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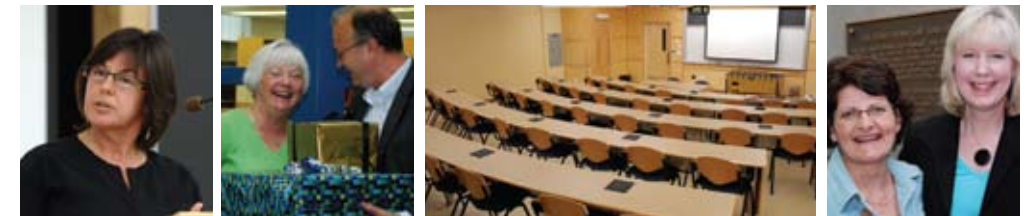
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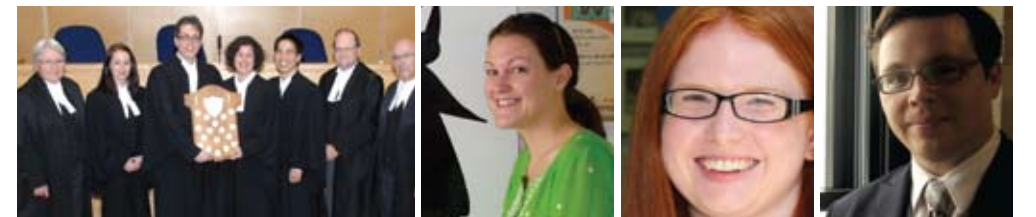
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Professor John Yogis and Maggie

► FROM THE EDITOR

There is a chill in the air in when Maggie takes me for my first walk of the day. The melancholy days of late summer are upon us—hopefully to be soon replaced by the autumn splendor that we have come to expect in this area of the country.

The early morning frost on the pumpkin may, however, be an appropriate tie-in to our current issue. Three of our features have a direct link to the Canadian North. **Professor A. Wayne MacKay ('78)** gives us a legal perspective on Nunavut—Canada's new frontier. At his suggestion we also contacted alumni working in the North to give us some of their unique perspectives. We also acknowledge the remarkable feat of **David Shannon ('91)** in becoming the first person in a wheelchair to reach the North Pole. Finally, we are delighted to complement our northern exposure features with a fascinating account by **John Ballem ('49)** of his excursion to Antarctica.

With this issue we also mark the closing of the 125th anniversary of the Law School. To commemorate this special occasion *Hearsay* has attempted to produce a running time line of the School's past 125 years. In this respect it was assisted in large measure by John Willis' *A History of Dalhousie Law School*; back pages of *Ansul* and *Hearsay* and other law school publications. While every attempt has been made to be accurate it is acknowledged that arbitrary choices may have been made in the selection of significant events in the School's rich history.

To accompany the "Time line" *Hearsay* also revisited two special additions of *Ansul* titled "In My Day" in which then dean **Ronald St. John Macdonald ('52)** presented a series of reminiscences by alumni, and a few faculty, of their experiences and impressions of their time at Dalhousie Law School. We have reproduced in edited form many of these unique personal stories beginning with **Charles Morse**, a member of the School's first graduating class. John Willis remarked that these "vignettes which are full of flavour...give, as no formal history can, the feeling of what it was like to be there." *Hearsay* has updated the rare Macdonald collection—which ended in the late 1950s—with some additional and more recent material from its own pages, along with comments from the Dalhousie Law School's 125th Anniversary Celebration video made possible by the generous contribution of **William A. Rand ('66)**.

Of course, this issue contains our usual reports of what the alumni is up to, the goings on at Weldon—class reunions, faculty and student news—and much more. We greatly appreciated the many letters we received on our last issue which came from across Canada as well as the United States, England, Israel and Russia. Karen Kavanaugh and I enjoy hearing from you and encourage you to keep your comments, suggestions and contributions coming.

Sincerely,

John Yogis ('64)



This academic year will be my final one

as Dean of Law at Dalhousie, and as I look back over the last several years, I am struck yet again by the tremendous support and kindness shown by our alumni to the School, and to me personally, over my term. We are truly fortunate in our friends, and I thank all of you who welcomed me in your home towns, in your firms and at many social occasions. Along with the challenges, this job is a privilege and a pleasure, and you, along with our students and faculty, have made it so.

Over the last year we celebrated 125 years of excellence in legal education at Dalhousie, with dinners across the country. Speakers from recent and not-so-recent generations at Dalhousie shared their memories of their time in Halifax, and these events will stand out for me as highlights of my time in this office. In recognition of the anniversary, John Yogis and Karen Kavanaugh have put together a wonderful compilation of the history of the last 125 years as an insert to this edition, which I hope you will enjoy as much as I did. This *Hearsay* also, as always, celebrates the remarkable achievements of our students, faculty and alumni. The School, in my view, continues to go from strength to strength, and the accomplishments set out in these pages are evidence of that.

We are also looking to the future with great confidence, and with excitement at new possibilities. As most of you will already be aware, in October President Tom Traves and I were pleased to announce an agreement between the university and philanthropist Seymour Schulich for a precedent-setting gift of \$20 million.

This donation is designated entirely for the Faculty of

Law, and will fund over 40 new scholarships with an average value of \$12,000. The school will now have a scholarship program second to none in Canada, and will provide a level of accessibility based on merit which is a great reflection of the Weldon Tradition. In addition, there is support for capital improvements, and a Schulich Academic Excellence Fund, administered through the Faculty, that will invigorate academic opportunities and provide support for exchanges and internships.

In October, as this magazine was going to press, we celebrated this wonderful gift at the Weldon Building (as we will report fully in a subsequent edition). In honour and recognition of Mr. Schulich's support, the Faculty of Law has become the Schulich School of Law at Dalhousie University. This name maintains the original connection with the university, while celebrating a solid commitment to its very bright future.

The creation of a law school at Dalhousie in 1883 was made possible by an extraordinary gift from George Munro, which funded the first Chair and allowed for the hiring of Dean Weldon. I am confident that the equally extraordinary generosity of Mr. Schulich will transform the future of the School, while ensuring that we maintain the best traditions of the last 125 years.

Dean & Weldon Professor of Law

LETTERS TO THE LAW SCHOOL

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DAL LAW'S GREAT LOSS

I know it comes to all of us but it was too soon for Innis Christie. I am sure that the Law School has been swamped with expressions of loss, praise and appreciation for the contribution Innis made to the law. But I wonder if anyone mentioned a feature of his life that had a great influence on me.

I am referring to Innis's connection with Frontier College. In case you are not familiar with it, Frontier College is an organization that for over 100 years has been dedicated to teaching, mostly basic literacy, to workers in isolated locations such as mining camps, lumber camps, railway gangs or construction sites. In the late '50s or early '60s Innis was a labourer-teacher with Frontier College at a remote mining camp in the Far North. As I recall, it was near Great Bear Lake in the Northwest Territories. Labourer-teachers got no special treatment. They did the same work as the men, for the same wages, and gave lessons in the evenings and on days when there was no work—as I recall this was only one day a week.

After hearing about it from Innis, I too signed up with Frontier College and spent two summers with them while at law school, the first on a CNR ballast gang and the second on a dam construction site in northern Manitoba. It was what might be considered a life-altering experience and I suspect the same might have been true for Innis. I wonder if anyone involved in the Westray Mine matter knew that Innis had worked underground in a hard rock mine. The experience may also have influenced his desire to teach and given him a sense of concern for the working man.

Frontier College is still around. It has changed its focus somewhat to keep up with changes in the social structure of the country. In our day most of the men were new Canadians and now they seem to go to the big cities rather than isolated work sites. I understand that many of the programs are now offered in the cit-

ies and some of the teachers are women! The late Peter Gzowski, who also had an interest in literacy, was a patron and supporter of Frontier College.

I would guess that Frontier College has many illustrious alumni teachers, but I bet Innis was one of the best. He will be missed.

David Morris ('64)
Victoria, B.C.

It has been some time since I last corresponded with you and other colleagues at Dal Law, and it is with a heavy heart that I do so now. Sitting at my desk in East Jerusalem I just read of Professor Christie's passing in the latest issue of *The Ansul*. I should like to pass on to you and the rest of the Dal Law family my condolences for this great loss. I had the privilege of studying labour law with Professor Christie in my senior year at Dal ('98-'99), and was deeply impacted (to say nothing of being sufficiently intimidated) by his mastery and passion for the subject. Beyond doctrine, however, there were those great teaching moments—sometimes deliberate, at others unintended—where he used a case study or anecdote to demonstrate the tools of the trade: reason, fairness, good faith, equity. Although labour law was never my field, the lessons learned in the time I studied under Professor Christie remain to this day.

Ardi Imseis ('99)
East Jerusalem

CHAIR IN HUMAN RIGHTS

I was delighted to read in *Hearsay* that a Chair in Human Rights Law has been created at the Law School due to the generosity of Judge Sandra E. Oxner. I think this is a splendid development. I also read with great interest the article on John Baigent, whom I remember well from my teaching days at the School. Congratulations on a fine issue.

Professor Sir Nigel S. Rodley
Colchester, England

DAL LAW DEGREE PUT TO GOOD USE

I was keenly interested in all the stories and our far-flung community of interesting people who have gone through Dal Law School. I thought *The Ansul* had long since ceased publishing, as I do get *Hearsay*, but hadn't seen *The Ansul* logo except for the fading copies of *The Ansul* from 1978 (the year I was editor), which are still sitting in my stacks of books at my parents' house in Bedford.

I will be showing the copy to my son, in hopes of convincing him that a Dal Law degree can be put to many good uses that range beyond the practice of law, as your articles on our alumni illustrate. Keep up the good work.

Carol Patterson ('78)
Moscow, Russia

GREAT TO BE BACK

I was just in the process of composing a letter to the Dean to express my thanks for an unforgettable reception, hosted dinner and opportunity to visit with Halifax friends, all thanks to the generosity and kindness of the Law School leadership and alumni.

My three years at law school and in Halifax were the most important formative years of my adult life. This recent visit [Spring Reception, March 2008] confirmed how significant they were as the memories came flooding back. How thrilled I was to speak to Andy MacKay, my Dean, without whom there never would have been a Centennial Conference of Law Students to influence the futures of 48 lawyers to be. How touching it was to be introduced by Bill [MacDonald] and to visit with Jim Gould and Barry Black.

What outstanding conversations I had with the law students. Many made a point of coming to me to talk about what I had said and about their challenges and aspirations. I was struck deeply by what they said and by their passion for doing something meaningful in the public interest with their law degrees to come. The

conversations have motivated me to do what I have been doing as a lawyer and volunteer.

Brenda and I also had a lovely gabfest luncheon with Diane Ashworth and Dale Godsoe. Since returning home I have received letters of congratulations from classmates who could not attend the reception. On Friday, I walked all over the campus and vicinity reliving in my mind's eye many great experiences.

Your organization was impeccable. Our accommodation and visit were splendid. Brenda and I thank you for your huge part in making this Weldon Award process such a marvelous experience for us, and for others.

Thank you and congratulations for your excellent work!

David Newman ('68)
Winnipeg, Man.

MEMORIES

By now I expect you will have heard from others that the late Hector MacNeill McInnes was a graduate of the Class of 1956, and attended Harvard Law School on a tuition scholarship (one of two in the class of '56 to be so honoured), from which he graduated with his LL.M. in 1957.

The article by Elmer MacDonald was interesting, especially for those of us who vividly remember Don Warner and Pete Power and their bands. The lovely dancing lady on page 14 is Ethel Hall (nee Smith), of Halifax. She and her husband, Norm Hall, both graduated from Dal in 1955, she with a B.A., and he with a B.Comm. I think the picture on page 16 as a "ball" at Dalhousie is a bit of a misnomer. Balls were formals in those days, and long dresses were the style, but in the 1950s there were regular dances on the weekends in the Dal gym, (still standing on the southeast corner of the campus at the end of Morris Street).

Sally Roper Lomas ('56)
Midland, Ont.



This is a letter of congratulations for your wonderful article, "A Swinging Judge," in the Summer 2008 edition of *Hearsay* magazine. I have been involved in the Halifax music scene as a drummer since the mid-'50s and can relate to many of the bands mentioned in your article.

Throughout the years there have been a number of articles written about music activities in Halifax, but I have never seen such an in depth article, with such informative content.

You have certainly provided a major segment of the history of music in our fair city. The era covered in your article could be regarded as the most productive years in dance-band music in the history of Halifax. We were most fortunate in having musicians like Elmer MacDonald contributing to the musical activities at that time. You have managed to include a very valuable collection of historic musical content in your article and I will be keeping this specific issue as a collector's item.

Artie Irwin
Halifax

BAIGENT INSPIRES

We sincerely appreciated the *Hearsay* article on John Baigent (Summer 2008). What a great candidate for the Weldon Award.

John Baigent and his work with Partners in the Horn of Africa inspired us to build a school and library in Ethiopia. The results in Amhentu were so spectacular that last July we announced

another school project at Oda Chafe in the Bale Valley region. All this was done under the supervision of John paying his own way. Not a single dollar of Partners' contributions go to administration. All was paid for by the volunteer members of the Board.

David and Anita Blackwood
Port Hope, Ont.

