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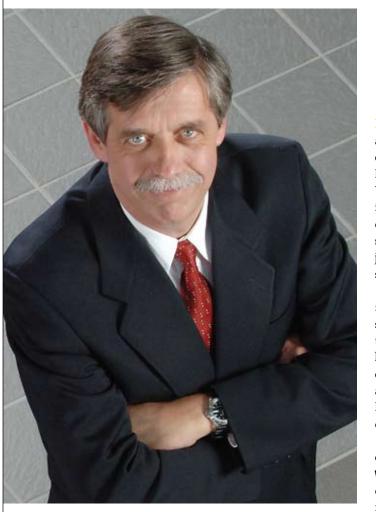
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# Message from the Dean



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 Keevil 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 125<sup>th</sup> 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. •

- Loud jeller

Phillip Saunders, Dean

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



Professor John Yogis (LL.B.'64)

"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 Dalhousie 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 aluminum 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 tide."

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 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 floored. 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 as 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. '78), 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 Your

John Yogis

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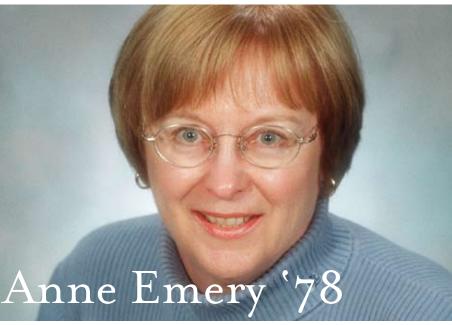






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# MYSTERY WRITER:



"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 poor, 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) Hearsay 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 (LL.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. Hearsay 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 ..." Or, "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." But when I got near the end, I realized I could not give it up; so from that point on, I was writing a series.

# Was 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 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*.

# You chose Halifax as the site of the first novel. Was there any reason for being site specific?

They always say: "Write what you know." I really enjoyed setting the story in Halifax. Once I started, I gained a whole new appreciation of the city, its parks, and particularly its architecture and heritage buildings. The second book in the series, *Obit*, is set in New York City, with some scenes in Dublin. I spent the summer in Dublin doing research for *Obit* and for a future book. *Obit* will be released at the end of May, this year. But, we'll be back in Halifax for the third novel. I may be getting ahead of myself, since it won't be out until next year, but that book will be titled Barrington Street Blues.

#### Is Monty Collins, your protagonist in Sign based upon anyone in particular?

All I'll say is that he's a bit of a composite of a couple of lawyers I know, and a couple of musicians. There is, however, a lot of "me" in the thoughts and words of all the main characters. The reason the narrator is a man is that the other main character is a priest, and I wanted a situation of male/male friendship, rivalry, conflict, etc. There would be enough complications without adding a male/female dynamic to that relationship.

# How long does it take you to complete a novel?

It took me seven or eight months to finish a preliminary draft of Sign of the *Cross*. After that, I passed it along to several very good readers — friends of mine — who gave me excellent advice as to what was good, what could be improved, etc. I waited for the first person's comments before sending it to the next, so that took the better part of a year.



#### 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 guite late in the process. I jump all over the place when I write. I cannot imagine writing in order from page one to the end. 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 for walks around the neighbourhood with my earphones jammed in my ears; I immerse myself in my fictional world, 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.

of the literary mainstream. the "big picture."

#### This would seem the best place to ask which writers are your own 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 Deverell, and Ian Rankin. And, I know I have probably missed quite a few.

# "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." — Anne Emery

# 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

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

# 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 Makin, 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 LeCarre's cold war spy novels, Graham Greene's novels, *Bonfire of the Vanities* by Tom Wolfe, *Paddy Clarke Ha Ha Ha* by Roddy Doyle, Anne-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, some of them nonfiction 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.

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# PHOTOGRAPHER/ARTIST:



Mary Dixon (LL.B.'87 as Mary Corsano) has called Nova Scotia home since 1971. Since her brief career detour as a lawyer (1987-91), Mary has been pursuing a lifelong interest in photography that was encouraged by her former partner, an editorial photographer. Her work includes the creation of fine-art prints in alternative processes such as polaroid transfer and hand-coloured black and white.

Since 1994 she has worked commercially as well, providing studio photography to regional artists and artisans, professional and personal portraits, stock travel photography and the odd freelance assignment. Her present focus is on her art. Mary has also lectured and provided workshops for camera clubs and individuals. A member of ViewPoint Gallery Co-operative in Halifax for its first seven years and of Visual Arts Nova Scotia, Mary's work has been in group and solo shows in Nova Scotia and is in the permanent collection of the Sherman Hines Museum of Photography, Liverpool, NS as *well as various personal collections across* Canada and the United States. Hearsay was pleased to have an opportunity to chat with Mary about her life and art.

# Mary, you were born in Montreal. What brought you to Nova Scotia?

My father was born in Lachine, part of Montreal. My mother was a Newfoundlander schooled in Nova Scotia who met my dad during nurses' training in Montreal while he was a medical intern. When the FLQ Crisis happened in Quebec in 1970 my dad felt, as an "Anglo" he no longer belonged in his home province. During a doctor's strike that year regarding the introduction of medicare, he and a colleague headed east scouting other opportunities, fuelled by my mom's Nova Scotia school connections and my dad's love of sailing. My family moved to a house on the LaHave River near Bridgewater when I was 10.

# And, you have lived on the South Shore ever since?

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

stop during a transition point, but my mother was ill with cancer so I hung around, formed new relationships and decided I wanted to stay. My parents have since passed away but I am still here, now living in Newcombville, about six kilometers inland from Bridgewater on the road to Kejimkujik Park.

# Did you initially have law as your goal?

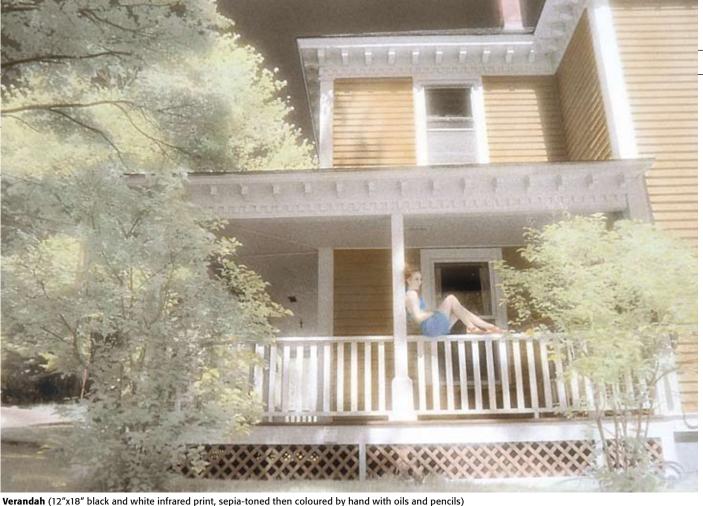
In high school I thought I would become a newspaper writer. I started at the University of King's College and enrolled in the new journalism program in 1978. However, as a very naive and insecure 17-year-old, I felt intimidated by my early experience in the journalism part of the program so dropped it and continued with the Foundation Year Programme. I graduated from Dal in 1982 with a BA in Poli 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 future for me and maybe I should be a lawyer too. 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 unearthing.

When my then husband was hired to article in Halifax I managed to transfer to Dalhousie for my second year.

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

The first thing that comes to mind is my horror one day before starting law at Dal. I was taking the bus on my way to my summer job down on Terminal Road and l learned that the Law School was on fire! No library when I arrived!

I also remember being a member of the "Married Students Society" or something, a loose group of other students who were also married and generally a couple of years older than



others in one's class — I was still only 24.

I remember playing guitar and harmonizing (probably rather poorly) with Raylene Rankin (LL.B'87) at a coffee house at Domus Legis. I hardly ever went there, being married and all. I did make some friends but it was harder to break in when one had not done first year at Dal with the rest of the gang. If it hadn't been for people like **Rob Patzelt** (LL.B'.87) (another married student who brought me into that crowd) I think I would have been pretty disconnected. I was in awe of people like **Alex Neve** (LL.B'87) and Ronalda Murphy (LL.B'87) who were at the top of the class. They had a real grasp of the subjects and an intensity and intelligence that made me feel out of my league.

For the first time in my academic history I felt really mediocre, a bit of a fraud really. In first year law at UNB I had a kind of rude awakening in terms of academic challenge which continued at Dal. Way too much reading, ha ha! I had always been an "A" student in high school and undergrad, except perhaps for Foundation Year at King's. I think my grades ran the gamut from "A" to "E" at Weldon! Somehow I emerged with a respectable but unremarkable average.

Do you have recollections of any of your instructors at the Law School? It's all a blur 20 years later but I did enjoy Rollie Thompson (LL.B.'78) in family law. And Peter Darby (LL.B.'58) was challenging and entertaining.

career as a professional artist came about? 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?

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# Could you tell us about how your present

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 wouldbe painter who wouldn't permit herself the time to pursue it to a great degree. I think she felt that her painting was selfindulgent. 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, handcolouring 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



Mayreau Baby (digital reproduction of a 3"x3" SX-70 Polaroid print which has been manipulated during development to add the wavy texture)

"New Thought" mantras being "You get what you think about".

# Can you look back over your body of work and give an opinion on aspects you have particularly enjoyed?

I still enjoy my hand-coloured series of the "Big Ex" (South Shore Exhibition) and the Polaroid series "Tropicana" that you may have seen on my web site. But, I am very proud of my newest work. They are black and white infrared images, all nudes, mostly very discreet. Some depict friends together; couples; a mother and baby, a man alone. All in nature, being loving, playful, meditative. They are important to me, representing a personal awakening as well as very personal artwork. I had a real sharing of feeling with my subjects who not only trusted me and my vision enough to model nude outdoors, many for the first time, but who also wrote very personal statements to accompany their images. It was a moving exhibit for some people.

#### Do you see any link or meeting point between law and art?

I suppose one could say that practicing law well is an art in itself. For all my abandonment of the career as not right for me personally, I have always maintained a huge respect for those who Renaissance (12"x18" black and white infrared print, coloured by hand with oils and pencils)



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 art as opposed 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.

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

In a very general sense "yes"; it makes me very aware of fine print! I actually read things I have to sign although I know so much is boiler plate that you aren't going to get around anyway! On another level perhaps the same mind that can deal with the attention to detail required in the law is the one that can deal with the technical details in the darkroom, studio or on the computer.

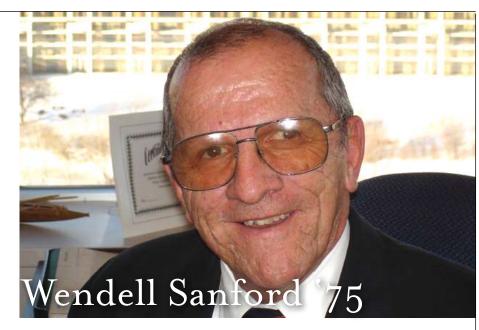
Although you practiced for only a short period of time was the law school experience worth it?

Burano (3 1/4" x 4 1/4" Polaroid emulsion transfer print, slide copied on to Polaroid film, emulsion transferred to watercolour paper, some coloured pencil added)

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 education. It opened my eyes to the experiences of other people from diverse walks of life and to the way the world works on a lot of levels.

# Thank you, Mary •

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 Newcombville. As well 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 Kindred'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. Garth Gordon (LL.B.'74) represented the Canadian interest. When Garth showed photographs of a frozen Northwest Passage Wendell jokingly said, "There I am in the picture — under the ice!"

In the spring term of 1974 Wendell took Douglas Johnston's Law of the Sea class. He says, "It was amazing. The negotiations for the Law of the Sea Convention had just begun. In those preweb days Professor Johnston had all the

documents and knew everyone involved. I recall doing a paper for him on ICNAF (International Commission for the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries), the precursor to NAFO (Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Organization) another subject of which I have learned a great deal over the years."

Following law school, Wendell served two years in the navy and articled as a staff solicitor in the office of the Attorney General of Nova Scotia.

He passed the foreign service Wendell's next posting was to Boston.

examination and joined the then Department of External Affairs. "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. For four years he served as a trade

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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. 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 Williamson (LL.B.'84), and others with a Dal connection.

Today, Wendell is in Ottawa in what he refers to as "the penalty box." But, it seems his early 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 NAFO, 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 McDorman (LL.B.'79) who was just behind me, and David VanderZwaag (LL.M.'82) was in my office recently discussing a fisheries seminar 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 course which I loved — and the Douglas Johnston Memorial Project." •

#### ▶ ALUMNI AFFAIRS



(I to r) Deb Anderson, Madeleine Schwarz and Llovd Strickland at a friend's wedding

# 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 (UNICTR) 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 Department of

Justice Crimes Against Humanity Section in Ottawa to work as a trial lawyer for the prosecution. She arrived in Arusha in March of 2006 with her husband **Dave** Morris (LL.B. '91) and their three-year-old and four-month-old sons and Dave's 16year-old daughter. Dave took a sabbatical from his refugee law firm to go with Madeleine when she was offered the job. The move to Arusha allowed him to return to his musical roots. He has created a studio in their home and is playing and recording music with many of the local and ex-pat musicians. He will also be starting work as appeals counsel at the Tribunal.

Lloyd Strickland (LL.B. '96) 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

whether he would stay very long, Lloyd is now keen to complete the cases he is working on — in other words he will be in Arusha until the trials wrap up in 2008.

None knew each other when they left Canada and they never imagined finding other Dal Law grads in Arusha. "The first time I walked into Drew's office," says Madeleine, "was a reminder of home. I'd been in Arusha a week or so and was beginning to think about whether this move for my family was ever a good idea. Dave and I were in the midst of trying to find a house, a caregiver for our two small children, a car, getting started on a new life, and I'm trying to find my way around the Tribunal. Drew's office is just down the hall and I knew he was from Vancouver, my hometown, so I went to say hi. There on his wall was a caricature dated 1988 of Drew, some of his classmates and Dick Evans at the Dal Legal Aid Service. It made my day seeing the familiar face of Dick Evans looking at

Lloyd had a similar feeling when Drew and his wife Deb invited Madeleine and Dave over to welcome Lloyd with beer and pizza at their home the day after he arrived.

me from a wall in Africa."

Why did they decide to change their



Drew, Lloyd, Madeleine and Dave at Stiggy's - their "Dome away from home."

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

lives and move to Africa? "Upon graduation, I was drawn to the practice of criminal law by the variety, the challenge and, frankly, the lack of paperwork," says Lloyd, "but criminal prosecutions become, after time,



Stiggy, a friend, Dave and Drew at the top of Mount Meru

"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

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.

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 (three 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."

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. Apart from the practicalities of  $\triangleright$ 

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. It's a pretty city — a bit of 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 Dave 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 muchneeded breaks on the Indian Ocean beaches.

The breaks are necessary. It's not easy living overseas and working with this kind of subject matter. To further stave off the trauma of witness testimony and ennui of administration, the Dal Law grads socialize and have established a sort of 'Dome away from home' at a local watering-hole that shares a passing familiarity with the comforts of the old Domus Legis. •



(I to r) Danny Graham, Leo Glavine, Michel Samson and Geoff Regan celebrate their win. Dalhousie Law alumni compete for the Glube Cup The Glube Cup, an annual gentlemen's league hockey tournament held in Halifax in honour of former Chief Justice Constance Glube (LL.B.'55), recently held its third annual tournament. Participants come from the legal community all over the province, including judges, prosecutors, defence lawyers, and local politicians.

This year, the MLA team captured its second Glube Cup in two years. Celebrating their recent victory at the Metro Centre are several Dalhousie Law Alumni including **Geoff Regan '83, Danny Graham '88, Michel Samson '97, Gordon Cudney '07** and **Kyle MacIsaac '07**. Justice Glube was on hand to present the trophy that bears her name.



# Sean Foreman '98

# The 2007 recipient of the Outstanding Young Alumnus of the Year award is Sean Foreman, partner at the law firm of Wickwire Holm. Sean has made significant contributions to society and the practice of law both during his time

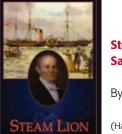
in university and post-graduation. During his third year at Dalhousie, he was the president of the Law Students' Society and recently served as a board member with the Dalhousie Law Alumni Association, as well as teaching parttime at the law school.

His involvement in the community is extensive and includes sitting as current Director of the Clean Nova Scotia Foundation, Vice-Chair of the Nova

Scotia Barristers' Society Lawyers Assistance Program Committee, and Past-Chair of the Canadian Bar Association (Nova Scotia) Environmental Law Section. He has also lectured at a number of conferences in the area of environmental law and authored and presented a variety of papers on the subject.

The Outstanding Young Alumnus of the Year Award is granted annually to a recent Dalhousie graduate under the age of 40. Consideration is given to a candidate's accomplishments in career, public and personal life as well as contributions to society, a local community or to Dalhousie. The award will be officially presented at a reception preceding Dalhousie's Annual Dinner on Thursday, October 4th, 2007.

# Alumni in Print



Steam Lion: A Biography of Samuel Cunard

By John G. Langley (LL.B.'71)

(Halifax: Nimbus Publishing, 2006)

On October 7, 2006 in Halifax, Nova Scotia the Cunard

Steamship Line unveiled a statue dedicated to Samuel Cunard, the founder of the most successful ocean liner company in history. At the time, the *Queen Mary 2*, the largest ocean liner in the world, was in port, along with Commodore Ronald W. Warwick who contributed a foreword to *Steam Lion*. This event coincided with the release of *Steam Lion*: A *Biography of Samuel Cunard* by John G. Langley, the founder of the Cunard Steamship society and expert on the subject of Cunard history.

Although much has been written about the Cunard Line and its many liners, little is known or written about Samuel Cunard himself and his early life. It was during those formative years that Cunard, operating from the Halifax waterfront, established his vast shipping empire and became the leading businessman of the period in the Maritime Provinces. This biography of Samuel Cunard has a dominant focus on the half century during which Cunard lived, worked, raised a large family and rose to prominence within social and commercial circles of his native Halifax.

Cunard's many and diverse business interests located throughout Atlantic Canada reflect the social and commercial history of a formative period of Atlantic Canada's development as a seafaring legion. In telling his story one learns not only the history of this important era, but also how it was that Cunard was able to respond to his ultimate challenge—bridging the North Atlantic with steam vessels.

John G. Langley established the Cunard Steamship Society in 1998 after retiring from a successful career in law. Since then, Mr. Langley has devoted much of his time to research and writing on the subject of Cunard history. He also has been a consultant to producers of films and documentaries on the life of Samuel Cunard. He lives in Halifax. •.



#### **A Victim of Convenience**

By John Ballem (LL.B. '49) Q.C.

(A Castle Street Mystery/Dundurn, 2006)

John Ballem

Oil wells, murder, and intrigue are all part of John Ballem's life. Well, at least in his imagination.

John Ballem is a well-known Calgary lawyer, but it is as a novelist that he is best known to the general public. He is the author of twelve novels, four of which are set in the Alberta oil patch and were recently re-issued in an omnibus volume, *The Oil Patch Quartet*. His latest novel, *A Victim of Convenience*, is a murder mystery set in Calgary. In his novels, John seeks to portray, and therefore preserve, the times in which we live. His books are widely praised for capturing the ambiance and vibrant spirit of Canada's booming oil capital.

Horses and light aircraft frequently make an appearance in John's novels. This reflects the fact that he was a wartime navy pilot, and for many years rode hunters and jumpers in horse shows. A lifelong interest in natural history, which has led to extensive travels, including filming wildlife in Africa, and polar exhibitions, also crops up from time to time. It has also led to an active role in the Calgary Zoo. He likes to recall it was during his watch as President of the Zoological Society that the zoo began to exhibit exotic large mammals elephants, hippos, and rhinos.

As a lawyer specializing in energy law, he has appeared in court cases and regulatory proceedings of national importance. He has also written extensively on oil and gas law and is currently working on the fourth edition of his textbook, *The Oil and Gas Lease in Canada.* A reviewer of his most recent novel observed, "John Ballem literally wrote the book on Canadian oil and gas law."

Ask him how the practice of law and the writing of fiction work together, and he will tell you it's a "match made in heaven" and that his oil and gas practice often provides inspiration. After all, it was the law that sent him to the site of a wild well burning out of control, which became the centrepiece for his first published novel, *The Devil's Lighter*.

(Courtesy Law Now! Magazine)

# 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 22<sup>nd</sup>, 1963. In similar fashion, a younger generation will forever remember where they were on September 11<sup>th</sup>, 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 welleducated, middle-class people.

Because the Canadian government asked me to set up this country's main response to 9/11 — the Canadian Air Transport Security Authority — and because I now sit on the national Advisory Council on National Security, I have metaphorically been at the front on the "GWOT" for nearly five years.

GWOT is not a character in a "Lord of the Rings" sequel but is Pentagon-ese for the "Global War on Terror". As a virtual warrior in this strange, new "war", I have come to loathe the term "Global War on Terror" and its shorthand media and political version — "War on Terror". To paraphrase Voltaire, who famously said 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 wanted to continue to be a "war" president, and did not want to become a "struggle" president.

Terrorism as a tactic has always existed. But, until recently, there was little written or scholarly material about this phenomenon. A visit to amazon.com will show writing about terrorism has recently grown exponentially. Many new tomes have tried to establish a general theory of terrorism and political violence. To date, no one has succeeded in doing this.

But, because the shorthand term — War on Terror — is used nearly daily by politicians and the media, we must try to define it as best we can. That's where George Orwell comes in.

Every well-educated person knows Orwell's famous essay, "Politics and the English Language". In it, Orwell complained about the misuse of language. For example, he said, "[If] you don't know what fascism is, how can you struggle against fascism?" Were he alive

today, Orwell might say the same thing about the War on Terror.

Just as the French did in the bitter Algerian war of independence, many of our leaders today claim the War on Terror is unlike any other struggle in history. Consequently, some leaders have claimed that public international law on torture, pre-emptive military strikes or detention of "prisoners of war" was "quaint" and need not be obeyed. As Bush is alleged to have said after 9/11, "I don't care what the international lawyers say, we are going to kick some ass." Little did the first "MBA president" foresee that it would be his own ass he'd wind up kicking.

As lawyers, we must always be on the *qui vive* when any political leader suggests a particular struggle — like the War on Terror — requires the curtailment of the civil liberties of its citizens or a rejection of international law. Lawyers must be even more sceptical when a leader claims the new "war" is an existential struggle for civilization that will last for generations: an Orwellian perpetual war for perpetual peace.

If states that are the alleged targets for violent extremists of any stripe believe current international law regarding the use of force or treatment of combatants is 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.

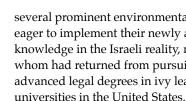
Today's world is more at peace than at any point in my lifetime. Dealing with today's violent extremists is more a police and intelligence function than it is a military one. Metaphors using the word "war" must not prevent an understanding of who we are "fighting" and how best — legally — to engage in that "fight." Citizens of liberal democracies must ask our leaders to shift the current debate on violent extremism away from where it now is to a more intelligent place. And lawyers must take the lead in getting the world to this better place.

