases I try to find the inherent beauty in the moment and sometimes a little humour or quirkiness. They all tend to be a reflection of my inner landscape at the time I am observing and I find as I am evolving I am more and more drawn to the expression of beauty or spirit or gentleness in what I create, one of my
Can you look back over your body of work and give an opinion on aspects you have particularly enjoyed?

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On a practical level does your legal background have any impact on your life today — professional or otherwise?

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Although you practiced for only a short period of time was the law school experience worth it?

Oh, yes that and every other experience has been absolutely worth it as it has all been part of my growth and somehow got me to where I am now, which is a really happy place! If nothing else, having a law degree is an accomplishment that not that many can claim. It requires a not inconsiderable amount of fortitude as well as intelligence to survive, so I take some pride in the fact that I did it. And my brief experience in Sydney doing a fair share of Legal Aid referrals at family court, assisting with some labour issues and other general practice matters was probably the more valuable part of that period of time was the law school required in the law is the one that can and do stick it out in private practice having experienced a bit of it myself. It takes fortitude, patience, creativity, good interpersonal skills as well as intelligence to do it well and maintain the respect of one’s colleagues. Practically speaking the law influences art or restricts it, trying to draw lines between what depictions of nudity; or acts of nudity, are legitimate as compared to something pornographic or otherwise illegal; or whether a street portrait or scene is an invasion of someone else’s privacy or not. Otherwise I don’t feel any connection to the law in creating my art.

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This summer Mary will be listed in the Studio Map guide to fine artists in Nova Scotia and as such will be opening her home (at first) and, hopefully by June, her own gallery called Third Eye Gallery on her property in Newvembridge. As well as she has just been added to the artists at Anderson Gallery in Lunenburg, a commercial gallery of contemporary fine art photography.

Wendell Sanford (LL.B. ’75) has been appointed Director, Oceans and Environmental Law Section, Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade. Hearsay asked Wendell for a few comments on his Dalhousie years and the path leading to his current position. (Ed.)

Wendell told Hearsay that as a first year law student he had not decided what career path to take. He enjoyed the challenges of studying law, but his options for more specialized study were many. That all changed when Wendell took Hugh Kidrird’s International Law course in the fall of his second year; “I was hooked”, Wendell says. This was law the way he liked it — black letter conventions, coupled with international politics and great power interests. He recalls playing out a scenario in one class in which he had to assume the position of the United States in a debate with Canada over Arctic sovereignty. “My first assignment was in Bangkok in the years immediately after the fall of Vietnam. Early in my second year in 1982, a professor at Chulalongkorn University was looking for support to undertake an oceans law research project with two Canadian law professors. Small world being what it is, the professors were Douglas Johnston and Edgar Gold (LL.B.’72). We parlayed a $15,000 contribution from the ambassador’s post fund for small projects in the South East Asia Program on Ocean Law and Management (SEAPOL), which for 20 years conducted ground breaking research and developed programs and processes throughout an area of the world badly in need of cooperation and a rule of law at sea. Wendell’s next posting was to Boston. For four years he served as a trade commissioner in the office of the Canadian Consulate General, and then stayed on for two more years (1990-92) as the founding Director of the Office of Nova Scotia in New England. Here he states, “The contacts with practicing lawyers in Nova Scotia and the Law School were legion in those years.”

From 1996 to 1998 Wendell had the unique experience of an exchange assignment within the New Zealand foreign ministry in Wellington. Here his task was to develop a convention involving twenty states on the subject of the tuna industry in the South Pacific. Notwithstanding the distance from Halifax, one of Dalhousie’s offspring, the International Centre for Ocean Development (ICOD) was everywhere. He says, “I met graduates of training courses at Dal, and those who had been trained by Hugh Willison (LL.B.’74), and others with a Dal connection.

Today, Wendell is in Ottawa where he refers to as “the penalty box.” But, it seems his life at Dal has come full circle. As Director of Oceans and Environmental Law in the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade he leads a group of 12 lawyers whose task is to lead Canadian international law with respect to Arctic sovereignty, reform of NAPF, not to mention the Kyoto Protocol, and a host of other issues.

Wendell recalls that it was just over a year ago that he last worked with Douglas Johnston on what was to be his final project with the Department — a seminar on the Arctic at the University of Victoria. He says, “We also work frequently with Ted Dorman (LL.B.’79) who was just beside me, and David VanderZwaag (LL.M.‘02) in my office frequently. I am looking forward to a less busy summer later this year. Dean Phillip Saunders (LL.B’84) advises us on Machias Seal Island and other issues, and a Dal law team has organized an important seminar for us on biological diversity beyond areas of national jurisdiction.

Wendell concluded with “The Law School is present in my professional life on a regular basis and I am proud to support financially the Legal Aid Clinic — a cause for which I loved — and the Douglas Johnston Memorial Project.”

The road less travelled
Drew White (’88), Madeleine Schwarz (’94), Dave Morris (’91), Lloyd Strickland (’96)

They would use a variety of contradictory words to describe their lives — words like challenging, frustrating, rewarding, exhausting, awesome, beautiful, loads of fun, incredibly depressing, awfully boring and “why did we ever come here?” But, for four Dal Law grads living in the dusty city of Arusha, Tanzania at the foothills of Mount Meru, and in sight of Mount Kilimanjaro, these mixed emotions are part of what may be the most meaningful work of their careers.

They are there to work for the United Nations International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda (ICTR) working on prosecutions of leading figures of the Rwanda genocide of 1994. And, in the end, they would all agree that in spite of those days when you just want to pack up and move back to Canada, the combination of living in Africa, participating in the development of international criminal law and playing a small part in trying to make sense of the Rwanda genocide by bringing some of the perpetrators to justice, has been an experience of a lifetime.

**Drew White** (LL.B ’88) left a criminal law practice in Vancouver seven years ago. He arrived in Kigali, and spent a year working for the Tribunal there before moving to Arusha in 2001 to take up a key role in one of the ICTR’s biggest cases — the prosecution of four leading military figures for the planning and carrying out of the genocide in Rwanda. After five years in the courtroom, final submissions on the case were heard at the end of May 2007 and a decision is pending.

**Madeleine Schwarz** (LL.B ’94) took a secondment from the Newfoundland Crown’s office also to work as a trial lawyer for the prosecution and arrived in Arusha in July 2006. Not quite sure of a grind, I decided to search for other venues where I could continue to practise criminal law. Then I learned of the operations of the international criminal tribunals for Rwanda and the former Yugoslavia. The existence and enforcement of universally accepted norms of behaviour is fascinating. The scopes of the crimes involved have demanded and, thankfully, received a global response. I am proud to be part of that response. The opportunity to work with international staff in an environment as exotic (though challenging) as Tanzania was irresistible. So, when the Office of the Prosecutor offered me a position, I quickly accepted. I have not regretted that choice for a moment. The work is fulfilling and I am continually amazed by this people and this land.

Practising international criminal law under a tribunal means working in an environment different from Canadian criminal law. The novelty of building a system of justice from scratch is a daily challenge. “I really did not expect that my Dalhousie first-year Legal Development course would have a truly practical application, but in the context of international criminal law it’s a valuable background that I draw on constantly,” says Drew.

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Dave, Lloyd, Madeleine and Drew at Stiggy’s — their “Dome away from home.”

“The whole environment of practising here can be challenging,” says Madeleine. “We all work on teams with other lawyers and legal assistants from a variety of countries and legal backgrounds. I work on one team with Lloyd, from Canada, a lawyer from Ivory Coast, another from Senegal, a case manager from South Africa and an investigator from Rwanda. Within the team we very often have different approaches to legal or ethical issues that arise, and then need to figure out a way to resolve them — both in terms of culture and in terms of legal principles. And, then of course the defence counsel and judges (these judges sit on each case) come from different countries and legal backgrounds. So, what you think may be an issue in Canada will not be one here — and what might become an issue in your trial here, may be something that would never have arisen in your practice in Canada.”

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practising law at the Tribunal, the reality is that the subject matter of the trials is horrific. “Around 800,000 Rwandans were killed between April and July 1994. Prosecuting individuals for a crime of that magnitude is daunting to say the least,” says Madeleine.

Drew, who is in the final phase of his work with the Tribunal, says that he was initially told he would be needed for 12 months, but when he arrived and agreed to take on the Bagosora case, he had no idea the commitment would require staying for seven years. “I fell down into the rabbit-hole of the most complex case ever to be tried for genocide, where everything just became ‘curiouser and curiouser’, but I quickly came to realize that taking the trial to conclusion would be the most important work of my life. Leading General Romeo Dallaire through his testimony in 2004 was the highlight of my career and the turning point of the trial. After that, I knew we could make it.”

And then of course, they are all living in Arusha. If a pretty city can be an overgrown one-horse-town, with not a single traffic light, but plenty of traffic. You can buy what you need, but not always what you want. The roads are terrible, but the people are definitely not. There are a few decent restaurants and bars, but not much else. If you want to see a movie, there’s no theatre, but there are loads of bootleg DVDs around. But, like a lot of things in Arusha, they may not always work very well.

Tanzania is a beautiful country. Lloyd climbed Mount Kilimanjaro in April leaving Drew and Drew to climb volcanic Mount Meru in May. Madeleine and her children have seen more giraffe and lions than they would ever have thought possible. Everyone has taken some much-needed breaks on the Indian Ocean beaches.

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Brian Flemming ’62

Law, George Orwell and the GWOT

Those of my generation all know where we were when President John F. Kennedy was assassinated on November 22nd, 1963. In similar fashion, a younger generation will forever remember where they were on September 11th, 2001, when the World Trade Center towers in New York and the Pentagon in Washington were attacked by three airplanes that had been hijacked by 19 mostly well-educated, middle-class people.

The Canadian government asked me to set up this country’s main response to 9/11 — the Canadian Air Advisory Council on National Security, I and the “Global War on Terror” is neither “holy”, nor “Roman”, nor an “empire”, the Holy Roman Empire was neither “holy”, nor “Roman”, nor an “empire”, the Global War on Terror is neither “global”, nor is it a “war”, nor is it being fought against an abstract noun or violent tactic known as “terror”.

To their credit, several years ago, the American Defense Secretary, Donald Rumsfeld, and General Richard Myers, head of the Joint Chiefs in the Pentagon, tried to change the acronym to the more accurate “G-SAVE” — the Global Struggle Against Violent Extremism”. The White House went ballistic and demanded a return to the GWOT acronym. It seems George W. Bush was afraid the phrase was inadequate for today’s situation then these states have a duty to try and bring the old rules up to date, not simply reject them. That means going through the difficult process of calling multilateral international conferences and negotiating new international treaties on use of force and treatment of POWs.

Today’s world is more at peace than at any point in my lifetime. Dealing with today’s violent extremists is more a military one. Metaphors using the word “war” must not prevent an understanding of who we are and the recent human rights act in Bermuda. He is pictured here welcoming the whole cohort of Dal law grads in February 2007. Both wonder if Allan constitutes a useful tool in the pioneering stages of environmental law in this region.

Allan Doughty was admitted to the bar of Nova Scotia before returning to Bermuda where he was aligned for her return home. Home for Maya is a suburb of Tel Aviv; Israel where she was born. “My mother is a former Montreality and my father is originally from Argentina, so we lived a bit of a multicultural life. I grew up in Israel and visited Canada regularly. I ended up moving to Canada on my own to study. Maya began her career pursuing the dynamic field of environmental law. Her articling was split between working with Dr. Dianne Saxe, one of Canada’s leading environmental lawyers in Toronto, and moving to Montreal to intern with the Commission for Environmental Cooperation (CEC), a commission set up by an international agreement dealing with the environmental aspects of NAFTA. Maya says that “she felt privileged gaining exposure to both private practice and public policy in the short duration of my articling year.” In January 2006, when Maya’s contract with the CEC ended, she took the opportunity to visit her family in Israel. What started out for her as a winter vacation to soak up some sun, ended up having larger implications than she had expected. While there, she met with several prominent environmental lawyers eager to incorporate their newly acquired knowledge in the Israeli reality, most of whom had returned from pursuing advanced legal degrees in Ivy league universities in the United States.

“All I was excited to learn about the developing groundwork and legal precedents,” says Maya. “Environmental awareness is a relatively new issue in Israel and is gaining popularity due to the activities of an organization built upon North American advocacy groups.” In the business realm, its importance is growing mainly due to the interest in foreign development banks are showing in the region, the expanding liability of owners, CEOs and public servants, and the large investment in environmental technology start-up companies.

“I felt that it would be exciting to get involved in the many challenges facing environmental issues in this part of the world and that my Canadian training would be a useful tool in the pioneering stages of environmental law in this region.”

While in the process of getting my degree evaluated, I discovered that I am the first Israeli to have attended Dalhousie Law School! Maya goes on to say, “I am grateful for the warm Dalhousie family spirit and for Professor Shonita Elkaned’s assistance in sending information about the school’s credentials. Maya is now preparing to become eligible to take the bar and will be working for one of the country’s largest law firms, Herzog, Fox & Neeman, in Tel Aviv after having created a separate environmental practice group. Maya says with a smile, “While most people in these firms hail from law schools in England and the United States, I am privileged and proud to represent and promote Dalhousie Law School and the Weldon tradition in the Middle East.”
James W. Maddin (LL.B. 1900) was a charming man with a kind heart and an attractive personality. For most of his career, he earned a reputation as a brilliant defence lawyer, at other times as a prosecutor and later in life as a brilliant defence lawyer, at other times as a prosecutor. He was known for his quick wit and his ability to think on his feet. Although he dealt in the seriousness of criminal law, he was warm and funny enough to earn the admiration of his own children and grandchildren as well as those of his neighbours.

Maddin practised criminal law in Sydney until the outbreak of the Great War, when he headed for Halifax to enlist in the 85th Overseas Battalion, CEF, as a Captain. His reputation as a talented defence lawyer had preceded him, and he soon found himself defending soldiers at court-martials. The Honourable Leslie M. Frost, who later became the Premier of Ontario (1949-1961), had an opportunity to get to know Maddin while overseas and said of him, “As a prisoner’s friend or counsel for delinquent soldiers, his fame and skill were widely recognized.” Maddin was promoted to Major. After the war, he returned to Sydney, resumed his practice and with success after success, became known as “Major Jim”, one of the country’s most skilful trial lawyers.

Maddin was so impressed by the people of Cape Breton that he chose to stay on and make the area his home. He continued to act in the best interests of Sydney and for the rest of his days enjoyed his work, family, friends and his community. On Friday…his passing lowered the final curtain on a life dedicated to the legal profession. — Dianne Marshall
The Honourable Bertha Wilson: Trailblazer for Justice

Dr. Moira McConnell (LL.B. ’84), who had clerked for Wilson at the Court (1984-85), took on the task as Chair of the Wilson Symposium Committee. Dr. McConnell spoke of Wilson in the following terms: “The Honourable Bertha Wilson, QC, an immigrant from Scotland, a teacher, a graduate of Dalhousie Law School, a scholar, a practitioner at the Toronto law firm of Osler, Hoskin & Harcourt, is a woman, married to a member of the clergy, is a member of the Royal Commission examining the place of Aboriginal peoples in Canada, and was the first woman to be appointed to both the Supreme Courts of Ontario and Canada. The title of the Symposium, ‘The Democratic Intellect: The Contribution of Madam Justice Wilson’ was chosen to highlight the many facets to her contribution. While her role as the first woman to be appointed to the Supreme Court of Canada is of great importance, her contribution to Canadian life reaches far beyond the mere fact of her appointment, and stems from her intellect and human contributions to thinking and values in the Canadian society. Her position as a judge of the court charged under the Constitution with interpreting ‘the supreme law of the land’ merely provided the conduit.”

In conjunction with the Symposium The Right Honourable Brian Dickson, former Chief Justice of Canada, delivered The Horace E. Read Memorial Lecture in December 1991. Dickson noted the irony of paying tribute to the memory of the distinguished dean of Dalhousie Law School as well as honouring Wilson, one of Read’s former students who became one of Canada’s greatest jurists. Dickson concluded his remarks by commenting on Wilson’s judicial philosophy:

“In my view, Bertha Wilson’s reputation as a judge’s judge and as a trailblazer for justice was built on her fundamental insights concerning the constitutional constraints within which a judge must function and on her particularly refined sense of what constitute legitimate ways in which to inject society’s concern to advance social justice into a court’s jurisprudence... It is a fitting tribute to the law faculty at Dalhousie, and to the curriculum that Dean Read worked so hard to build, that one of Dalhousie’s most impressive alums, Bertha Wilson, has done so much to bring to Canadian jurisprudence a truly distinctive approach. She has thereby helped to transform this jurisprudence...into a body of law that is genuinely dynamic and that is looked to throughout the world’s legal communities as one of the foremost sources of inspiration.”