FONDLY REMEMBERED

Thanks for the wonderful issue of *Hearsay*. So nice to read about so many people I know. I was a little bit shaken to see that there were four obituaries of people I knew, particularly Eric DeMont. I was very fond of him and had a great deal of respect for him. He was the real old-fashioned family solicitor type of person. Alastair Bissett-Johnson, Simon Gaum and Gaylen Duncan are all sad losses.

Lorne Rozovsky
Halifax

REUNION WEEKEND

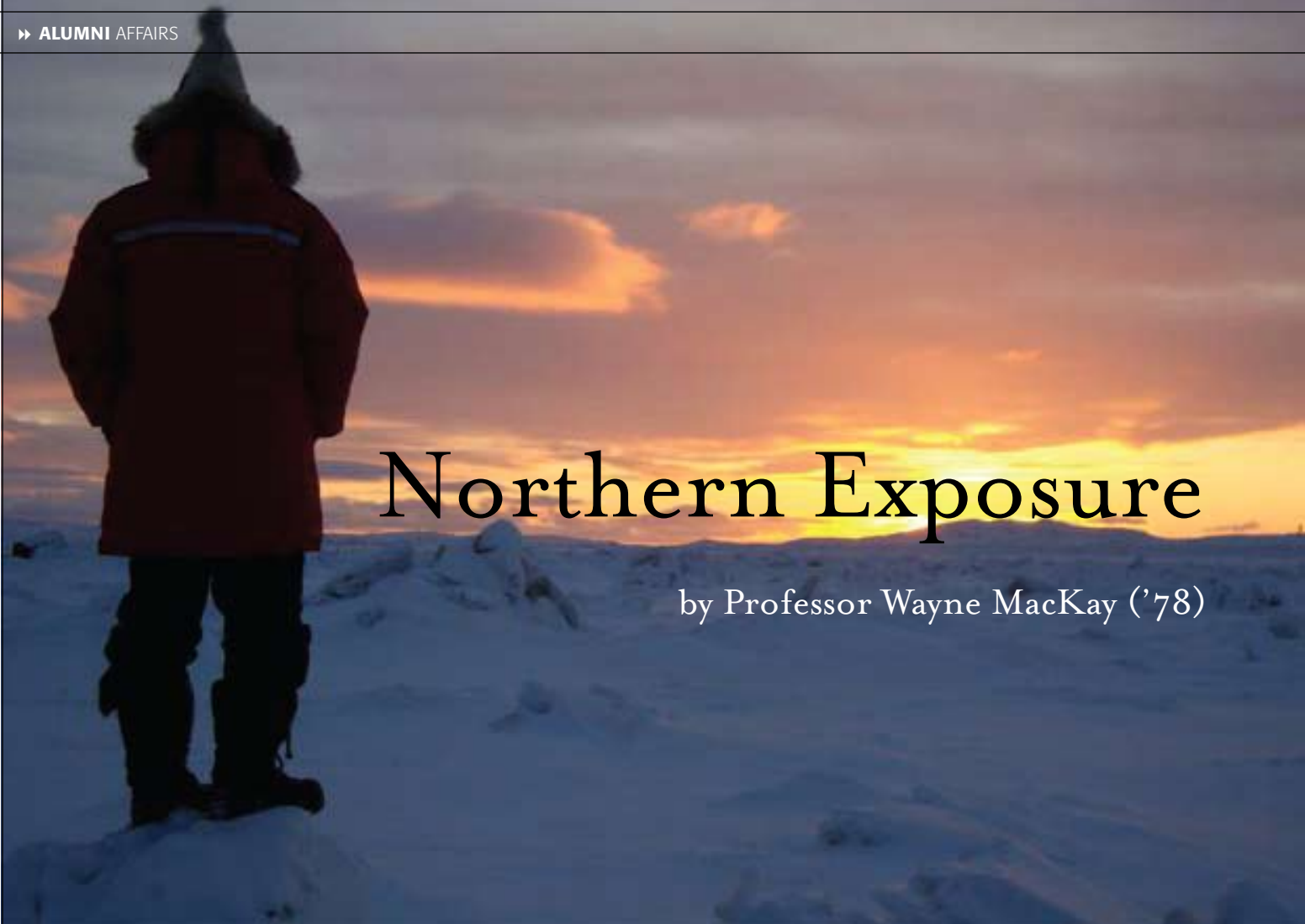
It was great returning to where this legal adventure all began and spending time with some of those who were there at the beginning. It's not often you get to hop aboard a time machine. That I enjoyed it more than anticipated was no doubt due to the overwhelming sense that regardless of roads travelled, we were, are and always will be, simply, classmates. Thank you Bill [MacDonald] and all who attended.

Dave MacDonald ('68)
Hay River, N.W.T.

BACK PAGE ERROR

I think the photo on the back of the *Hearsay* Summer 2008 issue was taken in 1964 or 1965 [labelled 1962] because it contains several members of the class of 1966. I can identify four or five persons, including George Khattar, Frank O'Dea, Roy Logan, Bill Nelson and myself.

Dick Thompson ('66)
Etobicoke, Ont.



Northern Exposure

by Professor Wayne MacKay ('78)

PHOTO: DAVID WRIGHT

When Dalhousie **Professor Wayne MacKay** first visited Yellowknife in the early 1990s, it was at the invitation of the Northwest Territories Department of Education, which had invited him to speak to school board members and teachers about education law issues, in particular how to provide an education structure that's sensitive to aboriginal culture.

Then, on Nov. 28, 2004, Prof. MacKay gave a talk to Iqaluit's Legal Aid Society called "Nunavut: Canada's New Frontier and Model of Legal Innovation for the World." Three years later he was back in Yellowknife to attend a week long conference of the Canadian Association of Statutory Human Rights Agencies, where participants discussed aboriginal rights, human rights and land claims. "I've always been interested in the North," says Prof. MacKay. "Even though it's within Canada, it's very different from the rest of the country in legal, geographic and cultural terms."

What follows is an edited adaptation of the speech Prof. MacKay prepared for his 2004 presentation in Iqaluit. Hearsay also presents comments from alumni currently working and living in the Far North.

Introduction

This has been a wonderful journey of discovery in every sense of the word. Many people from Dalhousie Law School have come to Nunavut to work and be part of this exciting political adventure. It's an honour to speak at the anniversary dinner for the Legal Aid Clinic, which has done such good work in the new territory.

Politics, History and Culture in Nunavut

The legal structure in Nunavut only makes sense in the context of the politics, history and culture of the territory. The Inuit people, referred to as the Nunavummiut, comprise about 85% of the population, and the remaining 15% are the Qallunaat.

This sets the stage for either cultural clashes or a blending of the strengths of the two traditions. Co-operation and reconciliation of the cultures and tradi-

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tions has largely been the path chosen. The Inuit appear to prefer a co-operative approach rather than an adversarial one. That doesn't mean there have been no tensions. The early Anglican and Catholic missionaries not only replaced some of the traditional religions with Christianity but also put the variations of the Inuktitut language in written form, which remains largely oral in nature. There are also challenges from foreign business interests, and while foreign economic investment is important, it must also be balanced against the traditional lifestyle and protection of the land. Nunavut means "our land," and the land is central to the Inuit way of life.

Nunavut has three official languages: Inuktitut, English and French. It is a huge land mass with a population of about 27,000, of which 6,000 live in the capital of Iqaluit. The legal structure has been largely a "foreign" imposition from the south, and the outside control comes from the federal government. Nunavut is working toward provincial status, but that is likely to be some time in the future. Historically, the Inuit were not involved in making treaties with the Crown, and because of their isolation the smaller communities maintained a fair degree of autonomy.

Self-determination for Nunavut came in stages. From the beginning it had a culture, language and territorial base, which gave its people a distinct identity. One of the landmark developments was the Land Claims Agreement of 1993, in which the negotiators traded away undefined title for more specific guarantees, including the following: retention of 18% of the land; \$1.1 billion to be shared among the 18,000 Inuit; and reserved the right to self-government.

In 1999 Nunavut achieved significant

autonomy, becoming Canada's third territory and a separate entity from the Northwest Territories. From the beginning there has been a local community focus in Nunavut, and decentralization is an important principle of government. The members of the Nunavut Legislative Assembly represent the diversity of Nunavummiut and include women, unilingual Inuit and English speakers and bilingual speakers. The model is one of co-operation and reconciliation.

There is a positive approach to government, which tries to build upon the strength and the diversity of the people. This approach is expressed in the Bathurst Mandate, which sets out the principles of healthy communities, simplicity and unity, self-reliance and continuing learning.

In this latter focus on learning, there is a commitment to include the knowledge of the traditional ways of Inuit knowing, or the "qaujimajatuqangit" literally, what the Inuit have always known. This emphasizes the need to be sensitive to the Inuit knowledge, philosophy, language and culture. This should be a vital part of training professionals such as teachers, nurses and lawyers.

The Nunavut Government strives to include traditional Inuit ways of knowing as part of the delivery of government services. This is true for human resources and health and social services, and would also be appropriate to apply to legal services. Today this system and the past methods for communicating these values have been interrupted by outside influences and new institutions. We must find ways to build these beliefs into what we do today so that once again they form the value system for Nunavut.

Nunavut Human Rights Act: Rights and Blending Cultures

The Nunavut Human Rights Act was given Royal Assent in 2003. While the Constitution Act of 1982 tended to lump the Inuit in with the Aboriginals and the Métis in Section 35 of that Act, the Human Rights Act gives more recognition to the distinct status of the Inuit. In this regard, the Nunavut Act goes beyond its counterparts in the Northwest Territories and the Yukon.

While in some respects it is a typical human rights code, it does have some unique features that take the Inuit culture into account. The Preamble expressly includes "and makes special provision for Inuit culture and values that underlie the Inuit way of life," whereas the Yukon and the Northwest Territories are silent in this respect. In addition, this Act expressly refers to Canada's international commitments. This is not the norm in the provincial human rights codes.

Thus the Nunavut Human Rights Act is a potential model for blending the Inuit culture and the human rights traditions from the rest of Canada in an effective and interesting way. It's a modern human rights code with a wide range of protections, but it's to be applied and interpreted in a way that is sensitive to Inuit culture and traditions.

The Legal Dimension: Legal Aid

Legal aid is vital to the legal framework in Nunavut and crucial to the delivery of justice in small communities. A review of the Consolidation of Legal Services Act, as amended, doesn't reveal the same culture sensitivity as the Nunavut Human Rights Act and is more of a "foreign imposition." I'm sure that great efforts are made to apply it in a culturally sensitive fashion.

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Legal aid services have operated independently from the Northwest Territories since July 1, 2000, and are now provided entirely by the Legal Services Board of Nunavut. Legal aid became a territorial responsibility in 1971, when the federal government transferred the responsibility for the administration of justice to the Northwest Territories.

In 1979, the Legal Services Ordinance (now Act) established the Legal Services Board, which until July 1, 2000, administered legal aid throughout the Northwest Territories and Nunavut (as of April 1, 1999). Criminal and civil legal aid services are provided through a mixed judicare/clinic/staff lawyer system. There are currently three legal services clinics operating in Nunavut and a sub-clinic office in the High Arctic.

There is also an enhanced role for Justices of the Peace within the Nunavut

justice system, which is important to the local delivery of justice. Local Community Justice Councils or Committees are made up of elders who help maintain a connection to the local culture and are widely respected within legal aid and the justice system generally.

At least one lawyer from legal aid travels with the Nunavut Court of Justice on circuit to assist them. This is in addition to duty counsel assigned on a rotation basis under the statute. Private lawyers also provide services on a per diem basis and many contribute to the free law line on a pro bono basis. Members from the legal profession can also serve on the various regional legal aid committees, which help ensure that services are tailored to the needs of the local communities. While there is room for improvement, there are many good things being done in respect to the front-

line delivery of legal aid, to make the application of justice more sensitive to the needs of the local communities and unique Inuit culture.

Conclusion

Nunavut is an exciting experiment both in terms of law as well as politics. Because it is a new structure, it can benefit from what has gone before and be quite innovative. Taking a positive attitude about the future, it has made real efforts to build on the strengths of both the traditional Inuit culture and the Qallunaat.

There are still many things that need to be improved, and more resources are needed if Nunavut is to achieve its ambitious goals. However, its efforts to date have been impressive, and there is much to celebrate. •

Northern Exposure

Six Dalhousie graduates reveal the rewards and challenges of what it's like to work and live in Canada's Far North

Dalhousie Professor of Law Wayne MacKay suggested that *Hearsay* contact some Dalhousie Law School alumni members working in the North to find out why they moved there and how they've adjusted to differences in the legal system, culture and language—and what they miss about home. Here are six of their stories. — **by Jane Doucet**

DAVE WRIGHT '07



Age: 33

Hometown: Halifax, Whitehorse and Edmonton

Current position: Senior energy policy advisor, Department of Executive and Intergovernmental Affairs, Government of Nunavut; formerly legal counsel, Department of Justice, Government of Nunavut

First impression upon arriving in Iqaluit: "I moved here in November of 2008, and it was much more beautiful than I'd anticipated. The land, sea and skyscape are vast and scenic."

Why he wound up in the North: "The Department of Justice position was an opportunity I couldn't pass up. Working here is the perfect mix of all my areas of interest and expertise—issues concerning the environment, natural resources, development and First Nations and Inuit. I was also happy to return to the North as an adult after living in Whitehorse as a youth."