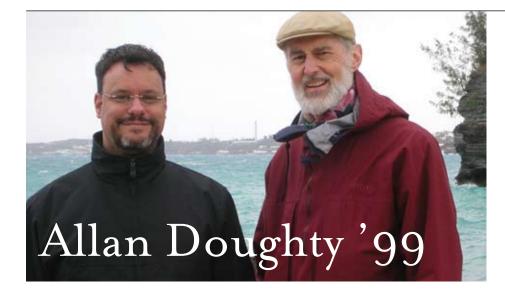
#### When Maya Nix graduated

from Dal Law in 2004, she had no idea that the stars were aligned for her return home. Home for Maya is a suburb of Tel Aviv, Israel where she was born. "My mother is a former Montrealer and my father is originally from Argentina, so we lived a bit of a multicultural life. I grew up in Israel but 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 Maya Nix '04 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 implement their newly acquired knowledge in the Israeli reality, most of whom had returned from pursuing advanced legal degrees in ivy league "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 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.

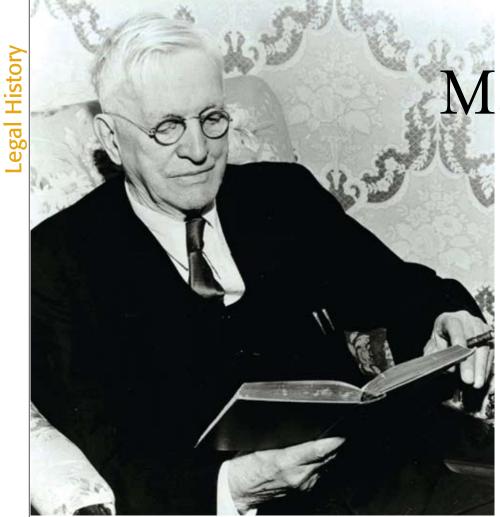
"While in the process of getting my degree evaluated, I discovered that I am the first Israeli to have attended

Dalhousie Law School!" Maya goes on to say, "I am grateful for the warm Dalhousie family

spirit and for Professor Sherifa Elkadem's assistance in sending information about the school's credentials.

Maya is now preparing to become eligible to take the bar and become licensed in Israel and will be working for one of the country's largest law firms, Herzog, Fox & Neeman, innovative for 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." •

Allan Doughty was admitted to the bar of Nova Scotia before returning to Bermuda where he practises law with Trott & Duncan in Hamilton and lives in Somerset with his Nova Scotian wife and two young daughters. Allan is a litigator who is growing a practice around the recent human rights act in Bermuda. He is pictured here welcoming **Professor Hugh Kindred** to Bermuda in February 2007. Both wonder if Allan constitutes the whole cohort of Dal law grads in Bermuda: does anyone know of others?•



#### James W. Maddin (LL.B. 1900) was a

charming man with a kind heart and an incurable sense of humour. 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 Stipendiary Magistrate for the Town of Sydney. He was also a war veteran (WWI), a Member of Parliament, a captivating lecturer and, though his friends affectionately described him as a "ham", he briefly dabbled in movie acting. The proud son of an Irish father and Scottish mother, Jim was rarely

though he dealt in the seriousness of criminal law, he was warm and funny enough to earn the adoration of his own children and grandchildren as well as those of his neighbours.

Jim's career in law was spawned by an incident in his own close-knit family that occurred when he was in his teens and working as a machinist's apprentice at the Intercolonial Coal Mine in Pictou County. A younger brother Oliver had been in the company of a neighbourhood friend when the boys found and began playing with a handgun. In a

# Major Jim

heartbreaking instant the friend lay dead, and though several witnesses insisted that it was a horrible accident, an overzealous sheriff placed young Oliver under arrest and charged him with murder. To his parents' horror, the boy was held in jail for five months until the grand jury finally met and returned a "no bill" decision.

Jim believed that if a child like Oliver could be charged with a crime that did not even happen, there must be others in similar or worse situations and he became determined to do what he could to help them. He announced to the family that he was going to become a lawyer; returned to Pictou Academy to ensure he had the academic requirements for entry to Dalhousie Law School: and as his father William had ten other children to support, took on a number of jobs until he had saved enough to cover his tuition.

From the moment he set foot in the Forrest Building on the way to his first class, Jim knew that this was the beginning of an exciting new chapter in his life; and an eagerness to learn all he could from his professors, together with an engaging personality, made him popular with classmates and faculty alike. He missed his family though and tried to get home to Pictou County to see them whenever he could. It was during one of those visits that he met his future wife — Maude Isabella MacDonald and by the time he graduated in 1900, the couple had two children.

Jim's sense of humour was legendary, but sometimes the laugh was on him. One afternoon in his graduating year at the time of final exams, for example, he took a break from studying and went for a walk downtown. There he ran into an old friend from Pictou County who was working aboard a West Indies freighter, which had come into port for supplies. Jim didn't need to be asked twice to accompany the fellow back to the ship for a good chat over a bottle of Jamaican rum. Hours later, he was roused from a drink-induced sleep by the realization that the vessel was moving, and ran up to the deck to find that they were steaming toward the harbour mouth and ultimately, he assumed, to the West Indies. With panicky thoughts of Maude and the children not knowing what had happened to him, as well as missing out on the rest of his examinations, Jim drew on every bit of charm he had to convince the Captain to put him ashore; and from a rocky outcrop not far from Chebucto Head, he set out on foot for the long trek back to Halifax.

Following graduation, Jim faced yet another challenge. He would not, he was told, be accepted to the bar due to a technicality in his matriculation. But he hadn't come this far to be turned away so he hired his own lawyer and took out a Writ of Mandamus. Robert Borden, the President of the NS Barristers' Society had met young Maddin on several occasions and was suitably impressed, and when he heard of his problem, personally stepped in and helped resolve it in Maddin's favour. For the next 2<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> years, Jim practiced law at Springhill, before moving to Sydney; and on October 26th, 1908 at the behest of Borden, who was by this time Leader of the Federal Conservative Party, he ran for and won the seat of Cape Breton South, even

though at heart he was a Liberal. And Maddin practised criminal law in

though he was defeated on his attempt to secure a second term, this time as a Liberal, Borden later described him as having been one of the most promising young politicians of the day. Sydney until the outbreak of the Great War, when he headed for Halifax to enlist in the 85th Overseas Battalion, C.E.F. 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." Jim 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. Whether he was defending a murderer, or lecturing on any number of topics, he was such a charismatic orator that people would travel several miles to hear him. These skills served him well when he found himself in a dangerous situation in the summer of 1919. He, the Chief of Police and the Crown Prosecutor Patterson set out in Patterson's car in search of an armed fugitive named Grant who was being sought in connection with the murder of George Mapp of Sydney. After coming upon a farmhouse at the outskirts of town where Grant was believed to be hiding, Maddin spotted him in a nearby field; and though the man was armed with a loaded revolver, set out to speak to him. In a matter of minutes, he talked Grant into giving up his weapon and



going quietly with the police.

Shortly after the Grant affair, Hollywood came to town and Maddin charmed his way into roles in two of the first moving pictures shot in Cape Breton — "Clansmen of the North" and "Sea Riders" — though even he had to admit that he was a better lawyer than actor.

In 1924 when he went to Halifax to defend a young war veteran accused of murdering a police officer, newspapers from across the country sent reporters to cover what turned out to be two trials. The first ended in a hung jury and a month later, the second saw Louis Marshall Bevis convicted, with a recommendation for mercy, on what Maddin believed was very doubtful evidence. In a move that was seen as radical at the time, Maddin hired his daughter **Olive**, a recent graduate of Dalhousie Law School, to assist him at the Bevis trial. In over 60 murder cases. Bevis was one of only two men defended by Maddin who met the executioner.

In 1954, more than a half century after earning his law degree, 80 year old Jim Maddin chose to slow down by taking on the role of Stipendiary Magistrate for Sydney and for the rest of his days continued to act in the best interests of family, friends and his community. On Friday, September 29th, 1961, his long and successful life came to an end. Maddin was survived by his wife Maude, four daughters Warrena, Agnes, Olive and Jean, and a son **William**, who was also a graduate of the law school.

As reported in the Chronicle Herald, Saturday, September 30, 1961: Major "Jim" Maddin, 87, one of Canada's most colourful courtroom personalities, died Friday...his passing lowered the final curtain on a life dedicated to the legal profession. – Dianne Marshall

The Honourable Bertha Wilson (LL.B.'57)

passed away in Ottawa on April 28, 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 naval chaplain. Wilson joined him in Halifax and enrolled in Dalhousie Law School where she graduated near the top of her class in 1957. She practiced for 17

vears in Toronto with the law firm of Osler Hoskin Harcourt. In 1975 she was the first woman appointed to the Ontario Court of Appeal. In 1982 she became the first female justice to serve on the Supreme Court of Canada. In lamenting her death Chief Justice Beverley McLauchlin, on behalf of the Supreme Court of Canada, stated: "Bertha Wilson was known for her generosity of spirit and originality of thought. She was appointed to the Supreme Court of Canada the same year the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms was

enacted. As a member of this Court, she was a pioneer in *Charter* jurisprudence and made an outstanding contribution to the administration of justice. She will be sorely missed by all who were privileged to know her."

Dalhousie Law School is especially proud to claim Bertha Wilson as one of our own. In October 1991, upon her retirement from the Supreme Court, the School was honoured to organize a Symposium to acknowledge and

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

All of the participants who spoke at the Wilson Symposium were noted legal scholars, some with a strong connection to Dalhousie and, in several cases, with Nova Scotia. Dr. Alan Watson, a kilt garbed jurist and Ernest P. Rogers Professor of Law at the University of Georgia spoke of Wilson in the context of her Scottish background, but noted a huge problem. That was to come "to grips with her towering intellect." Watson went on to state:

# The Honourable Bertha Wilson: Trailblazer for Justice

document her place in the life of Canada. 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, Q.C., 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."1

In conjunction with the Symposium The Right Honourable Brian Dickson, former Chief Justice of Canada, delivered The Horace E. Read Memorial Lecture 1991. Dickson noted the irony of paying

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 alumna, 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."2

"To me she is the Canadian Lord Mansfield. She, like Mansfield, is Scottish, with a legal training and judicial career outside Scotland, but whose Scottishness is appreciated as affecting their approach to law. Both are great judges, but Madame Wilson is Lord Mansfield with a heart. It was a great treat to read her judgments. With each one I felt my heart and mind expand." Watson also stated: "she writes with a simplicity, grace, rationality and humanity that may even lead one to underestimate the complexity of her thoughts."3 Professor Philip L. Bryden, (present

Dean of Law, University of New Brunswick), also alluded to a possible



Bertha Wilson's Dalhousie Law School graduation photo

Bertha beside the Prefect she drove to Halifax to join her husband, John

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."4

As noted by Chief Justice McLauchlin, Wilson was a pioneer in Charter jurisprudence. Justice James MacPherson



Bertha and John Wilson in the wardroom of HMCS Nootka. December. 1952

▶ ALUMNI AFFAIRS

TRIBUTE TO THE HONOURABLE 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 to be hired by the firm Osler, Hoskin & 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 passionately about the rights protected by the Charter, and about the plight of the underdog. She fought with ardour for the rights of women, and advanced their cause as few others of

her generation have. Her legacy and her convictions live on in the Charter jurisprudence she penned in Singh, Morgentaler and Andrews, to name but three cases; in her decisions in criminal law — Lavallee and Tutton and Waite: and in her forays into private law, such as Crocker and Pelech. Her contributions to the development of the law and to justice for all are diverse and lasting.

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 these opinions have since become the law.

I encountered Bertha's wry 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 fairness and equality; behind the public persona as 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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"Like all footprints in the sand, some will disappear, others will diminish. But, many of her footprints will endure forever."

(LL.B.'74) of the Ontario Court of Appeal delivered the Eulogy at the Memorial Service held for Bertha Wilson in Ottawa on Tuesday, May 8, 2007. He echoed the sentiments of former Chief Justice Dickson:

"Justice Wilson, more forcefully than any other judge, moved constitutional interpretation from its historical focus on the purpose of laws to close scrutiny of the effects of laws. She wrote that the Charter is 'first and foremost an effectsoriented document.' This, in my view, has proved to be the single most important and valuable principle identified for Charter interpretation."

In his concluding remarks Justice MacPherson eloquently expressed his thoughts on the legacy of The Honourable Bertha Wilson:

"She was a patriot — a judge who strove to identify and articulate a distinctive Canadian jurisprudence to reflect a distinctive nation. She was a visionary — a judge who understood the values emanating from the Constitution and the common law and a judge who had the good fortune through position, skill and dedication to make those values come alive through her judgments. She was compassionate — a judge who used the law to change the way in which

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# -Justice James MacPherson

governments operate and to raise the expectations of many Canadians, especially disadvantaged Canadians. "Justice Wilson was, it is clear, a perfect judge for her time. Her career, especially as a judge, was wonderfully successful. And her legacy is substantial "She lived faithfully a life of public service through her judgments, her lectures and her inspiration to the next generation. The tides of time will wash against her jurisprudential footprints. Like all footprints in the sand, some will disappear, others will diminish. But, many of her footprints will endure forever. And, perhaps of equal importance, she will have pointed the way forward so that succeeding generations of Canadians can make their legal footprints good, fair and just ones."

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Trailblazer for Justice: The Horace E. Read Memorial Lecture 1991", ibid., at 21-22.

Alan Watson, "The Scottish Enlightenment, the Democratic Intellect and the Work of Madame Justice Wilson", ibid,. at 23.

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# 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 untie the filial band,

That knits me to thy rugged strand!

SCOTT

O SWEET are Coila's haughs an' woods,

When lintwhites chant amang the buds,

And jinkin hares, in amorous whids,

Their loves enjoy,

While thro' the braes the cushat croods

With wailfu cry!

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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 8<sup>th</sup>, 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.

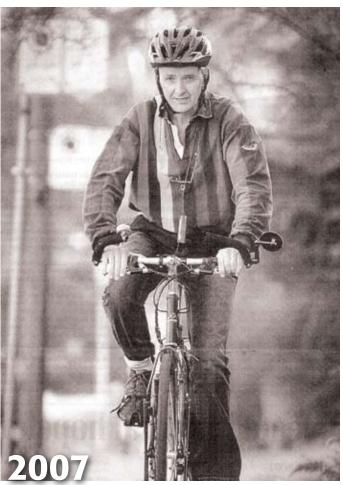
After obtaining his law degree from Dalhousie in 1966, he started a law practice in Vancouver and lived in a beautiful house in Lion's Bay. Several dramatic events in his life prompted Dugald's rebellion and major change in his career. An act of God resulted in a landslide that killed his neighbours' 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 appointed by a system of patronage, by building a small army of lawyers to fight poverty... I lived in a Salvation Army halfway house for three years surrounded by ex-convicts and addicts of all kinds. From that citadel of poverty I attacked the highest figures in the profession.... I do not seem to have any real choice in these matters. Unfortunately, it is not a matter of virtue. I think it comes from my early childhood experiences."

Dugald's first bicycle trip across Canada was in 1998. He was 57 and it wasn't easy. He would cycle across Canada twice more. In 2000, he fasted on the Supreme Court steps in Ottawa to protest the failure of the legal system to provide fair access to the poor in a timely fashion.

In 2002, Dugald took a bus trip from Vancouver to Moncton to pass a resolution at the Canadian Bar Association Annual Meeting to approve a business plan to fund and organize pro bono clinics across the nation for every community over 30,000 people. The proposal failed to win the necessary support. He felt despair and bitterness, but he resolved not to give up on the bar. He wrote: "To me, pro bono is meeting the poor on their own turf and not in the high rise law office. It is rubbing shoulders with the down and out...sympathizing; not pitying."

In March 2006, Dugald received the Lawyer of the Year Award from the B.C. Law Association. In the summer of 2006, at age 65, he once more set out on his bicycle, this time to



# Dugald Christie '66

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 Canadian Bar. He left his bicycle and took the bus back to Vancouver to receive the award and then resumed his trip.

At 6pm on July 31, 2006 near Sault St. Marie, a mini-van failed to see Dugald on his bicycle and killed him outright. Dugald Christie gave up a lucrative law practice and enviable lifestyle and, in the end, lost his life pursuing the cause of justice for all. His family and the many that supported Dugald and his life's journey pray that the many causes to which he dedicated his life will be completed.

The Weldon Award for Unselfish Public Service, sponsored by the Dalhousie Law School Alumni Association, was established in 1983 to serve as a tribute to the ideals of the Law School's first dean, Richard Chapman Weldon. Mr. Christie's son, Oliver, accepted the award on behalf of the family. •

# CALL FOR NOMINATIONS The Weldon Award for Unselfish Public Service 2008

This annual 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 31-year tenure as dean from 1883 to 1914



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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

In the summer of 2006. I had an amazing

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 over arching 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 (BRAC) 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 nongovernmental 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 Bangladeshis. 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 femalefriendly 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 elected 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.

"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"

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 conscious of my gender — as everyday I had to wear a knee-length shalwar shirt 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 Bangladeshi 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.

# DipikaJain

# Fundamental rights in India

# On March 29, 2007, Dipika Jain, a

Dalhousie student completing her L.L.M. in health law, discussed India's public interest litigation (PIL) system and her work with the New Dehli Branch of the Human Rights Law Network, a national NGO. Ms. Jain, who has a B.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 action has 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: VHAP 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

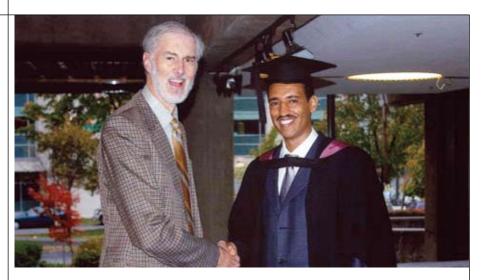
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juggling skills," she says. "It's not every day you see someone who's won the Order of Canada singing karaoke!"

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 firsthand, 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



Berhanykun Ghebremedhn, from Eritrea, studied for an LL.M. in Maritime Law under Dr. Aldo Chircop, Dr. Moira McConnell and Professor Hugh Kindred. He is seen here robed for convocation in October 2006 with Professor Kindred



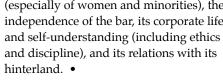
Jeff Haylock was selected to receive the \$10,000 Fellowship

# Borden Ladner Gervais Fellowship

# 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 20<sup>th</sup> 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





Co-Editor-in-Chief, Ryan O'Connor, welcomes Dean Saunders as the publication of the 16th volume of the DLJS is celebrated.

# Student-run journal sees its sixteenth issue

# On April 4, the Dalhousie Journal of Legal

Studies (DJLS) celebrated the publication of its sixteenth volume. A reception was held in the Law School atrium, hosted by Co-Editor-in-Chief, Ryan O'Connor. Many of the volunteers, editors, and authors were in attendance along with faculty and fellow students.

This year's volume featured articles by several top students at Dalhousie as well as works by students from the University of Victoria and University of Toronto faculties of law. The topics covered such issues as the mental health requirement for the Nova Scotia bar, extra-territorial protection of marine life, and third-party causes of action for breaches of aboriginal rights. This year's volume also featured an interview with the Chief Justice of Nova Scotia discussing judicial temperament and the practical problems facing the courts in Nova Scotia.

The winners of the top three articles were announced. First place went to James **Miglin** for his article on the prosecution of Charles Taylor. Second place went to Neil **McCormick** for his article on wartime environmental assessment. Third place went to **Alison Luke** for her paper on the immigration rules for unaccompanied minors. The prizes were sponsored by Olgilvy Renault, Borden Ladner Gervais, and members of the 2007 DJLS Editors Circle, respectively. •

The Dalhousie Journal of Legal Studies invites you to join the Editor's Circle, a group of individuals who support the pursuit of outstanding legal scholarship through this student initiative.

The Journal is a non-profit, student-run organization which publishes one volume per year. Since its inception in 1991, more than 250 students have participated in the production and growth of the Journal. The works of over 60 students have been presented in its pages. This period has also seen the circulation and stature of the Journal steadily increase, both nationally and internationally, so that it now reaches hundreds of individuals, libraries and courts throughout four continents. The Journal has even been cited by the Supreme Court of Canada in Ross v. New Brunswick School District No. 15, [1996] 1 S.C.R. 825.

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Left to right: Lindsay Bailey, Wade Mills, Sarah Pottle and Clarissa Pearce

# 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 to the person injured? I conclude that as a general rule, a social host does not owe a duty of care to a person injured by a guest who has consumed alcohol...." So wrote Chief Justice McLachlin in Childs v. Desormeaux, a 2006 decision of the Supreme Court of Canada.

The contentious issue of social host liability came before the Supreme Moot Court of Dalhousie for the 2006 Smith Shield Moot competition. The fictional case before the fictional high court the evening of the Smith Shield was *Korda* & *Leblanc Estate v. Woodrow.* The learned (albeit fictitious) trial judge in Korda, Forall J., held that there was a duty of care on the social hosts, Mr. and Mrs. Korda, to prevent a party guest known to be inebriated from driving a car, a decision reportedly affirmed by the Nova Scotia Court of Appeal and the Supreme Court of Canada. The fact that the Kordas were seized with knowledge of their guest's intoxication before he got behind the wheel of his car distinguished the case from Childs v. Desormeaux the learned trial judge concluded, a point pressed on the Supreme Moot Court of Dalhousie in the able submissions of counsel for the respondent.

An annual event and the highlight of

brings together the top four mooters in the second-year class of Dalhousie Law School. Past winners of the Smith Shield include distinguished jurists and lawyers, including Madame Justice Bertha Wilson (LL.B.'57), Professor Ronald St. John Macdonald (LL.B.'52) and Mr. Frank Covert (LL.B'29). In this year's competition, Lindsay Bailey and Clarissa Pearce appeared on behalf of the appellants; counsel for the respondent were Sarah Pottle and Wade Mills. They made their submissions before an attentive and engaged panel: the **Honourable Justice** Elizabeth A. Roscoe (LL.B.'74) (Nova Scotia Court of Appeal); the **Honourable Justice** David Watt (Ontario Superior Court of Justice); and Mr. Philip J. Star, 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.

the new academic year, the Smith Shield

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. Pattillo Prize in Advocacy). The Leonard A. Kitz Prize in Advocacy was awarded to Wade Mills and Clarissa Pearce. •

# The Laskin Memorial Moot

The 2007 Laskin Constitutional & Administrative Law Moot, Canada's only national bilingual moot competition, was held in Ottawa from February 22-24, 2007.

The problem this year was a particularly complex mix of Charter and administrative law issues centered on the delicate balancing of national security and the protection of individual privacy rights in the post 9-11 world.

Our strong Dalhousie Team this year was comprised of Appellant's counsel **Sarah Pottle** (mooting in French) and **Farrah Carrim**, followed by Respondent's counsel Lindsay Bailey and Joanne Anderton.

The Dalhousie team mooted in front of such notables as Chief 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.

At the conclusion of four challenging rounds of competition, the Dalhousie Law team was awarded the overall "3rd Place Team" prize (out of 19 teams). The team awards are given to the top three teams that have the strongest combined results for both written factums and oral rounds for all four team members — a great achievement.

After the closing banquet, some new 'informal' awards were also presented for the first time at the Laskin Moot. I am also pleased to report that our Team was awarded the "Team Spirit" Award and the "Best Coach" Award, given to the team that demonstrated both mooting excellence and social engagement during the Competition .