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Professor Philip L. Bryden, (present Dean of Law, University of New Brunswick), also alluded to a possible tendency to take Wilson for granted. He illustrated the matter with an anecdote from his time as a law clerk (1982-84) to Wilson: “I was seeing her in her office after lunch one day and she recounted to me a conversation she had with one of her colleagues in the judges’ dining room. The colleague had commented on her view on some issue or other with the observation that it was obvious that she was simply a result oriented judge. Her response was that she took that as a compliment. Knowing full well, of course, that her colleague’s remark had not been offered as one. My point here is that she believed the law had to be of service to human beings, and the law’s failure to produce appropriate results in individual instances had implications for the legal ideas that produced those results. She was not a judge who was prepared to content herself with the observation that hard cases make bad law; she took the view that hard cases meant that judges had to work that much harder.”

As noted by Chief Justice McLauchlin, Wilson was a pioneer in Charter jurisprudence. Justice James MacPherson passed away in Ottawa on April 25, 2007. Born in Kirkcaldy, Scotland, Wilson received a masters degree from the University of Aberdeen. With her husband, John Wilson, a Presbyterian minister, she emigrated to Canada in 1949. John first took up a ministry in Renfrew, Ontario. During the Korean war he served a six year secondment as a clergyman. During the Korean war he served a six year secondment as a

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**TRIBUTE TO THE HONOURLRABLE BERTHA WILSON**

by the

Right Honourable Beverley McLachlin, P.C.

Chief Justice of Canada at the memorial service held on

May 8, 2007

John, members of the Wilson family, Ladies and Gentlemen, it is an honour and a privilege for me to pay homage today to the Honourable Bertha Wilson, talented lawyer, distinguished judge, loyal friend.

Today we celebrate the life of a great jurist, an exceptional woman, and an extraordinary human being.

I was privileged to serve with Bertha Wilson on the Supreme Court of Canada for almost two years before she retired in January 1991. In a public statement made last week on behalf of the members of the Court, I noted that Bertha broke ground in 1975 as the first woman appointed to the Court of Appeal for Ontario and again in 1982 when she became the first woman appointed to the Supreme Court of Canada. I could have gone on to note that she was the first woman before him, Chief Justice Chetan, and Harcourt, the first lawyer to head the firm’s research department and the firm’s first woman partner. In her unassuming and persistent way, she was a trailblazer who had a profound impact on the administration of justice and development of the law in Canada.

To do what Bertha Wilson did took intelligence, vision, and courage— all of which this extraordinary woman possessed in exceptional measure.

When she was sworn in as a judge on the Supreme Court of Canada in March, 1982, Bertha said this:

“We cherish the free and open society which has been built here with its rich mosaic of creeds, cultures and customs. We shape our future with sensitivity, imagination and flair.”

The words were prescient of the approach she would take as a judge who was appointed to the Court a mere month before the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms was enacted into Canadian law.

Not enough has been written to adequately acknowledge the tremendous workload borne by Canadian judges in those early years of the Charter, as courts, including the Supreme Court of Canada, took on the task of adding substance to the framework of rights the legislators had seen fit to protect in the Charter.

Chief Justice Tony Lamer said upon her retirement in 1991 that Bertha Wilson shouldered more than her share of that burden, with an eagerness and sense of duty. She cared deeply, with an eagerness and sense of duty. She cared with an eagerness and sense of duty.

Bertha had a lovely laugh and a wonderful sense of humour.

In a speech given after her retirement she was asked to speak at the Briars on the topic, “Constitutional Advocacy”. She started her speech this way (I won’t try to imitate the brogue):

“It may be that whoever had the bright idea of asking me to speak on this subject thought that you would all leave the Briars with a set of surefire guidelines to success in constitutional cases before the Supreme Court of Canada. Well, of course, this is pipe dreaming. All I ever knew for sure when I was sitting on those cases was that I would be on the losing side!”

It is true, of course, that Justice Wilson did write a number of landmark dissents and minority opinions. It is also true, however, that many of those opinions have since become the law.

I encountered Bertha’s very sense of humour on my very first day of the Court. Those of you who have heard me tell this story before, will, I hope, forgive me. I was the third woman appointed to the Supreme Court. Just after I was sworn in, Bertha leaned over to me with a wicked twinkle in her eye, and said in her characteristic Scottish brogue, “Three down, six to go!” That sense of humour served her well as she ploughed through the Court’s docket in those early years of the Charter.

Beyond the intelligence, the diligence, the passion for law, the dedication of rights and equality; behind the public persona of a justice on this country’s highest court, Bertha Wilson was a humble woman who saw beauty in her fellow human beings. It is for all these things that we remember her today.

John, I know that Bertha did not want a lot of pomp and circumstance at this ceremony, so I will stop here. Let me close with this. Bertha lived out beautifully the philosophy she articulated back in 1982 at her swearing-in: In her time and in her unique way, she “shaped our future with sensitivity, imagination and flair”. •

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—Justice James MacPherson

**A Gift of Music**

The Symposium culminated in an evening of commentary and the premiere of a musical work by Canadian composer, Sandy Moore and performed by the celtic music group “Swallow’s Tale.” The work entitled “Flowers of Fife” was commissioned with the support of the Nova Scotia Department of Tourism and Culture to honour Bertha Wilson and it, as with her legal contribution, is a gift to Canadian society that will outlive its creators.

Dedicated, October 5th, 1991, to the Honourable Bertha Wilson, Q.C.

**The Flowers of Fife**

O CALEDONIA! stern and wild,

Land of the mountain and the flood,

Land of my sires! What mortal hand

Can e’er unite the filial band,

That knits me to thy rugged strand!

SCOTT

O SWEET are Coila’s haughs an’ woods,

When lintwhites chant among the buds,

And jinkin hares, in amorous whids,

With waifu cry!

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Cover Story
The Weldon Award for Unselfish Public Service 2008

This year’s Weldon Award, sponsored by the Dalhousie Law School Alumni Association, is to honour a graduate of the Law School for unselfish public service in the community. Established in 1983, this award is a tribute to the ideals of the Law School’s first dean, Richard Chapman Weldon, and a reminder of the Weldon tradition which had its origins during his 51-year tenure as dean from 1883 to 1914.

Call for Nominations

The Weldon Award for Unselfish Public Service 2008

With your nomination please include a minimum of two letters of support along with the nominee’s curriculum vitae.

Deadline: 
Nominations must be received by November 30, 2007

Eligibility:
A Dalhousie Law School graduate

Selection:
A selection committee appointed by the board of directors of the Dalhousie Law Alumni Association

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My nomination for The Weldon Award of Unselfish Public Service:

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Weldon Award for Unselfish Public Service

Dalhousie Law School presented its 24th Weldon Award for Unselfish Public Service on Thursday, March 8th, 2007. This year the award went posthumously to Vancouver lawyer Dugald Christie, Class of 1966, for his unwavering commitment to making justice accessible to all — especially the poor and disabled.

Mr. Christie was best known for founding a network of pro bono clinics, the Western Canadian Society to Access Justice, that today has 61 offices from Campbell River, BC to Winnipeg with over 400 lawyers donating their services.

Mr. Christie’s citation, written with the help of his sister Dr. Janet Christie Seely, accompanied this year’s Weldon Award presentation commended his selfless work and cited his notable accomplishments:

Dugald Christie was born in New York on November 7, 1940. After obtaining his law degree from Dalhousie in 1966, he started a law practice in Vancouver and lived in a beautiful house in Lion’s Bay. Several dramatic events in his life prompted Dugald’s rebellion and major change in his career.

An act of God resulted in a landslide that killed his neighbours’ two sons and left Dugald’s house almost worthless. He took on his neighbours’ cause and fought for justice. He succeeded in getting only $5000 in personal recompense and was so incensed by his experience with the justice system that he developed a great empathy for the underdog and more and more pursued his work for the poor. He followed his feelings, but had not said goodbye to reason and prudence.

Dugald wrote of himself: “Now I relieve my rebellion against the ways of the world by bicycling to Ottawa to burn my lawyer’s robes, publishing articles that judges are not permitted to read or that judges refuse to read, and then running for Parliament to protest the failure of the legal system to provide fair access to justice for all. His family and the many that supported Dugald Christie Seely, accompanied this year’s Weldon Award presentation commended his selfless work and cited his notable accomplishments: present a petition to the Prime Minister, and to try for the third time to put his resolution before the Canadian Bar to establish pro bono clinics across Canada at their Annual Meeting in St. John’s, Newfoundland. Two days into the journey, he learned that he had been acknowledged for distinguished service by the Dalhousie Law School Alumni Association, was established in 1983, this award is a tribute to the ideals of the Law School’s first dean, Richard Chapman Weldon, and a reminder of the Weldon tradition which had its origins during his 51-year tenure as dean from 1883 to 1914.

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In the summer of 2006, I had an amazing opportunity to work in Dhaka, Bangladesh in the law and development field. I was awarded a competitive "Students for Development" grant funded by the Canadian International Development Agency. This grant was a partnership agreement between the Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada, Dalhousie University, Dalhousie Law School and the Bangladesh Rural Advancement Committee's Research and Evaluation Division for which I worked. My research in Bangladesh built upon my previous experience working in sustainable development in India for the Canadian International Development Research Centre while I was an undergraduate student in International Development and International Relations at McGill University. Women's rights have always been an overarching interest of mine.

I enjoyed my experience studying law and development in Bangladesh. I met Bangladeshi lawyers, social scientists, human rights activists, and community legal aid workers who are working to improve access to justice and the quality of justice for women, the poor, and other marginalized groups.

There is a great deal of work being done in Bangladesh in the law and development field. For example, the Bangladesh Legal Aid and Services Trust (BLAST), a large legal empowerment organization run by Bangladeshi lawyers offering their services for charity, received 8,867 cases between April 2003 and March 2004. Also, the Bangladesh Rural Advancement Committee (BRAAC) received over 30,125 cases from 34 districts across Bangladesh by December 2004. With this volume of legal aid and alternative or traditional dispute resolution work going on, there is little or no attention paid to the effectiveness and structures of these programs. In order to fill this knowledge gap, I spent much of my time researching legal development programs that Bangladeshi non-governmental organizations (NGOs) were implementing in rural areas. I produced a large study of four NGOs working in the legal empowerment field and reported on the impact of their work on women and poor people.

Poor people in Bangladesh access justice primarily through traditional, informal dispute resolution systems. The Shalish is the primary form of justice for most Bangladeshi. The Shalish is an informal gathering of respected community members, usually wealthy men, who resolve conflicts based on community values and norms. I observed through my research which NGO interventions, working with the Shalish through training and awareness, resulted in more pro-poor and more female-friendly verdicts and processes. One educational intervention of BLAST resulted in women becoming community judges on some local Shalishes. Also, it facilitated in women speaking out in their own trials, and resulted in verdicts which reflect the Bangladeshi constitution and laws.

The Madaripur Legal Aid Association (MLAA), a local development NGO working in the Madaripur region, has also successfully revived the Union Parishad Village Court and Arbitration Council through training and administrative support. This government-run local level court is like a small claims court in Canada with a jurisdiction to hear disputes involving sums below a certain amount of money. The adjudicators resolving disputes in this Village Court are the most local level of representatives, who operate informally to resolve disputes. Training and support has resulted in verdicts which are increasingly based on principles of Bangladeshi law and accessible for poor people through a simplified process and minimized costs.

I also studied how NGOs provide alternative dispute resolution services to provide non-Shalish dispute resolution. For example, the Madaripur Legal Aid Association's alternative Shalish program received 10,138 alternative cases in the 2004-2005 fiscal year. This form of alternative dispute resolution increased poor people's access to justice, but the family law issues involving violence against women were negotiated with no protection or correction of the power imbalance for abused women.

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Living in one of the world's least developed countries was an emotional experience for me. Everywhere I went, I saw incredible poverty and hunger. My commute to work by three-wheeled bicycle rickshaw took me through one of Dhaka's largest slums — and allowed me to peek through the windows of a shabby one-room schoolhouse where twenty tiny faces beamed with excitement and life.

While living in Bangladesh, I was most affected by my restricted freedom. As a woman, I felt constrained in my dress — as every day I had to wear a knee-length shawlshirt over my trousers to cover the shape of my legs and had to cover my chest and shoulders with a breast camouflaging decency scarf.

However, my complaints pale in comparison to some of the choices Bangladeshi women have to make, especially in rural areas. The majority of poor Bangladesh women would never be able to bring a rapist to justice. Women are dependent on men and are ostracized and discriminated against if they live without a husband or father. Poor women who have been raped are no longer seen as pure in a world where women's sexual purity is the property of their husbands. Women's societal dependency on men and the commoditisation of their sexuality means that marrying their rapist is commonly seen as the best solution for rape survivors, since no one would want to marry an "impure" woman. Even if a woman wanted to risk the social stigma and extreme poverty associated with independence the police tend not to cooperate in rape investigations. Some of the community outreach programmes I studied were trying to educate women about their rights but changing societal norms can be painfully slow.

On the brighter side, I was amazed by the number of lawyers and researchers who had emerged from the privileged classes of Bangladesh to fight for the rights of those who cannot fight for themselves. I was filled with hope by all classes of people who were working hard to improve their country instead of robbing it through corruption and exploitation. My experience in Bangladesh has filled me with a renewed sense of purpose.

Dalhousie Law School has a strong tradition of honouring public service. As law students, lawyers, civil servants, judges, politicians and educated community members, we are all positioned to be an incredible force for change in Canada and beyond. As we become increasingly interconnected with the legal community around the world I hope that each of us understands the power we possess — even the tiniest drops of water can eventually make a bucket overflow.

Dipika Jain

Fundamental rights in India

On March 29, 2007 Dipika Jain, a Dalhousie student completing her L.L.M. in human rights law, discussed India’s public interest litigation (PIL) system and her work with the New Delhi Branch of the Human Rights Law Network, a national NGO.

Ms. Jain, who has a B.C.Sc. and L.L.B. from the University of Delhi, described the wide gap between the “haves” and the “have-nots” in India. She then went on to explain how recent Supreme Court actions have sought to provide basic necessities for the 760 million “have-nots” in India who struggle daily for food, health care and education.

Ms. Jain’s talk focused on two test cases: VHP v. Union of India, dealing with the access to antiretroviral drug treatment for HIV/AIDS, and PUCL v. Union of India, dealing with access to food. The Supreme Court of India, through these and other cases, has made access to food and healthcare fundamental rights in India. While implementation has proven to be a challenge still being worked on, the court’s activist approach has demonstrated that fundamental rights are more than an illusion. PIL is a judge led, judge dominated movement in which basic fundamental rights are interpreted in accordance with the Constitution of India.
Tammy Donovan: “Students here are collaborative, not competitive”

Tammy Donovan knew that Dalhousie was a special place when she organized a faculty auction for charity in her first year and got to see an unexpected side of her law professors.

“Here were these accomplished professors willing to do these silly, fun things for charity, like show off their juggling skills,” she says. “It’s not every day you see someone who’s won the Order of Canada singing karaoke!”

Tammy was a legal assistant in Vancouver when she first heard about Dalhousie from someone who described it as “a really friendly place.” Now graduating with her law degree, Tammy has experienced Dalhousie’s strong sense of community first-hand, particularly within the Law faculty.

“Students here are collaborative, not competitive. We really pushed each other to do well; there was none of the competitiveness that I’ve heard about from other schools. I really liked how supportive the environment was, both with students and faculty.”

Tammy plans on pursuing a career in corporate law. In the meantime, she takes away memories of growth, opportunities, and a bit of the unexpected she discovered along the way. —Dawn Morrison

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Professor Philip Girard’s project “Dealing with Adversity: the Halifax Bar, 1900-1950” was selected as the topic for the 2007 Borden Ladner Gervais Fellowship. Each year the Borden Ladner Gervais firm sponsors some twenty such fellowships at Canadian law schools, with a view to promoting excellence in legal research and providing research opportunities for law students. Professor Girard selected first-year student Jeff Haylock to receive the Fellowship, which consists of a $10,000 stipend for conducting research over the summer. Jeff holds an Honours BA in History and Linguistics from Trinity College, U of T, and an MPhil in Linguistics from Queens’ College, Cambridge.