How Dalhousie Law School helped prepare him: "It gave me a solid grounding in Canadian law and helped prepare me for some of the energy and environmental issues I've encountered here. Dal Law also has a tradition of community involvement. Here in Iqaluit, I sit on

the board of directors for the Akitsiraq Law School Society, working toward a second cohort of Northern and Inuit law students.

What he misses about the South: "An unfrozen ocean, roads that go out of town, good draft beer, farmers' markets and having access to a university campus and all the energy and activities that go with it."

What's unique about working in the North: "We're in a modern land claims agreement context, which is heavily oriented toward natural resources—wildlife, parks, conservation, land-use management and planning, marine and water access, energy and minerals. When I arrived I was very open about the type of environmental law and policy work I wanted to do, and I was quickly brought into it. I've worked on files pertaining to wildlife management, water regulation, polar bears, mining and contaminated sites, all of which was very exciting. And the immersion into a new culture and language has been rewarding on many levels—seeing firsthand an extremely different way of life and observing how the Inuit have adapted in recent years to more modernized lifestyles." •

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DENNIS PATTERSON ('72)



Age: 60
Hometown: Vancouver (now based)
Current position: Consultant in public policy in the North; formerly Education Minister, Minister of Justice and Premier of the Northwest Territories
First impression upon arriving in the North: "It was April of 1975, and I had to wait two days in Montreal for a blizzard to subside so the plane could land in what was then Frobisher Bay in the Northwest Territories, which is now Iqaluit in Nunavut. When I got there my jaw dropped to the floor

because of the beauty of the land, which was buried in snow. I walked on the hard surface to the top of a hill overlooking the bay. It was exhilarating."
Why he wound up in the North: "When I was at Dalhousie Law School I helped establish a student-run Legal Aid Clinic. One of my professors, Ian Cowie, who helped establish the clinic, went on to work for Justice Canada, which had participated in a pilot project to establish a Legal Aid Clinic in Frobisher Bay. He contacted me, then I was interviewed on the phone by the local board and offered a job to set up the Frobisher Bay clinic. I was 27. I took a year's leave of absence from the Vancouver law firm where I was working and ended up living in the North for 25 years."
How Dalhousie Law School helped prepare him: "It was an exciting place when I was there. The dean and faculty were open to innovation. I was looking for something else out of my law degree, and the Law School fostered an environment where I

could explore new ways of practicing law that provided an opportunity to apply legal skills to social-justice issues."
What he missed about the South when he was living there: "I can't say that I felt terribly deprived of anything, but I did miss the sun in winter. The darkness is quite daunting."
What's unique about working in the North: "The cross-cultural environment in which one must work. It's more than just language, although that's one big factor—you have to get used to working with interpreters and learn how to pronounce your clients' names. You quickly discover that the aboriginal majority has different values when it comes to conflict resolution, and that orthodox legal-system processes don't work for the Inuit, so you have to adapt your practice to their ways. When I was at the Legal Aid Clinic in Frobisher Bay, I was a minority working with an all-Inuit staff and reporting to an Inuit board. I quickly became immersed in the community and the Inuit culture." •

CARLA BALL ('06)



Age: 29
Hometown: Halifax
Current position: Crown counsel, Public Prosecution Services of Canada
First impression upon arriving in Iqaluit: "I stepped off the plane in November of 2008 and the dry, cold air took my breath away. But I was so excited! Especially to see a different language

on signs. I had absolutely no idea what to expect. I knew that it was going to be cold, and that there were light and dark seasons, but that's about it."
Why she wound up in the North: "The job ad said it would involve flying to remote locations in small passenger planes and learning about a new culture in a unique part of our own country. That sounded like an adventure, and indeed it is! We set up court in school gymnasiums or community halls and have limited resources. We carry our files in hockey bags that are conducive to the climate, and we store our stationery supplies in a trusty Ziploc bag!"
How Dalhousie Law School helped prepare her: "I got a solid legal foundation that gave me great research and litigation skills."
What she misses about the South: "Family, long drives, trees and heat!"

What's unique about working in the North: "It's a very close-knit legal community, so it's easy to make friends. On the 10-seat passenger plane you'll have defense lawyers and Crown prosecutors, plus the judge, court clerk, court reporter, Crown witness co-ordinator and interpreter, so the whole team gets to know each other quickly. The cultural experience has been tremendous; we use interpreters in the courtroom, and a panel of elders sits with the judge to provide background into the family and to counsel the person who has been convicted. The community holds the elders in very high regard—what they say is far more important than what we say. I have learned so much in a short period of time. My plan is not to leave my mark here but rather to gain what I can from both the legal system and the culture." •

SUSAN HARDY ('92)

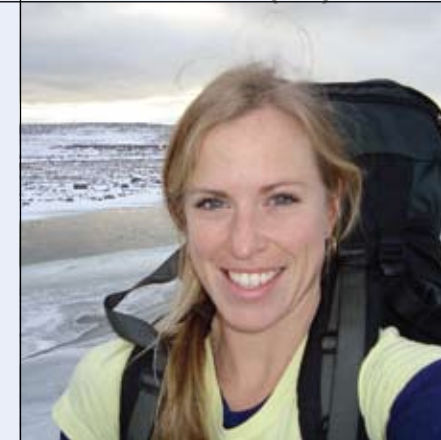


Age: 43
Hometown: Toronto and P.E.I.
Current position: Legislative counsel, Department of Justice, Government of Nunavut
First impression upon arriving in Iqaluit: "It was warmer than I had expected! My first visit was in May of 1998, for a job interview with the Office of the Interim Commissioner of Nunavut,

which soon became the Government of Nunavut. I was surprised to see that when the ice is melting, it turns a beautiful peacock-blue colour. And the town was more cosmopolitan than I had expected."
Why she wound up in the North: "I was 32 when I moved to Iqaluit, to work in what I felt was the biggest thing in aboriginal law at that time. I almost didn't apply because I was hesitant about the harshness of the climate. Arriving in May was an eye-opener; I wore a light jacket and shoes. We do have a warmer season, but it's compressed between the first week of July and the end of September."
How Dalhousie Law School helped prepare her: "In my first year I took a public law course; it was one of the things that kept me in law school. The class was taught by Patricia Monture, who helped me appreciate this material through her focus on fundamental rights, historic

wrongs and the aboriginal perspective."
What she misses about the South: "Reading the Saturday paper on Saturday morning; we don't receive delivery here until about 3:30 p.m., and if the weather is bad, it could be never. Spontaneous road trips; after a maximum of five kilometres you must head back home or switch to Ski-Doo, dogsled, ATV, air or foot travel. And extracurricular options; we do have culturally diverse fun here, but it happens two or three events at a time, at the most."
What's unique about working in the North: "The level of collegiality here is amazing. Essentially everyone is working on the same project, just at a different level or aspect of it. The opportunities I've had have been unparalleled compared to my colleagues in other parts of Canada. It's a privilege to have an environment in my own country where this political development is happening and to experience the Inuit culture, which is vibrantly alive." •

KATE DARLING ('07)



Age: 29
Hometown: Manotick, Ont.
Current position: Legal counsel, Legal and Constitutional Division, Government of Nunavut
First impression upon arriving in Iqaluit: "It was overcast and really windy—and the wind hasn't stopped since! It was the first week of September in 2008,

and I had been anticipating a moonscape landscape—barren with just rocks and water—but the tundra was covered with blueberries, lichen, mosses, small grasses and ground-creeping willows. The snow started the following week."
Why she wound up in the North: "I had been looking for work in the North because I was curious about it, and I wanted to work in a new government where there might be room for a creative approach to the law and where there would be lots of responsibility early on in my career."
How Dalhousie Law School helped prepare her: "I had been focused on international human rights law, which was a good foundation, as were the research projects I worked on. It whetted my appetite to learn more in my practice."
What she misses about the South: "Going for early morning runs in February (it's way too cold!), surfing and beer on tap."

What's unique about working in the North: "I'm working in a territory that is 85% Inuit and for an institution that seeks aboriginal self-governance through public government. The associated demands have been essential to my development as a lawyer—it challenges me to resist assumptions about what's 'right' in law. What's also interesting is that most government departments work with a resident Inuit elder who assists the policy-makers to ensure they take tradition into account; Nunavummiut have adapted quickly and efficiently to a governance system that was introduced to them just 10 years ago. There's also work to be done at an international level. In May I spent four days in New York City representing Nunavut at the eighth session of the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues, which was a rich experience—plus I got to shop!" •



“Living as a minority person within another culture showed me how the majority of Canadians should welcome differences, not fear them.”

Age: 50

Hometown: Eastern Townships of Quebec
Current position: In private practice since 2004 (split between offices in Bayswater, N.S., where he and his family now live, and Yellowknife); formerly legal counsel and director, Legal Division, Department of Justice, Government of the Northwest Territories

First impression upon arriving in Yellowknife:

“I had no idea what to expect. I had talked to a few Dal grads who were working there, and I was hoping I would be joining a close-knit community and the law would be a force for change. And it was.”

Why he wound up in the North: “A Dal grad who had a firm in Yellowknife came to recruit. At that time my wife’s parents were teaching high school in Yellowknife. I was 30, my wife was 27 and our son was five. We decided to go on a two-year plan, and we stayed for 15! With the government I worked as the registrar of land titles, as a lawyer doing litigation and as executive assistant to the Minister of Justice. In 2000 I went back to a government practice, focusing on aboriginal law, self-government and land claim treaties.”

How Dalhousie Law School helped prepare him:

“There’s a collegiality among Dal students and professors, who always welcomed challenging questions and the advancement of social justice. In my third year I had done some criminal-law work, which was a good training ground.”

What he missed about the South when he lived in Yellowknife full-time: “Family, especially being so far away from relatives who were getting older, which is why we decided to move back.”

What’s unique about working in the North: “If you have an imagination and ambition, there’s a lot you can do—land claims, the court system, government practice, private practice. There’s an opportunity to have a very interesting and varied practice because the legal community is so small. I started working for the government but now work closely with the Dene people and their corporations to get better political and economic deals from the government. I have a personal relationship with them as well. They are a very welcoming people who have a tradition of sharing, even with outsiders. I think I am more tolerant of differences now; living as a minority person within another culture showed me how the majority of Canadians should welcome differences, not fear them. And if ever I took myself too seriously, all I had to do was look outside and I was reminded about my place in nature.” •

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Class '74:
 Two members
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The Honourable A. Anne McLellan and Dalhousie Chancellor Fred S. Fountain recently received the Order of Canada. In July 2009 the Honourable A. Anne McLellan, PC, was made an officer of the order “for her leadership and dedication as a politician and law professor, and her contributions as a community volunteer.” In December 2008 Fred S. Fountain was named a member of the order “for his contributions to the people of Nova Scotia as a community volunteer, philanthropist and dedicated fund raiser”. Dalhousie Law would like to extend its congratulations and is proud of the many successes of the Class of '74. •

Judge Zhiguo Gao: elected judge of international tribunal

by Jane Doucet

On Jan. 30, 2008, Zhiguo Gao was elected a judge of the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea at a special meeting of the States Parties of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea. A member of the Chinese Bar Association, the Beijing-based Gao, now 55, received a J.S.D. (Doctor in the Science of Law) from Dalhousie University in 1993.

"The appointment is a testament to Judge Gao's work and a wonderful representation of the benefits of Dalhousie's graduate program," says Phillip Saunders, dean of the law school. "It's the pinnacle of achievement for a scholar and civil servant working in this area."

Aldo Chircop, a professor of marine and environmental law at Dalhousie Law School, has been friends with Gao since

1989; at that time, Prof. Chircop was finishing his doctorate at Dalhousie as Gao was beginning his. "Since then we have worked together on various projects on ocean management and maritime boundaries," says Prof. Chircop, who was pleased to hear of Gao's appointment. "And over the years he has also helped organize faculty visits both to China and Dalhousie."

The Tribunal was created in Hamburg, Germany, on Nov. 16, 1994. Consisting of 21 judges, each elected for a nine-year term, it deals with disputes arising from the interpretation and application of the Convention. A former deputy to the Tenth National People's Congress of China, Gao was the only candidate nominated; he was elected in one round of secret balloting, garnering 136 votes and thus exceeding the necessary two-



thirds majority (91) of the 136 States Parties that voted.

Prior to this appointment, Gao's many accomplishments have included research and work in Angola, Brazil, Canada, China, Indonesia, Kazakhstan, Malaysia, Nigeria, Romania, the United Kingdom and the United States, mainly in the areas of ocean law and policy, natural resources legislation and international environmental law. •



David Shannon: conquers North Pole

On April 11, 2009, David Shannon ('91) became the first person with quadriplegia and in a wheelchair to reach the North Pole. Along with expedition co-leader Chris Watkins, David developed "Team Independence '09" to promote breaking barriers to accessibility and greater community inclusion. David and Chris reached the Pole after an arduous two-day trek with Chris pulling David's wheelchair which was attached to a sled. David assisted with the aid of walking sticks. Upon reaching the Pole, David planted a disabled parking sign. "This sign represents all peoples who have faced challenges or adversity in their lives and have dreamed of overcoming them," he says. "If we as people work together in our homes, our cities, our countries and in our global village, there is no dream that cannot be realized."