On behalf of the Team, I want to again thank all full-time faculty who assisted during preparation of the factums and all faculty, judges and practitioners who participated as practice round judges leading up to the Competition. - Sean Foreman



Eric Slone, Mike Fenrick, Steve McCardy and Professor Innis Christie

very good performance at the Mathews Dinsdale and Clark Arbitration Moot Competition in Toronto. Second-year students Mike Fenrick and Steve McCardy

represented Dal in this annual competition, which brings potential labour lawyers together to argue before panels of experienced arbitrators flanked by lawyers from labour and management side firms. Mike and Steve faced Western in the Saturday morning round and U of T in the afternoon. Although, in the unbiased opinion of their coaches, **Innis** Christie and Eric Slone, our team smoked Western and matched U of T. They were not selected for the final, which was between U of A and U of T.

This was the ninth year for the MDC Arbitration Moot Competition, and the eighth in which Dal has competed. It is Professor Christie's last year as coach. His place will be taken by Eric Slone, long time "downtowner" at the Law School and co-coach this year, working with part-time faculty member, **Lorraine** Lafferty (LL.B.'83), who represented the Nova Scotia Teachers Union in many arbitrations.

The competition is put on by Mathews Dinsdale and Clark, a leading management side labour law firm in Ontario. The Moot hosts eight teams; this year the other seven teams were from

Once again, Dal Law students turned in a UBC, U of A, Calgary, Western, Osgoode, U of T and Queen's. Ottawa and UNB are expected to be added to the list next year.

#### A history of success



Mark Rogers

Dalhousie's record is good; two winning teams and one runner-up in eight years. Several of the 16 former team members are now practising labour lawyers, including Janet Burt-Gerans (LL.B.'02), a member of the first team in 2000, who has recently joined Mount Saint Vincent University's human resources legal staff. Her moot partner was **Michael Foulds**. In 2001 Rebekka Powell (LL.B.'02), now with the Nova Scotia Department of Justice as a labour and employment lawyer, partnered Mark Rogers (LL.B.'02), now practising in St. John's with Rogers Bussey, to win the first MDC trophy for Dal Law. In 2002 Jodi Gallagher (LL.B.'03) and Meghan Furey (LL.B,'03) carried Dal to

victory for the second straight year. Jodi is now an associate in labour and employment at Heenan Blaikie in Toronto and Megan is an associate at Blake Cassels and Graydon in Ottawa, doing litigation, including employment matters.

In 2004 Bob Mann (LL.B.'05), now an associate in labour and employment law with McInnes, Cooper and Robertson in Halifax, and Laura McLennan (LL.B.'06), now with Blaney McMurtry of Toronto, made it into the final moot. They lost to UBC, and gained a place in the annals of the competition as the only runners-up ever to have lost by a split decision.

In 2003, Dal was represented by Sarah Dyck (LL.B'.04), who is practising labour

# The Mathews Dinsdale and Clark Arbitration Moot

(Left to right) 2002 winners: Meghan Furey and Jodi Gallagher; 2001 winners: Rebekah Powell and

law with Ogilvie Renault in Vancouver, and David Wallbridge (LL.B.'04), who is now with Pink Breen Larkin, the leading labour side firm in Atlantic Canada. In 2005, Moira Goodfellow (LL.B.'06), who will soon be working as an associate at McInnes Cooper in Fredericton in the labour and litigation departments, and Andrew Taillon (LL.B.'06), who will be joining the labour, employment and administrative law group at Cox & Palmer in Halifax, put on a very good show. Last year Kersti Kass and David MacIsaac, now in third year, did equally well. David is articling at Pink Breen Larkin. This year's team of **Mike Fenrick** and **Steve McCardy** maintained the fine tradition.

For the past several years the MDC Arbitration Moot Competition team has been generously sponsored by Pink Breen Larkin and Cox Downie, now Cox & Palmer. The Stewart McKelvey law firm has also been a generous sponsor in the past. Lawyers from these firms and Professor (retired) Peter Darby (LL.B.'58), Chair of the Nova Scotia Labour Relations Board, have been generous with their time over the years. Professor Christie will be an arbitrator/judge at the Mathews Dinsdale and Clark Arbitration Moot Competition next January. •

#### **STUDENT** NOTES



Left to right: James Miglin, Katie Edmunds, Melissa Insanic, Professor Rob Currie, Ziad Haddad

# The Jessup Moot

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 Edmunds**, **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 oralists, 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 practitioners who helped out by sitting practice benches during the run-up to the moot. Special thanks are due to **Professor Hugh Kindred** who, as always, was an invaluable resource and source of advice. — **Professor Robert Currie** 

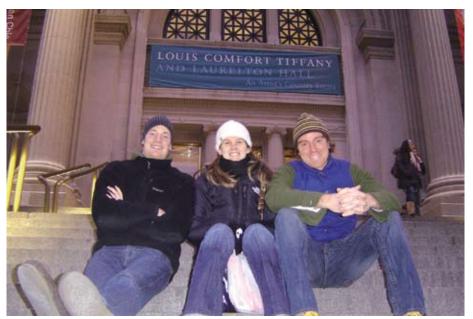
Left to right: Robert Richler, Bryna Fraser, Professor Richard Devlin, Veronica Ford and Andrew Gough

# Trilateral Moot

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 Trilateral 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 in second overall. A special thanks to Professor Devlin and the other Dalhousie faculty who contributed to our success! •

# Dal students 'represent' at U.S. Enviro Law Moot

For the first time in five years, Dalhousie Law School sent a team to the United States National Environmental Law Moot Court Competition at Pace Law School in New York this past February. Third-year students **Stephanie Sanger, Nathan Sutherland** and **Dave Wright** summoned the gumption required to argue all U.S. law in an all U.S. court. The preparation path was a long one and the learning curve was steep, but their motivation was high as Dalhousie was the only Canadian law school in the 66-team field.



Left to right: Nathan Sutherland, Stephanie Sanger and Dave Wright

This year's problem dealt with trans boundary 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 Inuksuk" 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.

Regardless of missing the final rounds the team was proud of its accomplishments on all levels — team building, fund raising, researching, writing and competing. It was an unforgettable experience and an incredible way to end law school. •

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Andrew Kirk, Professor Constance MacIntosh and Kim Collins

# 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 28<sup>th</sup>, 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 Oueen'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 intervener 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 Blaikie 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** 

# Student Scholarships:

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Anthony Whitfield

# Gordon Cudney: student leads the way in fundraising

# In the fall of 2003, Sheila

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 midwinter 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 Cosby Curling Tournament with eight motivated and fantastically fashionable teams filling the ice in their colourful Cosby sweaters. Good times were had by all, and a special thank you to the "White Russians" third-year students **Eric Rolf**, Paul Saunders, Adam Hood and Mark Purdy who showed 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. •



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

Hearsay is always pleased to hear reports of the extra-curricular interests and diverse backgrounds of members of the student body. When we learned that a first-year student was associated with The Monarchist League of Canada we thought we should pursue the matter further. Perhaps a law student's interest in royalty should not be seen as out of the ordinary. After all, Queen Elizabeth II is *Canada's head of state. Queen Elizabeth, the Queen Mother, was* given an honorary degree by Dalhousie in 1967. Furthermore, the subject of royalty is particularly timely with the phenomenal success of the film, "The Queen," and the Oscar winning portrayal of Her Majesty by Dame Helen Mirren. Still, the fact that our student monarchist is Chinese and was born in Beijing seemed to be of more than passing interest. At our invitation Edward Wang kindly consented to contribute the following in his own words.

# In Canada freedom wears a crown

Rarely anything can keep rain away from a Vancouver autum 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" cam 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 the Commonwealth, Defender of the Faith, was making her way to the University as part of her Golden Jubilee celebration 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 was kind enough to excuse me early, and I left class eagerly looking forward to seeing The Queen in person.

People are often fascinated — and sometimes annoved by the fact that I am a monarchist. My membership in the Monarchist League of Canada prompts a host of reactions and For information on The Monarchist League of Canada visit questions. The most common comment I receive is, "But, <www.monarchist.ca> or call 1-800-IM-Loyal.

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you're *Chinese*, and she is *British*!!!" My usual response includes an acknowledgment of the fact that I realize I am Chinese. (I do look at myself in the mirror everyday.) However, I counter their thesis that The Queen is British. Yes, I know Her Majesty was born in the United Kingdom, grew up, and primarily resides there. However, the Queen is not always British. When she visits any of the sixteen Commonwealth Realms of which she is Sovereign, or acts in the capacity of its Head of State, she takes on the nationality of that country.

Regarding my own background. I was born in China, and I came to Canada at a young age. I recall being fascinated by a beautiful picture of The Queen that hung in the lobby of my elementary school. My interest in the monarchy developed over the years growing from awe and fascination with the pomp and ceremony, to a realization and respect for how much The Queen and the Royal Family sacrifice for the sake of duty. Observing The Queen put duty above her own personal desires is truly inspirational. She has dedicated her whole life to serving the people of the Commonwealth.

It was, therefore, natural for me to join The Monarchist League of Canada. The League is 18,000 members strong. The largest growth is in the 18-25 age bracket. (There is even a Young Monarchist segment of the League.) The League works towards promoting and supporting the Canadian Monarchy. The League also battles any attempt by the Government to lessen the role of the Crown in Canada.

For example, more recently, the League has been lobbying Rideau Hall to understand the constitutional role of The Crown. In this regard the League is resisting a growing tendency over the past two decades to refer to the Governor General as the Head of State. Although the Governor General

n.	represents The Queen, and is authorized to exercise all of The
	Queen's powers in relation to Canada, The Queen remains the
t	Head of State.
ne	In lecturing in our Criminal Law class about the difference
	between "law" and "fact" Professor Bruce Archibald (LL.B.'74)
	asked whether "law" is something we can see. I responded that
of	whenever I look at The Queen I see "Law." Her Majesty is all
	around us — whether symbolically on our stamps or currency,
ns	or constitutionally at the heart of our legal system. The amount
	of work she continues to do at the age of 81 has few, if any,
	equals. On her 21st birthday she dedicated herself to a life of
	service. She has kept this promise for over 55 years to the
	people of Canada and the Commonwealth. I am eagerly
e	looking forward to Her Majesty's Diamond Jubilee in 2012. By
	then, (hopefully) I shall have graduated, become a lawyer, and
	an officer of Her Majesty's Courts in Canada. — Edward Wang

# **SCHOOL** NEWS

# 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 drawn from nearly all corners of the globe gathered together in the Lord Dalhousie Room of the Henry Hicks Building of Dalhousie University 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 Phillip Saunders and former law deans, The Honourable W. Andrew MacKay, Professor Emeritus William H. Charles, and Professor Dawn A. Russell. Former Justice of the Supreme Court of Canada, The Honourable Gerard LaForest, Professor Ann LaForest (UNB), President Wade MacLauchlan (UPEI), Dr. Mario Oetheimer (Registry of the European Court of Human Rights) and **Dr. Edgar Gold** and **Dr.** Judith Gold were representative of the many who had traveled from away to be present for the occasion. Judge Macdonald's family members included sisters, 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 a law alumni magazine (*Hearsay*), and was the driving



Sisters Dr. Mairi Macdonald (left foreground) and Dr. Elizabeth Podnieks (right foreground) are joined by family members and friends to pay tribute to Ronald St. John Macdonald



James Palmer



Professor Donat Pharand

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). Judge Macdonald's prime area of



Nephew Andrew Podnieks and Dr. Mario Oetheimer



The Honourable Gerard LaForest and Dr. Mairi Macdonald

interest was always International Law. He was the creator and founding President of the Canadian Council on International 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 Arbitration at The Hague and the World Academy of Arts and Science. He served as a consultant to the Department of External Affairs and the Prime Minister's Office (Ottawa) and the Republic of Cyprus. He was also the recipient of several many 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 comments from long-time associates, friends and family members. Speakers included Mr. George Cooper, C.M., C.D., Q.C. of the Nova Scotia Bar; Dean Phillip Saunders of the Law School; The Honourable W. Andrew 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 Mr. James Palmer, C.M., Q.C., (law school classmates and long-time friends of Judge Macdonald); The Honourable Lorne **O. Clarke, O.C., Q.C.**, former Chief Justice of Nova Scotia); Mr. Andrew Podnieks, nephew to Judge Macdonald; and, Dr. Mairi Macdonald, one of Judge Macdonald's two beloved sisters. Professor Emeritus William (Bill) H. Charles, former Law School Dean, also provided a personal reminiscence of Judge Macdonald. Professor Hugh Kindred read a tribute on behalf of the Canadian Council on International Law. In addition to their long association and friendship, Mr. Palmer and Dr. Pharand had also been in the law class of 1952 with Judge Macdonald, and Mr. Clarke and Mr. MacKay had been in the classes of 1951 and 1953 respectively. In his comments, Dr. Donat Pharand

emphasized the extraordinary

achievements and qualities of Judge

Macdonald as a scholar and publicist, as a teacher and consultant, as a European judge and, as a person. He noted that during Judge Macdonald's 50 years of scholarly work he published more than 75 substantial articles with a focus mainly on human rights and international organizations. He was the founding editor of four law journals and the general editor of some seven voluminous books. While he made teaching a priority, Judge Macdonald never ceased to publish and strongly encouraged his colleagues to publish as well. Dr. Pharand noted that if Judge

Macdonald's record as a teacher, writer and consultant to governments was not impressive enough, it was perhaps as a judge on the European Court of Human Rights that he made his most memorable contribution. At the request of Lichtenstein, he became the elected representative of that country on the Court. During his 18-year tenure, he had a reputation for taking a reflective and flexible approach. In particular, he supported the doctrine of "margin of appreciation," which permits a country to take account of its own culture and values in the implementation of its human rights' obligations.

Many of the speakers commented on Judge Macdonald's warmth, generosity, wit and social grace. It was noted that when he spoke to you he would make you feel that you were the most important person present no matter what the social gathering. Despite the shared sorrow of the group, and the sympathy with his family at the loss of Judge Macdonald, the celebration remembered the many attributes of Judge Macdonald including his joy and exuberance, his good humour and his love of animals. There was laughter in the room as several speakers also recalled his lesser known talents as a hockey player to be wary of and as a ballroom dancer. His sister, Mairi, remarked that she truly felt that Ronald was present in the room enjoying the laughter and recollections along with all these old friends. George Cooper, as MC, completed the celebration by leading the assembled group in a rousing three cheers for Ron. •

# Curriculum changes for the Marine & **Environmental** Programme

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 Hanf (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 include a course in Natural Resources Law and a more detailed review of the relationship among our four key environmental law courses, Environmental Law I. II. Business and the Environment, and International Environmental Law. Other minor adjustments may be made as appropriate, but with these changes, we should be able to prepare our students well for the marine and environmental law challenges of the present and the future. – Professor Meinhard Doelle



"We want them to reach their full academic and professional capacity, but also to understand in life it is not only what one stands for that matters, but also what one stands up for."

-Judge Corrine Sparks

# **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 (LL.B.'79), 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 the Canadian and Black National Anthems sung by Gilbert Downey Jr. The official programme began with an African drumming performance by Vice-Principal Ms. Wendy Mackey and students from St. Patrick's-Alexandra School, followed by opening remarks by Dalhousie University President, Dr. Tom Traves and the Dean of Law, Phillip Saunders. The Lieutenant Governor of Nova Scotia, the Hon. Mayann Francis, also brought greetings during which she emphasized the historical significance of the evening.

The evening's honoree, Judge Sparks, then brought thoughtful and insightful remarks, noting that such an event may not have been possible a decade ago. She recounted stories of her youth growing up in a racially segregated community and attending a segregated school where she



dge Corrine Sparks and Ms. Nancy Sparks, President, Board of Directors, Nova Scotia Home for Coloured Children



udge Sparks and the Honourable Mayann Francis, eutenant Governor, Nova Scotia (right)

I believe, by the way in which power and influence are utilized to empower, encourage and exalt others."

received a top notch education. She emphasized the work ethic as a mentor and participating in Pro Bono Students Canada that she inherited from her parents and spoke of her journey to through which he is re-drafting the Constitution of an historical the bench. Judge Sparks received great support from many African Nova Scotian Church. Upon accepting the Award, Lyle faculty members at Dalhousie Law School during her LL.B. and noted that the quest for social justice and equality motivated him LL.M. degrees, and explained that she felt increasingly to attend law school and that he hoped to see justice for the encouraged as the legal profession opens up to more diverse Halifax community of Africville of which he is a descendant. groups of people. She ended her remarks quoting Judge Nancy Sparks, President of the Nova Scotia Home for Coloured Constance Motley Baker, the first black woman to be appointed Children Board of Directors accepted the award on behalf of the to the U.S. Federal Court, who observed that "something which community organization. Finally, Spoken Word artist, Ms. Tesia we think is impossible now — is not impossible in another Rolle, ended the evening by reciting her poem, "Old Mother decade" reiterating her support for the law students and wishing River", specifically written for the event. The poem delighted the them success in the future. audience and was received with much applause. In the end, the Award recipient Mr. Lyle Howe exemplifies many of Judge DBLSA Award Committee of Burtley Francis, Stephen McCardy, Sparks' qualities. His community involvement includes serving Misty Morrison and Toks Omisade 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 Coburg Road, Halifax, N.S., B3H 3J5.



(From bottom left to right): Judge Flora Buchan, NS Provincial Court; Judge Lillian Harris Ransom, Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas; Judge Corrine Sparks, NS Family Court; Judge Juanita Westmoreland, Traore, Court of Quebec; Judge Daniel Dortleus, Court of Quebec; Judge Castor 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



Judge Sparks (left) and Dean Phillip Saunder. (right)



**DBLSA Award Committee Members: Steve** McCardy, Burtley Francis and Misty Morrison, missing is Toks Omisade

# "A key aspect of human greatness, which we all have, is experienced,

# -Judge Corrine Sparks

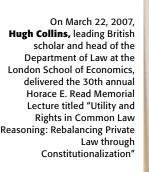
# Michael Hadskis receives Distinguished Service Award



Professor Michael Hadskis (LL.B.'89) with a Distinguished Service Award for his contribution as a member of the Dalhousie University Health Services Research Ethics Board. Professor Hadskis was noted for his detailed knowledge of the Tri-Council Policy Statement: Ethical Conduct for Research Involving Humans and his role in identifying and resolving ethical and legal issues encountered in reviewing health research protocols.

As a member of the Health Law Institute, Professor Hadskis engages in scholarship, education and public service in order to improve health law policy and practice in Canada. In addition to his public service on boards such as the Dalhousie Health Services Research Ethics Board, Michael teaches health law to second and third year law students and oversees health law curriculum in the Faculties of Medicine, Dentistry and Health Professions. He also teaches health law at the M.D. and post-graduate levels of medical training. His scholarship is in the areas of biomedical research and neuroethics. •

# Guests & Lecturers



Dalhousie Law School and the Nova Scotia Barristers' Society hosted the F. B. Wickwire Lecture on January 11, 2007. Guest, Professor Alice Woolley, Faculty of Law, University of Calgary, spoke on "Tending the Bar: The Good Character **Requirement for Law Society** Admission'

Left to right: Darrell Pink, Professor Alice Woolley, Dean Phillip Saunders, Professor Richard Devlin, Philip Starr, Professor Jocelyn Downie and Catherine Walker

Professor Robert J. Shiller of Yale University, visited Dalhousie Law School on November 16th to deliver the Ronald G. Smith Lecture in Business Law. The title of his lecture was "Financial Innovation, Inequality and Justice:'

Left to right: Dean Phillip Saunders, Professor Robert J. Shiller and Professor Dawn Russell, holder of the Purdy Crawford Chair in Business Law







# Teaching Awards 2006





**Ronalda Murphy** 

Last year's award went to Professor Ronalda Murphy. She accepted the **Dalhousie** Law Students' Society and Alumni Association Award for **Excellence in Teaching** at the Dean's Reception in March of 2006. In her acceptance remarks, Professor Murphy expressed genuine appreciation to students and alumni for the honour awarded to her. She also expressed gratitude to the entire faculty and university support staff saying, "none of us are what we are apart from the sacrifices and willingness of others to assist us." Professor Murphy teaches in the areas of constitutional law, comparative constitutional law, evidence, and civil procedure and believes in not only understanding the current law, but also understanding the potential of what it has to become. •

Professor David Blaikie was the 2006 recipient of the Hanna and Harold Barnet Award for **Excellence in Teaching Law**. In his acceptance remarks, he commented that he was inspired to teach law because he wanted to encourage students to follow the examples of those who exemplify the best in the legal profession. 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 with Patterson Palmer Hunt Murphy, Truro. He was also a Fulbright Scholar at Harvard Law School graduating with his LL.M. He currently teaches in the area of civil procedure and torts.



# Teaching Awards 2007



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 achievement in their students, the many bright and idealistic students that Dalhousie Law School attracts and appreciates being involved in an ever changing field.

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 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. •



Chidi Oguamanam, Director of the Law & Technology Institute

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 perpetuates 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 "unanmi" heritages in which the medical use of turmeric was implicated," says Oguamanam. This"biopracy" or transfer of knowledge from the local communities to the scientific model without due recognition to the original claimants is the norm

rather than the exception in the new knowledge protection dynamic.

Oguamanam finds this trend unacceptable and it's one of the reasons that he shifted from representing corporations to researching arguments for the protection of indigenous peoples and their knowledge, and the customary norms inherent in non-western societies. "There is a lot of indigenous knowledge 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.

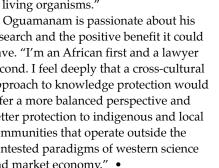
"Also compromised is the tradition of knowledge sharing, something that is passed down through generations. So too are the rituals, the drama and the art of practicing the medicine," says Oguamanam. "When you look at a medicinal plant only for its active ingredient you are reducing it down to its bare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

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." •





"The world is designed for the ablebodied 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.

Professors Archie Kaiser, Dianne Pothier, Richard Devlin, Sheila Wildeman and Constance MacIntosh 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 Pothier, who has been visually impaired since birth, has teamed up with Devlin to advance the concept of Critical Disability Theory, espousing the idea of dis-citizenship or the state of citizenship minus many of the rights that typically come with it.

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.

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

Despite their different areas of interests, the group is committed to increasing awareness of how persons with disabilities are restricted - not 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 Pothier. "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 Persons 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

students, with wit, compassion,

meticulousness, and, indeed, brilliance.

occasion to reflect on the career of one of

John's recent retirement presents an

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

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

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 Oxner (LL.B.'65), 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 Glanville 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 research prize. From that time on, I have always sought John's advice." For most of the 1990s, John served as

scholarly work has included several

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

# ... according to John, "As one struts one's brief moments across the stage, it is preferable to be whistling a happy tune...with apologies to both Shakespeare and Rodgers and Hammerstein"...

as a teacher and his contributions to the Commonwealth.

But foremost, John has been an outstanding teacher. In 1964, when he joined the Law School as its first Teaching Fellow, John assisted Professor **G.V.V. Nicholls** 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

# In recognition of John's successful career...





John with faculty, friends and staff at the Dalhousie Art Gallery Reception

John's many friends eagerly embraced the idea, which culminated in the recent unveiling of Peter Powning'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 Ansul*. **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 Deturbide





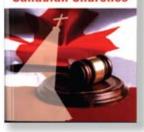




# Faculty in Print

# David Blaikie and Diana Ginn

The Legal Guide for **Canadian Churches** 



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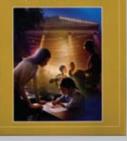
This handy reference book begins with a general overview of the way the law works and then takes readers, step by step, through all the legal implications of the daily operation of a church and parish community. Blaikie and Ginn then explain different areas of the law, including administrative law, property 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.