Funding from Borden Ladner Gervais will allow Professor Girard to continue his research on the Nova Scotian legal profession, which previously focused on the bar province-wide in the 19th century. This project will narrow the focus to Halifax-Dartmouth, and consider how the urban bar adapted to the difficult economic circumstances prevailing in the region in the early 20th-century, especially after the First World War. The research will try to identify and understand the strategies adopted by members of the Halifax bar, both as individuals and firms, in this challenging environment. It will go on to analyze how these responses affected stratification, specialization, recruitment (especially of women and minorities), the independence of the bar, its corporate life and self-understanding (including ethics and discipline), and its relations with its hinterland.

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The Smith Shield

“A person hosts a party. Guests drink alcohol. An inebriated guest drives away and causes an accident in which another person is injured. Is the host liable?” This was the question before the Supreme Moot Court of Dalhousie for the 2007 Smith Shield Moot competition. The fictional trial judge in Korda, Leblanc Estate v. Woodrow (Nova Scotia Court of Appeal) was in charge of the 2007 Smith Shield Moot competition. The Dalhousie team mooted in front of Justice Allan Lufty and Justice Yves de Montigny of the Federal Court of Canada; Roger Lafrenière, Prothonotary of the Federal Court of Canada; the author of the problem, Christine Robichaud, and counsel for the Privacy Commissioner of Canada.

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- Lindsay Bailey
- Clarissa Pearce
- Sarah Pottle
- Wade Mills

They made their submissions before an attentive and engaged panel: Honourable Justice Elizabeth A. Rosen (Nova Scotia Court of Appeal); the Honourable Justice David Watt (Ontario Superior Court of Justice); and Mr. Philip J. Stacy, Q.C. (LL.B ’81) (President, Nova Scotia Barristers’ Society).

The event was sponsored by the law firm of Stewart McKelvey Stirling Scales, represented at the event by a firm partner, Ms. Nancy Rubin. All counsel made strong and vigorous submissions before a standing-room only crowd in Weldon’s Room 105. As is so often true, the judges (and the audience) were hard pressed to choose the top two mooters. Sarah Pottle and Lindsay Bailey were awarded the Smith Shield (A.S. Pattullo Prize in Advocacy). The Leonard A. Kitz Prize in Advocacy was awarded to Wade Mills and Clarissa Pearce.

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Dalhousie’s 2006-2007 Jessup moot team was confronted by what was generally agreed to be one of the most difficult problems the Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition has ever set out. The hypothetical dealt with a fictional state (not unlike Turkey) which has been engaged in negotiations with a fictional international organization (not unlike an early version of the European Union). Negotiations have broken down, and a number of legal problems remain to be solved — problems which are located in some of the more nebulous and emerging areas of public international law.

The team, made up of Katie Edwards, Ziad Haddad, Melissa Insanic and James Miglin, wrestled the problem to the mat, and put in a very solid performance at the Canadian national round, which was held at the Royal York Hotel in Toronto. While placement in the top ranks was not to be, both James and Katie scored among the top 20 oralsists, and the team received several compliments from judges on the quality of their written and oral advocacy. Congratulations to them on a job well done.

The team itself is very grateful to the many Dalhousie professors (current and former) and Halifax and Toronto bar professors and, as always, was an invaluable resource and source of advice. — Professor Robert Currie

This year’s problem dealt with transboundary air pollution, namely carbon dioxide and its effects through global warming. Also, for the first time, the facts involved Canada. Inuit from the “hypothetical” northern Canadian “Province of Nunaskuk” brought a nuisance action against the United States’ five largest coal-based power corporations and a statutory suit under s.115 of the U.S. Clean Air Act against the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). The Inuit were seeking $260 million in monetary damages for the relocation of their village to higher ground and an order requiring a 50 per cent reduction in carbon dioxide emissions from the corporations.

This moot required teams to argue from all three sides of the issue — the Inuit, the Corporations and the EPA — demanding a substantial amount of preparation. The team quickly learned about the different legal and judicial culture in the U.S. The judges were aggressive, the counsel was argumentative and no one was particularly respectful. Nathan was fast to learn however, stealing ‘best oralist’ in the first round. The next two rounds went smoothly and the team garnered much praise from the judges in discussions that took place after each session. Despite the positive feedback the team was disappointed to learn that they did not advance to the ‘playoffs’. It was learned later that the team missed by a margin of three points, one place back of making the cut.

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This past November third-year students Bryna Fraser, Veronica Ford, Andrew Gough and Robert Richler travelled with coach Professor Richard Devlin to Portland, Maine, to compete against the University of Maine and the University of New Brunswick in the annual Triilateral Moot. The issue in contention was the existence of a duty of care on the Canusan army for intentional torts committed by its off-duty soldiers. Oral arguments were held over two days with each member having the opportunity to make submissions as both appellant and respondent. All teams benefited greatly from the composition of the bench, a mixture of Superior and Supreme Court Judges from Maine, distinguished practitioners from New England as well as a judge from the Federal Court of Appeal for the First Circuit. Their detailed knowledge of the case, their poignant questions and their thoughtful feedback made for a very memorable experience.

The Dalhousie team placed first in the oral arguments and came second overall. A special thanks to Professor Devlin and the University of Maine and the University of New Brunswick for their hospitality.

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Kawaskimhon Moot

I am pleased to report that our team, Kim Collins and Andrew Kirk, were the stars of the Kawaskimhon Aboriginal Rights Moot that took place February 28th, 2007 at the University of Manitoba. Their appellate work on the first day was noted by coaches and facilitators as standing out for its clarity, persuasiveness, and responsiveness to other parties’ submissions. Their negotiation work on the second day was, however, where they really stood out.

The moot question was an appeal of the Jenkinson case, where the Queen’s Bench of Manitoba found that a provincial smoking ban that exempted public spaces on reserves was contrary to s.15 of the Charter. The moot involved 15 teams, each representing a different intervenor in this case which touches on self-determination, provincial/federal jurisdiction, the proper characterization of a law as health or criminal, s.15 equality rights from the perspective of a non-aboriginal person, and others. Our team represented the City of Winnipeg, and was pivotal in moving the diverse group of parties, many of whom were adamant that they would not shift from a hard-line position, to endorsing an interim agreement.

Our students’ negotiation skills received recognition all around. Although there is no official ‘winner’ of the moot, the general consensus from the facilitators and coaches was that our students had won the day. I wish to express my deepest thanks to Professors David Blakie and Dick Evans for working with my team to develop their negotiation skills. Their contribution was an essential one, from which my team greatly benefited. — Professor Constance MacIntosh

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Student Scholarships:

Gordon Cudney: student leads the way in fundraising

In the fall of 2003, Sheila Gordon Cudney, a vivacious, compassionate, and active mother of two, passed away tragically at the age of 59 after a valiant battle with breast cancer. In the months after her death, her son, Gordon Cudney LL.B. ’07, “Bowl for the Cure” founder and Dalhousie Law student, organized a fundraiser in her honour where he played 12 rounds of golf in an average score of 83 (walking 55 miles in the process). The event raised over $60,000 for the Canadian Cancer Society (Ottawa Chapter). In 2006, Mr. Cudney, buoyed by the tremendous success of this event, created “Bowl For the Cure,” a fundraiser aimed at bringing the Halifax legal community together for a day of mid-winter fun. Last year’s event was a tremendous success, as it brought lawyers, judges, and law students together to raise more than $5,000 for the Canadian Cancer Society.

On March 8, 2007, 145 Dalhousie Law students, professors and local practitioners (twice the number as last year) again laced up their bowling shoes and hit the lanes to throw strikes and spares for a great cause. This year’s event was a roaring success. In all, $7,400 was raised for the Canadian Cancer Society. Perhaps more importantly, in the aftermath of this year’s event, the Halifax chapter of the Canadian Cancer Society informed us that the money we had raised was enough to send three kids and their friends to Camp Goodtime; a summer retreat for children battling cancer located in Thornburn, NS.

Dal Law students curl for Community Outreach

There was an excellent showing this year for the Second Annual Cosy Curling Tournament with eight motivated and fantastically fashionable teams filling the ice in their colourful Cosy sweaters. Good times were had by all, and a special thank you to the “White Russians” third-year students Eric Roll, Paul Saunders, Adam Hood and Mark Purdy who showed up with their team spirit and entertained us all by curling in their matching, and perhaps a little snug, pink, purple, green and blue velour jumpsuits. This event was a great success as Dal Law was able to raise four shopping carts of non-perishable food for the local chapter of Community Outreach. The Sports Committee would also like to thank the staff at the Halifax Curling Club for helping to make this event a success.

In Canada freedom wears a crown

Rarely anything can keep rain away from a Vancouver autumn. However, as tens of thousands of students, faculty and staff proceeded towards the University of British Columbia’s Point Grey campus on October 7, 2002 a different type of “rain” came to mind — the glory of The Queen’s “reign.” Her Majesty, Elizabeth II, by the Grace of God of the United Kingdom, Canada, and Her Other Realms and Territories, Queen, Head of the Commonwealth, Defender of the Faith, was making her way to the University as part of her Golden Jubilee celebrations in Vancouver.

As a first year undergrad, barely into the school year, Political Science was one of the few courses I really looked forward to. However, on that particular day I hoped that the Teaching Assistant would end the discussion early. Indeed, he consented to contribute the following in his own words.

Edward Wang at Government House, Victoria, BC with Herb LeRoy, Private Secretary to the Lieutenant Governor of BC.

For information on The Monarchist League of Canada visit www.monarchist.ca or call 1-800-IM-Loyal.
A tribute to Judge Ronald St. John Macdonald

On Thursday, November 30, 2007 a large group of over 125 people comprising family, friends, dignitaries and colleagues gathered in the Dalhousie Room of the Henry Hicks Building to celebrate and pay tribute to the life of Judge Ronald St. John Macdonald, former Dean of Dalhousie Law School, who passed away on September 7, 2006, in Halifax. Guests included Dalhousie University President Tom Traves, Dean Philip Saunders and former law deans, Mr. James Palmer, C.M., C.D., Q.C. (Dalhousie President and Dean of Law); The Honourable Lorne MacKay of the Federal Court (and former Dalhousie President and Dean of Law); Dr. Donat Pharand, O.C., Q.C. (Professor Emeritus, University of Ottawa) and The Honourable Gerhard D. LaForest, former Judge of the Supreme Court of Canada, (Registry of the European Court of Human Rights) and (Registrar of the European Court of Human Rights) and was the driving force behind the creation of a major new field of study and programme at Dalhousie University in the area of marine and environmental law. He was the first non-Chinese to receive an honorary degree from the University of Beijing, and the first non-European to be appointed to the European Court of Human Rights at Strasbourg, a position he held from 1980 to 1998. In addition he was Honorary Professor in Law at Peking University, a member of the Permanent Court of International Justice’s Office (Ottawa) and the Republic of Cyprus. He was also the recipient of several honorary degrees and awards. In 1984 he was named an Officer of the Order of Canada, and became a Companion of the Order in 2000.

The Dalhousie Law School’s tribute to Judge Macdonald commenced with an opening cordial reception allowing many old friends and colleagues to exchange reminiscences about “Ron.” It was followed by a programme of reflection and personal remarks from long-time associates, friends and family members and friends to pay tribute to Ronald St. John Macdonald. The Macdonald’s family members included daughters, Dr. Mairi Macdonald and Dr. Elizabeth Podnieks, and nephew, Mr. Andrew Podnieks. Judge Macdonald graduated from Dalhousie Law School (LL.B. 1952), and received Master of Laws degrees from London University (1954) and Harvard University (1955). He taught successively in the faculties of law at Osgoode Hall, the University of Western Ontario, and the University of Toronto where he also served as Dean of Law from 1967 until 1972. He was Dean of Law at Dalhousie Law School from 1972 until 1979 and Professor of Law from 1979 until 1990. His legacy includes the many important programs that he established as Dean. During his tenure as dean at Dalhousie Judge Macdonald established the Dalhousie Law Journal, substantially revived the graduate program, oversaw a ground breaking exchange program with China (which included human rights legal scholars), created an office of alumni affairs, and launched the law journal (Heuray), and was the driving force behind the creation of a major new field of study and programme at Dalhousie University in the area of marine and environmental law (MELP).

In 2006, the Marine & Environmental Law faculty carried out a curriculum review to determine whether our course selection meets the interests of our students and the needs we anticipate they will have in the workplace. Our review concluded that while our courses generally still serve our students very well, there were some opportunities to enhance our offerings. Step one was to re-offer a course we had not been able to offer for some time, Marine Environmental Protection. This was followed up with two curriculum changes to take effect next year. One was the combination of two existing courses into a new course entitled Law of International Trade & Shipping. The other addition was a new course on Energy Law to be taught jointly by myself and Bob Haaf (LL.B.’89), Senior Legal Counsel with Emera. This course will be taught from a regulatory perspective within a broader law and policy context. The focus of the course will be on the generation, distribution and sale of electricity. By co-teaching it with one of the most experienced practicing lawyers in the field, we are confident that we will be able to provide students with a unique combination of academic and practical perspectives in the critical field of energy law. Future possible changes identified included changes to the environmental law to be taught jointly by myself and Bob Haaf (LL.B.’89), Senior Legal Counsel with Emera. This course will be taught from a regulatory perspective within a broader law and policy context. The focus of the course will be on the generation, distribution and sale of electricity. By co-teaching it with one of the most experienced practicing lawyers in the field, we are confident that we will be able to provide students with a unique combination of academic and practical perspectives in the critical field of energy law. Future possible changes identified included changes to the environmental law.
Judge Corrine Sparks: first award presented to Lyle Howe

The inaugural Judge Corrine E. Sparks Award in Law for Excellence and Service was launched by the Dalhousie Black Law Students’ Association (DBLSA) on February 9, 2007. The Award honours Judge Corrine Sparks, a trailblazer in the legal community, as she is the first African Nova Scotian to be appointed to the bench as well as the first African Canadian woman to serve on the judiciary in Canada. The award will be presented annually to one or more students whose personal and academic achievements most accurately reflect Judge Sparks’ spirit of leadership and community service and it is designed to celebrate students who are committed to using their legal education as a tool for change within the community.

In an effort to concretize the Award’s community connection, the student recipient in turn designates a community organization to share the Award. This year’s recipient was first-year student Lyle Howe, who chose to share his Award with the Nova Scotia Home for Coloured Children.

The Award launch was a great success with over two hundred people coming together at the University Club. African Nova Scotian and other community members joined with students, alumni, faculty and members of the bar and bench in a reunion-like celebration. Special guests, including a number of Black judges from across North America, attendees were embraced by a warm Afrocentric atmosphere created by African Nova Scotian art coordinated by B-Space Gallery curator David Woods; the sounds of jazz music played by Dalhousie student, Nathaniel Misiri and friend Paul; and later drumming performance by Vice-Principal Westmoreland, Traore, court of Quebec; Judge Juanita Williams, NS Provincial Court; Judge Anne Derrick, NS Provincial Court; Judge Lydia Kirkland, Philadelphia Municipal Court; Justice Hugh Fraser, Ontario Court Justice, Hon. J. Michael MacDonald, Chief Justice of Nova Scotia.

“...in life it is not only what one stands for that matters, but also what one stands up for.”
—Judge Corrine Sparks

“A key aspect of human greatness, which we all have, is experienced, I believe, by the way in which power and influence are utilized to empower, encourage and exalt others.”
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received a top notch education. She emphasized the work ethic that she inherited from her parents and spoke of her journey to the bench. Judge Sparks received great support from many faculty members at Dalhousie Law School during her LL.B. and LL.M. degrees, and explained that she felt increasingly encouraged as the legal profession opens up to more diverse groups of people. She ended her remarks quoting Judge Constance Motley Baker, the first black woman to be appointed to the U.S. Federal Court, who observed that “something which we think is impossible now — is not impossible in another decade” reiterating her support for the law students and wishing them success in the future.

Award recipient Mr. Lyle Howe exemplifies many of Judge Sparks’ qualities. His community involvement includes serving as a mentor and participating in Pro Bono Students Canada through which he is re-drafting the Constitution of an historical African Nova Scotian Church. Upon accepting the Award, Lyle noted that the quest for social justice and equality motivated him to attend law school and that he hoped to see justice for the Halifax community of Africville of which he is a descendant. Nancy Sparks, President of the Nova Scotia Home for Coloured Children Board of Directors accepted the award on behalf of the community organization. Finally, Spoken Word artist, Ms. Tesla Rolle, ended the evening by reciting her poem, “Old Mother River”, specifically written for the event. The poem delighted the audience and was received with much applause. In the end, the DBLSA Award Committee of Burtley Francis, Stephen McCandy, Misty Morrison, missing is Toko Omsade had much to be proud of.