For the past 25 years David has been committed to policy development and legal advocacy for the protection of human rights and community integration for persons with disabilities. In 1997 he took his wheelchair 9,000 miles across Canada to raise public awareness. He wheeled 10 hours a day and spoke directly to 20,000 people. The tour took 197 days.

David is the recipient of many awards and honours, including the Queen's Jubilee Medal for his commitment to human rights and community service. He was the founding chair of the Accessibility Advisory Council of Ontario and a member of the Ontario Human Rights Tribunal and serves on numerous boards and committees.

Asked about future adventures, David states that he plans to reach base camp at Mount Everest by tandem parachute, to be followed by an excursion to the South Pole. •



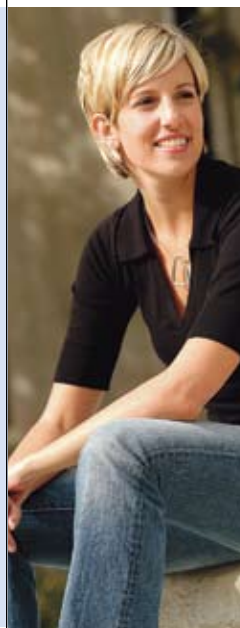
Bridging the gap: The Canadian American Bar Association

Canadians aren't only successful hockey players, singers, or scientists in the United States—we're also successful U.S. lawyers. The Canadian American Bar Association (CABA) was recently formed to meet the needs of this unique group of lawyers and to provide a resource for Canadian businesses and individuals looking for assistance with U.S. legal matters.

We hosted our first informal gathering in Los Angeles in July and hope to have our kick-off party in New York later this year. We also plan to establish a law student essay writing competition and annual award to recognize Canadians who have excelled in the practice of law and/or made an outstanding contribution to the law or legal scholarship in the U.S.

The CABA was formed in February 2009 by Marko Zoretic (McMaster University, Osgoode Hall Law School), Filko Prugo (York University, Osgoode Hall Law School), and Colin Heideman (University of Alberta, Vanderbilt University Law School). CABA has quickly grown to nearly 100 members. Our members are admitted to practice in the U.S. and are all Canadian citizens and/or graduates of a Canadian university or law school. Law students can also join as student members.

For more information, please visit our website or write to president@canambar.com. A detailed directory of our members can be found at www.CanAmBar.com. •



Career Development Office public interest careers survey

Rose Godfrey, director of Career Development and the Career Development Office (CDO) Student Committee, is updating the Alternative Careers section of its web site and seeking input from alumni currently working in public interest careers. The goal of this project is to provide students with a realistic understanding of different public interest careers that are open to graduates of law school, and the steps that must be taken to find and secure employment in the field. Data collected from the survey will be compiled into a database on the web site, and we are also hoping to have feature articles on individual alumni working in public interest careers on the front page of the CDO web site.

If you are an alumnus currently employed in a public interest career and would like to help the CDO with this project, please call (902) 494-2068 or email career.development@dal.ca briefly describing your current position, the development of your career, the different positions that you held leading up to your public interest position and where you articulated. Any advice that you would like to give current students considering a career in the public interest will also be welcomed. •

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THE ROAD LESS TRAVELLED

Vintage partners

Gerry McConnell's and Dara Gordon's Nova Scotia winery sparkles

Gerry McConnell ('70) and Dara Gordon ('79) had more than ample reason to celebrate this past May. First and foremost, their youngest child, Ashley McConnell Gordon, graduated from Dal with her bachelor of laws degree. Secondly, Gerry and Dara saw the latest release in limited Nova Scotia liquor

outlets of three of their highly acclaimed Benjamin Bridge wines. Gerry and Dara are co-owners of Benjamin Bridge vineyards, a new and innovative winery in Nova Scotia's picturesque Gaspereau Valley. Gerry first left his Halifax law practice in 1987 to go into the mining business. (He is president

and CEO of Halifax-based Etruscan Resources Inc.) Dara is a partner with the Halifax office of McInnes Cooper. She also served on the federal-provincial panel that recommended Nova Scotia receive a multimillion-dollar financial settlement from the federal government in exchange for its claim to offshore

"The wine "should turn some heads" and "could frankly hold its head up proudly among the best moscato d'Astis."

energy rights.

"We both enjoy wine, and Gerry had a longtime dream of one day owning a winery," says Dara. The couple was taken with the beauty of the Gaspereau region of Nova Scotia's Annapolis Valley and moved there in 1997. They purchased an old farm close to the town of Wolfville, home to Acadia University. They also saw the potential of the area for growing high-quality grapes. They started growing grapes in 2000 and now have over 25 acres planted on the slopes overlooking the Gaspereau River. Benjamin Bridge was selected as the name for the fledgling winery. It comes from the name of a family who lived in the area in the 1700s.

With wine consultant Peter Gamble, Gerry determined that the climate and soil conditions were particularly suited to producing sparkling wines of a quality similar to those made according to the Methode Champenoise from the classic grapes of the Champagne region of France. "Early on we realized that the climate in Nova Scotia was very similar to the Champagne region of France," says Gerry. "Our climate was on the edge, and some of the greatest wines in the world have come from climates on the edge." Since 2002 this has become McConnell's passion. Renowned champagne expert Raphael Brisbois was brought on board to assist in the development of a



Daughter Ashley graduated from Dalhousie in May 2009

sparkling wine that will rival the world's finest. Gerry says that while the winery is concentrating on the production of champagne-style wines, these wines need to lay down for seven or eight years and would not be ready until 2010 or 2011.

In the meantime Benjamin Bridge's first limited edition wine, NOVA 7, was introduced in 2008. The lightly sparkling wine conceived by Gamble sold out quickly at select retail wine shops. It was met with great enthusiasm by critics and local wine lovers. Tony Aspler, perhaps Canada's foremost wine authority, gave NOVA 7 his highest rating of five stars, and Beppi Crosariol in his April 2009

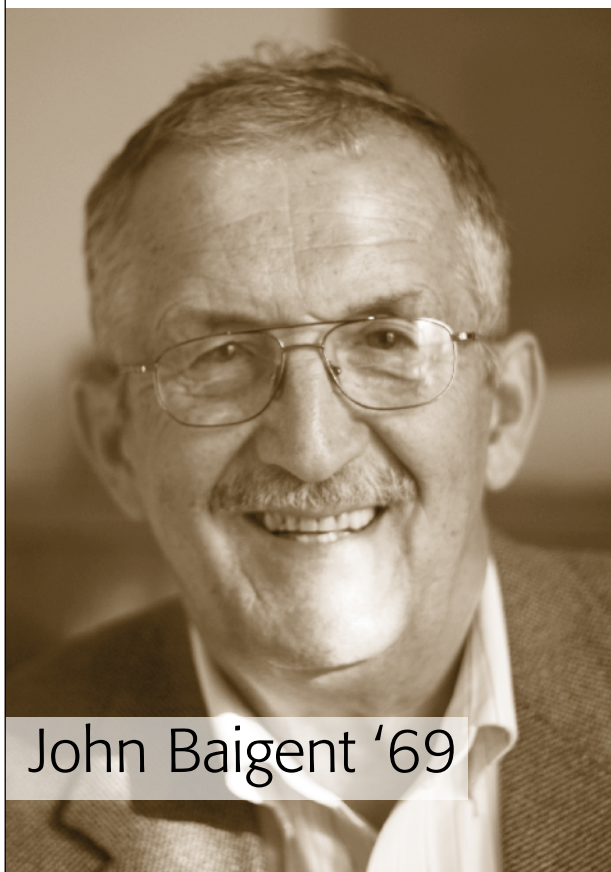
column in *The Globe and Mail* said that the wine "should turn some heads" and that it "could frankly hold its head up proudly among the best moscato d'Astis."

A unique opportunity to showcase three of its limited edition wines occurred on Nov. 1, 2008, when Benjamin Bridge was a gold sponsor of a gala fund raising dinner at the Art Gallery of Nova Scotia. In addition to a 2006 vintage of NOVA 7, Benjamin Bridge also previewed its 2004 Taurus, a beautifully intense red wine, and Borealis, an icewine of exceptional quality. Sean Wood, respected wine expert and columnist for *The Chronicle Herald*, proclaimed in his Nov. 6, 2008, column that Borealis is "a new triumph for wine-making in Nova Scotia."

Most recently the couple has introduced an elegant, very dry rosé, Nexus, that has been compared to rosé from the south of France. Limited quantities are available through the NSLC and select private wine stores or direct from the winery.

While it may be another year or two before Gerry and Dara attain their ultimate goal of introducing a bubbly in the tradition of the finest produced in France's Champagne region, Benjamin Bridge is already playing a major role in showcasing Nova Scotia's potential as a wine region to be reckoned with on the national and international scene. •

2009 Weldon Award for Unselfish Public Service



John Baigent '69

John Baigent, founder and executive director

of Partners in the Horn of Africa, a Canadian charity working in Ethiopia, was selected to receive the Dalhousie Law School Alumni Association's 26th Weldon Award for Unselfish Public Service. Throughout his life Baigent has sought to improve the quality of life of the disadvantaged in all the communities in which he has lived and worked. The veteran British Columbia lawyer was honoured particularly for his volunteer work in Africa and his commitment to the plight of Ethiopians.

The African chapter of Baigent's community service began in 1963, when he served as a volunteer and teacher in Ghana, West Africa, for Canadian University Students Overseas (CUSO). He also served as the organization's first resident program co-ordinator for that country. Upon his return to Canada he worked as CUSO's first director of West Africa programs. Baigent received a Sir James Dunn Scholarship to study law at Dalhousie in 1965. While at law school he ran CUSO training programs during the summer months. Following graduation in 1969 Baigent was awarded a Viscount Bennett Scholarship and earned a master of laws at Harvard University. He pursued a distinguished legal career in British Columbia where he specialized in labour and constitutional law. However, Baigent never let go of his concern for Africa. "The country is hard to get out of your blood, and I persuaded my law partners to inaugurate a sabbatical program so I could get back there," he says.

In 1988, he took time away from his practice to work in Ethiopia for the World University Service of Canada. During this period Baigent fell in love with the country and its people. In 2001 he founded and became executive director for Partners in the Horn of Africa. Partners has an annual budget of approximately \$1,000,000 and focuses on the areas of greatest need: building schools and health clinics, administering micro-finance programs, providing care for HIV orphans, digging wells and building bridges. A unique feature of Partners is that 100 per cent of its donations are used for projects in Ethiopia. The directors work on a volunteer basis and all administrative costs are paid by the directors and a few key supporters. With all projects there is an Ethiopian partner that is required to cover 15 to 20 per cent of project costs, usually through the supply of labour or local materials. In return, the partner shares in all decision-making. Baigent believes this partnering will make a profound difference for the people of Ethiopia: "Real and lasting changes in the Third World have to involve local residents, empowering them to take charge of their own future." Baigent now works full-time for Partners, spending about half of the year in Ethiopia.

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. The award will be presented to Baigent at his 40th Law School reunion on Oct. 2, 2009. •

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

The Weldon Award for Unselfish Public Service 2010

This annual award, sponsored by the Dalhousie Law 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 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.



2002 Lorne O. Clarke '51 | 2003 Kimberly Pate '84 | 2004 John Cuthbertson '79 | 2005 Lee Cohen '80 | 2006 Justice Robert Barnes '77 | 2007 Dugald Christie '66 | 2008 David Newman '68

- Eligibility:** A Dalhousie Law graduate
- Nominations:** With your nomination please include a minimum of two letters of support along with the nominee's curriculum vitae.
- Selection:** A selection committee appointed by the board of directors of the Dalhousie Law Alumni Association.
- Deadline:** Nominations must be received by December 7, 2009.

My nomination for The Weldon Award of Unselfish Public Service:

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On the Trail of Shackleton

Fascinated by Shackleton's quest, Calgary's John Ballem travelled to Antarctica, marvelling at the penguins and people that have defined the continent

"We have just learned that Plan A won't work," the exuberant tour guide announced. "The landing strip on King George Island is covered with mud and wet snow, so our chartered jet can't land there. But there's a Plan B." Of course there would be a Plan B. When travelling in the Antarctic, there has to be a Plan B, and Plans C and D as well.

Plan B promised to be more exciting than the original. Tomorrow we would be airlifted to King George Island in a Hercules of the Uruguayan air force. The briefing session went on to deal with other matters: how to don the life preservers in case we had to ditch in the Drake Passage; maintaining the required distance from the penguins; zodiac protocol; and other stuff we needed to know.

I lingered behind as the meeting broke up and the other 35 members of the "Fly and Sail" expedition filed out of the Shackleton Bar. I wanted to study the paintings that covered the walls. They depicted every stage of Sir Ernest Shackleton's Trans-Antarctic Expedition, beginning with *Endurance*, his three-masted ship with an ice-strengthened hull, sailing from Plymouth, England, on Aug. 8, 1914.

Shackleton had once planned to be the first man to reach the North Pole but was deprived of that distinction when Robert Peary made it to the Pole in April 1909. Roald Amundsen, the Norwegian explorer, won the race to the South Pole in December 1911, beating his rival, the celebrated and ill-fated Robert Scott, by one month. By way of a consolation prize, Shackleton was determined to become the first man to lead an expedition across the continent of Antarctica.