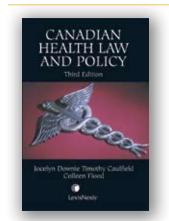






# **Teachers and the Law** A. Wayne MacKay and Lvle I. Sutherland

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.



# **Book: 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.

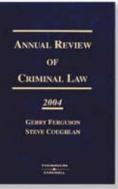


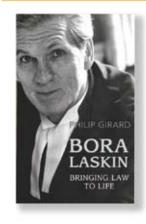
#### From Hot Air to Action **Climate Change**, **Compliance and the Future** of International **Environmental Law**

# **Meinhard Doelle**

Exploring 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 explained and highly readable work written for both lawyers and non-lawyers alike.

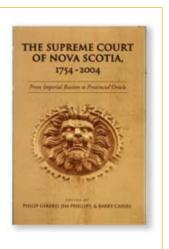
Prepared to coincide with the 250th anniversary of the establishment of Nova Scotia's Supreme Court, this important new volume provides a comprehensive history of the institution, Canada's oldest common law court. The thirteen essays include an account of the first meeting in 1754 of the court in Michaelmas 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 preconfederation period and one on the modern period.





#### 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.** 





# **Annual Review of Criminal Law 2004 Steve Coughlan with Gerry Ferguson**

For many years Carswell has produced a comprehensive review of Supreme Court, court of appeal, and lower court decisions in criminal law each year. The 2004 edition was Steve Coughlan's first year as one of the co-authors of this in-depth analysis of developments in criminal law. This text, relied on by many defence counsel and Crown prosecutors, deals with substantive criminal law, policing and the charter, evidence, criminal procedure, and sentencing. Steve Coughlan writes the middle three of those chapters each year.

# **Bora Laskin: Bringing Law to Life Philip Girard**

In any account of twentieth-century Canadian law, Bora Laskin (1912-1984) looms large. Born in northern Ontario to Russian-Jewish immigrant parents, Laskin became a prominent human rights activist, university professor, and labour arbitrator before embarking on his career as a judge on the Ontario Court of Appeal (1965) and later Chief Justice of Canada (1973-1984). In Bora Laskin: Bringing Law to Life, Philip Girard chronicles the life of a man who was a fighter for a better Canada. Girard exploits a wealth of previously untapped archival sources to provide, in vivid detail, a critical assessment of a restless man on an important mission.



#### **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.

#### **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, Douglas Johnston et al.

Countries are beginning to voyage beyond traditional fixations on sovereign rights to exploit marine resources, to a new emphasis on social and environmental responsibilities and increasing calls for more "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.





#### **Aquaculture Law and Policy: Towards Principled** Access and Operations

Edited by David VanderZwaag and Gloria Chao **Contributors: Phillip Saunders, Moira McConnell, Aldo** Chircop, Faye Woodman, Diana Ginn, Ronalda Murphy, Richard Devlin, et al.

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: Chiefly** as Interpreted and Applied in Canada, 7th Edition

**Co-General Editors: Hugh** Kindred, Phillip Saunders, Jutta Brunnée, Robert Currie, McDorman, et al.

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 its 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 reproduced in the book. In addition, it offers an electronic index by means of a keyword search of the entire text and footnotes.



# **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.



# 2006/2007 Canadian **Environmental Protection Act & Commentary**

#### **Meinhard Doelle**

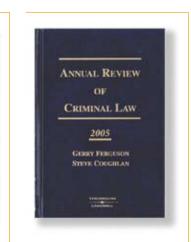
This book provides essential information on the cornerstone of federal environmental law in the form of the Canadian Environmental Protection Act (CEPA). The Act and regulations are complemented with an annotation that will guide general practitioners and experts alike through the maze of federal environmental 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.

# Learning Canadian Criminal Law 10th Edition

#### Learning Canadian **Criminal Law**

Steve Coughlan with Don Stuart and **Ron Delisle** 

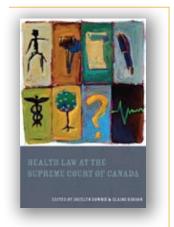
This comprehensive text provides vital background information and a structure for understanding the law. Focusing on the substantive aspects of the criminal justice system and the trial context, this casebook covers the adversary system, how the elements of crime are proven, defences and sentencing practices. Features include a concentration on the main sources, judicial decisions and critical review, judicious editing of the increasingly lengthy reasons for judgment in major cases, an introductory section and problems based on decisions or designed to provoke thought on current social issues.



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# 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, Harvard College, and, most recently, Chaoulli, 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.

# **FACULTY** NEWS

*At the annual meeting of The Champlain* Society in Toronto on October 21, 2006, the 2005 Floyd S. Chalmers Award was presented to Professor Philip Girard for Bora Laskin: Bringing Law to Life (Toronto, Ontario: University of Toronto Press, 2005). The Chalmers Award 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 previously untapped archival material, and conducted numerous interviews with 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 Osgoode Society in Toronto by emailing Marilyn Macfarlane at <mmacfarl@lsuc.on.ca>

Thwack! The baseball soared into the summer sky. Spectators craned their necks and shaded their eyes against the sun, trying to follow the arc of the vanishing sphere. Bora 'Home Run' Laskin paused, tried to locate the ball in the vast expanse of blue, slowly released his bat, and began to lope around dusty diamond. He had just hit the longest home run in the history of Fort William.

Many years later law professor Harry Arthurs visited the Lakehead. He asked his taxi driver to pass by the Laskin furniture store, now run by Saul Laskin, who was soon to be the first mayor of the new city of Thunder Bay. Did the cabbie remember Saul's brother Bora Laskin? He paused, then replied: 'Oh yeah, I knew Bora. He was a helluva baseball player. I wonder what ever happened to him?'

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On to Ottawa. When Frank Scott heard of Bora Laskin's appointment to the Supreme Court of Canada, he wrote immediately to his friend. 'This is

the best news since the death of Lord Haldane,' he exulted, 'or, to be more humane, since the Radio case. Of course it should have happened, but in Canada, so few things seem to work out the way they should.' With 'Drybones, ... Bora on the Supreme Court... maybe the Liberals can win the Quebec election and turn federalist!' Then, in a more serious vein:

using appointments as rewards for political services rendered [to] the party in power.' A feature story displayed the surtitle 'No practice as lawyer' above the heading 'An architect of legal thought,' but journalist Michael Enright expressed no dismay at Laskin's lack of practical experience. Trudeau himself had been an outsider to the political process five years

appointment to the U.S. Supreme Court three years before. It broke the French-English Catholic-Protestant stranglehold on the Court, and provided dramatic recognition of the contributions of Canadians not belonging to the two European 'founding nations.' Laskin was also similar to Marshall in another way: he was not just a 'token Jew' but someone

the Court. In the *Globe and Mail's* interpretation, this meant the Court 'will continue making policy decisions but it will do so in a different way. It will discuss the policies and instead of trying to find a legal precedent to hang the judgment on, it will concentrate much more on developing philosophical arguments. It will become

# Extracts from Bora Laskin: Bringing Law to Life



Bora and Peggy in their Ottawa apartment, shortly after the announcement of his appointment as chief iustice of Canada on December 27, 1973.

'Nobody knows what we may be in for over the next few years, but whatever it may be the courts have a critical role to play, the Supreme Court above all. There has not been a creative mind there since Rand left. ... May we hold together long enough as a country for you to have a chance to make your proper impact.'

Where Laskin's initial appointment to the Court of Appeal had been seen as startling — an academic! a non-partisan! a Jew! — Trudeau's elevation of Laskin to the Supreme Court was seen as bold and innovative. It made an unambiguous statement about the need to broaden the pool of candidates for the top court. The Globe found Trudeau's move a 'most encouraging [sign of a] trend away from

earlier, and it seemed to prove that someone unconnected to the political establishment might provide inspired leadership in a time of rapid change. Laskin's lack of ties to vested interests, whether political, professional, or corporate, resonated with the idealism of the late 1960s. With existing institutions and modes of thought under attack, Canadians were ready to give philosopher-jurists, like philosopher prime ministers, a try. Laskin's Judaism was mentioned only in passing by the media, but its significance was perhaps all the more powerful for that. The appointment of a Jew to Canada's highest courts possessed a symbolism similar to Thurgood Marshall's



Moot club, in front of Burwash Hall, University of Toronto, 1934. Bora Laskin is standing in the middle of the back row. Seated in the front row middle is Moffat Hancock. Hancock, who spent four years at Dalhousie (1945 to 1949) was considered an oustanding teacher who was never forgotten by his students.

who had been deeply involved in advancing human rights protection in Canada, as Marshall had been involved as chief counsel to the NAACP.

Laskin's general approach to law and legal interpretation generated as much interest as his stance on particular issues. In comparing Laskin's 'creative mind' to Ivan Rand's, Frank Scott meant to highlight the commitment of both men to principle and policy rather than precedent. In the context of the Supreme Court's work, this meant rethinking its traditional role as a simple forum for settling disputes and urging it to play a more important role in developing the law. The Minster of Justice, John Turner, echoed Scott's endorsement of a more 'creative' role for

a court less concerned with the law books and more concerned with social and political theories.' The modernist note Laskin had sounded for thirty years suddenly appealed to a more iconoclastic generation. Using language borrowed from south of the border, Enright painted the new judge as 'a legal activist, uncomfortable within the restrictions of precedent and tradition, anxious to push the law toward social issues.'

This theme was not present in the commentary on Laskin's 1965 appointment to the Court of Appeal, but reflected the reputation he had acquired there. His progressive image contrasted sharply with that of his future colleagues 'Our Supreme Court is too cautious,'

lamented the Toronto Daily Star in 1967. 'The U.S. [Supreme] Court is active, powerful, not afraid of controversy, and a great force for reform and progress. The Canadian court is passive, ultra-cautious, and plays a very limited role in the life of the nation.' Its weakness had 'aggravated many of the problems of our national life,' from the 'uncertain division between federal and provincial authority, the backwardness of our legal system, and the lack of a firm foundation for civil liberties.' These were new and somewhat unreasonable expectations to place on the Supreme Court. Canadians suddenly expected their highest court to follow the lead of the Warren Court even though it existed under very different constitutional arrangements....

Inevitably, there was speculation about the impact of Laskin's well-known views on federalism on the Court. The Globe wondered whether 'Mr. Justice Laskin has been appointed with the aim of beginning a transformation of the Court's style and its attitudes toward expansion of federal powers.' The early Trudeau years had not seen so much an expansion of federal power as a greater willingness on Ottawa's part to enlarge its role in areas where its authority had lay unexercised. The best example of this was the enactment of the Divorce Act, 1968. Where earlier politicians had only dared tinker with this sensitive area of unquestioned federal competence, Trudeau finally gave Canada a uniform divorce law from coast to coast, superseding a confusing pastiche of provincial codes. Once the federal beast was roused, observers naturally wondered where it would stop, especially when John Turner was quoted as saying that 'the federal government should be more aggressive in flexing its constitutional muscle.'

Supreme Court appointments are a prime ministerial prerogative, but occasionally he or she will rely heavily on the views of the minister of justice. While John Turner is emphatic that in Laskin's case Trudeau took the initiative, Turner himself approved of the choice. He had hitched his own political star to the cause of law reform and was pleased to have a judge on the Supreme Court who could lend intellectual ballast to his position.

# **ALUMNI REUNION WEEKEND**

Held Sept. 29 to Oct. I. 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 allaround 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.'62) 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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#### **CAROL AYLWARD**

Professor Aylward teaches Criminal Law and General Jurisprudence. She has written the only Canadian book on Critical Race Theory, Canadian Critical Race Theory: Racism and the Law (Fernwood Publishing, 1999), and is the author of articles on affirmative action ("Adding Colour — A Critique of: An Essay on Institutional Responsibility: The Indigenous Blacks and Micmac Programme at Dalhousie Law School" (1995) CJWL Vol. 8, 470) and Race at the Supreme Court of Canada R. v. R.D.S. (Take the Long Way Home: R.D.S. and Critical Race Theory, (1998) U.N.B. Law Journal 47-1.)

Professor Aylward was the recipient of the Harry Jerome Award for Professional Excellence, a national award given by the Black Business and Professional Association of Ontario to honour "outstanding members of the African Canadian Community" (1998) as well as the C.A.B.L. Award (Canadian Association of Black Lawyers) -Recognizing Black Women's Contribution to the Law, February, 2002. She has also served as a commissioner of the Nova Scotia Human Rights Commission and as a commissioner of the Nova Scotia Police Commission. She is the past director and the longest serving director of the Dalhousie Indigenous Blacks and Mi'kmaq Programme (serving in that capacity from 1991-2000).

In 2005, Professor Aylward presented at the first International Human Rights and Critical Race Theory Conference hosted by the University of Ontario 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 commemorating the 50th anniversary of the Supreme Court of the United States decision of 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 also chaired most of the hearings of the University's Senate Discipline (a.k.a. plagiarism) Committee. In December he celebrated the birth of his second child, Samuel.

#### **DAVID BLAIKIE**

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 (Novalis), was published in November. He is currently working on two other book projects due in 2008. For the forthcoming Halsbury'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 Justice System, sponsored by the Canadian Centre for Ethics 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 Segelberg 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 American 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 & Environmental Law Institute. He worked on this project with Professor Chidi Oguamanam and David Dzidzornu and the purpose was to review for and advise Nigerian authorities on draft legislation to modernize that country's maritime zones. He continued 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 Council (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 Law Journal and co-edited Volume 20 of the Ocean Yearbook (New York: Transnational Press) with Professor Moira McConnell and Scott Coffen-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 Innis 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 raising funds for the fund that honours her. Building the fund for 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 coaching 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 Amherst Shore with his wife Jeanne.

#### **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 co-teaching the Introduction to Law course offered to non-law students and teaching in the IB&M Pre-law program. The paper course was a 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 and 2006 Carswell Annual Review of Criminal Law, 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 Professors 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 IT.CAN 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 bookcase accompanied him to each stop.

During the fall of 2006 Steve was on sabbatical 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 on 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 CURRIE**

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 Canadian Criminal Law Review. Later the same year Professors Currie, Coughlan and colleagues Teresa Scassa and Hugh Kindred were commissioned by the (now-defunct) Law Commission of Canada to author a major report on the legal and policy underpinnings of extraterritorial jurisdiction more broadly. The report, entitled "Global Reach, Local Grasp: 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 Canadian Journal of 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 coaching 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.

#### **MICHAEL DETURBIDE**

Professor Deturbide took a six-month sabbatical commencing in January, which he partly spent doing research in Europe, and teaching Internet Law to international graduate student at the Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam. Prior to his sabbatical, his new book, entitled Consumer Protection Online, was published by Butterworths. The book examines privacy and security issues in electronic commerce, tackles the problems of spam and phishing from a consumer protection perspective, and compares legislative progress in addressing such novel problems with measures taken in the United States. He and three Dalhousie co-authors also published a paper in the Ottawa Law Journal on the privacy implications of RFID technology.

Professor Deturbide continued as co-editor-in chief of the Canadian Journal of Law and Technology, which was adopted as the official journal of the Canadian IT Lawyers Association. He also sat on a committee of the Canadian IT Lawyers Association that selected an annual best student paper on an IT law subject for publication in the CJLT, and participated in a conference presented by the Student Association of Law and Technology at the law school.

In the Fall term Professor Deturbide taught Taxation law, and supervised students writing in the law and technology field. He continued to act as Technology Law Counsel to the law firm McInnes Cooper. He chaired the Admissions Committee and was a member of the Studies Committee at the law school.

Professor Deturbide participated in the activities of the Law School Admissions Council, including sitting on the Misconduct and Irregularities in the Admissions Process Subcommittee of LSAC. He will be the incoming Chair of the Canadian law school contingent of LSAC.

Professor Deturbide has been appointed Associate Dean, Academic commencing July 1, 2007.

#### **RICHARD DEVLIN**

Transition is probably the best way to describe Professor Devlin's contributions over the last 12 to 18 months. He was on sabbatical for the 2005-2006 academic year. In the fall of 2005, he remained in Halifax and taught one course, Jurisprudence. However in the winter term he commenced a comparative research project on "The End(s) of Self Regulation?" which took him to New Zealand, Australia, South Africa, Scotland, England, Wales and Ireland.

Also, in 2005, Professor Devlin was appointed as a university research professor, one of only 15 in Dalhousie University, and the first from the Law School. (He was joined by Professor Girard in 2006). As of July 2006, Professor Devlin assumed the role of Associate Dean, Graduate Studies and Research, and, he says, that as a consequence finds himself scurrying from meeting to meeting, buried in paper work and awash with e-mail! Teaching, however, remains a central priority, this year focusing on Professional Responsibility, Jurisprudence and the Graduate Seminar.

Recent publications include: "Beyond Conflicts of Interest to a Duty of Loyalty" (2006) 84 Can. Bar. Rev. 433-456 [with Victoria Rees] (cited by the S.C.C. in Strother 2007); "Aquaculture Law and Policy in Canada and the Duty to Consult with Aboriginal Peoples" in D. VanderZwaag & G. Chao, eds., Aquaculture Law and Policy in Canada 293-330 [with Ronalda Murphy]; "The Big Chill? Contextual Judgment after Hamilton & Mason" (2005) 28 Dalhousie L.J. 409-441 [with Mathew Sherrard]; "Constitutionalized Law Reform: Equality Rights and Social Context Education for Judges" (2005) 4 Journal of Law and Equality 157-201 [with

Justice Donna Hackett]; "Dis-citizenship" in Law Commission of Canada, ed., Law and Citizenship (Vancouver: UBC Press, 2006) 144-175 [with Dianne Pothier] and a book review of John McCamus, The Law of Contracts (2006) 43 C.B.L.J. 319-324.

Professor Devlin also delivered a number of presentations: "The Duty to Consult with Aboriginal Peoples: The Canadian Experience (So Far)" Faculty of Law, University of Canterbury, Christchurch, N.Z.; "A Critical Analysis of Spousal Surety Agreements," National Judicial Institute, Civil Law Programme, Halifax and "Expanding the Polis Through the Duty to Consult" CALT Conference, York University, Toronto.

#### **MEINHARD DOELLE**

Professor Doelle joined the full-time faculty in 2003 after close to ten years of part-time teaching at Dalhousie and other universities around the Maritime Provinces. He recently completed his doctorate, and published two books in 2005, one on the international climate change regime, and one on the Canadian Environmental Protection Act. Professor Doelle is currently working on a book on the Canadian Environmental Assessment Act. He is also co-writing a new textbook on Environmental Law.

Professor Doelle's research focus continues to be in the areas of climate change and environmental assessments. Current research initiatives include implementation of the Kyoto Protocol, renewable energy law and policy, and the effectiveness of the federal environmental assessment process.

Professor Doelle continues his involvement in a number of volunteer initiatives, serving on boards of local and national environmental organizations. He has served as a non-governmental 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. 2005.

#### **JOCELYN DOWNIE**

On July 1st, 2006, Professor Downie stepped down after ten years as Director of the Health Law Institute. She says, "This was a bittersweet 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 law as well as various other disciplines."

She co-edited the third edition of Canadian Health Law and Policy and co-edited Health 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; and neuroethics and the law. She also continue to act as principal investigator on two large Canadian Institutes of Health Research grants (www.healthlawtraining.ca and www.neuroethics.ca).

Professor Downie was also able to take some of her prior academic research and move it further into the policy arena. She has been working with end of life activists to develop the arguments that would be needed to take a new Charter challenge to the assisted suicide provisions of the Criminal Code to court and to draft the text that would be needed to put a bill to reform the Criminal Code prohibition on assisted suicide before

the legislature. She has been developing a package of materials to share with lawyers considering litigating cases involving the withholding or withdrawal of potentially life-sustaining treatment against the wishes of patients or their families. Professor Downie has also been serving on the Experts Committee for Human Research Participant Protection in Canada tasked with developing recommendations with respect to reforming the current system of oversight for research involving humans in Canada.

#### **DIANA GINN**

2006-07 marked Diana Ginn's final year as Associate Dean Academic; she will return to full time teaching in the fall of 2007. While Associate Dean, she continued teaching Property Law.

Recent publications include a book co-authored with Professor David Blaikie (Legal Guide for Canadian Churches, published by Novalis Press in 2006) and various book chapters ("Aboriginal Title and Aquaculture" in Aquaculture Law and Policy edited by D. Vanderzwaag and Gloria Chao and published by Routledge in 2006; "Aboriginal Title and Oceans Management" in Toward Principled Oceans Governance edited by Don Rothwell and David Vanderzwaag and published by Routledge in 2006; and four chapters in Anger and Honsberger on Real Property (3rd ed.) edited by Anne La Forest and published by Canada Law Book in 2006). In 2006, she also completed a policy paper for the Nova Scotia government on the use of alternative dispute resolution in environmental disputes. Her current writing focuses on law and religion, including a paper on the intersection between freedom of religion and sexual orientation equality rights.

In 2006, as part of a CIDA funded 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.

Professor Ginn has continued as the Law School representative on the Nova Scotia Law Reform Commission.

#### **PHILIP GIRARD**

There continues to be strong interest in Philip Girard's biography of Bora Laskin. Professor Girard spoke on Bora Laskin: Life, Legend, Legacy as part of the University of Alberta Faculty of Law's visiting speakers series in September 2006, and gave a talk at Laskin's own synagogue, Holy Blossom Temple in Toronto, in December. His historical work on judges continued with a recent study entitled 'Politics, Promotion and Professionalism: Sir Wilfrid Laurier's Judicial Appointments' [1896-1911]. This will appear in a collection of essays dedicated to the memory of Peter Oliver, the founding editor of the Osgoode Society for Canadian Legal History, who died last year. In spring 2006 Professor Girard was invited by the Law Society of Upper Canada's Task Force on the Rule of Law and the Independence of the bar to write a paper on the history of the independence of the bar in England and Canada. The resulting product, 'The Independence of the Bar in Historical Context: Comforting Myths, Troubling Realities,' will soon be published along with the Task Force report and several other commissioned papers. Professor Girard has given up choral singing but is now vice-president of the Royal Nova Scotia Historical Society. A paper on some aspect of Nova Scotia history is read before the Society every third Wednesday from September to May, and Professor Girard says that new members

are always welcome. MICHAEL HADSKIS

Professor Michael Hadskis taught Health Law and Health Law and Policy: Current Issues, and was the faculty supervisor for the Health Law Placement course. As well, he oversaw and delivered health law instruction in the Faculty of Medicine at the M.D. and post-graduate levels, and oversaw the health law curriculum in the Faculties of Dentistry and Health Professions. He also took on the position of Acting Associate Director, Research and Education, Health Law Institute.

Professor Hadskis remained actively involved in the research ethics community. In October 2006, he received the Dalhousie Health Sciences Research Ethics Board Distinguished Service Award. He delivered a talk entitled, "Ethics of Neuroimaging in Children," at the 2006 Conference on Ethics in Mental Health in Toronto. Professor Hadskis also served on several boards and working groups, including the IWK Health Centre Research Ethics Board and the Dalhousie Health Sciences Research Ethics Board.

Professor Hadskis pursued his research interests in the areas of neuroethics and the regulation of biomedical research. He wrote a book chapter on the "Regulation of Human Biomedical Research in Canada" for the third edition of Canadian Health Law and Policy and authored a journal article, "Giving Voice to Research Participants: Should IRBs Hear from Research Participant Representatives?," which will appear in a forthcoming issue of Accountability in Research. In addition, he cowrote an article (with Jocelyn Downie and several others) entitled "Paediatric MRI Research Ethics: The Priority Issues," which was published in The Journal of Bioethical Inquiry.