Anyone interested in contributing to the success of the award can make a contribution online at www.dal.ca/giving or by cheque made payable to Dalhousie University with memo “Judge Corrine Sparks Award in Law”, sent to the following address: Office of External Relations, Dalhousie University, Macdonald Building, 6300 Colebrooke Road, Halifax, N.S., B3H 3J5.
Michael Hadskis receives Distinguished Service Award


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Archie Kaiser

Professor Archie Kaiser is the most recent recipient of the Dalhousie Law Students’ Society and Alumni Association Award for Excellence in Teaching. At the awards reception on March 8, 2007, Professor Kaiser remarked that despite the amount of time he has been in the legal profession, he remains enthusiastic about occupying a role where he is expected to be pre-occupied with concerns for liberty, justice, and equality. He also thrives on being challenged by the many bright and idealistic students that Dalhousie Law School attracts and appreciates, and he remains enthusiastic about occupying a role where he is expected to be pre-occupied with concerns for liberty, justice, and equality. He also thrives on being challenged by the many bright and idealistic students that Dalhousie Law School attracts and appreciates, and he encourages students to follow Wesley’s Rule which states to do all the good you can, by all the means you can, in all the ways you can, in all the places you can, at all the times you can, to all the people you can, as long as you ever can. Prior to teaching, Professor Blaikie practised in the area of insurance defence litigation.

Professor Kaiser has been teaching since 1979 in the areas of criminal law, criminal procedure, general jurisprudence, contracts, poverty law, and mental disability law.

Chidi Oguamanam

On March 8, 2007, Professor Chidi Oguamanam accepted the 2007 Hanna and Harold Barnet Award for Excellence in Teaching Law. The award was designed to promote high quality teaching and to honour extraordinary achievement in teaching and service to first-year students of Dalhousie Law School. Winners are nominated by students and chosen based on the nominee’s ability to encourage high academic achievement in their students, as well as their involvement with the direction of their students’ lives and careers.

Professor Oguamanam, in a humble acceptance speech, dedicated the award back to his students, past, present and future as a token of his commitment to continued improvement in his service to them, the law school and Dalhousie University. He teaches in the areas of contracts, law and technology, and intellectual property.
Legal intervention

As a lawyer specializing in intellectual property and corporate law in Nigeria, Dr. Chidi Oguamanam helped multinational corporations lay claim to ideas through intellectual property laws. Now, as a law professor and director of the Law and Technology Institute at Dalhousie Law School, Oguamanam argues that “intellectually property law should not be a bully that perpetrates inequities. It must instead protect the weak and accommodate the strong.” By the “weak”, he means the indigenous and local communities.

He cites an example in India, where the herb turmeric was traditionally used by local medicine men to cure diverse ailments, including skin infections. “In spite of it having been used for years, the remedy was patented by a western pharmaceutical company without any recognition of India’s rich ayurvedic, sidha and unani heritages in which knowledge sharing, something that is being patented by western multinational corporations, especially American companies, giving them monopolies and shortchanging the local people in the use and other benefits of the same knowledge,” he says.

“Also compromised is the tradition of knowledge sharing, something that is passed down through generations. So too are the rituals, the drama and the art of practicing the medicine,” says Oguamanam. “When you look at a medicinal plant only for its active ingredient you are reducing it down to its bare bones. Even in western civilization, great credit is given to the therapeutic powers of a holistic approach to medicine.”

Oguamanam feels strongly that there is a need for international law to recognize and protect the knowledge of indigenous and local communities in the intellectual property-driven global knowledge economy.

“As members of western civilization, we pride ourselves on thinking progressively. We assume that new methods make things better. We consider it progress, advancement,” says Oguamanam. “Not everyone buys into this belief. The “old” often provides the safety valve for the uncertainties of the new. This is proving true for environmental management, agricultural biotechnology and genetic modification of living organisms.”

Oguamanam is passionate about his research and the positive benefit it could have. “I’m an African first and a lawyer second. I feel deeply that a cross-cultural approach to knowledge protection would offer a more balanced perspective and better protection to indigenous and local communities that operate outside the contested paradigms of western science and market economy.”

Disability and Dis-citizenship

“The world is designed for the able-bodied and creates barriers for people with disabilities.” That’s the collective belief that drives five Dalhousie law professors to research, critique and challenge existing laws, while also working toward developing future laws.

Profeessors Archie Kaiser, Dianne Poitier, Richard Devlin, Constance MacIntosh and Sheila Wildeman all believe that, while the rhetoric about moral responsibility and social equality is strong in Canada, meaningful action is frequently absent. Devlin refers to it as the “unpleasant underbelly” of the nation. “Canada believes in the importance of democracy, but it’s really only available to people who have a lot of luck and privilege,” he says. “The 15 per cent of Canadian citizens who are disabled are denied the right to participate equally and as whole persons.”

Kaiser, a long-time advocate for people with mental health problems and intellectual disabilities, asserts there is simply too much control over people with disabilities, due in part to antiquated statutes that allow many intrusions with very little support. “The law facilitates intervention into disabled people’s lives to the extent that it enables society to take away their rights and even have them temporarily or permanently placed in institutions,” he says. “It does this in an environment where there are inadequate social supports.”

Dianne Poitier, who has been visually impaired since birth, has teamed up with Devlin to advance the concept of Critical Disability Theory, exposing the idea of dis-citizenship or the state of citizenship minus many of the rights that typically come with it. Wildeman’s work turns a critical lens on substitute decision-making and individual capacity laws. “The capacities and values of persons with mental health problems deserve better recognition in law and medical practice,” says Wildeman.

And MacIntosh is particularly interested in how immigration and refugee law treats those who we accept as citizens. “People who can’t yet access the Charter are treated in a way that would be completely unacceptable for Canadian citizens,” says MacIntosh.

Despite their different areas of interest, the group is committed to increasing awareness of how persons with disabilities are restricted – so much by their disability, but by the way the world is set up. “The same technology which enables large print that makes my life so much easier can also avail micro-print which makes it impossible for me, and thousands of other visually-impaired people, to read,” explains Poitier. “In spite of this, many publications opt to use the micro-print, alienating a portion of their potential reading audience.” This group makes an impact in various ways. They research and write essays and books influencing government policy. They present at law conferences attended by key government players. They help to design and deliver judicial education programs.

All five professors agreed that an encouraging step forward would be the creation of a Nova Scotia Penoms with Disabilities Act. And, without a doubt, they would all be more than willing to assist in its development.
Recent retirement marks 40 years of teaching at Dal Law

According to barrister and author Sir John Mortimer, “No brilliance is required in law, just common sense and relatively clean fingernails.” With due respect to Mr. Mortimer, students demand more than manicured hands of a good law teacher. For over 40 years, Professor John Yogis, Q.C. (LL.B. ’64) has conveyed his common sense approach to the law to thousands of Dalhousie Law School students, with wit, compassion, meticulousness, and, indeed, brilliance. John’s recent retirement presents an occasion to reflect on the career of one of the law school’s most familiar faces.

A law professor’s job description includes many components — scholar, teacher, administrator, and community citizen. In each of these categories John’s contributions have been exemplary. His scholarly work has included several books (including a successful legal dictionary), articles, and editorial contributions. Many former students will remember the seminal Canadian legal research and writing manual that John co-wrote with Professor Innis Christie (LL.B. ’62), which introduced students to the language of the law and provided a field guide to the wilds of the law library. John’s law school classmate and former Nova Scotia Provincial Court judge, The Honourable Sandra Omsby (LL.B. ’69), recalls John’s aptitude in legal research and writing. “When we were all puzzling over our first assignment, he took me aside and confided he had the answer. The renowned legal scholar Garnett Williams had appeared to him in a dream and advised him. After that, I avoided him for a bit until word came out that John had won the prize prior. From that time on, I have always sought John’s advice.”

For most of the 1990s, John served as Associate Dean (Academic) at Dalhousie Law School. His tenure as Associate Dean reflected the law school’s “open door” policy, and illustrated his compassion and devotion to law students and the law school institution. John has also served on and chaired many university committees during his career, including the University Senate, Senate Discipline Committee, and myriad internal law school committees.

John has epitomized the Weldon tradition of unselfish public service, by devoting his considerable talents and time to community volunteer activities, particularly in the arts. John has been a member of the Board of Directors of the Nova Scotia Film Development Corporation and Opera East, and continues to serve on the Advisory Committee of the Dalhousie Art Gallery. He has also contributed significantly to justice and law reform, through his work with organizations such as the Nova Scotia Human Rights Commission, the Nova Scotia Law Reform Advisory Committee, and the Commonwealth Judicial Education Institute. In 2003, the Lieutenant-Governor of Nova Scotia, the Honourable Myra A. Freeman, awarded John a Queen Elizabeth II Golden Jubilee Commemorative Medal for his excellence as a teacher and his contributions to the Commonwealth.

But foremost, John has been an outstanding teacher. In 1984, when he joined the Law School as its first Teaching Fellow, John assisted Professor C.UX. Nichols in developing and teaching “Legal Research, Writing and Bibliography”, a course novel to the law school curriculum in Canada. John’s success with the course subsequently led to the adoption of a similar course by law schools across the country. Other courses that John has taught over the years include Legal Process, International Law, Agency and Partnership, Law of Succession, and Contracts.

Students have greatly appreciated John’s attempts to make his course material accessible. For example, early in his career, in a class devoted to methods of interpreting a statute, he had his class decipher the lyrics to Leonard Cohen’s “Suzanne.” In Contract Law, he frequently utilized photographs, postcards, maps, poems, and movie references that related to particular cases. Material of this sort is sent to him from around the world by former students.

Unlike so many Dalhousie Law School graduates, I haven’t had the pleasure of having John as a teacher at the law school. But I can attest to John’s influence and the curiosity that he instills in the classroom, having taken a legal issues course taught by him at the University of King’s College journalism school. John’s passion for the law was contagious, and led me to apply to law school.

Despite the fact that John never missed an opportunity to promote the accomplishments of his colleagues and friends and to nominate them for various accolades, he adamantly refused any similar recognition of his own many achievements upon his retirement. In his typically humble fashion, he suggested that a donation be made to the Dalhousie Art Gallery in lieu of a retirement event. The law school’s faculty and staff and John’s many friends eagerly embraced the idea, which culminated in the recent unveiling of Peter Powling’s work “Waterbook” at the Dalhousie Art Gallery. The work, in recognition of John’s successful career, will eventually hang in the Sir James Dunn Law Library.

John’s historical knowledge about the law school is legendary, so alumni will be gratified to learn that he will continue his association and dedication to Dalhousie Law School as editor of HearSay and The Avowal, The Honourable Lorne O. Clarke (LL.B. ’51), former Chief Justice of Nova Scotia, summarizes our collective feelings: “John is a loyal and dedicated lawyer, teacher, and friend. His kindness and concern for others is unlimited. We have all benefited from his remarkable talents.”

Congratulations, John, on your retirement, and thank you for your thoughtfulness, commitment, and friendship.

— Professor Michael Deturibe
Faculty in Print

**The Legal Guide for Canadian Churches**
David Blaikie and Diana Ginn

This handy reference book begins with a general overview of the way the law works and then takes readers, step by step, through all the legal implications of the daily operation of a church and parish community. Blaikie and Ginn then explain different areas of the law, including administrative law, property law, employment, civil liability, and copyright law. In addition to addressing culpability and risk reduction, the authors deal with those aspects of government regulation and criminal law that can have an impact on the daily life of a church community.

**Ocean Yearbook 20**
Edited by Aldo Chircop, Scott Coffen-Smout, and Moira McConnell

Devoted to assessing the resources, technology and ecology of the world’s oceans, the Ocean Yearbook provides this information to its worldwide audience in a one convenient, easy-to-use resource.

**Teachers and the Law**
A. Wayne MacKay and Lyle S. Sutherland

Teachers and the Law, 2nd Edition was developed to support the growing number of law courses being taught at faculties of education, and to support classroom teachers and school administrators, many of whom are faced with a myriad of legal issues and challenges. Teachers and the Law is an essential resource for every school and an essential reference for all senior administrative staff.

**Canadian Health Law and Policy**
Jocelyn Downie, Timothy Caulfield and Colleen Flood

The third edition of Canadian Health Law and Policy provides a contemporary introduction to health law. In essence, the third edition presents current and emerging perspectives from the various leading authorities across Canada and incorporates the latest development in legislation, case law and ethical consideration.

**Critical Disability Theory Essays in Philosophy, Politics, Policy, and Law**
Dianne Pothier and Richard Devlin

People with disabilities in Canada inhabit a system of deep structural, economic, social, political, legal, and cultural inequality — a regime of dis-citizenship. Despite the widespread belief that Canada is a country of liberty, equality, and inclusiveness, many persons with disabilities experience social exclusion and marginalization. They are socially constructed as second-class citizens. This book argues that we need new ways to think about the nature of disability; a new understanding of participatory citizenship that encompasses the disabled, new policies to respond to their needs, and a new vision of their entitlements.

**From Hot Air to Action Climate Change, Compliance and the Future of International Environmental Law**
Meinhard Doelle

Exploiting a vast range of very up-to-date scientific, economic, political and legal resources, Meinhard Doelle has drawn some startling conclusions and provided bold new insights into the Protocol, its compliance mechanisms, and its role and enforcement in the realm of international environmental law. The author forecasts the work of the compliance committee in a broader context — examining how its function may promote the development of both the regime and international environmental law. And he provides insightful direction on how compliance mechanisms may work in multilateral international agreements. All in a carefully analyzed and highly readable work written for both lawyers and non-lawyers alike.

**The Supreme Court of Nova Scotia, 1754-2004: From Imperial Bastion to Provincial Oracle**
Edited by Philip Girard, Jim Phillips, and Barry Cahill

Contributors: William Lahey et al.

Prepared to coincide with the 250th anniversary of the establishment of Nova Scotia’s Supreme Court, this important new volume provides a comprehensive history of the institution, Canada’s oldest common law court. The thirteen essays include an account of the first meeting in 1754 of the court in Michaelmas Term, surveys of jurisprudence and chapters on the courts of Westminster Hall, on which the Supreme Court was modelled, and the various courthouses it has occupied. Anchoring the volume are two longer chapters, one on the pre-confederation period and one on the modern period.
Towards Principles Oceans Governance Australian and Canadian Approaches and Challenges
Edited by: Donald R. Rothwell and David L. VanderZwaag
Contributors: Aldo Chircop, Phillip Saunders, Diana Ginn, Ronalda Murphy, Douglas Johnston et al.

Countries are beginning to voyage beyond traditional fixations on sovereign rights to exploit marine resources, to a new emphasis on "principled" ocean governance. Towards Principled Oceans Governance brings together papers authored by leading Australian and Canadian policy-makers and scholars in ocean law and policy.

Remedies Cases and Materials
Jeffrey Berryman, Vaughan Black, Jamie Cassels, Michael Pratt, Kent Roach and Stephen M. Waddams

Remedies, Cases and Materials was written by a new author team of legal scholars representing law schools across the country. It acts as a comprehensive resource, combining academic commentary, case reports, and detailed notes on the subject of remedies. Excerpts of the Supreme Court of Canada's important treatment of punitive damages in Whitten are extensively provided. Clear sections between common-law remedies and equitable remedies are provided so that instructors may choose the appropriate material for their classroom needs.

Aquaculture Law and Policy: Towards Principled Access and Operations
Edited by David VanderZwaag and Gloria Chao

The aquaculture industry is fast expanding around the globe and causing major environmental and social disruptions. The volume is about getting a "good governance" grip on this important industry. The book highlights the numerous law and policy issues that must be addressed in the search for effective regulation of aquaculture. This book will appeal to a broad range of audiences: undergraduate and postgraduate students, academic researchers, policy makers, NGOs, practicing lawyers and industry representatives.

International Law: Chieftly as Interpreted and Applied in Canada, 7th Edition

International law is the only field of law in which students are expected to digest such a broad sweep of ideas, legal concepts, institutions, principles, and rules within the limited span of a single course. The authors, as teachers of international law, offer this volume for just such an introduction. They present the fundamental principles and processes of the international legal system, exploring them through as many areas of the operation as the practical limits of the book allow. The book is also supported by a website. This electronic resource enhances the use of the printed text by the provision of additional international legal sources. In particular, the website provides online access to full copies of the treaties, United Nations documents, and international law case reports partially reprinted in the book. In addition, it offers an electronic index by means of a keyword search of the entire text and footnotes.