The paintings portrayed *Endurance* entering the Weddell Sea in December 1914 and becoming trapped in pack ice in January 1915. As was the case with Arctic exploration, the hope and expectation was that the ship would be released from the grip of the ice at the end of the Antarctic winter and the expedition could continue. But the ice began to crush *Endurance*, forcing the 28 men to abandon ship on Oct. 27, 1915, and set up camp a mile or so away on the ice. From there, they watched *Endurance* break up and slip beneath the Weddell Sea on Nov. 21, 1915, some 280 days after first becoming trapped.

Fascinated, I went from painting to painting, showing the crew finally being able to launch the three lifeboats in April 1916 and sail and haul them to Elephant Island, so named because of the elephant seals found there. There they made camp, hunting seals and penguins for food.

In 1995 I was near Elephant Island but was prevented from landing by Force 7 winds. Still I was able to see through binoculars the rocky beach where the longboat would have been launched to begin Shackleton's incredible rescue voyage. While temporarily safe on the island, Shackleton knew they were hopelessly stranded. No ships would pass by, and no radio could summon help. The nearest habitation, the whaling station on South Georgia, was 1,500 kilometres away, across the most storm-tossed stretch of ocean in the world, with waves cresting to 15 metres.

I had made four crossings of the Drake Passage and knew how awesome those waves could be. I marvelled at Shackleton and his five companions setting sail in a 6.7-metre open boat. After 16 days they

reached South Georgia, landing on the south side of the island and having to climb a mountain to reach the whaling station. But that was not the end of the ordeal. The dispatched whaling vessels were defeated by the ice.

Shackleton then raised money in the Falkland Islands for another rescue attempt but this, too, was unsuccessful. One of the last pictures showed Shackleton in Punta Arenas, standing outside the mansion, now the Hotel Jose Nogueira, where I was staying, and that houses the Shackleton Bar. The Chilean government and the people of Punta Arenas got behind the effort and commissioned the Chilean cutter *Yelcho* to rescue the men left on Elephant Island. The cutter, with Shackleton on board, arrived Aug. 30, 1916, justifying the faith of the men who never doubted their leader would come back for them. Every man who had set out with Shackleton from England two years before survived. There were many epic voyages in the Heroic Age of polar exploration in the early 20th century. A few may have equalled, but none surpassed, Shackleton's Trans-Antarctic Expedition.

As we droned smoothly on in the Hercules, my thoughts reverted to Shackleton and his five companions battling the turbulent seas in their open boat. In our four-plus-hour flight, we crossed into Antarctica, which encompasses everything south of the 60th parallel.

We had a soggy but safe landing on Frei Station, a large scientific establishment operated by Chile. The base is Chilean, but it's not Chilean territory. Under the Antarctic Treaty, sovereignty claims have been deferred indefinitely.

A short zodiac ride brought us to the "sail" part of the expedition, the *Grigory Mikheev* anchored offshore. As adventure cruise ships go, the *Grigory Mikheev* was comparatively small, at only 70 metres long.

Our first zodiac landing took place that afternoon, on nearby Ardley Island, where three species of penguins were nesting. There are 17 species of penguins in the world: these three the gentoo

(identified by a red bill and strip of white on its head), the adie (solid black head) and the chinstrap (an elegant black line below its beak) are the ones that spring to mind when "penguin" is mentioned. It was early December, summertime in Antarctica, and the nesting season was well underway. Unlike their larger cousins, the emperors, to eliminate the threat of predators, lay their single egg and raise the chick in the harsh, -70 C and colder winter—the other species breed in the summer months. The eggs had been laid and a few downy chicks were spotted under a brooding parent bird. Walking along the rocky beach, we saw a Weddell seal. The giant animal didn't let us disturb its slumber.

Returning to the ship, we were told the weather wasn't promising where we were in the South Shetland Islands so we would sail across the Bransfield Strait to the Peninsula. The map of Antarctica is covered with the names of early explorers and others who played a role in the discovery of "the last place on earth." Edward Bransfield charted this region in 1820. Sailing out of Maxwell Bay that evening, I saw the Three Brothers on the far shore. As I took a photo, my thoughts were on the Three Sisters in the Canadian Rockies.

The *Grigory Mikheev* began to pitch and rock as we left the bay and it persisted through the night. Sticking a scopolamine patch behind my ear, I climbed into my bunk. (Scopolamine is a drug used to make zombies in Haiti, but it also prevents seasickness.)

Everyone was on deck when we anchored off Trinity Island and the crew began to lower the zodiacs. Getting out of the zodiac can be tricky because the bow is nudged up against the smooth, wet face of a boulder. That's not a problem for the gentoos that were nesting on top of a cliff. On the beach, skuas, the penguins' deadliest predators, patrolled the shoreline. The stocky, brown member of the gull family not only preys on the eggs and chicks but also forces adult birds to disgorge the fish they have caught.

Surprisingly, a survey of the impact the increasing number of tourists was

having on the penguin population found, if anything, it was beneficial. Penguins aren't bothered by humans, but skuas are and tend to avoid the more popular spots.

Port Lockroy has to be one of the liveliest places in Antarctica, in people and penguin terms. Named after a French politician who supported an expedition to the region, it is the headquarters of the Antarctic Heritage Trust and has a souvenir shop and a small staff. It is also an astonishing demonstration of just how tolerant penguins are of humans. Isolated from the rest of the world, they don't perceive us as a threat. Their nests, made of rocks, since that is the only material available, surround the small wooden buildings. Two nests with chicks crowd either side of the doorway. Bemused and charmed, we watch a gentoo present his mate with a rock to add to their nest.

Later that afternoon, as we headed south, I heard the familiar crash and boom of ice against the hull. We were in pack ice at the entrance to the Lemaire Channel. We stopped for a while before the captain decided it was safe to go into the channel.

Everyone on board was delighted with the decision as we crunched our way through the narrow, ice-choked passage with towering cliffs on both sides. We made a landing on Peterman Island at the end of the channel, the zodiacs picking their way around floes of blue ice. Two young elephant seals were sleeping peacefully in the pit their body heat created in the snow.

We were just north of the Antarctic Circle, and this was as far south as we would go. More spectacular sights were in store for us as we headed north. None could be more spectacular than the

fantasy land of icebergs in the Couverville Bay. Giant icebergs, streaked with the brilliant green of old ice, rising from the sea, icebergs like small castles, and a graceful arch big enough to sail under. There are some 8,000 pairs of penguins on Couverville Island. Leaping through the water, the gentoos fished for krill off the shore, then climbed to their rookery high on a hill.

The entrance to Deception Islands leads to a vast inlet that is the crater of an active volcano that is reputed to erupt every 40 years. We were there on the 38th and took comfort from the margin of error. It sent clouds of steam rising from the water. Those of our party who had the foresight to bring swimsuits went for a dip.

Decrepit tumbledown buildings and a crumbling flat-bottomed dory on the beach were reminders the island was once a thriving whaling station. A disastrous decline in the whale population due to over-exploitation and the ban imposed by the International Convention on Whaling brought an end to that. The dory would be much the same as the longboat Shackleton and his companions sailed to the island of South Georgia. After an exploratory hike on Deception, we made a quick stop on nearby Half Moon Island to pay our respects to the chinstraps nesting there.

Appropriately enough for a summer's day in Antarctica, it began to snow as we sailed out of Half Moon Bay and headed for King George Island where the Hercules waited. •

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Fall Reunion 2008

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On Friday, Sept. 26,

2008, the law school's Annual Alumni Dinner brought together members of the classes of '58, '68, '83, '88 and '98. A boisterous host of over 250 alumni, faculty and friends of Dalhousie enjoyed a meal of maple-glazed salmon topped with a generous serving of wry humour from guest speaker **Chief Justice Joseph Kennedy ('68)**.



The dinner, hosted by Dean Phillip Saunders, kicked off the Annual Alumni Reunion. The rest of the weekend included tours of the Law School and class dinners throughout downtown Halifax. •



Class '88



Class '83

Class '68



Class '58

Class '98

Lectures



Barbara Walker-Renshaw: CTOs from a policy perspective

Throughout the academic year, the Health Law Institute presents a program of eight lunchtime seminars on current issues in health law and policy.

One of this year's distinguished speakers was Barbara Walker-Renshaw, a partner in the Health Law Practice Group at the law firm Borden Ladner Gervais LLP. Walker-Renshaw's presentation addressed the development and use of Community Treatment Orders (CTOs) in different provinces and regions of Canada. CTOs are a relatively recent legislated mechanism for managing the community treatment of mentally disordered patients. Legislation governing CTOs was introduced to reduce the number of "revolving door" involuntary admissions for patients whose condition typically improves with in-hospital treatment but then deteriorates on discharge into the community. The mandatory nature of CTOs is not without controversy, Walker-Renshaw explained, as she explored the use of CTOs from a policy perspective. Her presentation was very timely, as she highlighted for the audience differences and similarities in the various provincial and territorial statutes in light of recently enacted legislative provisions for CTOs in Nova Scotia. •



Chief Justice MacDonald: a pre-exam pep talk

Late March is, by any estimation, a tough time of the year for law students. A time when the comfortable chatter of Weldon fades into an eerie, church-like silence as students prepare to face a day of reckoning for all those missed classes and late-night Domus parties.

As Law Hour's final speaker of the year, Chief Justice Michael MacDonald had his work cut out for him. Facing an overstressed and undernourished audience, he delivered a rousing pep talk reminding the weary students that this too would end, that it's always darkest before the dawn and that a good lawyer thrives under pressure.

Quoting sources as diverse as Shakespeare and the Eagles to hammer his point home, Justice MacDonald waxed eloquently about the central importance that lawyers have in a democratic society. He reminded the students that around the world and throughout history, lawyers have been persecuted and imprisoned for standing up for just causes, and that a strong and independent judiciary is the greatest defence society has against tyranny.

MacDonald finished his speech with a list of do's and don'ts for the students, advice drawn from his own years on the bench. It was a rousing harangue, and a speech that struck just the right note for the classroom of exam-weary students. •



Peter Hogg: eminent legal scholar lectures on judicial salaries

Within the legal community, there are few scholars as widely known and respected as Dr. Peter Hogg. A leading voice in the field of constitutional law, Dr. Hogg is cited by our Supreme Court more than twice as often as any other scholar, and his writings are a staple of legal casebooks across the country. Thus it was hardly surprising that, when Dr. Hogg paid a visit to Dalhousie, the student community packed in to get a glimpse of the man whose writings have had such a profound influence on their education.

The standing-room only crowd was easily charmed by the affable New Zealander, who gave an engaging speech on judicial salaries. Dr. Hogg scoffed at the idea that judicial compensation commissions are the only way to protect judges from political manipulation, pointing out that with their \$260 000 salary federal judges were hardly scrabbling to make ends meet. He also rejected the idea that such salaries are necessary in order to lure the best legal minds away from more lucrative corporate work, citing a Revenue Canada report which indicated that two-thirds of federal judges had received a substantial pay hike with their appointment.

"It's a good gig," he said of the judiciary, "there's no doubt about it." Moments of levity aside, it was a treat for the assembled students to hear one of the brightest and most influential minds in the country speak. •



Cynthia Williams: delivers Osler Business Lecture

As the world struggles to pull itself out of the worst financial crisis in nearly a century, questions about the standards to which we hold our banks seem increasingly relevant in our day-to-day lives. As Professor Cynthia A. Williams discussed in this year's Osler Business Law Lecture, responsible and ethical business practices shouldn't cost the banks money. Indeed, for most institutions it makes solid financial sense to keep ethically clean.

Prof. Osler pointed out that the current financial crisis can be traced to shoddy accounting standards. But rather than greater government intervention, she argued that banks should be left to self-regulate since, ultimately, it's in their financial interest.

As a success story, Prof. Williams pointed to the Equator Principles, a non-binding set of environmental and social standards that a number of banks have volunteered to follow. By adopting these principles, banks ensure that they can maintain an image as benevolent institutions. But beyond mere public relations, these principles make solid financial sense. Sustainable, ethical business practices minimize risk and the threat of instability, and companies that follow these guidelines are naturally better choices for investment. While the system is far from perfect, Prof. Williams made a strong case that it's the best way to move forward. •



Yukiko Asada: to each according to their needs

In health care, it is generally accepted that the potential for expenditure is virtually limitless. All societies face a dilemma when it comes to distributing health resources that are finite. As Canadians, we have accepted that distribution should be carried out according to a needs-based approach. But, how do we determine where resources are most needed?

On Jan. 30, Dr. Yukiko Asada, from Dalhousie's Department of Community Health and Epidemiology, conducted a seminar on this issue. She presented her own theories on how demographics should be broken down, and how best to analyze and predict where health care resources are most in need.

Her presentation included some intriguing facts, generating lively discussion. For instance, it was found that men are more likely to assess their health negatively than women. In the same vein, wealth was found to be connected with increased pessimism, leading one audience member to conclude that "rich men are whiners."

Another interesting observation from an examination of provincial health tables found that while Newfoundland had some of the country's highest rates of heart disease, obesity and diabetes, the province had by far the lowest incidence of stress in the country.

The lecture addressed an issue of vital importance to all Canadians and served as a reminder that, at the national level, health is ultimately all about the numbers. •



Kim Pate: delivers Horace E. Read Memorial Lecture

Dostoevsky once wrote that the degree of civilization in a society can be judged by entering its prisons. If that is indeed true then, according to Kim Pate, we are in serious trouble. Delivering the 32nd annual Horace E. Read Memorial Lecture, Pate spoke of grave and fundamental problems in how our prison system treats offenders, using striking tales of brutality and alienation to illustrate her point.