## **ELIZABETH J. HUGHES**

Professor Elizabeth J. Hughes was appointed Assistant Dean (Academic) in 2006. Professor Hughes joined the faculty in 2005, and prior to coming to Dalhousie Law School she was counsel with the Department of Justice Canada and practised in the areas of class action litigation, general crown litigation and administrative law. In the 2006-07 academic year Professor Hughes continued to work closely with Associate Dean Diana Ginn in overseeing the academic program. 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 these areas, Professor Hughes' research interests relate to class action law and procedure, crown law, self-represented litigants in the justice system, and gender issues in the legal profession.

#### ARCHIBALD KAISER

Professor Archibald (Archie) Kaiser has continued teaching at the Law School (Criminal Law, Criminal Procedure and Mental Disability Law) and in the Department of Psychiatry (Legal Issues in Psychiatry). In March 2007, he was presented with the Dalhousie Law Students' Society and Alumni Association Award for Excellence in Teaching.

He has published articles on two recent Supreme Court cases ("Mazzei: Constrained Progress in Construing Review Board Powers" and "Beaudry: A New Impetus Towards Equality in Law Enforcement"), a review in the Criminal Law Quarterly ("A Disappointing Look at the Future of Canadian Policing by the Law Commission") and two shorter articles on the Criminalization of People with Mental Health Problems in the Nova Scotia Barristers' Society's The Society Record.

He still serves as the Faculty Advisor for Pro Bono Students Canada at the Law School and on the IB&M Initiative Standing Committee, while continuing his community activities as a board member of the Healthy Minds Cooperative and the Canadian Association of Independent Schools and as a Champion of the Canadian Mental Health Association.

His partner, Anne 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, Catriona (18) at McGill and Freya (14) completing Grade 8.

#### **MOHAMED KHIMJI**

Professor Mohamed Khimji continues to teach Business Associations, Commercial Law (A) — Sale of Goods, Commercial Law (B) — Secured Transactions, and supervise the Canadian Corporate/Securities Law Moot team. In addition, he introduced a new seminar course called Property Rights in Investment Securities. His research focuses primarily on property rights in the electronic cross border financial markets. This past year, Mohamed presented at the Annual Workshop on Commercial and Consumer Law and the Queen's Annual Business Law Symposium. Also, his work entitled "Peoples v. Wise - Conflating Directors' Duties, Oppression, and Stakeholder Protection" appeared in the UBC Law Review in 2006.

#### **HUGH KINDRED**

For most of the first half of 2006, Professor Hugh Kindred lived in the United Kingdom. Part of his time there was spent in working with three colleagues back in Dalhousie on Canada's extraterritorial jurisdiction for the late lamented Law Commission of Canada. The report, titled "Global Reach, Local Grasp: Constructing Extraterritorial Jurisdiction in the Age of Globalization," is being published in the Canadian Journal of Law and *Technology*, Volume 6(1), 2006. Just before returning to Halifax in July, Hugh delivered a paper jointly with his wife, Sheila, in Amsterdam at the 6th Conference of the International Society for the Study of Argumentation. This tag team performance was a novel integration of their legal and philosophical skills to evaluate the process by which the United Kingdom decided to go to war against Iraq. They presented their critique under the title "Recourse to Persuasive Authority: The Use and Abuse of Legal Argumentation in Political Discourse."

In January 2006, the new, 7th edition of International Law Chiefly as Interpreted and Applied in Canada, co-edited by Hugh Kindred with Phillip Saunders, was published. In the course of the year four more books that included chapters by Professor Kindred on International Law and Maritime Law were brought out. In October, Oxford University Press launched the Oxford Reports on International Law in Domestic Courts, a new online service of cases and commentaries for which Professor Kindred has been heading up "Team Canada's" contribution of Canadian sources. His current research work includes devising ways to overcome the barriers to bringing suit in Canada by victims of foreign human rights abuses and other international wrongs.

#### JENNIFER LLEWELLYN

Jennifer Llewellyn received tenure and was promoted to Associate Professor in December 2005. She took a break from teaching Constitutional Law in 2005-06 to teach the Graduate Seminar in Legal Education and Legal Scholarship. She continues to enjoy teaching

Fundamentals of Public Law and Restorative Justice: Theory and Practice. In addition she supervised the Tri-Lateral Moot, which was held at Dalhousie in November 2005. The Dalhousie team was a hardworking and talented group whose efforts paid off as they won the moot and team members received awards for best factum and oralist.

Professor Llewellyn began her work as Director of the Nova Scotia Restorative Justice Community-University Research Alliance Grant awarded by SSHRC March 2005. The NSRJ-CURA is a collaborative research project involving researchers from five Canadian universities and 18 community partners. It is a five-year grant worth \$1 million. The grant was officially launched on November 17th, 2006 during Restorative Justice Week.

She continued to act as academic and policy advisor to the Provincial Restorative Justice Programme Management Committee. Professor Llewellyn also continued her work with the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) on the response to residential school abuse. She acted as a consultant and advisor to AFN and assisted with the design and negotiation of a truth commission process as part of the settlement with the federal government on residential schools. This work culminated in an agreement in principle signed on November 20th, 2005.

Professor Llewellyn presented three papers at conferences this year. She presented at the National Health Law Conference in Halifax, at an International Colloquium on the Legacy of Indian Residential Schools in Toronto, and at the Conference of Residential Schools in Vancouver. She gave a seminar on Restorative Justice at Henson College and presented to the Salon on Intergenerational Justice at Dalhousie. She published two articles during the 2005-2006 academic year: "Restorative Justice in Transitions and Beyond: The Justice Potential of Truth Telling Mechanisms for Post-Peace Accord Societies" T. Borer, ed. Telling The Truths: Truth Telling and Peace Building in Post-Conflict Societies (Notre Dame Press, 2006) and "A Constitutional Defence of the Federal Ban on Human Cloning for Research Purposes" in the Queen's Law Journal (with J. Downie and F. Baylis).

Professor Llewellyn welcomed her second son, Elliott to the family in August 2006.

#### **CONSTANCE MACINTOSH**

Over this past year Professor MacIntosh continued to teach in the core areas of Contract Law and Commercial Law. She also taught in her areas of specialization, Aboriginal Law and Immigration and Refugee Law. She reports that she thoroughly enjoys the range of students who she gets to work with in these different classes.

Professor MacIntosh had the pleasure of speaking at a few conferences and forums, including the National Health Law Conference where she presented a paper entitled "Immigration and Disability: When Wealth Includes and Medicare Excludes." Another highlight was speaking as an invited panelist and participant for a roundtable on Canadian detention practices concerning refugees, jointly organized by the United Nations High Commission for Refugees and the Canadian Red Cross.

On the writing and publication side, six articles or book chapters in her teaching areas finally went to press and saw the light of day. On the topic of immigration and refugee law, her publications included analyzing how Canada addresses human rights considerations in its human trafficking legislation, and how feminist positions have (or have not) been recognized as political opinions within refugee

determinations. With regards to Aboriginal Law, Professor MacIntosh published on indigenous self-determination and research on human genetic material, constitutional and jurisdictional barriers to improving the health of Aboriginal people, and wrote a textbook chapter on Aboriginal public health issues. Professor MacIntosh also wrote a report for the Law Commission of Canada analyzing how law and policy impact on alleviating water quality problems on First Nation reserves.

#### WAYNE MACKAY

Beginning in July, 2006 Professor MacKay embarked on a deferred sabbatical leave — his first since 1985. At previous points where he had earned sabbatical leave, he served as Director of the Nova Scotia Human Rights Commission (1995) and more recently as President of Mount Allison University (2001). Most of his sabbatical year was spent in Halifax, although he did partake in fact finding missions to Cairo, Egypt and Santa Cruz, Bolivia, as a board member of the International Center for Human Rights and Democratic Development, located in Montreal. The trip to Egypt was as part of a May, 2006 five-person team to report on democracy and free speech in that country. The team included former Foreign Affairs Minister, Flora MacDonald, and Chair of the Rights and Democracy Board, Janice Stein. The October, 2006 trip to Bolivia was as a board representative at the United Nations sponsored world congress of human rights commissions. Professor MacKay's term as a member of the Rights and Democracy Board expired in December, 2006, but he has been kept on in a new capacity as strategic counsel to the Board.

Liberated from the structure of classes, Professor MacKay engaged in research and writing on a number of different topics. One of his main projects was researching and writing a book on The Three R's in Schools: Rights, Responsibilities and Relationships, which explores the issues of violence in schools and the links between discrimination and violence. As with most major research projects, it is progressing slowly. He did complete the following research projects:

• "Student Freedom of Expression: Violent Content and the Safe School Balance," a chapter for M. Manley-Casimir ed., The Courts, the Charter and the Schools (a forthcoming book from the University of Toronto Press):

• "Author's Summary of Connecting Care and Challenge: Tapping our Human Potential — Inclusive Education: A Review of Programming and Services in New Brunswick — accepted for publication in the (2007) Education Law Journal;

• "Human Rights in the Global Village: The Challenges of Privacy and National Security" published in volume 20 of 2006 National Journal of Constitutional Law:

• "In Defence of the Courts: A Balanced Judicial Role in Canada's Constitutional Democracy" accepted for publication in the next issue of

2006-2007 marked the third year of Professor McConnell's appointment the National Journal of Constitutional Law. as Director of the Marine & Environmental Law Institute. In July 2007 Sabbatical has allowed Professor MacKay to present at more she will have completed the full term of her appointment and will conferences than when he is teaching. He delivered a keynote speech, return to full-time teaching. She is pleased to note that Professor David "Achieving an Inclusive Society: The Duty to Accommodate and VanderZwaag will be the next Director of the Institute and that Beyond" at the national conference of the Canadian Association of Professor Meinhard Doelle has agreed to stay on for a second term as Statutory Human Rights Agencies in Fredericton, New Brunswick on Associate Director. In addition to her administrative responsibilities as the Director of the Institute and also in connection with the various June 15, 2006. At the thirteenth annual American Education Law Conference held in Portland, Maine on July 24-27, 2006, he delivered a University and Law School committees, Professor McConnell continued paper entitled, "The Lighthouse of Equality: Clues to the Meaning and to teach a "small group" first-year Contract Law. In the 2006-2007 Substance of Inclusive Schooling." In St. Andrews, New Brunswick academic term she also had the privilege of teaching a second first-year

Professor MacKay delivered the keynote address to school principals from across the province on the topic, "The Principal as Leader in Inclusive Education: Responding to Students' Needs." This occurred on November 8, 2006.

Earlier in the fall on September 29, 2006 Professor MacKay spoke as part of a keynote plenary panel on the "Assessment of the Charter Developments in 2006" at the fifth annual Charter Conference held in Toronto and sponsored by the Ontario Bar Association. Shortly before this Toronto trip, Professor MacKay was the guest speaker at the Right to Know Forum held at the University of King's College in Halifax on September 27, 2006 and delivered a paper entitled, "Do We Have a Right to Know and Why Should We Care?" On October 12, 2006 he spoke at the National Association of Vice Presidents Academic's annual meeting, held in Fredericton, New Brunswick. The topic was

accommodating students with disabilities in Canadian universities. On March 1, 2007 he delivered the inaugural lecture in a speaker series on multiculturalism sponsored by the Shar Shalom Synagogue and held at Saint Mary's University in Halifax. The title of this talk was, "Multiculturalism, Diversity and Civility in a Post 911 Canada." Later, on March 30, he presented the keynote speech at a conference sponsored by the Student Accessibility Center at the University of New Brunswick in Fredericton on the topic, "Diversity in the Workplace and the Duty to Accommodate: Unlocking Workers' Potential."

Professor MacKay also engaged in less formal local presentations to the Nova Scotia Department of Justice lawyers on recent Charter of Rights developments on June 22, 2006; at a conference organized for parents of disabled children held at Mount St. Vincent University, called "Celebrating Our Children" on November 18, 2006; at a Dalhousie faculty of law seminar on his New Brunswick Inclusion Report on January 5, 2007 and to the graduating students of the Education Faculty of Mount St. Vincent University on March 19, 2007, on the topic of "Legal Challenges for Teachers." When not speaking to these many audiences, Professor MacKay also worked on a booklet on inclusive schooling for the New Brunswick Department of Education. He also chairs an independent panel of inquiry into affairs at Bishop's University in Quebec, where he conducted interviews during the fall of 2006 and winter of 2007 and is in the process of writing a report. The panel was established by the Canadian Association of University Teachers. He has acted as a temporary citizenship judge (in his Order of Canada capacity) and swore in more than 100 new Canadians on August 30, 2006 and March 15, 2007 at Pier 21 in Halifax. He looks forward to returning to his teaching duties in the fall in Public Law, Constitutional Law and Education Law.

# **MOIRA L. MCCONNELL**

course, Fundamentals of Public Law, which uses human rights law and cases and equality rights cases under the Charter as a case study for introducing students to the basics of administrative law and constitutional law and statutory and constitutional interpretation. In addition to her LL.B. teaching Professor McConnell continued to supervise Masters and Doctoral students at the Law School and at other universities, including students in a graduate programme Masters in Shipping Logistics at the Copenhagen Business School.

In October she continued her earlier work with a colleague, Professor Evangelos Raftopolous, at Pantheon University in Athens, in connection with the Mediterranean Programme for International Environmental Law and Negotiation (MEPIELAN). She presented a seminar in Athens to a regional seminar on the legal aspects of the Barcelona Convention and its protocols. The papers given at the seminar will be published. Along with colleagues David VanderZwaag, Meinhard Doelle and members of other faculties at Dalhousie, she also continued work in relation to the five-year university to university CIDA-funded cooperation project (PIP) involving a law school in Vietnam, a university in the Philippines and Dalhousie working together on education regarding the implementation of sustainable development principles.

Throughout 2006-2007, Professor McConnell has continued to work with the UN in her role as Special Advisor to the Director of International Labour Standards Department, ILO, mainly in connection with an action plan to encourage the rapid and widespread ratification of the recently adopted Maritime Labour Convention, 2006. In January, she was invited to Geneva to deliver a seminar on the Convention to the ILO's regional labour standards specialist. In February, she was invited to accompany, as Special Advisor, an ILO High-level Tripartite Mission to Panama to discuss the Convention with the government and social partners. In spring 2007, she will be involved in an academic review of studies exploring economic analyses and international labour standards.

She has also continued to work with Professor Aldo Chircop and Scott Coffen-Smout to co-edit the international interdisciplinary Ocean Yearbook. In 2007, she was also invited to become an Associate Editor of the Yearbook of International Environmental Law. Professor McConnell also continued in her role as Vice-president, Atlantic Region, of the International Commission of Jurists (Canadian Section), an organisation committed to promoting the rule of law and the independence of the judiciary and as a board member of Lawyers for Social Responsibility.

#### **ANN MORRISON**

Ann Morrison, Chief Law Librarian, continues to enjoy the challenges inherent in making it possible for students and faculty with access to the rapidly increasing amount of legal digital material available, provide the technological infrastructure to make this possible and to maintain and develop the library's print collection.

During the past year, all the tables in the library were equipped with electrical connections for lap top computers and other hand held devices and future plans include rearranging the stack space on the second and fourth floors to provide more convenient seating arrangements for students.

Professor Morrison indicated that the library was fortunate to receive a generous donation from an alumnus that provided the funds to acquire a workstation equipped with adaptive technology. This will enable physically challenged faculty and students to access legal

databases, library catalogues and the Internet comfortably and independently in the course of their studies and research. Professor Morrison also reported that plans are afoot to digitize items from our rare book collection and other material of interest and make them widely available to scholars and alumni.

Professor Morrison continues to serve as Secretary to the Board of the International Association of Law Libraries and attended the annual institute in St. Petersburg and Moscow last summer. She is the Chair of the Preservation Committee of the Canadian Association of Law Libraries. She continues to represent the Faculty of Law on various senate committees and serves as a member of the University Libraries Management Group.

For the eighth year, Professor Morrison taught the first-year legal research and writing course and the Advanced Legal Research and Writing seminar course for third-year students. In addition, she was appointed as Lecturer at the School of Library and Information Studies and taught the winter course on Legal Bibliography. She was delighted to welcome her sixth grandchild last September.

#### **RONALDA MURPHY**

Professor Murphy introduced a new seminar on Law and Sexual Orientation and taught the class to an enthusiastic group of students, two of whom have already presented their research papers to national conferences. She successfully switched her section of the year long constitutional course to a one semester intensive one, and hopes to have inspired students in evidence law to consider practice at the criminal bar. In the spring of 2006, she argued before the Supreme Court of Canada in the aboriginal rights case of R v. Sappier; R v. Gray 2006 SCC 54, appearing on behalf of the Nova Scotia Assembly of Mi'kmaq Chiefs. She was honoured to be asked to take the intervention brief and to work with lawyers Mary Jane Abram and Douglas Brown. The Supreme Court of Canada decided the case in favour of the aboriginal rights litigants and the decision provides much needed clarity and improvements to the caselaw on several issues. She has been writing in the areas of constitutional law and evidence and has articles and book chapters coming out in the summer of 2007 on these topics. Finally, she is the co-chair with Justice Joel Fichaud and Ron Pink for the 2007 Canadian Institute for the Administration of Justice's National Conference scheduled for October 10-12, 2007 in Halifax on the topic of "Doing Justice: Dispute Resolution in the Courts and Beyond". Professor Murphy hopes to see many Dalhousie Alumni attend this exciting conference. To see the schedule and register please see http://www. ciaj-icaj.ca/

#### CHIDI OGUAMANAM

In February 2006 Professor Oguamanam was a guest speaker of the Canadian International Law Students Association at the 13th Annual Canadian International Law Students Conference at the Osgoode Professional Development Centre, Toronto. His presentation was entitled "Plant Genetic Resources: Indigenous Agriculture vs. Agricultural Biotechnology-Competing Epistemologies and Complicity of the International Intellectual Property System." In March, 2006 he was in Vancouver as an invited speaker at the Law and Society Seminar Series in the Faculty of Law, UBC where he spoke on the subject of food security in the context of law and society. Professor Oguamanam also delivered a paper in April 2006 on "Agro-biotechnology vs. Agro-

biodiversity: Intellectual Property Rights and the Food Security Question" as an invited speaker at the 3rd Annual Michigan State University Law College Intellectual Property and Communications Law Conference titled: The International Intellectual Property Regime Complex at Michigan State University, Lansing. That presentation has transformed into a journal article that will be released later in 2007. In October, 2006 Professor Oguamanam's book, International Law and Indigenous and Indigenous Knowledge: Intellectual Property, Plant Biodiversity and Traditional Medicine was published by the University of Toronto Press. In addition to teaching two seminars on Advanced Intellectual Property and Law & Technology, and the large group firstyear contract and judicial rule-making class, Professor Oguamanam has continued to do research in his ongoing projects on: (i) digitalizing and documentation of traditional knowledge, (ii) the tension between agricultural biotechnology and alternative forms of agriculture, and (iii) farmers' right and food security. He secured funding support for the latter project from the Social Sciences and Humanities Research. Part of the results of the research project was published under the title of "Intellectual Property Rights in Plant Genetic Resources: Farmers' Rights and Food Security of Indigenous and Local Communities" in the vol. 11 of fall 2006 edition of Drake Journal of Agricultural Law. He continues to serve as a co-author of the bi-weekly IT.CAN newsletter.

On the home front, in summer of 2006, Professor Oguamanam and wife Ann were blessed with the arrival of their second child, Ekezie John. Their daughter — Emma Ekeoma – has continued to relish her new status as a "big sister" with amazing pride and admirable fondness for her brother.

#### DIANNE POTHIER

In 2006, Professor Pothier resumed teaching Public Law, after a few years' hiatus. She also designed and taught in Toronto an intensive course on the Charter and Human Rights in Labour Law for the Osgoode Professional LL.M. She will be offering this course again in 2008. Dianne continues to use her teaching and writing on equality issues as a basis for pro bono involvement in litigation. In the spring of 2006, she was a member of a subcommittee of the DisAbled Women's Network (DAWN Canada) which intervened (through written submissions) in the Supreme Court of Canada in Council of Canadians with Disabilities (CCD) v. Via Rail. The case involved an ultimately successful (SCC decision of March 23, 2007) challenge to Via's use of railway cars inaccessible to personal wheelchairs; some of DAWN's arguments were reflected in the majority SCC decision. Dianne also used her constitutional law expertise to informally advise on other cases heard in the SCC in 2006.

#### **TERESA SCASSA**

In 2006-2007, Professor Scassa presented papers at several conferences and workshops. These included a presentation on copyright law to the Association Littéraire et Artistique Internationale (ALAI) Canada in Toronto, a roundtable on Radio Frequency Identification tags (RFIDs) and privacy to the Annual IT.Can Conference, a talk on recent developments in copyright law to the Intellectual Property Chapter of the Canadian Bar Association (NS), and a workshop on copyright law and university libraries to the Maritime Health Librarians Association. She also prepared a research paper and presentation for a symposium co-organized by the Competition Bureau of Canada and Industry

Canada.

Professor Scassa continues to serve as co-editor of the Canadian Journal of Law and Technology, and is a co-author of the bi-weekly IT.Can newsletter. She is a member of the External Advisory Committee to the Privacy Commissioner of Canada, and is also an internet domain name dispute resolution panelist with Resolution Canada.

Along with co-authors Professors Stephen Coughlan, Robert Currie and Hugh Kindred, she prepared a report for the Law Commission of Canada titled "Global Reach, Local Grasp: Constructing Extraterritorial Jurisdiction in the Age of Globalization." The report, which is currently 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 Kraft Canada, Inc. v. Euro Excellence, Inc.," (2007) 85 Canadian Bar Review 409; "Distinguishing Functional Literary Works from Compilations: Issues in Originality and Infringement Analysis," (2006) 19 Intellectual Property Journal 253-269; "Consumer Privacy and Radio Frequency Identification Technology" by Teresa Scassa, Theodore Chiasson, Michael Deturbide and Anne Uteck, (2005-2006) 37 Ottawa L. Rev. 215; and "Original Facts: Skill, Judgment and the Public Domain," (2006) 51 McGill L.J. 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 the support of my colleagues over the years, and appreciative of the many wonderful students I have had the privilege to know during my time at Dalhousie."

#### **ROLLIE THOMPSON**

In September, Rollie Thompson moved to the centre of the universe, Toronto, where he is spending the year at University of Toronto on sabbatical. 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 Advisory Guidelines, which requires many small group meetings to obtain feedback from lawyers, mediators and judges at various locations around the country. "Best of all," he says, "is learning the reality of how family law is practised in centres large and small, in courts that are generalist and specialist, and in negotiation, collaborative law, 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 focussed, in a final version of the Guidelines to be released in the fall of 2007.

Rollie has spoken at a wide range of other programs over the past year: on a family law update for Atlantic Provinces courts in October 2005; on hearsay for the Nova Scotia Criminal Lawyers Association and Barristers Society 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; on hearsay for family law lawyers at Toronto Family Court in March 2006; on imputing income for support purposes at the Law Society of Upper

Canada Special Lectures in April 2006; on various child and spousal support issues at the National Family Law Program in July 2006; on section 7 of the Charter in criminal and civil matters for the Nova Scotia all-courts program in November 2006; and on self-represented litigants at two civil justice reform conferences held by the Canadian Forum on Civil Justice in May and December 2006.