2006/2007 Canadian Environmental Protection Act & Commentary
Meinhard Doelle

This book provides essential information on the cornerstone of federal environmental law in the form of the Canadian Environmental Protection Act (CEPA). The Act and regulations are complemented with an annotation that will guide general practitioners and experts alike through the maze of federal environmental regulations. In the process, the book touches on activities in Canada that have the potential to impact on the quality of our environment. The book is designed to serve the introduction of the CEPA and act as a reference guide for environmental law experts.

Consumer Protection Online
Michael Deturbide

Consumer Protection Online is the first book to collect and review all of Canada’s legislation protecting both buyers and sellers in online environments, as of April 2006. Author Michael Deturbide indicates critical gaps in Canada’s laws and draws on legislation from the United States and the European Union to recommend urgently needed reforms.

Health Law at the Supreme Court of Canada
Edited by Jocelyn Downie and Elaine Gibson

The fourteen essays in this book demonstrate the sweep of health law issues addressed by the Supreme Court of Canada. The authors discuss the implications of the Court’s decisions in landmark cases such as Latimer, Rodriguez, Morgentaler, and some recently. Chauvel, and provide careful and critical evaluation of the role of the Court in shaping, both directly and indirectly, health care delivery and health policy in Canada. Health Law at the Supreme Court of Canada is designed to contribute to the development of jurisprudence and legislation in the areas of health law, policy, and practice. It will appeal to students, practitioners, policy-makers, academics, judges, or anyone striving to understand the different ways in which the values of autonomy, dignity, liberty, equality, justice, privacy, and life play out in different contexts within the health sphere.
At the annual meeting of The Champlain Society in Toronto on October 22, 2006, the 2005 Floyd S. Chalmers Award was presented to Professor Philip Girard for Bora Laskin: Bringing Law to Life, Toronto: University of Toronto Press, 2003). The Champlain Society is an annual prize for the best book on Ontario history. The award is administered by The Champlain Society which has published major works relating to Canadian history since its founding in 1905.

As noted previously in Hearsay (2006) Professor Girard drew on a wealth of Laskin's contemporaries, to create a compelling account of the life and times of Canada's best known jurist. Professor Girard and the University of Toronto Press have kindly permitted Hearsay to present the following extracts from this important contribution to Canadian history. The book may be purchased at better bookstores everywhere, or directly from the Osogood Society in Toronto by emailing Marilyn DaBastlant at mmmacfarl@u of ca.ca

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Alumni Reunion Weekend

Held Sept. 29 to Oct. 1, 2006. The Dalhousie Law Reunion Weekend was a resounding success!

Over 300 law alumni and guests from across Canada and further afield attended three days of festivities at Dalhousie last September. Members of six reunion years: 1956, 1966, 1981, 1986, 1991 and 1996, renewed relationships with their classmates and had an all-around good time here in Halifax.

On Friday, September 29th, Dean Phillip Saunders hosted the Dalhousie Law Alumni Dinner where 230 alums and guests gathered to celebrate the successes of the Law School and to honour the reunion classes. Brian Flemming (LL.B.’82) was guest speaker who captured the audience with his pithy take on current events peppered with his trademark humour.

As a token of appreciation the then President of the Dalhousie Law Alumni Association, Julia Cornish (LL.B.’83), presented Mr. Flemming with a gift. In keeping with tradition, the Dalhousie Law Alumni Dinner was held at the University Club, the former home of the Law School.

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Plan to attend the Annual Dalhousie Law Alumni Reunion Weekend

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Images from the Reunion Weekend
CAROL AYLWARD

In 2005, Professor Aylward presented at the first International Human Rights and Critical Race Theory Conference hosted by the University of Ottawa Institute of Technology. She also authored a book review of: From the Grassroots to the Supreme Court: Brown v. Board of Education and American Democracy (forthcoming) (Osgoode Hall Law Journal commenting the 50th anniversary of the Supreme Court of Canada decision in Brown v. Board of Education). Professor Aylward has also accepted an invitation to be part of the National Advisory Board “Canadians for Diversity in Radio-Television and Telecommunications” extended by the Canadian Centre for Research Action on Race Relations.

VAUGHAN BLACK
This year Professor Black taught Tort Law and Damage Compensation, Conflicts of Law and Animals and the Law. He published articles, book chapters and book reviews on each of those subjects, and also spoke at conferences. He continued to chair the Academic Committee of the Law School, and served as one of the hearing members of the Senate’s Discipline (a.k.a. plagiarism) Committee. In December he celebrated the birth of his second child, Samuel.

DAVID BLAINE
David Blaikie taught Civil Procedure and Torts again this year. A book he co-authored with Associate Dean Diana Ginn, The Legal Guide for Canadian Churches (Novatus), was published in November. He is currently working on two other book projects due in 2008. For the forthcoming Helsinki’s Laws of Canada (LexisNexis), he is writing the volume on the law of damages. Teaming up again with Professor Ginn, he is working on a book for the United States market to be published by Continuum Books, American Religious Organizations and the Law. As the title indicates, this book will have a broader focus than the Canadian book and set out the relevant law for all religious organizations in America, not only Christian churches.

He was involved with a lecture and discussion series entitled Trust in the Canadian Community that honours broccoli building the future in Public Affairs, Dalhousie and the NS Barristers’ Society. It commenced with a presentation by Madam Justice Rosalie Abella, and involved panel discussions on public trust and confidence in criminal, family and civil law. Professor Blaikie moderated a panel on civil justice. He also participated in the Seglborg Lecture Series. Hosted by the Dalhousie School of Public Administration, it is a series of public lectures that focuses on the intersection of public policy, spirituality and end of life issues. David responded to a lecture by an academic who spoke about the life and death of Terry Schiavo. He continues as a board member of the Johnson Scholarship Foundation, a Florida-based foundation that provides scholarships for disadvantaged people. He joined the board of the Presbyterian Record, the monthly magazine of the Presbyterian Church in Canada.

ALDO CHIRCOP
Professor Chircop taught Contracts and Judicial Rule-Making, Maritime Law and Practice and a new course entitled Law of Marine Environment Protection and continued to work with graduate students. He was Principal Investigator of the Maritime Boundary Legislation research project at the Marine and Environmental Law Institute. He worked on this project with Professor Chidi Oguamanam and David Chirdike. He also chaired the Expert Committee of the International Maritime Organisation in the recent case of R.V. Hope, 2007 SCC 26, along with one of the co-authors of the Natural Justice Journal article, Professor Innis Christie. In addition, he continues to work on EU-funded research projects on trans boundary marine protected areas in East Africa and EU maritime transport law and policy. He spoke at various conferences in Belgium, Ireland, Portugal, South Africa and Uruguay. In particular, he was invited to speak at a meeting of the Baltic and International Maritime Commission (BIMCO) and EU parliamentarians and Commission officials considering the Green Paper on an EU Maritime Policy. Professor Chircop published, among others, a jointly-authored paper on international offshore royalties with Bruce Marchand in the Dalhousie Maritime Law Journal, and co-edited Volume 20 of the Ocean Yearbook (New York: Transnational Press) with Professor Meira McConnell and Scott Coffeen-Smout.

This year Professor Chircop moved to the Law School on a 100 per cent basis, leaving a formal joint appointment to the Marine Affairs Programme (MAP) at the Faculty of Management. He retains an affiliation with MAP as well as a cross-appointment at the International Development Studies Programme in the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences and an appointment as Research Fellow with the Centre for Foreign Policy Studies. Over the course of the year he was also academic advisor to Master of Marine Management and Interdisciplinary PhD students.

INNIS CHRISTIE
Professor Christie once again enjoyed his continuing association with the Law School. As one of a few volunteer activities, he says he particularly enjoyed the contact with colleagues and the many alumni closely associated with former dean, Dawn Russell, that was involved in the annual Children’s Book Lecture that honours her building the future in the Dawn Russell Community Commitment Awards, which will be used to reward students who have demonstrated a commitment to, and an interest in working in, the public sector. Professor Christie says was a particularly rewarding effort. This was his last year teaching Administration of the Collective Agreement and the annual Mathews, Dinsdale Labour Arbitration Competitive Moot in Toronto (he’ll be a judge (arbitrator next year). Professor Christie continues to carry on a labour arbitration practice, to teach in Holland in the autumn, with Peter Darby and Bill Charles, to find some sun and golf in Arizona in March and spend May to November at Ambush Shore with his wife Jeannie.

STEVE COUGHLAN
For the 2005-06 academic year, Professor Steve Coughlan had a heavy dose of criminal law, teaching a section of first-year Criminal Law, an upper-year section of Criminal Procedure, and a paper course, Criminal Law Problems, as well as teaching the Introduction to Law course offered to non-law students and teaching in the HBH Pre-law program. The paper course was the new one, and was a very exciting source of a great many interesting discussions on a wide range of subjects. Steve also published actively in the criminal law field, including co-writing the 2005-06 Canadian Criminal Law Report which was edited by Steve, and becoming a co-author for the tenth edition of Learning Canadian Criminal Law; co-editing the Criminal Reports and being one of the co-authors of the National Judicial Institute’s Criminal Law e-Letter. Along with Professor Rob Currie, Hugh Kindred and Teresa Scassa, he also produced a report on the extraterritorial application of Canadian law for the Law Commission of Canada with Chidi Oguamanam and Teresa Scassa, he edited the ITCAN newsletter on law and technology issues.

In the late summer of 2005, Steve was chosen as a recipient of the Association of Atlantic Universities “Distinguished Teacher Award”, which was presented at a dinner in April of 2006. As a consequence of that award he was invited to conduct a lecture tour, and through the fall of 2006 visited Mount Allison University, Cape Breton University, the University of New Brunswick, Acadia University, the University of Prince Edward Island and the Nova Scotia Agricultural College to give a talk on the use of metaphor and frameworks in teaching: former students of Steve’s will understand that the booklet accompanied him to each stop.

During the fall of 2006 Steve was on sabatical and so (other than Introduction to Law) was not teaching. Beyond the lecture tour, however, he kept busy as the chief organizer of the University’s “Reach for Dalhousie” competition, an academic contest in which teams of students from maritime high schools compete, with the winning team receiving entrance scholarships. In addition, in November he attended a conference on Sino-Canadian Theories of Criminal Law held at Shandong University, in Jinan, China. He was somewhat surprised in arrival in Jinan to find that the organizers considered him to be the head of the Canadian delegation, and therefore expected to speak at events such as the opening and closing ceremonies, but managed to pull through. The trip, which included surprising and enlightening discussions with Chinese academics as to their opinions on criminal law in China, also included a visit to the birthplace of Confucius as well as a short stopover in Beijing and a visit to the Forbidden City.

ROBERT CURRlE
Voted “Most Likely to Come Back and Teach at Dal” by the class of 1998, Rob Currie continues to think that being an academic is what it’s all about. In August of 2006, Professor Currie was invited to participate on a CLE panel at the CBA National Conference in St. John’s. He gave a paper on “The Use and Abuse of Ex Parte Proceedings,” alongside Chief Justice Clyde Wells of the Newfoundland Court of Appeal. He also attended some of the conference’s sessions and social events, and was pleased to meet up with former classmates and former students.

Much of Professor Currie’s scholarly work of late has involved questions of jurisdiction, in particular at the nexus of domestic and international law. In early 2006, he co-authored a paper on extraterritorial criminal jurisdiction with colleague Steve Coughlan, which was published in the Criminal Law Review. Later the same year Professor Currie, Coughlan and colleagues Teresa Scassa and Peter Darby were commissioned by the Law Commission of Canada to author a major report on the legal and policy implications of extraterritorial jurisdiction more broadly. The report, entitled “Global Reach, Local Grass: Constructing Extraterritorial Jurisdiction in the Age of Globalization” was published in late 2006 and has been very well-received. The report, republished as an article in the Criminal Law and Technology, was cited by the Supreme Court of Canada in the recent case of R. v. Hope, 2007 SCC 26, along with one of Rob’s earlier articles on transnational crime.

He has continued his work in international criminal law, and is still hopeful that his book for Irwin Law, International and Transnational Criminal Law, will appear in late 2007. He has been retained as an expert peer reviewer by the Conference Board of Canada and SSHRC, and his commentary appears regularly in the media.

On the academic side, Professor Currie continues to enjoy teaching Evidence and Civil Procedure, co-teaching International Criminal Law and co-teaching the Jessup Moot. He has been chairing the Moot Court Committee for the last several years, and has been actively engaged in both administering and improving the teaching of advocacy at the Law School.
Professor Devlin became a professor at Dalhousie University in 1999, and the first from the law school to hold the position of Associate Dean, Graduate Studies. Professor Devlin has been appointed Associate Dean, Academic and Research, and is now vice-president of the Institute for Research in Scientific and Social Studies. In 2006, he was one of the first Canadian lawyers to be appointed as an Associate Dean, Academic and Research.

Professor Devlin’s research focuses on the areas of climate change and environmental assessments. His current research initiatives include implementation of the Kyoto Protocol, renewable energy law and policy, and the effectiveness of the federal environmental assessment process. Professor Devlin continues to involve a number of volunteers in his research, serving on boards of local and national environmental organizations. He has been a member of the Canadian delegation to the climate change negotiations under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change. In this capacity, he participated in the climate change negotiations in Montreal in December.

JOCELYN DOWNIE

Professor Downie stepped down after ten years as Director of the Health Law Institute. She says, “This was a bitter sweet move but, on the upside, one that resulted in more time and energy to devote to my teaching, research, and writing. I was fortunate to be able to continue teaching Professional Responsibility as well as Health Care Ethics and Law and to continue supervising graduate students and postdoctoral fellows in all as well as various other disciplines.”

Professor Downie co-edited the third edition of Canadian Health Law and Policy (with David Regal and co-edited Research and Law at the Supreme Court of Canada). She also wrote papers on topics including: barriers to access to abortion in Canada; organ and tissue donation and transplantation; patient safety law (www.patientsafetylaw.ca); the commercialization of research at public institutions; neuroethics and the law. She also continued to teach a course in Children and the Law which focuses primarily on child protection, aboriginal child welfare, youth criminal justice and restorative justice in the youth justice model. In addition to her teaching commitments, Professor Downie has been working on a project involving Dalhousie University and universities from the Philippines and Vietnam, Professor Ginn co-taught (with Professor David Blaikie) a week-long workshop on conflict resolution in Hue, Vietnam.

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His partner, Jette Derrick, has been enjoying her role and traveling frequently as a Provincial Court Judge, while their children continue on their busy paths, Elspeth (23) at the University of Alberta Law School, Catrina (18) at McGill and Freya (14) completing Grade 8.

MOHAMED KHAMJ
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She was invited to Geneva to deliver a seminar on the Convention to the International Commission of Jurists (Canadian Section), an organization with which she continued her earlier work with a colleague, Professor Oguamanam. In February 2006, Professor Oguamanam was a guest speaker of the Professional Development Centre, Toronto. Her presentation was entitled “Plant Genetic Resources: Indigenous Agriculture vs. Agricultural Biotechnology—Competing Epistemologies and Complexities of the International Intellectual Property System.” In March, 2006, he was in Vancouver as an invited speaker at the Law and Society Conference. To see the schedule and register please see http://www.law.sfu.ca/conferences/a民族 rights case of R v. Sappier; R v. Gray 2006 SCC 253. She also has two book chapters on intellectual property topics slated to appear in upcoming books with Irwin Law and Les Editions Yvon Blais. Early in 2007, Professor Scassa announced that she would be leaving Dalhousie Law School in June 2007 to join the Faculty of Law at the University of Ottawa. She says, “I have enjoyed 14 productive and rewarding years at Dalhousie Law School. I am grateful for my many colleagues and friends among the many wonderful students I have had the privilege to teach over the many years at Dalhousie.”