Pate acknowledged that, according to her research, Canada had the best prison system in the world, but maintained that this fact only made her findings more disturbing. Discrimination based on race, gender and disability are ingrained into our system, and many prisoners are unaware of their rights.

Although she painted a grim picture, Pate determined to leave her audience on an upbeat note by ending her speech with a musical montage. Though the effect may have been slightly more surreal than the speaker had intended, it nonetheless added a touch of levity to the otherwise somber event.

Above all, Pate's speech demonstrated that, although it's not the easiest subject to discuss, the condition of our prisons is a topic of vital importance. No calling can be nobler than that which seeks to improve the lives of the downtrodden. Pate's work, though revealing an ugly side to our society, is nonetheless an inspiring example of selfless work toward a better world. •

Lectures



Alan Hutchison: the ethics of unethical behaviour

Professor Hutchison began by boldly stating that cheating and lying were part of the legal profession, claiming that fundamentally “that’s what lawyers do.” He then posed a series of legal-fact scenarios to his audience and asked whether a response that was unethical (or even illegal) could be justified. To the chagrin of many, his answer was a forceful yes.

Prof. Hutchison claimed that unethical behaviour was justified in the face of an equally unethical opposition and in an unethical profession. He compared the practice of law to the notion of “just war,” where acts such as killing and destroying property become righteous because of their context. Since lying and cheating were part of the legal profession just as killing was a part of war, all that was left to be established was where the line ought to be drawn. Even a just war must obey the Geneva Conventions—so to what degree is a just lawyer permitted to cheat?

In the course of his speech, Prof. Hutchison delved into the legal philosophies of H.L.A. Hart and Machiavelli in order to explain his position. But, as the talk drew to a close, this observer could not help but wonder if perhaps the lecture was designed to elicit the exact response it did. Rather than launch a defence of legal ethics, could Prof. Hutchison have decided to attack them and shock Dalhousie’s legal community into mounting a spirited defence of its own? •



Justice Binnie: a view from the Supreme Court

For a law student, there are few more valuable experiences than the opportunity to hear a Supreme Court Justice speak. Thus it was with considerable excitement that Dalhousie welcomed the Honourable Justice Binnie on March 5.

Justice Binnie delivered a speech that focused on the importance of civil liberties and the need to thrash out a balance between freedom and security.

Justice Binnie pointed out that total security is an impossibility and compared current fears about terrorism to Cold War anxiety about communist infiltration. Today’s threats are by no means unique, and although the dangers are inarguably real it’s fundamentally important that the government act in a restrained manner, particularly when its actions might have a chilling effect on our fundamental civil ideals.

In times like this, it’s important that the judiciary act as a counterbalance, working against the natural inclination of the executive to push a security agenda as far as they can. Although he was careful to focus on foreign rather than domestic examples of such abuses, it was clear that his arguments about torture, unlawful detention and freedom of speech were directed at our domestic agencies.

Concluding, Justice Binnie reminded the students that these were issues of tremendous importance and urged them to involve themselves in these fundamental debates. •



Sir Dennis Byron: work of the Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda

On Tuesday March 10, Dalhousie Law School was pleased to welcome Sir Dennis Byron, president of the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda. Sir Byron was invited to give the inaugural Yogis and Keddy Chair in Human Rights Law special lecture.

After briefly reminding the audience of the chilling facts of the genocide, Sir Byron went on to discuss the work that the tribunal had done in the 15 years since its inception. Although the number of perpetrators indicted had been relatively small, Sir Byron was at pains to point out that the trials had been lengthy, citing one case in particular that lasted more than 400 days, with some 200 witnesses and 13,000 pages of evidence.

According to Sir Byron, these rigorous standards were one of the tribunal’s most important achievements, since they set a precedent for future prosecutions. Other important contributions discussed were the precedent set in defining and applying what qualified as genocide and singling out conduct that was so abhorrent; it was more than a mere side effect of war; it was a war crime.

Sir Byron noted that, while this area of the law remained in its infancy, it was one of the most important developing areas. Only through the application of justice could the world truly account for crimes of the past. •

Milestones acknowledged

Weldon’s hallways came alive on Friday, June 12, as faculty gathered to celebrate career milestones for some of their colleagues, while bidding a fond farewell to others. Professor David Blaikie, who stepped in as the event’s emcee after Dean Saunders was unexpectedly delayed on a business trip, put the events into perspective with an emotive introduction.

Among those honoured were Professor Philip Girard and Lisa Drew, both of whom were celebrating 25 years at Dalhousie. In receiving his award, Prof. Girard mused upon the serendipitous circumstances that had first brought him to Atlantic Canada, falling in love with the university on what was meant to be a

brief stopover.

His sentiments were expounded upon by the retiring Professor Jennifer Bankier, who herself commented on the wonderful collegiality that exists among Dalhousie’s faculty and students while relating anecdotes about just how collegial things could get among the staff when alcohol was involved.

Also retiring this year is Professor Paul Thomas. Unfortunately, he was unable to attend the festivities due to an emergency meeting.

All of the speakers were firm in stating their profound affection for Dalhousie, and it was a wonderful affirmation of the warm and harmonious atmosphere that exists at the Law School. •



Professor Philip Girard



Professors Jennifer Bankier and David Blaikie

Sheila Wile retires after 20 years

After 20 years as secretary to the graduate program, Sheila Wile retired on June 30. Sheila began her career at Dalhousie with short stints at Physical Plant and Shirreff Hall, but in 1989 she found her true home at the Law School and never looked back. Although Sheila has fulfilled various other functions along the way, such as secretarial supervisor and secretary to the Finance Committee and the Tenure and Promotions Committee, looking after the graduate program was her core responsibility and the one she most enjoyed. Seeing the students through from first contact to admission to completion of their degrees was always interesting and sometimes challenging, and many students over the years benefited from a “closed-door” session with Sheila where they related their problems and received the necessary encouragement and assistance.

Sheila was always particularly concerned to ensure that non-Canadian students found their way securely through the system, helping those who hailed from such countries as Bhutan and Brazil. Always one to enjoy a good party, Sheila helped organize various potluck dinners and receptions in the course of the year, and Weldonites frequently benefited from her homemade shortbread cookies.

Sheila’s contributions to life at Dalhousie were recognized in 2003 when she received the Rosemary Gill Award for outstanding service to students by an employee in a non-teaching role. Students, faculty and staff will miss her deeply but wish her well in her retirement. Sheila says she will not miss the commute from Fall River and she’s looking forward to spending more time with her children and granddaughter and pursuing other interests. •



Lisa Drew and Linda Aiken



Sheila Wile and David Blaikie

Moots

Smith Shield



(From left) The Honourable Elizabeth Roscoe, Melissa Hamilton, Shaun MacMillan, Cindy Locke, Bruce Lee-Shanok, Justice Thomas Cromwell and Joel Pink, QC

The Smith Shield recognizes the high level of achievement in mooting by four third-year students who participate in the annual competition.

The winners of this year's Smith Shield were **Cindy Locke** and **Shaun MacMillan**. They were awarded the A.S. Patillo Prize

in Advocacy. Runners up **Melissa Hamilton** and **Bruce Lee-Shanok** were awarded the Leonard A. Kitz Prize in Advocacy.

The moot was held before a bench composed of Joel Pink, QC, president of the N.S. Barristers' Society, the Honourable Thomas Cromwell and the Honourable Elizabeth Roscoe. •

McKelvey Cup

Four students from Dal Law participated in the McKelvey Cup in Moncton in February 2009. The problem in this case was prosecuting or defending a charge of dangerous driving causing death. The Dalhousie defence team of **Gerry Quigley** and **Katy Sweet** placed second, defeating the Crown team from UNB. Gerry also won the award for best opening statement. The Dalhousie Crown team of **Cindy Locke** and **Mike Scott** placed third, defeating the defence team from the University of Moncton. Mike also won the award for best cross examination. The team prize overall went to the University of Moncton Crown team who faced off against UNB. The McKelvey Cup is the regional trial competition for the Sopinka Cup. •

Laskin Memorial

The 2009 Laskin Moot, a bilingual moot in constitutional and administrative law, was hosted by the University of Western Ontario in London, Ont. on Feb. 27 and 28. Mooters Jen Bond, Josiah MacQuarrie, Ashley McConnell-Gordon and Mahdi Shams, coached by Prof. Philip Girard, wrapped their heads around a problem dealing with a challenge to the federal judicial appointments process launched by a disappointed applicant. The team placed fourth overall out of the 20 teams in attendance and was awarded the third-place prize for the best factum. Jen Bond was judged to be the fourth-best oralist out of a field of 80. •

Jessup

Sean Van Helden, Emily Beaton, Freedom-Kai Phillips and **Bruce Lee-Shanok** put on a terrific performance in London, Ont. They were in second place at the end of the preliminary rounds and faced off against the University of Ottawa in the final. Freedom and Bruce lost this very hotly contested round, and Ottawa went on to place first overall in the moot.

Also, thanks goes out to the many judges, practitioners and faculty who helped the team by sitting for practice benches. In the Jessup, perhaps more than any other moot, the quality of a team's performance is directly tied to how rigorously the mooters were tested in practice. •



(From left) Emily Beaton, Bruce Lee-Shanok, Sean Van Helden, Professor Robert Currie and Freedom Kai-Phillips.



Canadian Corporate/Securities

(From left) Justice Kathryn N. Feldman (Ontario Court of Appeal), Chrissy Gianoulas and Bill O'Reilly (from Davies Ward Phillips & Vineberg LLP), Danielle Toigo, Ken Jennings, Jennifer Hodgins, Dan McGruder, Professor Mohamed Khimji (Photo courtesy of Davies Ward Phillips & Vineberg LLP)

The Dalhousie Law School team of **Jennifer Hodgins, Ken Jennings, Dan McGruder** and **Danielle Toigo** beat 12 other law schools from across Canada for their first-place finish. The moot took place at the Federal Court of Appeal in Toronto on March 6 and 7.

The team's faculty supervisor, **Mohamed Khimji**, said, "For me, the best part was watching four young people transform themselves from students into professional advocates in just two months' time. The University can be very proud of them as they certainly represented us well."

The problem argued by the team was designed to test the boundaries of the recent landmark decision by the Supreme Court of Canada in the BCE bondholder litigation. It involved a proposed transaction whereby a corporation would "spin-off" one of its subsidiaries to its shareholders by way of a plan

of arrangement and the attempt by certain holders of notes to prevent court approval of the transaction.

The final round was argued before Justices Kathryn N. Feldman, Robert A. Blair, and John I. Laskin of the Ontario Court of Appeal, along with Lucien Bouchard, PC, GOQ (former premier of Quebec) and Lawrence Ritchie (vice-chair of the OSC).

The only competition of its kind in Canada, the annual Corporate/Securities Moot provides an opportunity for top students from Canadian law schools to debate current legal issues in corporate and securities law with senior practitioners from Toronto law firms and corporations, regulators from the Ontario Securities Commission and judges. The moot is sponsored and administered by the Toronto law firm Davies Ward Phillips & Vineberg. •

Students participate in fellowship program

For the past five years Dal Law students have benefited from The Borden Ladner Gervais' fellowship program. This initiative provides grants to top performing first-year law students to undertake legal research initiatives under the direction of faculty members.

Former students **Keri Gammon ('06)**, **Melissa Insanic ('07)**, **David Mollica ('08)**, **Jeff Haylock ('09)** and current student **Erin Tolfo (candidate '10)** have all participated in this program.

"The BLG Fellowship program offers first-year law students an invaluable, hands-on learning experience and an opportunity for law schools to secure top performing first-year students to perform much needed legal research," explained **Norm Letalik (LL.M.'80)**, Managing Director of Professional Excellence at BLG. "By supporting first-year law students early in their careers, BLG is providing work opportunities to help promising students and support the law school's efforts to attract talent for university research."

The Fellowship Program, established in 2004, arose out of BLG's commitment to strengthening university-based research at law schools across Canada. Over the past five years the program has awarded 100 fellowships, totaling \$1 million, to promote legal research at law schools.

Starting in 2009, the renewed BLG Fellowship program will award a total of 20 grants worth \$12,000 each year to law students who have completed their first year. Fellowship recipients will be chosen by the individual law schools based upon their academic achievements. •



Domus Legis: Re-energized and reborn

In 2003 the legendary Domus house, which had once played host to the likes of Lord Denning and Justice Wilson and provided a home away from home to generations of law students, was torn down to make way for university expansion. At the time there was talk of moving, of finding a new house and a new direction, but nothing came to fruition. The society floundered, seemingly without purpose or direction.