During his "sabbatical," Professor Thompson is teaching Evidence at the University of Toronto in the winter term and an advanced course in child and spousal support at Osgoode Hall Law School's part-time LL.M. in Family Law from April to June 2007. He was appointed in March 2006 as the editor of the Canadian Family Law Quarterly, published by Thomson-Carswell. He continues to serve as a member of the board of the Vanier Institute of the Family and as President of the Public Interest Advocacy Centre in Ottawa. He finally got off the board of Dalhousie Legal Aid Service, by fleeing to Upper Canada for the year.

#### **ESMERALDA THORNHILL**

In addition to her appointment as Full Professor in the Faculty of Law, Professor Thornhill holds cross appointments in the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences — in Canadian Studies, Women's Studies and Russian Studies, where, along with that Department's Chair, Professor John Barnstead, she co-taught in fall 2005 the jointly crafted new Afrocentric course, Black Identity in Pushkin.

Throughout the school year, Dalhousie Law School students at all levels had the opportunity to benefit from Professor Thornhill's knowledge and expertise: she delivered the Orientation to Law Lecture on "The Implications of 'Race' and Culture for Legal Education and the Legal Profession" to the First-Year Cohort, taught a module in the 2006 Pre-Law Programme for Indigenous Black and Mi'k maq students, and taught upper year electives in Administrative Law and in her designated areas of teaching, Critical Race and Legal Theory and Human Rights (domestic and international).

Besides serving on Faculty Statutory Committees, during the year, Professor Thornhill was actively engaged in University governance - as a faculty representative on Dalhousie Senate, as a member of Senate Special Committee of Inquiry, and as a member of Senate Steering Committee. She also served on one of the SSHRC Adjudicating Committees.

Professor Thornhill continued to make her expertise available to the non-academic community by delivering the keynote address at a 2005 Canadian Race Relations Foundation national consultation on A National Anti-Racism Policy, and by conducting a 2006 February Black History Month Awareness Training and Development Workshop for Health Canada, Atlantic Region, Calibrating the Factor of 'Race' in Health: Teasing out the Material Reality of Racism.

In April 2006 she represented Dalhousie Law School (in fluent Spanish!) at the annual North American Consortium on Legal Education (NACLE) Conference held in Monterrey, Mexico where she was invited to moderate a session on human rights. A member of the Quebec Bar, in May she attended the 2006 Congrès du Barreau du Québec held in Montréal.

Professor Thornhill's local, national and international public service commitment, includes the following appointments: member of the Nova Scotia Psychiatric Facilities Review Board, Trustee of the National Film Board of Canada, and Member of the National Human Genome Centre at Howard University (Washington, DC).

In May 2006, the Fulbright 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/Fulbright.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 4th IUCN Academy of Environmental Law Colloquium at Pace Law School. In December, Professor VanderZwaag gave a talk, "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 Marine Affairs Program and the Company of Master Mariners of Canada, Maritimes Division.

He also participated in the East Asian Seas Congress in Haikou, 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 Ocean Management in the Arctic convened under Arctic Council auspices by the government of Norway. In March, he was a panelist at a seminar in Svalbard on Sustainable Use of Natural Resources and Conservation of Biodiversity in the Arctic: The Legal Challenges where he addressed the topic "Arctic Marine Biodiversity Regulation Beyond National Jurisdiction."

Publications included, among others, Aquaculture Law and Policy: Towards Principled Access and Operations, a book co-edited with Gloria Chao and published by Routledge, and a co-authored article "The Regulation of Tidal Energy Development off Nova Scotia: Navigating Foggy Waters" in Volume 55 of UNB Law Journal.

#### **CHRISTIAN L. WIKTOR.**

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 Canadian Treaties / Index des traités du Canada, 1979-2003, which supplements his two volumes Canadian Treaty Calendar / Répertoire des traités du Canada, 1928-1978, published by Oceana Publications in 1984. These two reference works on Canadian treaties provide easy access to all treaties concluded by Canada during 75 years, printed in the Canadian Treaty Series published in pamphlet form since 1928.

Professor Wiktor continued researching the legislative history of United States treaties, initiated with the publication of a collection of Unperfected Treaties of the United States, 1776-1976, published in nine volumes by Oceana Publications from 1976 to 1994. This bicentennial annotated set of original documents includes the texts of treaties which for one reason or another 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*, 1989-2004; this is his third work published by 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 have been recognized 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 or international organizations in written form and governed by international law. Treaties not only regulate the relations of government agencies with other states 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 Bodil to Washington, D.C., to meet with the editors of Nijhoff, and officials of Treaty Affairs 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.

#### **SHEILA WILDEMAN**

Professor Wildeman's major production this year (or rather coproduction, 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 Medicare: What's In, What's Out, How 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 Wildeman received a Dalhousie Student Union Award for Teaching Excellence in 2006. She will be on maternity leave until December, 2007.

#### MICHELLE WILLIAMS

Professor Michelle Williams completed her third year as Director of the Indigenous Blacks & Mi'kmaq (IB&M) Initiative and her second year of teaching.

In keeping with the IB&M Initiative objective of developing Aboriginal and African Canadian legal perspectives and scholarship, the IB&M Initiative joined with the Dalhousie Aboriginal Law Students Association (DALSA) in organizing the second annual Mi'kmaq Treaty

Day & History Month Discussion Series. At the suggestion of DALSA President Angie Gillis, all of the discussions were held in a Talking Circle format. Three separate discussion circles were held focusing on the topics of "The Law and the Mi'kmaq Language," "Restorative Justice and Youth" and "Mi'kmaq Rights." Presenters included Mr. Noel Knockwood, Mi'kmag Elder and former Nova Scotia Sergeant-at-Arms, Tuma Young, Mi'kmaq lawyer & CEO of the Eskasoni First Nation; Danny Paul, human rights advocate and Mi'kmaq historian; and the following Dalhousie law alumni: Professor Patti Doyle-Bedwell, Director of the Transition Year Program at Dalhousie University; Jaime Battiste, instructor at the Mi'kmaq Collegiate Institute; Donna Gauvin, Resource Manager, Mi'kmaq Legal Support Network; P.J. Prosper, Director of the Mi'kmaq Legal Support Network and Mr. Doug Brown, Counsel to the Union of Nova Scotia Indians. In January of 2007, the IB&M Initiative was honoured to host a presentation by the "First Voices" project in cooperation with the Atlantic Council for International Cooperation. First Nation youth and Indigenous Latin American youth screened video clips of their work on a collaborative documentary designed to highlight important themes in their respective communities.

Professor Williams also contributed to the development of African Canadian legal perspectives in law. In January 2007, she and her father, retired community social worker Eugene Williams, were interviewed as part of a documentary being developed by award-winning filmmaker Sylvia Hamilton entitled *The Little Black Schoolhouse*. The documentary will explore the history of segregated schools in Canada. In the spring of 2007, one of Professor Williams' conference presentations was published in an interdisciplinary text, entitled Multiple Lenses: Voices of the Diaspora.

In January 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 Barristers' Society to launch the Hiring Practices: Equity in Employment Interviewing Guide.

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 Sparks Award in Law to honour the outstanding contributions of Judge Corrine Sparks. The award is presented to a student whose personal and academic endeavors most accurately reflect Judge Sparks' 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 Sparks Award in Law was Mr. Lyle Howe, 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

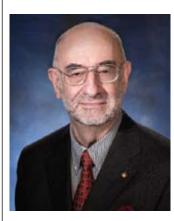
In the fall term of the 2007/2008 year Dick will be on a sabbatical leave, concentrating on compiling a history of Dalhousie Legal Aid. Clinic alumnae are encouraged to contact Dick at richard.evans@dal. ca with reminiscences of their time in the program, or with stories of

how the clinic experience has had an impact on life after law school.

# 1955

Purdy Crawford, O.C., Q.C. has been named to the Cape Breton University School of Business Advisory Board. He is Counsel with Osler, Hoskin & Harcourt in Toronto, advising primarily in the corporate/commercial area. He sits on the boards of several large Canadian and U.S. public companies and is the Chair of the Five-Year Review Committee, appointed to review securities legislation in Ontario, and former Chair of the Securities Industry Committee on Analyst Standards. In 1996 he became an Officer of the Order of Canada. He was inducted into the Business Hall of Fame of Nova Scotia in 1997 and became a Fellow of the Institute of Corporate Directors in 1999. In 2000 he was inducted into the Canadian Business Hall of Fame and named Ivey Business Leader of the Year. In 2003 he was presented the Conference Board of Canada's Honorary Associate Award for a lifetime of distinguished personal, professional, and community accomplishments.

# 1956



Sir Graham Day has been named to the Cape Breton University School of Business Advisory Board. He

practices as Counsel with Stewart McKelvey and is a Member of the Board of Directors of many high profile companies. He was inducted into the Canadian Business Hall of Fame in 2006.

# 1961



Gerald J. Doucet, Q.C. has been named to the Cape Breton University School of Business Advisory Board. As President of Gerald Doucet Consulting Inc., he is a frequent speaker at conferences and seminars. With more than 35 years of experience as a business consultant in the field of government business relations, having represented numerous major national and international companies, and as a former Member of the Nova Scotia Legislature and Nova Scotia Cabinet where he served as Minister of Education and Minister of Youth. He will no doubt be a great asset to the Advisory Board.





Leonard P. 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.

1964



The Honourable Donald C. Oliver, **Q.C.** has been appointed by Prime Minister Stephen Harper to be Chairman of the prestigious Senate Standing Committee on Legal and Constitutional Affairs He also received an honorary Doctor of Laws degree from Guelph University in 2006.

# 1965

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.

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 1989, he was a practicing lawyer in St. John's, N.L., Chairman 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 titulary member of the Comité 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. O.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 appears regularly in all levels of Court with jurisdiction in the province. He has represented accused persons in the provinces of New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island and Newfoundland and often has a matter pending before the Supreme Court of Canada. Mr. Pink is a former member of the Investigative Committee for Discipline, a former member of the Bench/Bar Liaison Committee

and a former member of the Q.C. Appointment Committee of the Nova Scotia Barristers' Society. He was the founding President of the Nova Scotia Criminal Lawyers' Association and for several years President of the Continuing Legal Education Society. He is a Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers and International Society of Barristers. He is President of the Sopinka Cup Committee. For 31 years Mr. Pink was a member of the Faculty of National Criminal Law Program of the Federation of Law Societies of

Canada, which lectures to Judges, Crown Attorneys and Defence Council from across Canada. He has taught courses in criminal trial practice and evidence at Dalhousie Law School and has taught criminal law as part of the Criminology program at Saint Mary's University. Mr. Pink has consistently maintained an AV rating with Martindale Hubbell He has authored and edited important reference texts for professionals and lay persons for Carswell Legal Publishers in Canada.

# 1970

Eric Durnford, Q.C., a partner with McInnes Cooper in Halifax, N.S. has been made a Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers. One of only five other Canadians, he was inducted as a fellow at a ceremony during the College's annual meeting in London, England in September 2006. 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.

George W. MacDonald, Q.C., a partner with McInnes Cooper in Halifax, N.S., has been elected President of The Canadian College of Construction Lawyers. He was also recently named one of the "top 100 litigation lawyers in Canada" who handles cases involving US and Canadian issues, by Lexpert Magazine, a publication which focuses on legal practice. The Canadian College of Construction Lawyers was established 10 years ago and is made up of the top construction lawyers in the country. A longtime member of the Atlantic Canadian legal community, he has previously served as a lecturer at Dalhousie Law School and the Technical University of Nova Scotia.

# **I97I**

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 John Harper, was recently appointed judge of the Family Branch of the Superior 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. Aston who was appointed Senior Family Judge of the Superior 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 Stewart McKelvey 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 Michael Harrington was admitted to the Bar of Newfoundland and Labrador in 1972. Mr. Justice Harrington practiced with Stirling Ryan in St. John's (1972-1990) which merged to become Stewart McKelvey in 1990. His practice expertise is in the areas of litigation, administrative law and oil and gas law. He was named a Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers and was a Director of the

Canadian Petroleum Law Foundation. He has acted as a Member of the Board of Directors of St. Patrick's Mercy Home and of the Newfoundland Symphony Orchestra.

Michael I. King, Q.C., has joined the firm of Walker, Dunlop in Halifax, N.S. and continues to practice in the area of family law.

# 1973

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

C. Peter McLellan, Q.C., has joined Stewart McKelvey as a Partner in the Halifax office. He brings more than 25 years of experience in labour and employment law, providing advice to businesses regarding pension and employee benefits. He has frequently appeared before the Nova Scotia and Canada Industrial Relations Boards and the Labour Standards Tribunal 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 with 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 Michel A. Robichaud, Q.C., was recently appointed a judge of the Court of Queen's Bench of New Brunswick. He replaces Mr. Justice T.W. Riordon (Miramichi) who elected to become a supernumerary judge. Mr. Justice Michel A. Robichaud was admitted to the Bar of New Brunswick in 1973. He has since

then practiced with Robichaud Williamson Theriault & Johnstone. In 1996, Mr. Justice Robichaud was appointed Queen's Counsel. His legal expertise is in real estate law, corporate 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 Justice Nicoll M.

the firm of MacIntosh MacDonnell & MacDonald in New Glasgow, N.S. was recently appointed a Judge of the Supreme Court of Nova Scotia. He replaces Mr. Justice W.R.E. Goodfellow (Halifax) who elected to become a supernumerary judge. Mr. Justice Nick Scaravelli was admitted to the Bar of Nova Scotia in 1974. He practiced with Fitzgerald and Associates in Halifax (1974-1977) before moving to MacIntosh MacDonnell & MacDonald (1977-2006). Mr. Justice Scaravelli'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 Branch of the CBA - Labour Section, the Executive of Pictou County Day Care Centre and a Member of the Advisory Board of the Canadian Scholarship Trust Foundation.

# 1974

Alan Ferrier, Q.C. was appointed to the Queen's Counsel on December 21, 2006. He is a partner with Ferrier Kimball Dumke Thomas in Bridgewater. N.S.

Bruce MacIntosh, Q.C., a litigation lawyer with MacIntosh, MacDonnell & MacDonald in New Glasgow, N.S., has been presented with the prestigious Distinguished Service Award from the Nova Scotia Barristers' Society. He is one of only five Nova Scotia lawyers to have been awarded this honour and he is also one of only approximately two dozen Canadian lawyers to be invited into the membership of the International Society of Barristers. He has been involved in many high profile cases throughout his career including the Westray Mine Disaster and Scaravelli, Q.C., a senior partner in 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 Barristers' Society and the first lawyer to receive the Queen's Counsel designation under the

reformed, merit based process for selection, chaired by the Chief Justice of Nova Scotia. His community service has included the Board of Directors of the QEII Health Sciences Centre, the Board of Directors of the Nova Scotia College of Physicians and Surgeons and he has acted as volunteer legal counsel for a variety of community organizations, including Tearmann House for Battered Women, Second Stage Housing Society, Kids First Association, Refugee Support Society, Highland Community Residential Services for the Mentally Challenged, New Glasgow Credit Union, and other community agencies.

The Honourable A. Anne McLellan, **P.C.** has been named to the Cape Breton University School of Business Advisory Board and the Board of Directors of Nexen, Inc., Agrium Inc. and Cameco. She has also joined New Millennium Capital as a Strategic Advisor. She is Counsel at Bennet Jones in Edmonton, Alberta and is Distinguished Scholar in Residence at the University of Alberta in the Institute for United States Policy Studies. Previously,



she served four terms as the Liberal Member of Parliament for Edmonton Centre between 1993 and 2006. From December 2003 and January 2006 she served as the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness. In previous administrations, she served as Minister of Health, Minister of Justice and Attorney General, Minister of Natural Resources and Federal Interlocutor for Métis and Non-Status Indians. Prior to entering politics she taught law at the University of New Brunswick and the University of Alberta serving as Associate Dean of the Faculty of Law at the University of Alberta between 1985 and 1987 and Acting Dean from July 1991 to June 1992.

# 1976

Robert M. Purdy, Q.C. is the new managing partner of Patterson Law's Halifax, N.S. office. He is also a member of the Board of Directors of the Dalhousie Law Alumni Association.

# 1977

Robert Carruthers, Q.C. was appointed to the Queen's Counsel on December 21, 2006. He is a partner with Carruthers & MacDonell Law Office Incorporated in Shubenacadie, N.S.

John Khattar, Q.C. was appointed to the Queen's Counsel on December 21, 2006.

Colin P. MacDonald is a partner with Borden Ladner Gervais in Calgary, Alberta, specializing primarily in the corporate/ commercial area and advises clients on Competition Act and Investment Canada Act matters. Currently Vice Chair of the Board of Directors of Calgary Olympic Development Association and is a Member of the Board of Directors of Calgary Airport Authority, Catholic Family Services and Terra Energy Corporation and is a Member of the Board of Governors of St. Francis Xavier University.

#### The Honourable Justice Frans F.

Slatter, Justice of the Court of Queen's Bench of Alberta sitting in Edmonton, was recently appointed a Justice of Appeal of the Court of Appeal, a Judge of the Court of Appeal for the Northwest Territories and a Judge of the Nunavut Court of Appeal. He replaces Madam Justice A.H. Russell (Edmonton) who retired May 1, 2006. His academic awards include the medal for highest standing in class during final year at Dalhousie Law School, the Viscount Bennett Fellowship from the Canadian Bar Association and a SSHRC Fellowship for Graduate Studies in Law. Prior to his appointment to the Court of Oueen's Bench in 2001, Mr. Justice Slatter was admitted to the Bars of Ontario, Alberta and the

Northwest Territories. He is the author of several academic and practice articles in tort law and civil litigation.



elected First Vice-President of The Nova Scotia Barristers' Society. Since 1988, she has been a sole practitioner. Prior to the election, she was extensively involved in a volunteer capacity with the Society and the Lawyers' Insurance Association of Nova Scotia and in 2004 was awarded the Distinguished Service Award of the Society for her volunteer activities. She has been involved in continuing education as an organizer for the annual provincial property conferences for the real estate bar, and she has also been involved in the Canadian Bar Association (Nova Scotia Branch) as Chair of the Real Estate Section and Director and is one of the founding members of the Real Estate Lawyers Association of Nova Scotia (RELANS)

# 1978

The Honourable Justice Eugene Rossiter, Q.C., a partner with the firm Stewart McKelvey Stirling Scales in Charlottetown, is appointed a judge of the Tax Court of Canada. He replaces Mr.

Catherine S. Walker, O.C. has been

Justice T.E. Margeson, who elected to become a supernumerary judge. Mr. Justice Eugene Rossiter 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 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 Chamber of Commerce, a Governor of the Atlantic Provinces Economic Council and a Governor of the Prince Edward Island Junior Achievement.

# 1979

The Honourable Justice Richard Bell,

**Q.C.**, was recently appointed a judge of the Court of Queen's Bench of New Brunswick. He replaces Mr. Justice R. Savoie (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 branch (2003-2004) and a frequent lecturer and former adjunct professor of Business Law, Atlantic Baptist University in Moncton. Mr. Bell is a graduate of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police Academy, a former RCMP constable and author of several legal publications, including Human Rights? Whose Rights? (Solicitors' Journal, 2003). Mr. Justice Bell's practice areas include general litigation, labour, employment, administrative and aboriginal law.

Keith Evans, Q.C. has recently moved from Halifax to Edmonton, Alberta to become the General Counsel of Lilydale Inc. In preparation for the move, Keith resigned from the Nova Scotia Law Reform Commission (for which he served as President until the summer of 2006) but continues on as a Board Member of the Canada Nova Scotia Offshore 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.

# 1980



The Honourable Michael Baker, 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 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 Utility and Review Board Act. He is also MLA for

Lunenburg. He was first elected to the Legislative Assembly in March 1998; re-elected July 1999, August 2003 and June 2006.

Cathy Dalziel has joined Patterson Law of Halifax, N.S. She practices in the area of insurance law.

Robert G. Grant, Q.C., a partner with Stewart McKelvey, Halifax, N.S., was recently recognized as one of Canada's top lawyers in The National Post - Best Lawyers in Canada.

# 1981

Derek D. Key, Q.C. was awarded the 2005 Prince Edward Island Medal of Merit for outstanding citizenship and excellence and was invested in the Order of Prince Edward Island. This is the highest honour awarded by the Province of Prince Edward Island and he is the first lawyer to receive this award. Derek and Nancy L. Key, Q.C. (LL.B.'81) have recently celebrated 26 years of marriage.



Philip J. Star, Q.C. has been elected President of The Nova Scotia Barristers' Society. He is one of the founding members of Pink, Star, Murphy, Barro where he has a general practice with an emphasis on 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 Big Brothers Big Sisters in Yarmouth (where he also sat as a board member for over 20 years), board member of the Kave Nickerson Adult Service Centre, board member of the Southwest 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.

# 1982

Andrew Graham would like to inform his classmates, as well as his no doubt astonished law professors, that in June of 2006, he was appointed a Master of the Superior Court of Ontario. Andrew and his wife, Béa Gonzalez, live in Toronto with their two sons, Will and Andre.

#### The Honourable Madam Justice Lois

**R. Hoegg Q.C.**, was appointed a Judge of the Trial Division of the Supreme Court of Newfoundland and Labrador. Madam Justice Hoegg replaces Mr. Justice L.D. Barry (St. John's) who was appointed to the Court of Appeal. Prior to her appointment she was a partner with Ches Crosbie Barristers of St. John's, N.L. Madam Justice Hoegg was admitted to the Bar of Newfoundland and Labrador in 1983. She started her legal career as a Crown Attorney with the Department of Justice (Government of Newfoundland and Labrador), then became the

Legal Director for the Law Society of Newfoundland before coming to private practice. Her practice expertise is in the areas of civil litigation, personal injury law, administrative law, professional discipline, wills and estates and criminal law. She was the Commissioner of the Royal Newfoundland Constabulary Public Complaints Commission, Chair of the Canadian Bar Association's National Committee on Ethics and Professional Issues Committee and was also a frequent Bar Admission Course lecturer.

Ron Lacey and his wife, Jill, are pleased to announce the birth of their first child, a son, Will, on June 2, 2005, in Halifax, N.S. Ron is a Crown Attorney with the Nova Scotia Public Prosecution Service.

#### The Honourable Wyman W. Webb

was recently appointed a judge of the Tax Court of Canada. He replaces Madam Justice L. Lamarre Proulx, who elected to become a supernumerary judge. Mr. Justice Wyman W. Webb was admitted to the Bar of Nova Scotia in 1982 and practiced with Patterson Law and its predecessor firms. His practice expertise is in national tax law, commercial law and tax litigation. Mr. Justice Webb is a former Governor of the Canadian Tax Foundation and a lecturer of tax law at Dalhousie Law School.

# 1983

Julia Cornish, Q.C. was appointed to the Queen's Counsel on December 21, 2006. She is a partner with Sealy Cornish in Dartmouth, N.S. and is Past President of the Dalhousie Law Alumni Association.

Gordon Forsyth, Q.C. was appointed to the Queen's Counsel on December 21, 2006. He is managing partner with Pink Breen Larkin in Halifax, N.S.

#### John Rogers, Q.C., Managing

Partner of Stewart McKelvey's Halifax, N.S. office is the new Chair of the Halifax Chamber of Commerce. In addition to being a respected litigation lawyer, he is also the Director of the IWK Health Centre and a Member of the Administration of Justice Committee for the Nova Scotia Barristers' Society.