ROLE THOMPSON

In September, Rolle Thompson moved to the centre of universe, Toronto, where he is spending the year at University of Toronto on sabatical. Not that he has spent much time in “Tronna,” as he continues to tour across Canada for his work on the Spousal Support Advisory Guidelines, released by the federal Department of Justice in January 2005. Along with Professor Carol Rogerson, he is now working on revisions to the Spousal Support Guidelines, which require many small group meetings to obtain feedback from lawyers, mediators and judges at various locations around the country. “Best of all,” says “I am learning the reality of how family law is practiced in centres large and small, in courts that are generalist and specialist, in countries with strong mediation and settlement conferencing as well as contested court matters.” The response to the Advisory Guidelines has been very positive and the revisions will be limited and focused, in a final version of the guidelines, to the procedures for the family law process. Rolle has spoken at a wide range of other programs over the past year: on a family law update for Atlantic provinces courts in October 2006; on the Nova Scotia Criminal Lawyers Association and Barriers in December 2005; on child and spousal support at the National Judicial Institute (NJI) family law seminar in February 2006 and at another NJI session for appellate courts in April 2006; or on family law topics at venues in Saskatoon, Victoria and Yellowknife. He is also making contributions to the TSN “Special Report: Justice” series on the implications of the Bill C-23 for the spousal support system in Canada. The series is produced by the Spousal Support Project and is available online is also slated for publication in an upcoming issue of the Canadian Journal of Law and Technology. In 2006-2007 she also published a number of papers including, “Using Copyright Law to Prevent Parallel Importation: A Comment on R/co/fta, Inc. v. Euro-Excell, Inc.,” (2007) 35 Canadian Bar Review 49; “Distinguishing Functional Literary Works from Combinations: Issues in Originality and Infringement Analysis,” (2006) 19 Intellectual Property Law 215; and, “Complicity of the International Intellectual Property System,” in “Global Reach, Local Grasp: Constructing Extraterritorial Jurisdiction in the Age of Globalization.” The report, which is currently available for public comment, was completed in an upcoming issue of the Canadian Journal of Law and Technology.
In May 2006, the Fullbright Foundation awarded Professor Thornhill a 2006-2007 Canada-US Fulbright Visiting Professor Award for residence at Temple University’s Department of African American Studies. (http://www.dal.ca/news/2006/06/13/fullbright.html)

DAVID VANDERZWAAG
Professor VanderZwaag was active on both the lecturing and research fronts. In September, he gave a presentation, “The Arctic Council at Ten Years: Time for a Third Change?” at a seminar on climate change convened by the Northern Institute for Environmental and Minority Law, University of Lapland in Finland. In October, he joined Mark Covan, Dalhousie LL.M. graduate, in a presentation, “Canada Gets Tougher with Vessel-Source Polluters: A Review of the Controversial Bill C-15” at the 48th IUCN Academy of Environmental Law Colloquium at Pau Law School. In December, Professor VanderZwaag gave talks, “Jurisdictional Challenges Facing Canada in the Arctic: A Short Legal Cruise,” at the Canadian Arctic Issues in a Changing Climate Seminar organized by Dalhousie’s Maritime Affairs Program and the Company of Master Mariners of Canada, Maritimes Division.

He also participated in the East Asian Sea Congress in Hakou, China with talks given on the topics, “Regional Cooperation in Coastal, Ocean Governance” and “Canadian Ocean Governance and the Principles of Sustainable Development: Implementation Challenges and Approaches.”

In February, he was an invited expert to a workshop on Integrated Oceanic Knowledge and the role of the fishing community at the Conference in Conestoga in the Arctic: The Legal Challenges where he addressed the topic “Arctic Marine Biodiversity Regulation Beyond National Jurisdiction.”


CHRISTIAN L. WILKERT
Christian Wiktor, appointed Professor Emeritus following his retirement in 1998, continues research in the field of treaty law, resulting in two recent publications dealing with treaties of Canada and the United States.

In 2004 Professor Wiktor published the index to Canads Treaty Index / Index des traites of Canada 1928-1978, published by Oceana Publications in 1984. Those two reference works on Canadian treaties provide easy access to all treaties concluded by Canada during the period, 1928-1978, in the Canadian Treaty Series published in pamphlet form since 1928.

Professor Wiktor continued researching the legislative history of United States treaties entered into with the publication of a collection of treaty and other international agreements concluded by the United States, 1928-1976, published in nine volumes by Oceana Publications from 1976 to 1994. This bicentennial annotated set of original documents includes the texts of treaties which, as a rule, no longer exist or never entered into force for the United States; they still have a significant historical value. In September 2006, Professor Wiktor published the first part of a larger study on the legislative history of U.S. treaties entitled Treaties Submitted to the United States Senate: Legislative History, 1988-2004; this is his third work published at Martinus Nijhoff of the Netherlands, a leading publisher of international law.

A few words should be said about the importance of treaties in international and domestic law:

Treaties are regarded as the principal sources of international law in the statutes of the two courts of International Justice in 1920 and 1945. The Vienna Convention on the Law of Treaties of May 23, 1969, defines treaties as international agreements concluded between states in written form and containing provisions by international law. Treaties not only regulate the relations of governments with each other and international organizations, but also affect many aspects of the daily life of individuals in many areas such as taxation, social security, family matters, human rights, extradition, to mention a few. This is even more so in the United States, by far the leading world’s treaty maker. Under U.S. domestic law and treaty practice all international agreements concluded by the United States are divided into treaties which are submitted to the U.S. Senate for its advice and consent to ratification as specified in the U.S. Constitution, and other international agreements. While the number of these “advice and consent treaties” is rather small, they are part of the “supreme law of the land”, similar to federal statutes.

In the spring of 2007, Professor Wiktor traveled with his wife Boedi to Washington, D.C., to meet with the editors of Nijhoff, and officials of Treaties of the United Nations and the U.S. Dept. of State. They also visited one of their daughters at Columbia, South Carolina, and Professor Wiktor spent some time in the libraries of the University of South Carolina, researching U.S. congressional documents for his current treaty project.

MICHELLE WILLIEMAN
Professor Williams’ major production this year (or rather collaborative production, with spouse Professor Black) was a baby boy, Samuel, born December 1, 2006. Other developments included the appearance of an article, “Access to treatment of serious mental illness: enabling choice or enabling treatment?” in the 2006 edited collection, Just Madness: What's In, What’s Out, Here We Decide (C. Flood, ed.), her conference presentation “The Supreme Court of Canada at the limits of decisional capacity,” will appear in a forthcoming collection. Her work on three grant projects in the areas of mental health law, elder law and neuroethics continues, as does her work on her doctoral thesis, “Reasons or Symptoms? The Legal Assessment of Capacity to Make Treatment Decisions in the Psychiatric Context.” Professor Williams received a Fulbright Foundation award to a workshop on “Access to treatment of serious mental illness: enabling choice or enabling treatment?” which is going to take place in Washington, D.C. in January 2008. Professor Williams’ conference presentations was published in an interdisciplinary text, entitled Multiple Lenses: Voices of the Diaspora.

In February of 2007, Professor Williams was pleased to participate as a panelist in the “Hiring Practices for Equity in Employment” forum organized by the Race Relations Committee of the Nova Scotia Bar Association to launch the hiring practices Equity in Employment initiative.

In February 2007, during African Heritage Month, Professor Williams proudly supported the extraordinary efforts of the Dalhousie Black Law Students’ Association (DBLSA) in launching the inaugural Judge Corrine Spinks Award in Law to honor the outstanding contributions of Judge Corrine Spinks. The award is presented to a student whose personal and academic endeavors most accurately reflect Judge Spinks’ spirit of leadership and community service, and is designed to celebrate students who are committed to using their legal education as a tool for change in their community. In turn, the student shares the award with a deserving community organization recipient of the student’s choice. The first recipient of the Judge Corrine Spinks Award was the St. Andrews Diaspora, an African Nova Scotian first-year law student. He chose to share his award with the Nova Scotian Home for Coloured Children.

DICK EVANS
Dick Evans has been re-appointed to the Board of Governors of Dalhousie University for a further two year term commencing on July 1, 2007. As of May 2007, Dick has completed his term as Chair of the Board of Oxfam Canada.

In the fall term of the 2007/2008 year Dick will be on a sabbatical leave, concentrating on compiling a history of Dalhousie Law Admissions and Clinic alumni, are encouraged to contact the Circulation Librarian at the Law Library for assistance in accessing this bibliographic record of Dalhousie Law students, discussing historical research with members of the Dalhousie faculty, and sharing their own experiences. The event is open to all interested students, and will feature presentations by members of the Dalhousie faculty, as well as by alumni who have contributed to the history of the Law School's clinical program. The event is free and open to the public.
the clinic experience has had an impact on life after law school.

1963

Donald H. McDougall, Q.C. has been appointed Counsel at Stewart McKelvey. He previously practiced in the area of Labour Law with Stewart McKelvey for over forty years. He is the Executive Chair of the Board of The Halifax Herald Limited and is a Member of the Practice Advisory Panel of the Canadian Labour Law Journal. He is Life Director of the Atlantic Film Festival and is former President of Tennis Canada, past Member of the Economic Council of Canada, former Chair of the Atlantic Development Council, a former Commissioner of the CRTC, former Chair of Halifax Cablevision and former Director of Maritime Broadcasting Ltd.

1965

Paul Dodger, Q.C. has been appointed a Member of the Board of Directors of many high profile companies. He was inducted into the Canadian Business Hall of Fame in 2006.

1966

Leonard F. Compton, Q.C. was elected Mayor of the City of Kenora, Ontario in the Municipal Elections on November 13, 2006, defeating the incumbent, David Canfield.

1967

The Honourable Justice Leo Barry, a judge of the Trial Division of the Supreme Court of Newfoundland and Labrador, was recently appointed a judge of the Court of Appeal of the Supreme Court of Newfoundland and Labrador. He replaces Mr. Justice D.M. Roberts (St. John’s) who elected to become a supernumerary judge. He was admitted to the Bar of Newfoundland and Labrador in 1969. Prior to his appointment to the Supreme Court of Newfoundland in 1991, he was a practicing lawyer in St. John’s, N.L. Chair of the Labour Relations Board, a law professor at Dalhousie University and a member of the legislature of Newfoundland and Labrador. Mr. Justice Barry’s practice expertise covers a broad spectrum of legal issues and includes constitutional, administrative and corporate law. He is a frequent author and presenter to judges through the activities of the National Judicial Institute and to legal audiences through the activities of the Canadian Institute for the Administration of Justice.

1968

James (Jim) E. Gould, Q.C. has rejoined McInnes Cooper as Counsel. A leading lawyer in Admiralty and Maritime Law, his practice includes admiralty litigation, marine insurance, protection and indemnity advice, salvage, pollution, vessel financing, charterparties, bills of lading and related litigation. Jim has appeared before all levels of court in Nova Scotia, courts in other provinces, the Federal Court and Federal Court of Appeal and the Supreme Court of Canada. A title commissioned by the International Maritime International (CMI), he has authored various publications and lent his expertise to numerous associations. He is the Past President of the Canadian Maritime Law Association.

1969

Joel E. Pink, Q.C. has been elected Second Vice-President of The Nova Scotia Barristers’ Society. He has practiced law in Nova Scotia since 1969, exclusively in the area of criminal law and is a leader of the Nova Scotia Criminal Bar. Mr. Pink, a fellow at a ceremony held in London, England in September 2006. His practice expertise covers a broad spectrum of legal issues and includes constitutional, administrative and corporate law. He is a frequent author and presenter to judges through the activities of the National Judicial Institute and to legal audiences through the activities of the Canadian Institute for the Administration of Justice.

1970

Eric Dufour, Q.C. a partner with McInnes Cooper in Halifax, N.S. has been made a Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers. He practices in the areas of civil litigation and insurance law. Since its founding in 1950, the American College of Trial Lawyers has been dedicated to maintaining and improving the standards of trial practice, the administration of justice and the ethics of the profession.

1971

Clarence Beckett, Q.C., a partner with Patterson Law in Halifax, N.S. has been made a Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers. He practices in the areas of civil litigation and insurance law. Since its founding in 1950, the American College of Trial Lawyers has been dedicated to maintaining and improving the standards of trial practice, the administration of justice and the ethics of the profession.

1972

The Honourable Justice Ronald Harper was recently appointed judge of the Family Branch of the Supreme Court of Justice in and for the province of Ontario. He will be assigned by the Chief Justice to London and replaces Mr. Justice D.R. Astone who was appointed Senior Family Judge of the Supreme Court of Justice in 2005. Mr. Justice Harper was admitted to the Bar of Ontario in 1974 and designated as a certified specialist in Family Law by the Law Society of Upper Canada in 1996. He is an expert in family law, child protection law and mental health law. He currently serves as a member of the Law Society of Upper Canada’s Family Law Specialty Certification Committee, as Vice Chair of the Community Child Abuse Council, and as Chairman of the Development Committee for the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts. He is a prolific writer and lecturer on family law.

The Honourable Justice Michael F. Harrington, Q.C., a senior partner with the law firm of McInnes McGee in St. John’s, was recently appointed a judge of the Supreme Court of Newfoundland and Labrador, Trial Division. He replaces Mr. Justice Raymond J. Halley (St. John’s) who elected to become a supernumerary judge. Mr. Justice Harrington practiced with Stirling Ryan in St. John’s (1972-1990) which merged to become McInnes McGee in 1990. His practice expertise covers a broad spectrum of legal issues, by providing legal advice to businesses, and as Chairman of the Maritime Law Association.
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The Honourable Justice Michel A. C. Peter McLellan, Q.C., has acted as a lawyer in the area of family law.

The Honourable Justice Nicoll M. Scarrow, Q.C., a senior partner in the firm of MacIntosh & Macdonald & MacDonald in New Glasgow, N.S. was recently appointed a Judge of the Supreme Court of Nova Scotia. He replaces Mr. Justice W.E. Goodelow (Halifax) who elected to become a supernumerary judge. Mr. Justice Goodelow was admitted to the Bar of Nova Scotia in 1974. He practiced with Fitzgerald & Associates in Halifax (1974-1977) before moving to MacIntosh & Macdonald & MacDonald (1977-2006). Mr. Justice Scarrow’s practice expertise is in the areas of family law, real estate law, arbitration, corporate and commercial law, and criminal law. He has been a member of the Executive of the Nova Scotia Bar of the CBA - Labour Section, the Executive of Piercetown Day Care Centre and a Member of the Advisory Board of the Canada Scholarship Trust Foundation.

The Honourable Justice Michael A. Robichaud, Q.C., was recently appointed a Judge of the Queen’s Bench of New Brunswick. He replaces Mr. Justice T.W. Bieden (Miramichi) who elected to become a supernumerary judge. Mr. Justice Michael A. Robichaud was admitted to the Bar of New Brunswick in 1973. He has since then practiced with Robichaud & Robichaud in Fredericton and was appointed Queen’s Counsel. His legal expertise is in real estate law, employment, administrative and commercial law and municipal law. He has taken an active role in legal education as an instructor at the Bar Admission Course (in French and English) of the Law Society of New Brunswick and is a Past President of the Bathurst Rotary Club.

The Honourable Judge Robert Mykylo was awarded the degree of Master of Laws (with merit) by the University of London on November 1, 2006.

C. Peter McClean, Q.C., has joined Stewart McKelvey as a Partner in the Halifax office. He brings more than 25 years of experience in the fields of employment law, providing advice to businesses regarding pension and employee benefit plans. He has appeared before the Nova Scotia and Canada Industrial Relations Boards and the Labour Standards Board on matters relating to unions and has represented clients before the Supreme Court of Canada with regards to labour matters.

David A. Miller, Q.C., a partner at Stewart McKelvey, Halifax, N.S., was recently recognized as one of Canada’s top lawyers in The National Post - Best Lawyers in Canada.

The Honourable Justice Michael A. Robichaud, Q.C., was recently appointed to the Queen’s Bench of the Northwest Territories. He is a member of the Board of Directors of the Canada Nova Scotia Law Reform Commission (for Aboriginal Law). Mr. Robichaud has also been appointed to the Queen’s Council. He has served four terms as the门户网站 of the Government of the Northwest Territories and a Judge of the Court of Appeal. Before his judicial appointment he was an acting Judge of that court. Before his judicial appointment he was a member of the Board of Directors of Calgary Airport Development Association and is a member of the Board of Directors of Calgary Olympic Development Association and is a member of the Board of Directors of the Prince Edward Island Law Foundation. He has been a member of many high profile cases throughout his career including the Wet’suwet’en Mining Dispute and led the Nova Scotia Bar in its response to the Marshall Inquiry into the wrongful conviction of Donald Marshall Jr. He was the youngest member of the bar ever to be elected by his peers as President of the Nova Scotia Bar. His first law firm was Macdonald & MacDonald in New Glasgow, N.S., which he founded in 1969. In 1973, he was admitted to the Bar of Nova Scotia and continues to practice in the area of family law.

Catherine S. Walker, Q.C. has been elected First Vice-President of The Nova Scotia Barristers’ Society. Since 1988, she has been a sole practitioner. Prior to her election, she was extensively involved in a volunteer capacity with the Society and the Lawyers’ Professional Responsibility Society. She is a member of the Board of Directors of the Nova Scotia Insurance Association for Nova Scotia and was awarded the Distinguished Service Award 2006 by the Nova Scotia Bar Association for her volunteer work.