Today, that changes. With a young and energetic new executive, Domus is committed to reestablishing itself at the heart of Dalhousie Law's social community. As the first step in the drive, Domus held a series of "Summer Social" events in Canada's major legal centers which brought together alumni as well as current and incoming students. The Summer Socials were a tremendous success, and we hope to harness the energy of those events in an upcoming fund raising drive, with the aim of securing a new house by September of 2010. If all goes according to plan, and with your support, this should be the last year that Domus is without a domicile. •



David Steeves: Wins Race and the Law Essay Prize

The Nova Scotia Barristers' Society new Race and the Law Essay Prize recognizes outstanding scholarship by students of Dalhousie Law School, pertaining specifically to race and the law. Created by the Race Relations Committee (RRC), the new annual prize is sponsored by the law firm of Stewart McKelvey. "There is important work being done by students at Dalhousie on issues of race and the law," explains Bedford lawyer Barbara Darby, a member of the RRC's paper prize subcommittee. "We hope it will invite more students to give consideration during their academic study to issues of race and encourage them to develop their race literacy."

The 2009 prize winner was **David Steeves (LL.M.'09)**, for his submission "Maniacal Murderer or Death Dealing Car: The Case of Daniel Perry Sampson 1933-1935." Sampson, an African-Nova Scotian veteran of the Great War, was arrested and tried in the mysterious 1933 deaths of two young brothers whose bodies were found near railway tracks on the outskirts of Halifax.

A lawyer and member of the bar societies in both Nova Scotia and Alberta, Mr. Steeves graduated from Dalhousie Law School in May with a Master of Laws degree. He also holds a Bachelor of Laws degree from Dal and a Bachelor of Arts degree from Mount Allison University. He presently resides in Toronto and is pursuing a career in litigation while developing further work for publication. •

DISCRETIONARY AWARD WINNERS 2008

1. **Daniel McGruder**
2. **Jillian Brown/Kristen Van Alpen**
3. **Jessica Irving**
4. **Nasha Nijhawan**
5. **Adam Picotte/Edward Wang**
6. **Jillian Allen**
7. **Derek Schnare**
8. **Lindsay McFadden**
9. **Jennifer Bond**
10. **Christine Muir**
11. **Andrew Johnston**
12. **Gordon McGuire**
13. **Hilary Kennan/Jenny Rodopoulos**
14. **Ashley Thomas**

- Robert E. Bamford Memorial Prize
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- Muriel Duckworth Award
- William Johnston Grant Q.C. Memorial Award
- David M. Jones Memorial Award
- Elizabeth May Award for Environmental Service
- Sarah MacWalker MacKenzie Clinical Law Award
- NSBS Presidents' Leadership Award
- Judge Fran Potts Award
- The Francois-Michel Proulx Memorial Award
- Horace E. Read Award
- The Dawn Russell Community Commitment Award
- Judge Corrine E. Sparks Award in Law for Excellence and Service



Alison Hopkins: summer in Bangladesh

The night before final exam began I received a phone call — I had been chosen for an internship with Canadian Lawyers Abroad in Bangladesh. I had less than a month to prepare to go, but I was so excited to have this opportunity to test the waters of a career in international legal development.

For the summer of 2008 I worked in Dhaka, the capital of Bangladesh and one of the largest cities of South Asia with a population of 12-million. While there I worked with the Asia Founda-

Canadian-trained lawyers are respected in the international community, particularly in the areas of constitutional and legal development.

tion on two projects: the Fair Elections and Institutional Reforms Project (FEIRP), and the Leaders of Influence Program (LOI).

In the past two years FEIRP has grown in importance as Bangladesh has been under emergency rule since suspended national elections in January 2007. It was an intense time to be in the country as the first round of elections since 2001 were held. FEIRP played an important role in linking the international development community with a coalition of 33 local NGOs. The project focused on voter and civic education, as well as election observation. I will admit, I had certain expectations about the voting process as well as the corruption that exists through much of South Asia, however I was genuinely impressed with the commitment to democracy by many of the citizens.

Needless to say, taking part in this program broadened my perspective. It challenged my creativity to develop education programs in a country with low literacy rates. Working with FEIRP showed me the difficult tasks faced by development programs and allowed me to work with both high-level government parties and local Bangladeshi people.

The Leaders of Influence (LOI) program aims to enhance the capacity of religious and secular leaders of influence to contribute to national development

the third day, they were practising their English and asking all kinds of questions about life in Canada.

I have to admit everything didn't go as smoothly as I would have liked. It took awhile getting used to being stared at (young white women are not an everyday sight in Dhaka) and I missed my shorts in the forty degree weather. But I also learned so much. I was given an opportunity to network that many others only dream of, from brunch with the British High Commissioner to sitting



Alison presenting Leaders of Influence certificates in Sylhet

and democratic reforms. Much of my experience with the program centered on a three-day training session with one hundred Muslim Imams in a northern city. In a country where 90 per cent of people are Muslim, the Imam plays a highly influential role in the community. During the training sessions we spoke to the Imams about a number of issues: from the benefits of play in children's schooling to the importance of inoculations and family planning. Working with the Imams was a unique experience. In the beginning the Imams were very unsure of me and sat as far away as possible. By the end of

in on meetings with the U.S. envoy to South Asia. My legal training will be an important part of what I can bring to my work in international development. Canadian-trained lawyers are respected in the international community, particularly in the areas of constitutional and legal development. I will take what I have learned at Dalhousie and my summer with Canadian Lawyers Abroad and the Asia Foundation, to do what many of us intended on doing with our law degrees by taking small steps to make this world a better place. — Alison Hopkins

It's not every day a law school gets a \$20-million gift

It is our great pleasure to confirm that an agreement has been reached between Dalhousie and philanthropist Seymour Schulich for a precedent-setting gift of \$20 million, entirely dedicated to our law school. To put this in perspective, the largest previous gift to a Canadian law school of which we are aware was in the amount of \$7.5 million.

Students will be the major beneficiaries of the donation, with the greatest portion of the gift dedicated to 41 new scholarships with an average value of \$12,000 each. We will now have the best scholarship program in Canada. We expect the first of these scholarships, which will acknowledge academic merit, community service and financial need, to be awarded during the '09/'10 academic year. This new support means we will be able to offer a Dalhousie legal education to qualified students who may otherwise never have the chance to attend law school.

A new Schulich Academic Excellence Fund, administered through the Faculty, will be available to support many initiatives, including student exchanges and internships, clinical education (including the legal aid clinic), professional development, research initiatives, course development, library holdings and more.

Our site will continue to be known as the Weldon Law Building, and the Sir James Dunn Law Library will continue to bear the name of one of the university's early 20th century benefactors.

In recognition of Mr. Schulich's support, the Faculty of Law will become the Schulich School of Law. The official logo will continue to include the Dalhousie name and the current crest.

Mr. Schulich has supported several Canadian universities (the Schulich School of Business at York University, the Schulich School of Medicine and Dentistry at the University of Western Ontario, the Schulich School of Engineering at the University of Calgary, and the Schulich School of Music at McGill University) and internationally (the Schulich Faculty of Chemistry at the Technion Israel Institute of Technology). Ours is the only Canadian law school to benefit from his philanthropy.

This gift is a demonstration of confidence in our faculty, students and staff, and of the excellence of the education we have offered since 1883. Mr. Schulich's generosity will allow us to carry on with renewed vigor far into the future.

Justice Cromwell: Congratulations to former faculty member



In February 2009, past and present faculty members attended the formal public swearing in ceremony in Ottawa of Justice Thomas A. Cromwell to the Supreme Court of Canada. Professor Wayne MacKay, Dean Phillip Saunders, Professor Bill Charles and Professor Brent Cotter (University of Saskatchewan) joined Justice Cromwell at the Supreme Court to congratulate him on his appointment. Justice Cromwell, born in Kingston, Ontario, was educated at Queen's University, the Royal Conservatory of Music and earned his LL.B. at Oxford University. He was a much-admired professor of law at Dalhousie from 1982 to 1992 and from 1995 to 1997 before his appointment to the Nova Scotia Court of Appeal. •

Teaching excellence recognized



STEVE COUGHLAN receives Barnett Award

Honoured at this year's Spring Reception was Professor Steve Coughlan, who received the 2009 Hanna and Harold Barnett Award for Excellence in Teaching First Year Law presented by first-year student Melissa Grover.

Confessing himself to be a "busybody" with a ceaseless need to correct and advise others, Prof. Coughlan declared his gratitude for what would otherwise be a "hideous social maladaptation" was considered an asset now that he was a professor. The Spring Reception also honoured part-time teachers Tim Hill, Aiden Mead and Cindy Murphy.



JENNIFER LLEWELLYN is honoured for teaching excellence

Professor Jennifer Llewellyn is well-known for her ability to captivate and inspire students. Her talents were honoured at this year's Spring Reception when she was presented with the Dalhousie Law Students' Society and Alumni Association Award for Excellence in teaching.

In a moving presentation, student Jade Buchanan praised her abilities, stating that her lessons "were not just about teaching us the law but about helping us develop as healthy human beings."

Prof. Llewellyn stated that she was "touched and truly honoured" by the recognition and praised the help and inspiration she had received from her colleagues, particularly Professors Pothier and Murphy. •

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Welcome to a new faculty member



GEOFFREY LOOMER is delighted to return to Halifax and join the Dal Law faculty, where he will be teaching a variety of tax law courses. Professor Loomer spent his youth in Halifax and other parts of the Maritimes before relocating to the West Coast. He obtained his BSc in Economics from the University of Victoria in 1994 and his LL.B. from the University of British Columbia in 2000, spending two years in the interim with the Bank of Canada. He clerked with the British Columbia Supreme Court in 2000-01 and then practiced in the tax group of McCarthy Tétrault LLP until 2006. Geoffrey received a BCL from the University of Oxford in 2005 and, after making the decision to leave full-time practice, returned to Oxford to pursue a DPhil in international tax law. He expects to complete his doctorate later this year but will retain his association as a Research Fellow at the Oxford University Centre for Business Taxation. His research interests and publications involve the intersection of tax law, corporate law and public law. This year will be an exciting one since Geoffrey and his wife, Lindsay, are expecting their first child. •



VAUGHAN BLACK

In the summer of 2008 Professor Vaughan Black taught a course in Judicial Remedies at the University of Sherbrooke. In the fall term he was on sabbatical leave writing a book on foreign currency obligations, due for publication later this year. In the winter term he turned to teaching with courses in Conflicts of Law and Animals of the Law, and he also chaired hearing panels for Dalhousie's Senate Discipline Committee. He published papers on court jurisdiction and factual causation and had a paper on the former subject presented at an international conference on the law of causation held in Aberdeen, Scotland. Throughout the year he served as an advisor to the Federal Department of Justice and the Law Commission of Ontario on matters relating to private international law and sat on the editorial board of the *Journal of Private International Law*. •



DAVID BLAIKIE

Professor Blaikie taught Civil Procedure, Professional Responsibility and ADR this year. In February, he travelled to Hue City, Vietnam, where he co-taught at Hue University (with Professor Diana Ginn) on the subject of conflict resolution. He and Professor Ginn, collaborating with academics from Vietnam, Singapore, India and the Philippines, are developing a proposal for a book on conflict resolution in Asia. To that end, he attended a conference in New York City in May on resolving business disputes in China. A book he co-wrote with Professor Ginn, a primer on the law for religious institutions in the United States, will be published in the fall by Continuum Books in New York. He is writing a volume of Halsbury's Laws of Canada on the law of damages (Lexis Nexis). David is also involved as co-editor of a book with Darrel Pink, Executive Director of the Nova Scotia Barristers' Society, and Justice Thomas A. Cromwell, Supreme Court of Canada. The book, a collection of essays to be published by Irwin Law, will present a balanced discussion and critique of lawyers and lawyering in Canada. He continues to serve as a director of the Johnson Scholarship Foundation, an American foundation based in Florida, which assists disadvantaged people to attain an education. He is also on the board of directors of the *Presbyterian Record*, a magazine published for the Presbyterian Church in Canada. •



SARAH BRADLEY

Professor Bradley has continued to pursue her teaching and research interests in the business law area this year, with a particular focus on corporate law and finance. This year, she taught courses in Business Associations and Corporate Finance and is getting ready for two new courses in 2009-10: Mergers and Acquisitions and Current Issues in Corporate Law, which will focus next year on the legal issues related to multinational business corporations. Her writing for the year included the first published analysis and commentary on the Nova Scotia Companies Act, which is one of the oldest and most unique general incorporation statutes in Canada. For many years, the unique features of the NSCA have made Nova Scotia a jurisdiction of choice for corporations involved in inter-provincial and cross-border transactions, but its ancient provenance and anachronistic elements have often proven challenging and counter-intuitive for non-specialist advisors and students of corporate law alike. Professor Bradley attended the annual Canadian Workshop on Commercial and Consumer Law held this year in Winnipeg, and attended the Conducting Empirical Legal Scholarship Workshop at Northwestern University in Chicago. She is currently writing a comment on the Supreme Court of Canada's analysis of fiduciary duties in the BCE case and pursuing an empirical research project relating to the governance of business trusts. •



ALDO CHIRCOP

Professor Aldo Chircop was on sabbatical during 2008-09. He continued as co-editor of the *Ocean Yearbook*, now in its 23rd volume. Remembering a Dalhousie colleague who died recently, he co-edited with Ted L. McDorman and Susan J. Rolston *The Future of Ocean Regime-Building: Essays in Tribute to Douglas M. Johnston*. He published a series of articles on Arctic governance from papers presented at conferences in Belgium, Germany, Sweden and the United States. With Professor VanderZwaag, he finalised a report for the Arctic Marine Shipping Assessment process of the Arctic Council and led a Marine & Environmental Law Institute research team, which co-operated with European counterparts in producing a book entitled *Understanding and Strengthening European Union-Canada Relations in Law of the Sea and Ocean Governance*. He presented a paper at a meeting convened by the International Seabed Authority at Chatham House in London, England, and assisted the UN Group of Experts on the Scientific Aspects of Marine Pollution in peer reviewing a document for the UN General Assembly. He taught coastal law and policy modules at universities in Uruguay and Mexico and gave a series of lectures in Taiwan on the invitation of the Canadian Trade Office in Taipei. •