1984

Christine H. Hirschfeld is a partner at Boyne Clarke in Dartmouth, N.S. She is a recognized expert across Canada for her practice in entertainment, intellectual property and information technology law. She was the recipient of CanWest Global's 2002 Fellowship for her contribution to new media production in Canada and is the Chair of CBA's 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.

Shirley Lee, Q.C. was appointed to the Queen's Counsel on December 21, 2006.

William MacNeil is a Professor of Law at Griffith University in Brisbane, Australia. He has recently published Lex Populi: The *Jurisprudence of Popular Culture* (Palo Alto: Standford University Press, 2007) in the "Cultural Lives of Law" series. Lex Populi 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 threeyear 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 Hemisphere.

John McMillan, Q.C. was appointed to the Queen's Counsel on December 23, 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 also been the Legal Education Coordinator for the Law Society of Prince Edward Island.

# 1986

Carole Gillies, Q.C. was appointed to the Queen's Counsel on December 21, 2006. She is a partner of Chisholm & Gillies Law Corporation Inc. in Antigonish, N.S.

# 1987

Yvonne LaHaye, Q.C. was appointed to the Queen's Counsel on December 21, 2006.

#### Stanley MacDonald, Q.C. was

appointed to the Queen's Counsel on December 21, 2006. He practices with Garson Pink in Halifax, N.S.

John Traves, Q.C. was appointed to the Queen's Counsel on December 21, 2006. He is the Chief Executive Officer of the Nova Scotia Pension Agency at the Nova Scotia Department of Finance.

# 1988

Darlene Jamieson, Q.C. was appointed to the Queen's Counsel on December 21, 2006. She is a partner with Merrick Jamieson Sterns Washington & Mahody of Halifax, N.S.

Philip Jenkins has been appointed an Associate Portfolio Manager of **RBC** Dominion Securities' Private Investment Management program. He joined RBC Dominion Securities as a professional Investment Advisor in 1993. Prior to this he practiced law for a number of years.

Bernard F. Miller has been appointed Managing Partner and CEO of McInnes Cooper. He worked in the Halifax office until 1997 when he moved to Moncton to open the first of three McInnes Cooper offices in New Brunswick (Moncton, Fredericton and Saint John). Having gained experience working in both Nova Scotia and New Brunswick he has a firm grasp on the needs of Atlantic Canada's business community and his practice focuses primarily in the areas of Aboriginal Law,

Banking & Financial Institutions, Energy Law, Environmental Law and Renewable Energy. As a member of the Canadian Council for Public-Private Partnerships, he advised the Nova Scotia government on the environmental law issues related to the development of Nova Scotia's first toll highway.

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

# 1989

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 world wide to be nominated for the Multiple Sclerosis International Federation's 2007 Iames D. Wolfensohn 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 and has been the chairman of the Client Services Committee in Atlantic Canada. Scott has been practicing law with Waterbury Newton in Kentville, N.S. for 17 years in the area of

civil matters involving people with disabilities.

Frank Hoskins, Q.C. was appointed to the Queen's Counsel on December 21, 2006. He is the Chief Crown Attorney (Halifax Region & Special Prosecutions) with the Public Prosecution Service in Halifax, N.S.



Jim Middlemiss has joined the new 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 InHouse a new addition to CLB Media Inc.'s magazine family. This 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." Middlemiss 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."

# 1990

# The Honourable Peter MacKay, P.C.,

Q.C., M.P. was appointed to the Queen's Counsel 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 the former chair and current member of the Foreign Affairs and National Security committee. He also sits on Treasury Board, and Priorities and Planning cabinet committees.

Donald K. MacKenzie has joined the Mi'kmag Confederacy of Prince Edward Island as its in house legal advisor. MCPEI is a Tribal Council which provides technical support to help protect, enhance and strengthen the Mi'kmaq Nation in Prince Edward Island. Prior to joining MCPEI, Don spent fifteen years in the private practice of law, most recently having been a partner in the Charlottetown firm of Foster Hennessey MacKenzie.

# 1991

#### James K. Cruickshank a partner

with Stewart McKelvey, 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

providing tax, estate planning and business structuring advice.

Sandra. A. Gogal has joined Miller Thomson LLP's Toronto Office as a partner. She has extensive experience in the natural resource and energy sectors and has obtained considerable expertise in dealing with aboriginal and environmental issues 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 Association.

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 assessment appeal court and an appointee to the Nova Scotia teacher certification committee.

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



David Shannon is the new Executive Director of the Canadian Paraplegic Association (Nova Scotia). He also recently launched his new book entitled Six Degrees of Dignity: Disability in *an Age of Freedom* and was actively involved in drafting the UN Convention on the Rights and Dignity of Persons With a Disability which was signed on March 30, 2007 by Canada and member countries of the United Nations.

# 1992

Pamela J. Clarke is now a partner with Wickwire Holm, Halifax, N.S. She joined the firm as an Associate in 2000 and specializes in Corporate/Commercial Insolvency and Corporate Restructuring. She has extensive experience in various aspects of insolvency and has dedicated much of her extra-curricular time to organizations that provide educational and other services to those involved in the insolvency field. She is the Nova Scotia Chair of the Bankruptcy Section of the Canadian Bar Association, she serves on the Board of the Canadian Insolvency Foundation and is a member of the Risk Management Association. She has served for 11 years on the Board of the Dalhousie Law Alumni Association, including a term as President from 2002 to 2004.

# 1993

#### 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 his practice 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 and on foreign investment issues under the Investment Canada 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 part-time faculty appointment 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.

Roger Lee has joined Davis & Company LLP's Vancouver, B.C. office. He has developed an extensive practice in trust and estate litigation and has given numerous lectures to other legal practitioners as well as to other groups, such as the Certified General Accountants Association and the Canadian Association of Gift Planners. Roger was listed in the 2006 "The Best Lawyers in Canada" directory under Trusts

and Estates (Litigation) and is Past Chairperson, British Columbia Wills & Trusts Subsection of the Canadian Bar Association, a Member of the B.C. Continuing Legal Education's Wills Advisory Committee and is a lecturer at various conferences and seminars relating to estate and trust litigation.

# 1994

Madeleine Schwarz is an Assistant Trial Attorney for the Office of the Prosecutor, International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda in Arusha. Tanzania.

# 1995

Shannon Aldinger, Will Cole-Hamilton and Fred Eiserman have formed a non-profit group, the Learning Climate Education Society, that aims to donate a copy of Al Gore's An Inconvenient Truth to high schools across Canada. The idea came to them after reading that An Inconvenient Truth is already being taught in schools in the U.K. Australia, Spain, Norway, Sweden, Belgium and parts of the U.S. In just a few months since its founding in February 2007, the group has: sought and received the support of Paramount Pictures in acquiring the intellectual property rights to show the film in classrooms; obtained Paramount's agreement to provide them with the films for roughly half the retail price; and raised almost half of the \$50,000 needed to purchase the films. Learning Climate has been the subject of three television news stories, four radio interviews, an editorial in the Vancouver Province and featured in a front page story in the National Post and is working to raise the remaining \$26,000. They

want to see copies of the film in high schools by the time school starts in September. To make a donation or find out more, please visit www.learningclimate.org or contact Will Cole-Hamilton at (778) 882-5804.

Gregory Barro is a Member of the Board of Directors of the Nova Scotia Film Development Corporation. The mandate of the NSFDC is to expand the film, television and new media industries in Nova Scotia through stimulating investment and employment by promoting Nova Scotia's talent and location. He is a partner of the Yarmouth, N.S. law firm, Pink Star Murphy Barro.

**D. Shannon Farrell** is an Associate with the Charlottetown office of McInnes Cooper. Specializing in Litigation, Shannon was called to the Ontario Bar in 1997 and became a member of the Prince Edward Island Bar in 2002. She is certified to practice collaborative family law on Prince Edward Island and has appeared on behalf of clients in a variety of matters in the Prince Edward Island Supreme Court, at both the trial and appeal level, in the New Brunswick Court of Queen's Bench, and in the Ontario Court, General Division. She is an active member of the CBA, having served as the Young Lawyers Branch Director from 2003-2005, and as a member on the Prince Edward Island Branch Executive from 2002 to present. She also sat on the Prince Edward Island steering committee for the Task Force on Access to Justice from 2003-2004. She is an active member of the Prince Edward Island Law Society, and regularly serves on various committees.

# 1996

Kelly Brown was recognized by Lexpert Magazine as one of its "Top 40 Lawyers Under 40" for 2006. She is Vice-President and General Counsel of Molson Canada.

Robert L. Percival is now a partner with the Toronto office of Ogilvy Renault. His practice is devoted to commercial transactions involving information technology, e-commerce and communications. He was recognized in the 2006 edition of the Canadian Legal Directory LEXPERT as a leading practitioner in the area of computer and information technology law. He is the Co-Chair of the Canadian IT Law Association's Outsourcing Committee and an Executive Committee Member of the Ontario Bar Association Information Technology and E-Commerce Law Section. He is the past Chair of the Toronto Computer Lawyers' Group (2001-2002), a founding member and Co-Chair of IT.CAN's Committee on Electronic Commerce, a Canadian correspondent for World e-Business Law Report in London, U.K., a member of the Canadian IT Law Association, the Computer Law Association, York Technology Association and the commercial law, intellectual property law and information technology and e-commerce law sections of the Canadian Bar Association and the American Bar Association. He is an Adjunct Professor of Law at the University of Victoria (Internet and Information Technology Law).

# 1997

Tricia Avery is now a partner with Stewart McKelvey's Halifax office. As a member of the Litigation Group she practices primarily in the areas of Insurance, Health Law and Professional Liability. She teaches Civil Procedure workshops at Dalhousie Law School as part of the Civil Procedure curriculum

**David G. Hutt** is now a partner with Buchell Hayman Parish in Halifax, N.S. He has been with the firm since his call to the bar in 1998. As a member of the civil litigation group his preferred areas of practice are commercial and insurance litigation. He is a part-time instructor at Dalhousie Law School. He is Vice-Chair of the CBA's Law Reform Committee and has also served on the Board of Halifax's Shakespeare by the Sea Theatre Society and is involved in the local arts community.

# 1998



Paul Falvo was elected to Yellowknife City Council in October 2006. Paul, Christa and Juniper welcome visitors to Yellowknife.

#### Lindsay (Burry) Lorimer is

practicing with class action boutique Rochon Genova LLP. She and her husband John Neil Lorimer reside in Toronto, O.N. They have two sons, Owen James (born July 8, 2003) and Drew Iain (born August 7, 2005).

Jennifer Ross is now a partner with Burchell Hayman Parish 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 at the Barristers' Society. She is a member of the Complaints Committee for the College of Registered Nurses, and was a former Director of the Help Line Society and the Northwest Arm Heritage Association.

# 1999

Thomas E. MacEwan is now a partner with Muttart Tufts Dewolfe & Coyle in Kentville, N.S. He continues to represent clients in civil, criminal and family matters before all levels of court in Nova Scotia.

# 2000

Alan R. Farquhar has joined McInnes Cooper's Halifax office as an Associate specializing in the areas of Corporate and Commercial, Estates, Trusts and Wealth Planning and Real Estate.

Vanita Goela is working as litigation counsel with the Department of Justice. She is also currently adjunct faculty at Osgoode Hall 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 McDerby and Sara Foster of

Vancouver, B.C. are pleased to announce the adoption of their son, Quentin Hee Foster-McDerby. Quentin was born in South Korea and is a little brother for Gracie.

Julie Smith traveled to Vientiane, 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.

# 2001

Joseph F. Burke has joined Cox & Palmer of Halifax, N.S. as an Associate with the commercial and insurance litigation team. Prior to joining Cox & Palmer in 2006, he spent several years in private practice, acting as inhouse 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.

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 Koffman Kalef. 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 (Borovan) Ginsberg married Donald Ginsberg of Montreal, Quebec, on May 28, 2006 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.

# 2002

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

Victoria A. C. Mainprize 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.

Kaila Mikkelsen 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/ securities group of Stikeman Elliott LLP (Vancouver). Kaila wed Malcolm Kennett on June 16. 2007 on Bowen Island, B.C.

# 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.

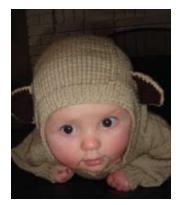
# 2004

Ryan P. Brennan of Patterson Law has recently moved from the Truro, 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 **R. Scott Wilson** is an Associate with joining McInnes Cooper he McInnes Cooper in the Saint John, interned at the Munich firm of N.B. office. He specializes in Bock Oppler Hering in the Corporate & Commercial and summer of 2004 and then Real Estate Law. Also a attended Oxford University professional engineer he where he received his Bachelor of maintains his membership with Civil Law degree in 2005. the Association of Professional Engineers & Geoscientists of New David R. Melvin was appointed by Brunswick (APEGNB). He also the Governor in Council of Nova sits on the Planning Advisory Scotia to the Board of Directors of Committee (PAC) for the City of the Nova Scotia Real Estate Saint John which hears matters Commission for a term of three relating to community planning.

years commencing July 1, 2006. The Commission is an independent non-government agency responsible for the regulation of the real estate industry in Nova Scotia in accordance with the Real Estate Trading Act. David continues to practice in the areas of litigation, corporate-commercial, estate and real estate law with his colleagues at Livingstone Company in Dartmouth, N.S.



# Emilie Taman and Michael Spratt welcomed their first daughter, Charlotte Rose Spratt, on November 4, 2006. Just prior to the birth of their daughter, Emilie completed a clerkship with Justice Ian Binnie 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 Wills. Estates & Trusts. She is a volunteer with the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.

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

Alicia Lois Arana 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 Indigenous Blacks & Mi'kmaq Initiative at Dalhousie Law School.

Adrienne M. Bowers was admitted to the Nova Scotia Bar on June 9, 2006. She is practicing with Blois, 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 Xplosion Football Team.

Alanna P. Brogan was admitted to the Nova Scotia Bar on June 9, 2006. She is an Associate with Cox & 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 E.M. 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. Cruickshanks 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 Newfoundland and Labrador Bar in 2006. He is an Associate with the St. John's, N.L. office of Stewart McKelvey, specializing in Insurance, Corporate/ Commercial and Litigation Law.

Sarah J. Dykema was admitted to the Nova Scotia Bar on June 9, 2006. She is practicing with Stewart McKelvey in the Halifax office and specializes in litigation. She is also on the Board of Directors of the North End Community Health Center.

#### Allison R. Hounsell-Kouzovnikov

was admitted to the Nova Scotia Bar on June 9, 2006. She is employed with Halifax Film Ltd. which is a subsidiary of DHX Media Ltd., a leading international producer and distributor of television programming and interactive content with an emphasis on children, family and youth markets.

# Lyndsay C. Jardine was admitted to the Nova Scotia Bar on June 9, 2006. After articling with Wickwire Holm in 2005, she joined the firm as an Associate in 2006. She practices mainly in the area of civil litigation.

Sterling M. Kendall has joined the Halifax office of McInnes Cooper as a member of the Corporate and Commercial Practice Group, after articling in Toronto. He has coauthored many published articles and his extensive travel experience coupled with his ability to speak three languages has allowed him to volunteer with the Metropolitan Immigrant Settlement Association (MISA) which supports newcomers to Canada.

Chrystal M. Macaulay was admitted to the Nova Scotia Bar on June 9, 2006. She is employed with the Nova Scotia Legal Aid Commission in Windsor, N.S.

Christopher W. Madill was admitted to the Nova Scotia Bar on June 9, 2006. He is practicing with Stewart McKelvey in Halifax, N.S in the areas of litigation and insurance. He is also a Board Member of the Halifax Association for Community Living.

Melisa C. Marsman was admitted to the Nova Scotia Bar on June 9, 2006. She has joined the Halifax office of Stewart McKelvey. She specializes in Corporate/ Commercial and Securities/ Corporate Finance.

Robert L. Miedema was admitted to the Nova Scotia Bar on June 9, 2006. He is an Associate with Boyne Clark in Dartmouth, N.S. and practices in the areas of taxation, corporate and commercial law, contracts, and environmental law. He is also a

volunteer with Big Brothers / Big Sisters of Greater Halifax, a Director of the Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society - Nova Scotia Chapter and a Director of the Atlantic Canada Environmental Law Association.

William D. O'neill was admitted to the Nova Scotia Bar on June 9. 2006 and the Alberta Bar the same year. He is currently practicing with Thackray Burgess in Calgary, A.B. in the areas of Oil & Gas Transaction Services and Upstream & Midstream Energy Services.

Megan E. Ross was admitted to the Nova Scotia Bar on June 9, 2006. She is practicing as an Associate with Muttart Tufts Dewolfe & Coyle in Kentville, N.S. in the areas of corporate, commercial, municipal and employment law.

J. Nick Robichaud was admitted to the Nova Scotia Bar on June 9, 2006. He is an Associate with McInnes Cooper in Halifax, N.S.

Michelle E. Scaplen was admitted to the New Brunswick Bar in 2006. She is an Associate with the Fredericton office of Stewart McKelvey, specializing in Family and Litigation Law.

Daniel Wallace was admitted to the Nova Scotia Bar on June 9, 2006. He is an Associate with McInnes Cooper in Halifax, N.S. in the area of litigation.

Daphne A. Williamson was admitted to the Nova Scotia Bar on June 9, 2006. She is practicing with E.M. Power Law.

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# **D**BITUARIES

# 1940

# H. Leslie Stewart "Babe", B.A., LL.B.

passed away peacefully at home on January 1, 2007 at the age of 88. The son of the late Herbert Leslie Stewart and Cathleen (Caldwell) Stewart, he was a lifelong resident of Halifax. After graduating from Dalhousie Law School in 1940, he served in the army during the Second World War until 1947. After returning from war he began his legal career in Halifax. He was an avid bridge player and loyal fan of the Toronto Blue Jays. Predeceased by his devoted wife, Marcia Lyall; infant son, David and brother, Edgar Stewart, he will be sadly missed by his daughter, Susan, Cleveland, Ohio; son, Robert, Vancouver, B.C.; John, Halifax; James, Brookside; and Stephen, Halifax with whom he resided since 1996, and their families.

# 1950

Jean Chisholm MacPherson, Q.C. died peacefully at home in St. Andrews, Antigonish County, surrounded by her family on March 17, 2007 at the age of 93 years. She was the wife of the late Judge Hugh J. MacPherson. Born in Antigonish, she was the daughter of John Frederick and Mary Elizabeth (MacGillivray) Chisholm. Jean attended Mount St. Bernard and received her Bachelor of Science degree from St. Francis Xavier University in 1937. She then went on to study nursing at St. Martha's School of Nursing, Antigonish, before moving to Montreal where she worked as a nursing instructor at St. Mary's Hospital. Jean joined the Navy and served in Nova Scotia during the Second World War. One evening in 1946, she asked Air Force Veteran Hugh J. MacPherson to play his piano rendition of "I've Been Working on the Railroad". This encounter

was the beginning of a beautiful University where he obtained his friendship, marriage and Bachelor of Laws degree in 1951. partnership that would span After graduation he worked in almost sixty years. They entered Toronto, O.N. at the firm of Blake, Dalhousie University and Cassels & Graydon and in 1955, graduated in 1950 with their law became head of industrial degrees, becoming the first relations for Chrysler Corporation married couple to graduate from of Canada. In 1959, he joined the Law School in the Dominion of Dominion Steel and Coal Canada. They were admitted to Corporation as Director of the Bar of Nova Scotia and Human Resources and later Viceestablished the law practice President, corporate secretary and MacPherson and MacPherson in legal counsel. In 1986 he retired Antigonish, now MacPherson, from the Cape Breton MacNeil, Macdonald. Jean Development Corporation as worked in that practice until her Senior Vice-President and Chief retirement at the age of 87. During Legal Counsel. He was a Life her career she was Municipal Member of the Bar Society of Solicitor for Antigonish County Upper Canada, the Lingan Golf and the District of St. Mary's and and Country Club and a Charter Chairperson of the Antigonish Member of the Alexander Municipal School Board. She Graham Bell Institute. Bruce is received her Q.C. in 1968. In 1979, survived by his wife, Helen she was invited to accept (Burke) McDade and his children, appointment as Lieutenant John Andrew (Nancy), Bedford; Governor of Nova Scotia. This Helen Carol (Jean Paul), was an honour that she declined. Tantallon; Mark Cranson (Celeta), Jean was past president and an Mississauga, O.N.; and his active member of the Catholic grandchildren, Jonathan, Emily Women's League for more than and Mitchell. He is also survived fifty years. She is survived by her by brothers Eric (Beth), Truro; daughters Garry (Clarence) Fidler Gerald (Eudora), Truro; several and Ellen MacIntyre and brother nieces and nephews. He was Rod C. Chisholm (Peggy). She is predeceased by brothers Eugene (1971), Vernon "Bill" (1973), also survived by her grandchildren Hugh Fidler, Douglas (2005) and Garnet Keenan Fidler, Andrew Fidler and McDade (2006). Ciorsti MacIntyre and her sistersin-law Isobel Chisholm, Christena 1952 Chisholm, Mary Chisholm, Kathleen MacDougall and Bernadette MacPherson. She was Judge Ronald St. John Macdonald, predeceased by her husband C.C., Q.C., LL.M, LL.D passed away Judge Hugh J. MacPherson (2005) peacefully September 7, 2006, in and by her brothers Frederick and Halifax, N.S. at the age of 78. Born Bernard. in Montreal, he was the only son

# 1951

Bruce Reginald McDade, Q.C., LL.B. passed away March 13, 2007 in Sydney, N.S. Born in Parrsboro in 1925, he was the fifth of seven sons of the late Ernest C. and Grace A. (Getson) McDade. After graduating from Parrsboro High School he attended Acadia University and then Dalhousie

of Colonel R. St. J. Macdonald, M.D. F.R.S.I., and Elizabeth Marie Smith. He was a judge at the European Court of Human Rights, Strasbourg, France and Senior Scholar in Residence, Faculty of Law, University of Toronto. He graduated from St. Francis Xavier University, Antigonish, with a Bachelor of Arts degree (1949), Dalhousie University with a Bachelor of

Laws degree (1952), London University with a Master of Laws degree (1954) and Harvard Law School with a Master of Laws degree (1955). Judge Macdonald served as Lecturer in Law, Osgoode Hall (1955-57), Professor (1957-59); assistant editor of Ontario Reports and Ontario Weekly Notes (1956-57); Professor of Law, University of Western Ontario (1959-61); Professor of Law, University of Toronto (1961-67); Dean of Law (1967-72); Dean of Law, Dalhousie University (1972-79), Professor of International Law (1979-90). He was the only non-European judge of the European Court of Human Rights, Strasbourg (1980-98), member Permanent Court of Arbitration, The Hague (1984); Honorary Professor in the Law Department Peking University (1986-98), World Academy of Arts and Science (1983-86). He became an officer, Order of Canada (1984), and Companion of the Order of Canada (2000): Gold Medal, Founding President of the Canadian Council International Law (1988); read law with McInnes, MacQuarrie & Cooper, Halifax; called to the Bar of Nova Scotia and of Ontario (1956); Consultant, Department of External Affairs, Prime Minister's Office (Ottawa) and Republic of Cyprus (1974-78); Canadian Representative to United Nations General Assembly (1965, 1966, 1968, 1977, 1990); Advisor, American Law Institute; author of articles and essays in numerous professional journals and books; Sub-Lieut. R.C.N.V.R.(R), discharged (1946), member Institute of International Law (Geneva); Board of Governors, African Society Of International Law: British Institute of International Law; Canadian Bar Association; Canadian Institute International Affairs; Law Society Upper Canada; London Institute World Affairs; International Law Association, LL.D. McGill (1988), LL.D. Dalhousie (1991) and LL.D.