The Honourable Justice Rossiter, Q.C., a senior partner with Carruthers & Williamson Theriault & Blacklaws, Q.C., was appointed as the Supreme Court of the Northwest Territories. He is the first member of the Northwest Territories to be appointed a Judge of the Supreme Court. Mr. Justice Rossiter is a Director of the Canadian Bar Association (Nova Scotia Branch), a Member of the Board of Directors of the Nova Scotia Bar Foundation. He has been admitted to the Queen’s Counsel for Nova Scotia in 1991, Mr. Justice Rossiter’s practice expertise is in the area of civil litigation. He was a President of the Prince Edward Island Law Society and a member of the Prince Edward Island Supreme Court Rules Committee. Mr. Justice Rossiter is a Director of the Canadian Bar Association, a Member of the Board of Directors of the Prince Edward Island Supreme Court Rules Committee and a Member of the Board of Governors of St. Francis Xavier University.

The Honourable Justice Robichaud, Q.C., has been appointed as Judge of the Court of Queen’s Bench of New Brunswick. He replaced Mr. Justice J. Rossiter (Moncton) who elected to become a supernumerary judge. Mr. Justice Robichaud was called to the Bar of New Brunswick in 1979. In December 2004, Mr. Bell was appointed Queen’s Counsel. He is the past President of the Canadian Bar Association, New Brunswick Section (2003-2004) and a frequent lecturer and former adjunct professor at Dalhousie Law School.

The Honourable Justice Richard Bell, Q.C., was recently appointed as a Judge of the Court of Queen’s Bench of New Brunswick. He replaced Mr. Justice J. Rossiter (Moncton) who elected to become a supernumerary judge. Mr. Justice Bell was called to the Bar of New Brunswick in 1979. In December 2004, Mr. Bell was appointed Queen’s Counsel. He is the past President of the Canadian Bar Association, New Brunswick Section (2003-2004) and a frequent lecturer and former adjunct professor at Dalhousie Law School. He is a member of the Board of Directors of the Canada Nova Scotia Law Reform Commission (for Aboriginal Law). Mr. Justice Bell is a graduate of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police Academy, a former RCMP constable and author of several legal publications, including “Hanson Rights? Wine Rights” (Selecky Journal, 2003). Mr. Justice Bell’s practice areas include general litigation, labour, employment, administrative and aboriginal law.

The Honourable Justice Eugene Rouster, Q.C., a partner with the firm Stewart McKelvey Stirling Scales in Charlottetown, is appointed a judge of the Supreme Court of Canada. He replaces Mr. Justice T.E. Margesson, who elected to become a supernumerary judge. Mr. Justice Margesson was admitted to the Bar of Prince Edward Island in 1978. Since 1979, he has practiced with Stewart McKelvey Stirling Scales (formerly Scales Jenkins McQuaid). Appointed Queen’s Counsel in 1991, Mr. Justice Rouster’s practice expertise is in the area of civil litigation. He was a President of the Prince Edward Island Law Society and a member of the Prince Edward Island Supreme Court Rules Committee. Mr. Justice Rouster is a Director of the Canadian Bar Association, a Member of the Board of Directors of the Prince Edward Island Supreme Court Rules Committee and a Member of the Board of Governors of the Atlantic Provinces Economic Council and a Governor of the Prince Edward Island Junior Achievement.

Keith Evans, Q.C. has recently moved from Halifax to Edmonton, Alberta to become the General Counsel of Lyside Inc. In preparation for the move, he prepared a Nova Scotia Law Reform Commission for which he serves as President until the summer of 2006 but continues on as a Board Member of the Canada Nova Scotia Law Reform Commission and as a Member of the Nova Scotia Oils and Petroleum Board.

Dr. Collins Parker was appointed a Judge of the High Court of Namibia (in southern Africa) on November 1, 2006. Prior to his appointment, Dr. Parker was an acting Judge of that court. Before his judicial appointment he was the head of the Legal Services and International Cooperation Directorate of Namibia’s Ministry of Justice.

The Honourable Richard Bell, Q.C., has been appointed to the Cabinet of the Province of Nova Scotia. In addition to his role as the Minister of Finance and the Minister of the Department of Aboriginal Affairs he is also responsible for Part I of the Gaming Control Act, the Securities Act, the Insurance Act, the Elections Act, the Retail Business Uniform Day Closing Act and the Utilities and Review Board Act. He is also MLA for...
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Philip J. Stas, Q.C. has been elected President of The Nova Scotia Barristers’ Society. He is one of the founding members of Pink, Star, Murphy, Baro where he has a general practice with an emphasis in criminal litigation. He has been actively involved in numerous committees and volunteer work including, but not limited to, the Nova Scotia Barristers’ Society, the Nova Scotia Criminal Lawyers’ Association; President of the Brothers Big Sisters in Yarmouth (where he also sat as a board member for over 20 years), board member of the Kaye Nicholson Adult Service Centre, board member of the South West Community Justice Society, volunteer for the Yarmouth Association for Community Residential Options (YACRO), and past board member of The Yarmouth Golf and Country Club. He has also lectured at various conferences for CLE and the Nova Scotia Criminal Lawyers’ Association.

Andrew Graham – Best Lawyers
Andrew Graham was appointed to the Queen’s Council on December 21, 2006. He is a partner with Patterson Law and its predecessor Scotia in 1982 and practiced with Patterson Law and its predecessor firms. His practice expertise is in the areas of civil litigation, personal injury law, expert witness work and estate litigation. He has lectured at various conferences for CLE and the Nova Scotia Criminal Lawyers’ Association.

John Rogers – Best Lawyers
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William Mechtel is a Professor of Law at Griffith University in Brisbane, Australia. He has recently published Les Populaires in Popular Culture (Palo Alto: Stanford University Press, 2007) in the “Cultural Lives of Law” series. Les Populaires was launched at the Conference on Cause Lawyering in Popular Culture in March 2007 at the Department of Jurisprudence, Amherst College. In July 2006, he was elected President of the Law and Literature Association of Australia and recently was reappointed for another three- year term an associate editor of the London published journal, Law, Culture & the Humanities. He continues to enjoy life “Down Under” in sunny Queensland but remains “Canadian enough” to look forward to the occasional snowstorm on his periodic trips to the Northern Hemispheres.

John McMullen, Q.C. was appointed to the Queen’s Council on December 21, 2006 by the Honourable Mildred Drover, Attorney General of Prince Edward Island. He was admitted to the Bar of Prince Edward Island on March 1, 1985 and practiced with the firm of Foster, O’Keefe until 1997. On March 3, 1997 he accepted a position as Crown Attorney with the Office of the Attorney General. Since 1996, he has been the National Intellectual Subsection, the Chair of the Intellectual Property Institute of Canada’s Informals Group (Halifax) and is the past Chair of the Nova Scotia Chapter of Women in Communications. She speaks frequently on legal matters at conferences and seminars throughout Canada.

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Jim Midllesmim has joined the editorial team at Canadian Lawyer magazine as Editor. In addition to being a lawyer, he is founding editor of Law Times (a sister publication of Canadian Lawyer), a long-time legal affairs writer and frequent contributor to a number of trade and business publications. He was also recently named a co-editor of Canadian Lawyer’s Outpost. The new magazine covers lawyers who work in business, government and non-profit organizations. With a circulation of 10,000 there are plans to publish five issues per year beginning in 2007. “These are interesting times for the legal profession.” Midllesmim says. “Law firms morphed into large, sophisticated, businesses with international connections. At the same time, the in-house counsel market has matured to the point we believe it can support its own magazine. There are a lot of fascinating stories and angles to pursue.”

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Dalene Jamieson, Q.C. was appointed to the Queen’s Council on March 21, 2006. She is a partner with Merrick Jamieson Western Washington & Maholy in Halifax, N.S.

Philip Jenkins has been appointed an Associate Portfolio Manager of RBC Dominion Securities’ Private Investment program. He joined RBC Dominion Securities as a professional Investment Advisor in 1995. Prior to this he practiced law for a number of years.

Brenda G. Macaloney was appointed Managing Partner and CEO of Mitten Cooper. She has been with the firm for over 25 years and has been involved in all aspects of the practice.

Andrew White is working for the Office of the Prosecutor, International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda in Arusha, Tanzania.

Scott Gillis was recently recognized by the MS Society of Canada for his commitment to the Atlantic division of the group. Scott was presented with the society’s President’s Award and was also one of 12 nominees worldwide to be nominated for the Multiple Sclerosis International Federation’s 2007 James D. Wishlison Award for International Person with MS. He was diagnosed in 1993 and his involvement began shortly after. Scott has served on several committees at the divisional level and is a Member of the Board. He has also been honorary legal counsel to and has been a member of the Chairman of the Clients Services Committee in Atlantic Canada. Scott has been practicing law with the Office of the Attorney General of Prince Edward Island for 17 years in the area of civil matters involving people with disabilities.

Philip J. Stas, Q.C. has been elected President of the Nova Scotia Barristers’ Society. He is one of the founding members of Pink, Star, Murphy, Baro where he has a general practice with an emphasis in criminal litigation. He has been actively involved in numerous committees and volunteer work including, but not limited to, the Nova Scotia Barristers’ Society, the Nova Scotia Criminal Lawyers’ Association; President of the Brothers Big Sisters in Yarmouth (where he also sat as a board member for over 20 years), board member of the Kaye Nicholson Adult Service Centre, board member of the South West Community Justice Society, volunteer for the Yarmouth Association for Community Residential Options (YACRO), and past board member of The Yarmouth Golf and Country Club. He has also lectured at various conferences for CLE and the Nova Scotia Criminal Lawyers’ Association.

Andrew Graham would like to inform his classmates, as well as his two nephews who attend law school, that he was admitted to the Nova Scotia Bar in 1982 and practiced with Patterson Law and its predecessor firms. His practice expertise is in the areas of national tax law, commercial law and tax litigation. Mr. Justice Webbe has also been the National Portfolio Manager for the Canadian Tax Foundation and a lecturer of tax law at Dalhousie Law School.

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The Honourable Peter MacKay, P.C., Q.C., M.P.-was appointed to the Senate of Canada on December 21, 2006. Peter was appointed Minister of Foreign Affairs and Minister of the Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency on February 6, 2006. He is also the Cabinet Minister responsible for Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island and represents the northern Nova Scotia constituency of Central Nova as Member of Parliament. He is also the former chair and current member of the Foreign Affairs and National Security committee. He also sits on Treasury Board, and Police Services Planning cabinet committees.

Donald K. Mackenzie has joined the Mi’kmaq Confinement of Prince Edward Island as its in house legal adviser. MCPLE is a Tribal Council which provides legal support to help protect, enhance and strengthen the Mi’kmaq Nation in Prince Edward Island. Donald has held a founding position within the Mi’kmaq Nation for fifteen years in the private practice of law, most recently having been a partner in the Charlottetown firm of Foster Hennessey MacKenzie.

Jeffrey R. Hunt, a lawyer with Patterson Law in Truro, N.S. has been appointed by Ottawa to the Board of the Halifax Robert L. Stanfield International Airport. He is a civil litigation lawyer, a member of the regional appeals court and an appointee to the Nova Scotia teacher certification committee.

James K. Czuidaishesh a partner in the firm of Taidman, MacKay, Halifax, N.S., has been elected Governor of the Canadian Tax Foundation for a three-year term. The Canadian Tax Foundation is an independent tax research and education organization that provides a forum for the discussion and analysis of issues in taxation and government finance. In addition to being a lawyer, he is also a chartered accountant and specializes in tax, estate planning and business structuring advice.

Sandra A. Gegal has joined Miller Thomson LLP’s Toronto Office as a partner. She has extensive experience in the natural resources and energy sectors and has obtained considerable expertise in dealing with aboriginal and environmental law, and general corporate matters. After working for 15 years in Atlantic Canada, she was called to the Ontario Bar in 2005 and went in house with the Ministry of Natural Resources for the Government of Ontario to advise the Ministry on matters relating to aboriginal consultation in the areas of hydro and wind power, forestry and mining. While with the government, Sandra was responsible for briefing the Minister of Natural Resources and senior officials, providing advice on legislative and policy development, and facilitating outside legal counsel on litigation matters. She completed studies in 2006 in International Energy Law, Contracts and Negotiation. She is National Vice-Chair of the Canadian Bar Association, Aboriginal Law Section, a Member of the Corporate Counsel for Aboriginal Relations Conference Board of Canada and a Member of the Canadian Aboriginal Mining Industry Association.

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Subrata Bhattacharjee was recognized by Lexpert Magazine as one of its “Top 40 Lawyers Under 40” for 2006. A partner with Heenan Blaikie LLP he is Co-Chair of the firm’s National Trade and Competition Group, he focuses on all aspects of competition/antitrust law, foreign investment law and regulatory/commercial litigation, including quasi-criminal and constitutional matters. He regularly provides counsel on merger clearance, contentious matters and compliance issues under the Canadian Competition Act. He has appeared before the Supreme Court of Canada, Federal Court of Canada, Nova Scotia Court of Appeal and all levels of court in the Province of Ontario. With considerable experience in the media, entertainment and pharmaceutical industries, he teaches competition law at Dalhousie Law School, where he has held a faculty association since 2001. He was also appointed as a Special Lecturer in trial advocacy at the Faculty of Law, Queen’s University (1999-2001). He publishes and speaks widely on competition/antitrust law issues and related topics, both domestically and internationally.

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Lindsay (Burr) Lorimer is practicing with all action boutique Ritchet Genova LLP. She and her husband John Neil Lorimer reside in Toronto, O.N. They have two sons, Owen James from July 8, 2003 and Drew Ian (born August 7, 2005).

Jennifer Ross is now a partner with Manely Law Group in Halifax, N.S. She practices in civil litigation with a strong focus on administrative law, human rights and professional discipline proceedings. Her practice also involves aboriginal law and insurance defence litigation. Before returning to private practice, she worked as Professional Responsibility Counsel of the Nova Scotia Law Society. She is a member of the Complaints Committee for the College of Registered Nurses, and was a former Director of the Help Collective (SAVAC).

1999

Thomas F. MacLean is now a partner with Muttruf Tuffs Dewolfe & Coyle in Kentville, N.S. He moved to Vancouver, British Columbia in 1999 and then worked as an aide to a recruiter in the Halifax office. She has returned home to Nova Scotia after practicing commercial litigation in Vancouver. Prior to becoming a lawyer, Christine worked as a reporter at The Chronicle Herald for several years. After articling at Stikeman Elliott in Toronto, Ontario, she moved to Vancouver, British Columbia and practiced at Farris, Vaughan, Wills & Murphy and Kotzman Kakel. She also studied marketing part time at BCIT.

Gareth Duncan is practicing in the offices of Environmental, Aboriginal Guardianship through Law and Education (EAGLE), a non-profit organization located in the Lower Mainland of British Columbia.

Nicole (Boren) Ginsberg married Donald Ginsberg of Montreal, Quebec, on May 26, 2002 in Halifax, N.S. They reside in Ottawa where Nicole acts as legal counsel for the Federal Government and Donald, a graduate of McGill University, is a palliative care physician. Prior to moving to Ottawa, Nicole practiced law in Vancouver for a number of years before completing her Master of Laws degree at McGill University.

Christine J. Doucet has joined Talentworks Inc. as a legal recruiter in the Halifax office. She has returned home to Nova Scotia after practicing commercial litigation in Vancouver. Prior to becoming a lawyer, Christine worked as a reporter at The Chronicle Herald for several years. After articling at Stikeman Elliott in Toronto, Ontario, she moved to Vancouver, British Columbia and practiced at Farris, Vaughan, Wills & Murphy and Kotzman Kakel. She also studied marketing part time at BCIT.

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Allan B. Fargher has joined McInnes Cooper’s Halifax office as an Associate specializing in the areas of Corporate and Commercial, Trusts and Wealth Planning and Real Estate.

Vanita Cooke is working as litigation counsel with the Department of Justice. She is also currently adjunct faculty at Dalhousie Law School as the coach for the Laskin Moot Competition and is the treasurer of the South Asian Visual Arts Collective (SAVAC).

Kenneth A. MacLean is practicing with Boyne Clarke in Dartmouth, N.S. His primary focus is in Employment/Labour Law, Human Rights and Business Litigation. He sits on the Board of the Metro Turning Point Centre and the Board of the Regional Residential Services Society. He volunteers with REACHability (providing access to justice for persons with disabilities).