# **DBITUARIES**

Carleton. A vigorous, charming, witty, gregarious man,

Macdonald was as unlike the usual stereotype of a judge of international law as possible. He was a renowned scholar, notable for his definitive work on the rule of law in international relations. Described as a "citizen of the world", he was recognized for his profound commitment to the universal protection of human rights. He is survived by loving sisters, Dr. Mairi Macdonald, Halifax; Dr. Elizabeth Podnieks, Toronto; nephew, Andrew Podnieks, Toronto: niece, Dr. Liz (Ian R. Smith) Podnieks, Toronto; grandnephew, Zackary Podnieks Smith, Toronto; grandniece, Emily Macdonald Smith, Toronto.

#### Robert "Bob" Waldron MacQuarrie,

Q.C., B.Sc. LL.B. passed away suddenly at home on January 11, 2007 at the age of 81. Born in Rexton, N.B. he was the son of the late Reverend Dr. Waldron A. MacQuarrie and Annie (Auld) MacQuarrie. He graduated in 1944 from Prince of Wales College and received his Bachelor of Science and Bachelor of Laws degrees from Dalhousie University. He was a member of the Bars of both Nova Scotia (1953) and Ontario (1958) and received his Queen's Council in 1975. In 1954 he moved his family from the Maritimes to Ottawa when he gained employment with the Department of Justice. He entered private practice in 1956, initially specializing in intellectual property but expanded the practice to a more general one in 1958 (in partnership with Dalhousie Law School graduate, Roy Cuzner) under the firm name Cuzner, MacQuarrie. In 1983, along with his son, R. William (Bill), he established MacQuarrie Associates (now MacQuarrie, Whyte, Killoran) - this year celebrating its 25th year. Between 1959 and 1985, Bob served the citizens of the Township of Gloucester, the Regional

Municipality of Ottawa-Carleton (RMOC), the Provincial Riding of Carleton-East and the Province of Ontario in the varied roles of: Township Councillor, Deputy-Reeve, Reeve, Hvdro Commissioner, Police Services Board Member, Chairman of the School Board, Ottawa-Carleton Regional Councillor, Member of Provincial Parliament, Parliamentary Assistant to the Provincial Attorney General and a later, additional appointment as the Parliamentary Assistant to the Provincial Solicitor General. In 2004, the County of Carleton Law Association honoured Bob for 50 years of distinguished service as a practicing lawyer in Ottawa. In late August 2006, Ottawa City Council passed a motion to permanently rename the Orleans Recreation Complex in his honour. He was a friend and advisor to many. Bob will be remembered for his exceptional generosity, modesty, wisdom, principles and deep rooted sense of community service. He is survived by his wife of over 55 years, Eleanor (MacMurdo); sons, Bill (Marcia) and Doug (Donna); daughters Debbie (Cold Lake, AB), Marjorie (Frank Derickx) and Maureen (Peter Foulds, Toronto, ON). Besides his parents he was predeceased by his sister Louise Whalley and his brother, Walter

# **I953**

Roger Felix F. Cyr, LL.B. passed away on May 23, 2006, at home in St. Thomas, O.N. at the age of 81. Born in Plaster Rock, N.B., he was the son of the late Aphie and Emma Cyr. He joined the Royal Canadian Air Force in 1942 and became a Flying Instructor in Brandon, M.B. and then transferred to the Royal Navy (FAA) and trained as a Fighter Pilot. After the war, he attended St. Francis Xavier University in Antigonish, then Dalhousie Law School, graduating in 1953. He

rejoined the Air Force in the Legal Branch, serving until 1960. He later joined the Ontario Bar Association, practicing for the firm of Davidson and Davidson in St. Thomas. He took over the same law practice in 1961 after being admitted to the Ontario Bar. After retirement he worked in Real Estate in Aylmer and St. Thomas and was a Commissionaire. Since that time he has served on the Catholic School Board and City Council in 1967, 1968 and 1969. He was a member and past Director of the Golden K Kiwanis Club and a member of St. Anne's Church. Left to mourn are his wife of 17 years, Christel (Bendisch) Cyr and children, Michael and Mary Jane Cyr and their children Carlie, Jessica and Stephen of Vancouver, Suzanne Cyr of Toronto, David and his wife Alda and their children Mark, Clair, Matthew and Charlotte of Oakville, Peter and his wife Susan and their children Joshua, Samuel and Lucas of Aylmer, Patrick and his wife Julie Cyr and their children Avery and Chloe. Also stepchildren, James and his wife Teresa Robertson of Sparta, Anne-Marie Robertson-Grantham and her husband Daniel Grantham of London and Andrew and his wife Josie Robertson of Hamilton. He was a much loved Opa of Nicole, Christina, Richard, Adam, Vanessa, Katrena, Brittany, Jasmin and Andreena. He is also survived by his brother, Renault Cyr and his wife Jeanie of Montreal and Jackie Albert of Moncton, N.B.

George "Buz" Albert Kerr passed away May 21, 2007. A native of Montreal and the Gaspe, he was educated at Rothesay Collegiate School, the University of New Brunswick and Dalhousie Law School. While completing his law studies he married a classmate, Merrydith Spicer. Upon graduation, 'Buzz' and 'Mim' moved to southern Ontario finally settling in Burlington in 1954,

where he practiced law and became involved in local politics. He sat on the town council for four year and specialized in finance and business development. George decided to seek his party's nomination for the 1963 provincial election and went on to defeat the then mayor of Burlington. He held the seat until retirement in 1984. His appointment to the Ontario Cabinet by Premier John Robarts came on June 5, 1969, and during the next ten years he continued to serve under Premiers Robarts and the Honourable William Davis, as the Minister of Energy and Resources Management, later to become the country's first Minister of Environment, the Minister of Colleges and Universities, Provincial Secretary of Justice, and Solicitor General. Upon retirement from politics and his legal practice, Kerr and Hawken, with William Hawken, he continued to volunteer his time to numerous causes most notably the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Ontario. George predeceased his late wife Merrydith; his son Larry, daughter-in-law Ellen and grandsons Spencer and Callaghan of Invermere, B.C.; daughter Margot of Burlington, Ontario; and son James, daughter-in-law Dana, granddaughter Martha and grandson Max of Fredericton, N.B.

# Merrydith "Mim" Spicer Kerr

passed away June 7, 2007 at her home in Burlington, O.N. Born on Spencer's Island, N.S. on the family farm in 1930, she was the daughter of Peggy and Isaac Spicer, a Harvard educated lawyer. She attended Edgehill School for Girls, the University of New Brunswick and Dalhousie Law School, where she was the only woman in her graduating class. She settled in Burlington with her late husband, George, where they raised their three children and where they both worked for the firm of Kerr and

Hawken. She donated her time to the Salvation Army, March of Dimes, Canadian Cancer Society, and The University Women's Club and assisted her husband in his political career. She was an avid reader, lover of languages, the theatre, the visual arts, history and politics. She is survived by son Larry, daughter-in-law Ellen and grandsons Spencer and Callaghan of Invermere, B.C.; daughter Margot of Burlington, Ontario; and son James, daughter-in-law Dana, granddaughter Martha and grandson Max of Fredericton, N.B.

# 1957



The Honourable Madam Justice Bertha Wilson, C.C., Q.C., M.A., LL.B. passed away on April 28, 2007 in Ottawa. She is survived by her husband, Reverend John Wilson to whom she was married for sixty-one years; by her brother James C.S. Wernham (Rosemary) and two nephews, Christopher (Monique) and Richard (Julia West) all of Toronto. Bertha Wilson was born in Kirkcaldy, Scotland, on September 18, 1923, the daughter of Archibald Wernham and Christina Noble. In 1944 she graduated from the University of Aberdeen, Scotland with an M.A. and continued her education at the Training College for Teachers in Aberdeen, where she obtained her diploma in 1945. In December of the same year, she

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 in Toronto with Osler, Hoskin & 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 on March 4, 1982 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.

married the Reverend John

# 1958

Gordon Cheslley MacDonald, Q.C., B.Comm, LL.B. passed away December 11, 2006 in Valley Regional Hospital, Kentville, at the age of 73, surrounded by his family. The son of the late George

and Margaret MacDonald, he was born in Liverpool, N.S. He earned his Bachelor of Commerce degree in 1955 and his Bachelor of Laws degree in 1958 from Dalhousie. While in his last year of law school he married Deanna Stafford and after graduation returned to Liverpool to article with Lester B. Clements. He and Deanna later moved to Wolfville where he began practice with Mr. W.D. Withrow, Q.C. He owned and managed an investment trust providing interim financing for residential and commercial mortgages. Gordon purchased the Wolfville Nursing Home and Wolfville Elms in the late 60s and over the years became very active in the long-term care industry. He was also involved with many community organizations; he served two terms on the Wolfville town council, was past president of the Kings County Barristers Society, past president of the Rotary Club of Wolfville, past president of the Kings South Liberal Association and was also a member of the St. George's Lodge No. 20, A.F. & A.M, Wolfville and the Annapolis Valley Scottish Rite Club. He is survived by his wife of 49 years, Deanna (Stafford); daughters, Kimberly, Halifax; Stephanie (George) Curry, Greenwich, and son, Paul (Lisa) MacDonald, Greenwich; grandchildren, Samuel Weir, Kailey and Michael Curry, Alexander, Robert and Emma MacDonald; sisters, Jean Strum, Liverpool, and Christine Hambly, Orangeville, O.N. He will also be truly missed by his

# 1963

Jack Russell Terrier, Josie

William Patrick Gillies, B.A., LL.B. passed away peacefully at his home on December 3, 2006 at the age of 68. 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 son Bill and wife Dolores; daughter Meg and husband Noel Browne; grandson Finbar; sisters: Kay Fardy, Mary Murphy (Ken), Toronto, Bernice Gillies, Cede Gillies, Bernie Murphy, Ann Gillies, St. John's; brother Ted Gillies (Rosemary), Sarasota; sisters-in-law: Regina O'Keefe (Greg), Pinky Duff (Aiden). He was predeceased by his wife Andrea (Renouf); sisters: Alice Johnson and Helen Lineberger.

# 1964



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 retirement 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 Orlando, Florida. He is also survived by his brother Simon and his wife. Victoria, of London, England.

# **DBITUARIES**

# **1966**

# Dugald Ervine Christie, B.A., LL.B.

was killed tragically in a highway accident outside Sault Ste. Marie, O.N. on July 31, 2006 at the age of 65, while cycling to Ottawa in an effort to raise support for reform to the justice system. Born in New York City, he was the son of Ronald Victor Christie and Joyce Mary Ervine. He studied at Lower Canada College and later went on to complete a Bachelor of Arts degree at McGill University. Law became his passion and in 1966 he earned his law degree at Dalhousie. After graduation he moved to Vancouver, B.C. and began a practice but in time he grew frustrated with his profession and decided to give up the "good life" and devoted his time and energy to fighting for the rights of the impoverished. He began offering free legal clinics at Salvation Army locations in B.C. and for a period of time even lived at the Salvation Army so he could get a sense of the challenges his clients faced. He founded the Western Canada Society to Access Justice in 1990, which today has 60 clinics with assistance from 1,000 lawyers. In 1998, he rode his bike from Vancouver, B.C. to Ottawa, O.N. and burned his barrister's robes on the steps of the Supreme Court. He later rejoined the legal profession so he could practice law for the poor and two years later he spent 10 days fasting outside the Supreme Court in an effort to convince lawyers to do more pro bono work. He was a religious man as well as a skilled poet and avid gardener. In March 2007, he was posthumously awarded the Dalhousie Law School's Weldon Award for Unselfish Public Service. He is survived by two sons, Oliver and Guy and a daughter, Katie. He is also survived by his sister, Dr. Janet Christie-Seely.

# 1971

Mary Madden Casey, B.A., LL.B. passed away on November 24, 2006 in Halifax at the age of 81. Born in Glace Bay, N.S. she was the daughter of the late Thomas J. and Hannah (MacIntyre) Casey. Mary graduated from Mount Saint Vincent University with a B.A. and began a career in journalism while still a student, working at the Halifax Herald. She covered stories from across Nova Scotia, Canada and around the world and eventually became a public affairs producer for CBC, where she was also a frequent commentator. In the late 1960s she was director of Public Relations at Mount Saint Vincent University and returned to university to obtain her law degree from Dalhousie University in 1971, where she worked for several years in the Law School. In 1972 she ran for the House of Commons but was defeated but she did not let this dampen her interest in politics. In 1974 she was appointed to the National Parole Board where she worked for ten years in Ottawa, O.N. and Moncton, N.B. In 1984 she retired from the Parole Board as chairman of the appeal division. She served on the Boards for both the Children's Aid Society and St. Joseph's Orphanage and was also involved with the St. Leonard's Society and The Elizabeth Fry Society. She was also instrumental in setting up the first halfway house for released prisoners. She was a voracious reader, devout New York Yankees fan and committed Liberal. Besides her parents she was predeceased by her sisters, Catherine Clancy, Sara Walsh, Jessy Clancy; her brothers, Patrick Casey, and Michael Francis in infancy. She is survived by her sister, Dr. Joan, New York, N.Y.; brothers and sisters-in-law, Dr. Thomas (Margaret), Halifax; James (Agnes), Ladner, B.C.; sister-in-law, Margaret Timmons

Casey, Venice, Florida. She is also survived by two nieces, four nephews and a grandniece.

# 1972

Robert William Newman, B.A, LL.B. passed away peacefully January 7, 2007 in QEII Health Sciences Centre, Halifax at the age of 58, surrounded by his family. Born in Halifax, N.S. he was the son of Beulah Irene (Francis) Newman and the late Samuel Newman. He is survived by his mother, brothers and sisters, Stephen (Judy) Newman, Timberlea; Linda (Guy) Bernier, Bridgewater; Paul (Audra) Newman, Sackville; Sharon (Daniel) Briand, Sackville; Kathy (Mark) Hartlen, Bedford, as well as 14 nieces and nephews and eight great grand-nieces and nephews. He earned Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Laws degrees from Dalhousie University and traveled to England as a board member with Ward Five Community Centre. He took pleasure in genealogy, researching the Francis and Newman family trees and to many in the Sackville area, he was known as "Uncle Bobby".

# 1974

Dr. Hobartson Augustus James "Gus" Wedderburn B.A., B.Ed., M.A., LL.B., passed away at the age of 77 on February 24, 2007, in QEII Health Sciences Centre, Halifax. Born in Kingston, Jamaica, West Indies, he was an uncommon man. He was a respected educator earning his degree in Education from Mount Allison University, N.B. in 1957. He embarked on a second career in the early 70s, earning his Bachelor of Laws degree from Dalhousie in 1974 and was known for his benevolence, eternal optimism, and determination to help those who needed him most. Most recently, he received a Doctor of Law Honoris Causa

from his alma mater. Mount Allison University. He spent his life as a champion for human rights, social justice and cultural diversity. He was passionate about improving opportunities for young people, and ethnic and religious minorities throughout Nova Scotia. His achievements are too numerous to account but among those most notable include his Canadian Centennial Medal of Honour and presentation of the Queen's Golden Jubilee Medal from the Province of Nova Scotia. He was founder of the Nova Scotia Human Rights Commission, President and Founder of the Black Education Association and Founding Director of the Black Cultural Society of Nova Scotia. He was also a member of the Universal Craftsman Council of Engineers Neptune No. 71. A spiritual man, he was a member of St. John's Anglican Church, Fairview, for over 30 years. He is survived by his wife, Sylvia; daughter, Diane; son, John Augustus (Jill Laing); granddaughters, Sophia and Eve; sister, Grace, Cleveland, U.S.A. He was predeceased by his sister, Rosemary Brown.

# 1977

H.F. (Boe) MacIntyre, Q.C., B.Sc., LL.B., M.Math passed away on August 28, 2006 at 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 University with a Bachelor of Science in Mathematics. He then attended the University of Waterloo on a National Research Council of Canada Scholarship and a Teaching Fellowship, graduating with a Master of Mathematics degree. He became a member of the faculty of mathematics at St. Francis Xavier University where he taught business, statistics and computer programming. He then

went on to obtain a Bachelor of Laws degree from Dalhousie University. A well-known lawyer in the Sydney area, he established his own firm in 1977. He was an adjudicator with the Small Claims Court and an Assessment Appeal Court officer. He continued to teach various courses at UCCB until 1990 and was a frequent guest speaker for various organizations and functions. He was a past member of the Bar Council for the Nova Scotia Barristers' Society and acted on several committees including the Professional Standards and Discipline Committees. He was a member and Past President of the Cape Breton Barristers' Society and was its Secretary/Treasurer since 1995. Actively involved in his community, he was a founding member and Past President of the Big Brothers and Big Sisters; member and Past President of the Kiwanis Club of Sydney since 1978, past board member and legal advisor to the Family Resource Coalition; and was a dedicated blood donor. He also volunteered his time and provided legal advice on a pro bono basis for many other community service groups. He was a member of the St. Anthony Daniel Parish Council and attended Mass at St. Anthony Daniel and Our Lady of Fatima churches. Surviving are his wife, Theresa Forgeron; daughters, Brittany and Bridget; sisters, Valerie (Jim) Morrison, Karen MacIntyre and Joan (Robert) Sampson; father and mother-inlaw, Roy and Rose Marie Forgeron who loved him like a son; and many extended family and friends.

#### Brian Morgan, B.A., M.A., LL.B

passed away peacefully at home in Toronto, at the age of 56, on March 19, 2007 after a courageous battle with cancer. Born in Lethbridge, A.B., he was the son of Audrey Morgan and the late Frederick Morgan. After a

which included a Rhodes Scholarship, a first in law at Oxford and the highest standing in law from Dalhousie Law School, Brian clerked for Mr. Justice Brian Dickson at the Supreme Court of Canada. In 1979, he joined the litigation department of Osler, Hoskin and Harcourt in Toronto, becoming partner in 1983. He acted in the first case decided by the Supreme Court of Canada under the Charter of Rights and Freedoms, as well as the first leading case on remedies under the Charter. He served as a member of the Osler's Executive Committee and a Chair of the Compensation Committee for four years. He contributed to the profession as the Editor in Chief of the Commercial Litigation Quarterly and wrote many legal articles. He was heavily involved in the community as Chair of Osler's Pro Bono Legal Services Committee for 17 years, President of the Canadian Rhodes Scholars Foundation and taught a civil liberties course at the Faculty of Law at the University of Toronto from 1980 to 1987. He was a Director of the Advocates Society and a Member of the Board of Trinity College at the University of Toronto. A dedicated husband and father, he spent all of his vacation time with his family, either taking trips together or spending time at the cottage. He served as a Beaver leader for all of his children in their early years and took every opportunity to share with his family his love of music, theatre, reading, skiing, tennis and golf. Brian was always cheerful and had an unusual ability to make the best of any situation. He approached each problem with insight and perception and his good humour, wit and generosity made him wonderful company. Besides his mother, he is survived by his wife of 32 years, Ann Wilton and his children Andrew (Joanne Boyle),

Eric (Tracy O'Donnell), Colin and Catherine. He is also survived by his brothers John (Cheryl) of

Nanaimo, B.C., Paul (Nancy Price) of Wolfville, N.S., and sister Sarah of Halifax, N.S.

# 1978

Sylvia Ann Batt, LL.B. passed away peacefully on June 15, 2006 at the age of 54. She was the daughter of Jessie A. Batt and the late Robert J. Batt. Besides her mother, she is survived by her daughter, Jessie and son Nicholas and their father, Gary Sheenan. She is also survived by her brother Bob and sisters Sharon and Paula, and nieces and cousins.

# 1979

John David Hurst, LL.B. passed away on September 23, 2006 at the New Halifax Infirmary Halifax, N.S. at the age of 74. Born in Halifax he was the son of the late Major Noel and Ida (Easton) Hurst. He joined the Merchant Navy at the age of 16 and quickly obtained his Master's Papers (Captain). He came ashore in 1961 as a Marine Representative Consultant for Texaco Canada and later graduated from Dalhousie University with a law degree in 1979. He went on to practice Marine and Admiralty Law and became a Chartered Arbitrator in 1995. He worked on a number of different projects for both private and government agencies right up until the time of his death and for many years was actively involved with the Nova Scotia Stamp Club, Master Mariners and the Navy League of Canada, for which he was awarded the Queen's Jubilee Medal. Surviving are his wife, Lois (MacKinley) Hurst; daughters, Eileen and Hillary; brother Les (Millie); several nieces and nephews.

# 1984

Sylvia Jan MacIntosh, LL.B. passed away in Whitehorse, Yukon on January 22, 2007 at the age of 47, after a brief illness. Born in Syndey, N.S. she was the daughter of Murray and Ada MacIntosh. She attended Sydney Academy and went on to obtain her law degree at Dalhousie University in 1984. She was called to the Bar in Vancouver, B.C. in 1985. She moved to Whitehorse where she practised with the law firm Preston, Willis and Leitch and then with the Yukon Department of Justice. Besides her parents, she is survived by her sons, Henry, Charlie and Louis and her stepdaughter Nicole, and their father, David Kedziora, all of Whitehorse. She is also survived by her sister, Mona MacIntosh of Victoria, B.C. and her brothers, Bradley (Valerie) MacIntosh and Murray (Darlene) MacIntosh, both of Sydney.

# 1990

Linda Jane Putnam, B.A., LL.B. passed away suddenly in a tragic accident in St. Antonam Arlberg, Austria on January 22, 2005 while on a skiing vacation with her husband and friends. Born in Calgary she was the daughter of Murray and Eleanor Putnam. She attended Henry Wise Wood High School before graduating from the University of Alberta with a Bachelor of Arts degree and later, Dalhousie University with a Bachelor of Laws degree. She practised law in Calgary for several years before electing to become a full-time mother. She was loved by all for her warm personality, sense of humour and compassionate nature. She is survived by her husband Todd Gardiner; sons Jack and Mitchell Gardiner; her brothers and sisterin-law, David and Deb Putnam, and Mitch Putnam.

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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



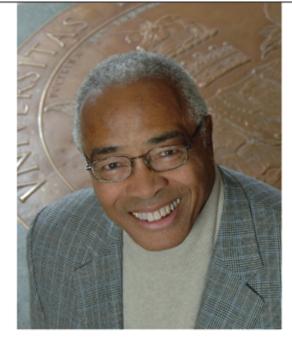
Bill Mingo's wife, Edith Mingo, and friend and business associate, John Bragg, present this year's recipient, Devon Peavoy, with the inaugural William E. Mingo Scholarship for International Study

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 LL.M. 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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# Bertha Wilson remembers her days at Dalhousie Law

In a second special edition of The Ansul 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 dilettantes. 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

Bertha Wilson and Yvonne Walters

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 MCP, but I was glad to sit at his feet and learn the difference between an offer and a "mere puff", 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 stub out their cigarettes in ceramic bowls of onion



Bertha Wilson and classmates, 1957: (I to r) Lilias Toward, Enid Land, Patricia Fownes, Justine O'Brien

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.'51) 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 rebutable and irrebutable presumptions, he would say to me, innocent-like, "How would you like to work up a defence on this buggery 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. • (Ansul, Special Edition, Vol. 2 (December, 1977), p.61







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