Richard McDerry and Sara Foster of Vancouver, B.C. are pleased to announce the adoption of their son, Quentin hoe Foster McDerry. Quentin was born in South Korea and is a little brother for Grace.

Julie Smith traveled to Venetian, Laos as a participant of the Canadian Bar Association Young Professionals International Internship and spent from September 2005 to March 2006 assisting the Lao Bar Association with its strategies for the future and helped to develop its management skills.

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Joseph F. Burke has joined Cov & Palmer of Halifax, N.S. as an Associate with the commercial and insurance litigation team. Prior to joining Cov & Palmer in 2006, he spent several years in private practice, acting as in-house counsel for a major insurer and then working as an aide to a minister in the federal government. Joe is President of the Halifax Citadel Liberal Association and Chair of the Halifax Community Learning Network, and takes an active interest in various social justice issues and organizations.

2002

Leigh Davis has joined Cov & Palmer of Halifax, N.S. as an Associate. Leigh specializes in Labour and Employment Law, Education Law and Administrative Law.

Victoria A. C. Maingi has joined Boyne Clarke in Dartmouth, N.S. as an Associate and is part of the Entertainment and Intellectual Property team. With several years experience in the entertainment industry (film, performing arts and graphic arts) she is currently completing an MBA with a specialization in International Business and Marketing. She is a member of the Board of Live Art Dance Productions in Halifax.

2003

Michelle (Smyth) Davis and her husband, Gary Davis are pleased to announce the arrival of Jack Michael Davis on March 7, 2006. Michelle is an Associate with Stewart McKelvey in St. John’s, Newfoundland.

David Henley is now a partner with Stewart McKelvey’s Halifax office. As a member of the Litigation Group he practices in the areas of Marine, Environmental, Energy and Natural Resources and Construction Law. In addition to being a lawyer, he is also a Lieutenant-Colonel in the Canadian Armed Forces Reserve with more than 21 years of service and is the Deputy Commander of 36 Canadian Brigade Group. He is also a part-time faculty member of the Marine and Environmental Law Institute at Dalhousie Law School.

Kaila Nikkenen is Co-Director of Career Services at the University of British Columbia in the Faculty of Law. Previously she was an Associate in the corporate/real estate and commercial law and is now practicing with Blois, McInnes Cooper as an Associate. Leigh specializes in Labour and Employment Law, Education Law and Administrative Law.

2004

Ryan F. Brennan of Patterson Law has recently moved from the Trants, N.S. office to the Halifax, N.S. office. He continues to work in the areas of real estate and corporate/commercial law.

James A. MacDuff has joined McInnes Cooper as an Associate in the areas of Corporate and Commercial as well as Energy Law in the Halifax office. Prior to joining McInnes Cooper he interned at the Munich firm of Beck Oppier Hering in the summer of 2004 and then attended Oxford University where he received his Bachelor of Civil Law degree in 2005.

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Emile Tanen and Michael Speett welcomed their first daughter, Charlotte Rose Speett on November 4, 2006. Just prior to the birth of their daughter, Emile completed a clerkship with Justice Ian Brown of the Supreme Court of Canada and is now working there as Counsel. Michael is currently working as a criminal defence lawyer in Ottawa with the firm Webber Schroeder.

2005

Jamie L. Angus was admitted to the Nova Scotia Bar on June 9, 2006. She is an Associate with McInnes Cooper in Halifax, N.S. in the Business Department. She practices in the areas of Income Tax, Corporate & Commercial Law, and Estates & Trusts. She is a volunteer with the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.

Emad Al-Shrief was admitted to the Nova Scotia Bar on June 9, 2006. He has joined Bick, Nickerson & Bryson and practices primarily in the areas of real estate and commercial law and is a certified R2000 builder.

Alicia Lois Arena was admitted to the Nova Scotia Bar on June 9, 2006.

George P. Ash was admitted to the Nova Scotia Bar on June 9, 2006. He is practicing law with Boyne Clarke in Dartmouth, N.S. and is on the Advisory Council for the Canadian Bar Association’s Black Bar Initiative at Dalhousie Law School.

Adrienne M. Boxer was admitted to the Nova Scotia Bar on June 9, 2006. She is practicing with Bicks, Nickerson & Bryson in the areas of civil and family litigation, as well as administrative law. She is also the Vice President and Treasurer of the Halifax Xplorers Football Team.

Alana P. Bregen was admitted to the Nova Scotia Bar on June 9, 2006. She is an Associate with Cov & Palmer in Halifax, N.S. and practices in the area of insurance and general litigation.

Heidi A. Cleary was admitted to the Nova Scotia Bar on June 9, 2006. She is practicing with EM Power Law.

Jason T. Cooke was admitted to the Nova Scotia Bar on June 9, 2006. He is an Associate with Burchell Hayman Parish in Halifax, N.S.

Sarah L. Crickshank was admitted to the Nova Scotia Bar on June 9, 2006. She is practicing with Patterson Law in Halifax, N.S.

Jonathan D. Dale was admitted to the Nova Scotia Bar on June 9, 2006. He is an Associate with Stantec, Corporation & Commercial Law.

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R. Scott Wilson is an Associate with McInnes Cooper in the Saint John, N.B. office. He specializes in Corporate & Commercial and Real Estate Law. Also a professional engineer he maintains his membership with the Association of Professional Engineers & Geoscientists of New Brunswick (APEGNB). He also sits on the Planning Advisory Committee (PAC) for the City of Saint John which hears matters relating to community planning.
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The Honorable Madam Justice Bertha Wilson, C.C., QC., M.A., LL.B.

passed away on April 28, 1957 in Ottawa. She was survived by her husband, Reverend John Wilson to whom she was married for sixty-one years; by her brother, Robert Wilson and they emigrated to Canada in 1949. She enrolled at St. Andrews University in Aberdeen, Scotland in 1947 and completed her LL.B. and was admitted to the Bar of Scotland in 1951. In 1957 she was called to the bar of Ontario and practised law with Joseph P. L. Worthington and Courtenay Harcourt for seventeen years. She was a member of the Ontario and National Councils of the Canadian Bar Association (CBA). She served on the boards of the Clarke Institute of Psychiatry, the Toronto School of Theology, the Canadian Centre for Philanthropy, the Westminster Institute for Ethics and Human Values, and was a Member of the Judicial Committee of the United Church of Canada. She chaired the CBA's Task Force on Women in the Legal Profession and was a member of the federal government's Royal Commission on Aboriginal Peoples. In 1975 she was appointed to the Ontario Court of Appeal and in 1984 to the Supreme Court of Canada. She was also appointed to the Permanent Court of Arbitration in 1984. Justice Wilson retired on January 4, 1991 after serving on the Supreme Court for eight years. She was the first woman appointed to the Supreme Court of Canada. Over the years, she was the recipient of Honorary Degrees from Canadian Universities, from the Law Society of Upper Canada and from her alma mater the University of Aberdeen. She was elected a fellow of the Royal Society of Canada in 1991 and appointed a Companion of the Order of Canada in 1992.

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Gordon Cheesley Macdonald, Q.C., B.Comm, LL.B. passed away December 11, 2006 in Valleymount Regional Hospital, Kentville, where he obtained her diploma in 1948. In December of the same year, she married the Reverend John Wilson and they emigrated to Canada in 1949. She enrolled at Dalhousie University to study law and completed her LL.B. and was called to the bar of Nova Scotia in 1957. In 1959 she was called to the bar of Ontario and practised law with Courtenay Harcourt for seventeen years. She was a member of the Ontario and National Councils of the Canadian Bar Association (CBA). She served on the boards of the Clarke Institute of Psychiatry, the Toronto School of Theology, the Canadian Centre for Philanthropy, the Westminster Institute for Ethics and Human Values, and was a Member of the Judicial Committee of the United Church of Canada. She chaired the CBA's Task Force on Women in the Legal Profession and was a member of the federal government's Royal Commission on Aboriginal Peoples. In 1975 she was appointed to the Ontario Court of Appeal and in 1984 to the Supreme Court of Canada. She was also appointed to the Permanent Court of Arbitration in 1984. Justice Wilson retired on January 4, 1991 after serving on the Supreme Court for eight years. She was the first woman appointed to the Supreme Court of Canada. Over the years, she was the recipient of Honorary Degrees from Canadian Universities, from the Law Society of Upper Canada and from her alma mater the University of Aberdeen. She was elected a fellow of the Royal Society of Canada in 1991 and appointed a Companion of the Order of Canada in 1992.

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William Patrick Gillies, B.A., LL.B. passed away peacefully at his home on December 3, 2006 at the age of 80. Well known for his athletic abilities in hockey and baseball throughout his studies at St. Bonaventure's College, Boston College and Dalhousie University where he earned his law degree in 1963, he earned the St. John's Athlete of the Year Award in 1959. He was inducted into the Newfoundland Sports Hall of Fame. He is survived by his sons Bill and Wif S. This former astronaut is survived by his wife, son-in-law, Jean, and grandchildren Finbar, sisters: Kay Farny, Mary Murphy (Ken), Toronto, Bernstein Gillies, Code Gillies, Burton Murphy, Ann Gillies, St. John's, brother Ted Gillies (Rosamay), Sarasota, sister-in-law: Regina O'Kane (Greg), Pinto Duff (Aiden). He was preceded by his wife, son-in-law: Stephen, and step-children, Juliette, Laurence and Helen Linsey.

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Nigel George Davidson Gray, B.Sc., LL.B. passed away suddenly on June 4, 2007 in Oakville, Ontario. He graduated from Dalhousie Law School in 1964 and then went on to study at Oxford University for one year. At the time of his death he was Vice-President and General Counsel of The Canada Development Corporation. He is survived by his loving wife of forty-two years, Barbara (nee Ferguson) of Oakville, Ontario and sons, Nicolas of Vancouver and Christopher of Oakville, Florida. He is also survived by his brother Simon and his wife, Victoria, of London, England.
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daughter, Katie. He is also survived by two nieces, four nephews and a grandson.

Robert William Neuman, B.A., B.L., passed away peacefully on January 7, 2007 at the age of 81. Born in Halifax at the age of 58, surrounded by his family. Born in Halifax, Mary Ervine was predeceased by her husband, Paul (Audra) Newman, Sackville, New Brunswick.

Dr. Hobartson Augustus James “Gus” MacIntyre, Q.C., B.Sc., LL.B., Math passed away on August 28, 2006 on the Cape Breton Regional Hospital. Born in Glace Bay, he was the son of the late Michael and Dorothy (MacMillan) MacIntyre. He graduated from St. Francis Xavier College in 1958 and was a Bachelor of Science in Mathematics. He then attended the University of Waterloo as a National Research Council of Canada Scholarship and a Teaching Fellowship. Following graduation with a Master of Mathematics degree, he became a member of the faculty of mathematics at St. Francis Xavier University. He passed away on May 15, 2007 at the age of 77 on a skiing vacation with his wife, Thename, biking, tennis, golf, and music. She was an extremely active volunteer and was a member of the Family Planning Association of Canada and a member of the St. Anthony’s Missionary Society. Surviving are his wife, Sylvia; daughter, Diane; son, John David Hurst, LL.B.; brother Les (Millie); several nieces and nephews; and a great-niece.

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The William E. Mingo Memorial Scholarship for International Study

To say that law and business played a significant role in the life of alumnus Bill Mingo (LL.B.'49) would be an understatement—it was his passion. Apart from his distinguished career as an outstanding corporate lawyer, businessman, and advocate for low-income Nova Scotians, he also applied his talent to promoting legal education and research.

In an outpouring of generosity from friends, associates, and family, the J. William Mingo Memorial Scholarship for International Study was established to honour the memory of this remarkable man. The award is one of the most prestigious leading awards available. It will be given annually to one or more Law School graduates who have achieved academic excellence, demonstrated leadership abilities and impeccable character and who wish to pursue graduate legal education abroad.

On June 4, 2007 a reception was held at the Law School where the inaugural presentation of this scholarship was made to Ms. Devon Peavoy. Devon hails from Peterborough, Ontario, and graduated from Dal Law in 2004. She plans to further her studies at The Melbourne Law School where she will pursue an LLM focussed on law and development. Devon says, “I hope to follow up on some of the research I began when I interned in the region with the Pacific Islands AIDS Foundation in Port Vila, Vanuatu.” Congratulations Devon.

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Dalhousie law graduate Don Olivier is passionate about empowering Canada’s youth. That’s why he created the Senator Donald H. Olivier Bursary for Black Atlantic Canadians.

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Bertha Wilson remembers her days at Dalhousie Law School

In a second special edition of The Anual a number of graduates and friends of Dalhousie Law School were asked to give their personal reminiscences and reflections on the school and the City of Halifax. The following contribution was submitted by the late Bertha Wilson when she was a Justice of the Court of Appeal, Supreme Court of Ontario.

At the time I entered Dalhousie Law School in 1953 my husband was a chaplain in the Royal Canadian Navy stationed at HMCS Stadacona. I had been accustomed to the busy life of a parish minister’s wife, first in a fishing and farming community in the northeast of Scotland and subsequently, after we emigrated to Canada in 1949, in the town of Renfrew in the Ottawa valley.

Since at that time it seemed as if my husband was contemplating at least some years in the navy, and there was no role for a chaplain’s wife commensurate with that in the parish, I decided that it made good sense for me to go back to school and pick up my education where I had left off when I married into “the cloth” at the tender age of twenty-one years.

That preliminary interview with Dean Horace E. Read (LL.B.'24) is indelibly imprinted on my mind. I think it was through it that I began to realize what lay behind those first agitated murmurings of the “Women’s Lib” movement. “Have you any appreciation,” he asked, “of how tough a course the law is? This is not something you can do in your spare time. We have no room here for dillitantes. Why don’t you just go home and take up crocheting?”

It was hard to persuade him that I was a serious student; that to me a knowledge of the law was an essential part of a liberal education and that, while crocheting might be a very pleasant way to spend one’s leisure hours, it could not be the be-all and end-all of one’s most productive years.

From the first day I entered law school I knew the law was “my thing.” I sopped it up like a sponge. I was fascinated by the brilliant teaching techniques of the dean in the contracts course. He may not have approved of women in his class; indeed, he may have been my first exposure to the MCB, but I was glad to sit at his feet and learn the difference between an offer and a “mere puf”, a condition precedent and a condition subsequent, and to imbibe his gems of wisdom on the parole evidence rule, the doctrine of frustration, and the complexities of the law of misrepresentation and mistake. How important a foundation for practice in the commercial field in a large city law firm these all turned out to be.

Any student who has taken Professor Graham Murray’s Property I course will recall his introduction to the concept of possession, the escaping fish, the swarming bees, the hidden cache of jewels. And how he later mesmerized us all with future interests, springing and shifting uses, fee tails, and the like. I think in retrospect Professor Murray was the victim of his own teaching style. He made us think; and to think is to question. To sit in his class was truly a mind-stretching experience.

Life at the Law School was not all work. There was always time to take in an amateur theatre group, to gather for clam chowder at one of the excellent although unpretentious restaurants, to wander around the docks and see the ships, to drop in on a Sunday to the resounding psalm singing in St. David’s Presbyterian Church. And, of course, there were these special class parties at 36 Rockcliffe Street when nobody quite knew all that went into the punch and when the guests were apt to stab out their cigarettes in ceramic bowls of onion dip lovingly prepared by our gracious hostess and located around the drawing room for our convenience. It was the measure of her hospitality that she never confronted anyone with the gaffe but rather blamed herself for her lack of perspicacity in not anticipating that it might happen.

It was not easy in the fifties for a woman to find an articling position in Halifax but it was my very good fortune to end up in the office of F. W. Bissett, Q.C. (LL.B.26). I don’t know what Professor Lorne Clarke (LL.B.31) had to do to get me in there but, believe me, it was an experience to remember. From the dizzy heights of academia I was plunged into the stark reality of the police court with its daily roster of drunks and prostitutes.

I learned what life as a sole practitioner was like and what a large part common sense, and an insight into human nature, played in advising the client. And when I became too insufferable in my new-found legal knowledge and pontificated to my principal on the distinction between rebuttable and irrebuttable presumptions, he would say to me, innocent-like, “How would you like to work up a defence on this baggage charge?”

Yes, my four years in Halifax were among the most enjoyable and rewarding in my life thus far. It was not just the nuts and bolts of the law that I learned; it was the new dimension on life that they opened up for me in which the late Dean Read, my other professors, my fellow students, and my inimitable principal, all played a very special role.