STEVE COUGHLAN

Steve Coughlan taught his usual selection of Criminal Law, Criminal Procedure and Criminal Law Problems, and was pleased to have been selected as this year's winner of the Hannah and Harold Barnett Teaching Award. He continued to co-edit the *Criminal Reports*, the *Criminal Law Essentials e-Letter*, and the *It.Can Newsletter on Law and Technology*. In addition, his books *Criminal Procedure* (Irwin Law) and *2007 Annual Review of Criminal Law* (Carswell) both appeared. He helped chair a retreat among institutional teaching award winners at UNBSJ in the fall, and gave the keynote speech at the Golden Key induction ceremony. In addition he gave a CLE presentation (with Rob Currie) on electronic evidence to the Nova Scotia Department of Justice, Civil side, spoke about remedies to a conference of Nova Scotia judges and gave a talk on extraterritoriality and the Internet (with Rob Currie and former Dal faculty member Teresa Scassa) to an IT.Can conference. •



ROB CURRIE

2008-09 was a busy and exciting year for Professor Rob Currie. In July 2008 he was the only academic invited to participate as a faculty member at the National Criminal Law Program presented by the Federation of Law Societies of Canada in Charlottetown. He gave papers on the right to counsel under the Charter and international mutual legal assistance, as well as co-chairing workshops. In the fall he delivered invited papers at the Canadian Council on International Law conference in Ottawa and IT.Can's annual conference, this year held in Halifax, as well as a seminar on electronic evidence that Rob and colleague Steve Coughlan gave to the Nova Scotia Department of Justice. Professor Currie's primary research and consulting work continues to be in the area of international and transnational criminal law, and there is some danger that his book on these topics will be published in the fall of 2009. He has been regularly consulted by the media on international extradition cases. He also enjoyed coaching Dal's Jessup Moot team to a strong finish at the Canadian competition in London, Ont., in March, and continues to enjoy teaching Evidence, Civil Procedure and International Criminal Law. •



MICHAEL DETURBIDE

Professor Deturbide continued to serve as Associate Dean, Academic, in 2008-09. He oversees the academic administration of the law school, including academic regulations and policies, grades and student issues. He also sat on the Credentials Committee of the Nova Scotia Barristers Society and the Board the Commonwealth Judicial Education Institute and was the Canadian representative to the Board of Trustees of the Law School Admissions Council. He also taught Taxation Law and negotiated a new agreement with Carswell for the publication of the *Canadian Journal of Law and Technology (CJLT)*. He serves as co-editor, with Professor Reynolds, of the revitalized *CJLT*. Professor Deturbide produced a report for the federal Department of Justice on the Convention on the Use of Electronic Communications in International Contracts. He was also invited to speak at a number of venues, including the University of King's College School of Journalism, and at a conference entitled "A Free Press and an Independent Judiciary" at which he gave a presentation on the challenge of new technologies for the judiciary and participated in a panel discussion. He also gave local and national media interviews on technology law issues. Professor Deturbide continued to serve as Associate Director of the Law and Technology Institute. He also chaired the Studies Committee and served on the Admissions Committee and Tenure and Promotions Committee. •



RICHARD DEVLIN

Much of Professor Devlin's time this year focused on issues relating to legal ethics and the regulation of the legal profession. He is the co-editor of a new book *Lawyers' Ethics and Professional Regulation* and co-author of two articles, "The End(s) of Self-Regulation (?)" (2008) 45 *Alta L. Rev.* 169-216 (with P. Heffernan) and "Fitness For Purpose: Mandatory Continuing Legal Ethics Education for Lawyers" (2009) 87 *Can Bar Rev.* 773-804 [with J. Downie]. Professor Devlin has also been working on another paper with Professor Downie on "Lifelong Learning and Legal Ethics Education." He has given papers relating to the regulation of the legal profession at various conferences hosted by Queen's University, McGill University, the University of Toronto and Carleton University. He was also recruited to join the editorial board of the international journal *Legal Ethics*. The other major focus for Professor Devlin has been judicial education. He has continued his work on judicial capacity building in Vietnam with the Judicial Academy and the Supreme People's Court. He has continued to collaborate with the National Judicial Institute giving a paper on Fundamental Breach in Contract Law to the Civil Law Programme. He has also served as a member of the Planning Committee for a new "Sophomore Programme: The Art and Craft of Judging" being developed by the N.J.I. to be offered in August 2010. •



JOCELYN DOWNIE

This past year brought a trip to Croatia to speak at the World Congress on Feminist Approaches to Bioethics on judicial reasoning about pregnancy and choice and about the power of money in bioethics research. This was a wonderful opportunity to see a new and complex part of the world and to reconnect with colleagues from all over the world who share a commitment to advancing the interests of women in and through bioethics.

Thanks to funding from the Nova Scotia Health Research Foundation and the Canadian Institutes of Health Research, Jennifer Llewellyn and Prof. Downie were also able to bring together a remarkable group of leaders in the fields of relational theory and health law and policy to discuss their draft chapters of a book on the intersection of these two fields to be published next year. This project highlights an extraordinary strength of our local talent: eight of the 12 members of our dream team for this book were right here at Dalhousie.

Teaching, supervising a talented crop of graduate students, managing a diverse group of research grants, writing an eclectic set of articles and continuing to play soccer rounded out a most enjoyable year. •



MEINHARD DOELLE

Meinhard Doelle is an Associate Professor where he specializes in environmental law. He is the Associate Director of the Marine & Environmental Law Institute and the Director of the Marine & Environmental Law Programme.

From 2000 to 2006, he served as a non-governmental member of the Canadian delegation to the UN climate change negotiations. He continues to follow the negotiations and is currently collaborating on an international project on the climate regime's compliance system.

From January to May 2008, Professor Doelle was a visiting scholar at the Environmental Law Center of the IUCN in Bonn, Germany. He currently serves on the federal provincial environmental assessment panel for the Lower Churchill hydroelectric project in Labrador and is collaborating on an interdisciplinary research project on forest governance.

He has written on a variety of environmental law topics, including climate change, energy, invasive species, environmental assessments and public participation in environmental decision-making. His most recent books are: *Environmental Law: Cases and Materials; The Federal Environmental Assessment Process, a Guide and Critique* and *From Hot Air to Action: Climate Change, Compliance and the Future of International Environmental Law*. •



ELAINE GIBSON

Professor Gibson was excited to return to teaching Tort Law and Damage Compensation for the first time in 10 years, as well as her seminar course in Advanced Negligence: Medical Malpractice. She had a busy year, including appearing before the House of Commons Standing Committee on Health to critique Bill C-11, the Human Pathogens and Toxins Act. She subsequently appeared before the Senate Standing Committee on Social Affairs, Science and Technology to critique a revised version of the same Act, amended in part due to her earlier intervention. The Health Law and Policy seminar series she organized received much critical acclaim, with an average of 90 people attending each seminar.

In terms of scholarship, Professor Gibson published articles/chapters in the areas of patient safety, public health and health information laws. She presented to the Newfoundland/Labrador superior court judges on medical malpractice. She was co-principal applicant (along with researchers at McMaster and University of Ottawa from a range of disciplines) on a research proposal to examine access to health data for research purposes in light of legal and ethical norms. The proposal, intended to run for four years, was ranked first in its pool; a funding decision is pending. •



DIANA GINN

This year, Professor Diana Ginn taught Administrative Law and Law and Religion.

Her research and writing focused primarily on law and religion and alternative dispute resolution, although she also updated a chapter on "Employment Law and Dentistry" (co-authored with Malcolm Boyle) for the second edition of *Dental Law in Canada*, edited by Professor Jocelyn Downie, Mr. Michael Hadskis, Ms. Karen McEwan and Dr. William MacInnes.

This spring, she and co-author Professor David Blaikie submitted their book *Legal Guide for American Religious Institutions* to the publisher Continuum. Diana Ginn is also completing a volume on Religious Institutions for Halsbury's Laws of Canada.

As part of a CIDA-funded project involving Dalhousie University and universities from the Philippines and Vietnam, Diana Ginn lectured on conflict management at the Vietnam National University, and (with Professor Blaikie) co-taught a module on conflict management in the Masters of Coastal Zone Management program at Hue University in Vietnam. They also developed a curriculum and teaching materials for future use in this module. Professors Ginn and Blaikie are currently developing a proposal for a book on Conflict Management in the Asian Context.

In 2008-09, Professor Ginn completed her seventh year as the Law School representative on the Nova Scotia Law Reform Commission. •



PHILIP GIRARD

Philip Girard taught two sections of Property in 2008-09 and coached the Laskin Moot. His article "Politics, Promotion, and Professionalism: Sir Wilfrid Laurier's Judicial Appointments" appeared in a festschrift for the late Peter Oliver, editor-in-chief of the *Osgoode Society*. In it Professor Girard argued that while Sir Wilfrid deployed political patronage in a traditional manner with regard to his appointments to trial-level judgeships in Canada, he made a significant break with the past when it came to judicial posts at the appellate level. Here he strongly favoured promotion of the senior incumbent judge, regardless of party affiliation, and helped the cause of judicial independence in so doing. With Jim Phillips, Professor Girard wrote "A Certain Malaise: Harrison v. Carswell and the Limits of the Postwar Settlement," an in-depth historical case study of this famous case on shopping centre picketing. It will appear in a collection edited by Judy Fudge & Eric Tucker on leading cases in labour law. Professor Girard was also named to the Minister of Labour's list of arbitrators for Nova Scotia. •



MICHAEL HADSKIS

Professor Michael Hadskis taught the core Health Law course and acted as the faculty supervisor for the Health Law Placement course. Michael also took on the Competition Administrator role for the 2008 Trilateral Moot Court Competition. As well, he oversaw and delivered health law education in the Faculty of Medicine at the M.D. and post-graduate levels and oversaw the health law curricula in the Faculties of Dentistry and Health Professions.

Professor Hadskis actively pursued his research interests in the areas of regulating human biomedical research and neuroimaging ethics. He co-edited the second edition of the text *Dental Law in Canada* and contributed a chapter to this book titled "The Regulation of Dental Research." Professor Hadskis also authored several peer-reviewed journal articles, including a paper titled "Canadian Research Ethics Boards, MRI Research Risks, and MRI Risk Classification" that appeared in the July/August issue of *IRB: Ethics & Human Research*.

In September, Professor Hadskis delivered a talk titled "Giving Voice to Research Participants: Should IRBs Hear from Research Participant Representatives?" at the Society of Clinical Research Associates 18th Annual Conference in Nashville, Tenn. •



ELIZABETH HUGHES

Elizabeth Hughes continued in her role as Assistant Dean of the Faculty of Law. She taught a course in Youth Law, focusing primarily on child protection, adoption, aboriginal child welfare and youth criminal justice.

She was a guest lecturer for the first year Legal Research and Writing course and supervised LL.B. and graduate students as they wrote papers relating to youth and media and youth criminal justice. In the upcoming academic year she will be supervising the Nova Scotia Supreme Court and Court of Appeal clerkship programs, as well as the Judge's Weekly Clerkship program for third-year students. Professor Hughes provided academic counselling and advice to many students on a wide range of issues over the course of the year and says student contact is one of the best aspects of her job. She attended conferences on class-action proceedings and electronic discovery and is involved in aspects of the new civil procedure rules project, working with the judiciary to develop electronic civil procedure forms and online assistance that will make the rules and procedures more accessible and understandable to self-represented litigants.

She continues as a member of the Armbrae Academy Board of Governors and with her work with animal-rescue organizations. •

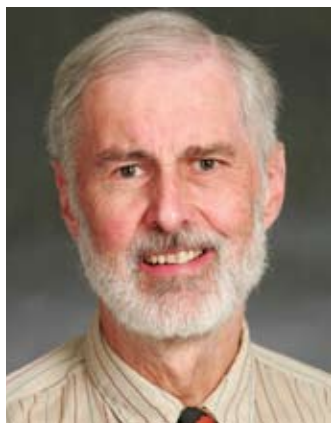


ARCHIBALD KAISER

Professor H. Archibald (Archie) Kaiser continues to enjoy his teaching assignments, Criminal Law, Criminal Procedure and Mental Disability Law in the Law School and Legal Issues in Psychiatry in the Residency Training Program of the Department of Psychiatry. He has recently published several comments/articles in the *Criminal Reports*: "L.M.: A Hard Case Makes for Bad Sentencing Law"; "McNeil: A Welcome Clarification and Extension of Disclosure Principles"; and "Patrick: Protecting Canadians' Privacy Interest in Garbage: 'A step too far' for the Supreme Court."

He has delivered guest lectures for the Nova Scotia Bar, the Canadian Mental Health Association (C.M.H.A.), several university departments, the N.S. Criminal Lawyers' Association and the Canadian Council of Administrative Tribunals. His volunteer commitments have involved participation in Boards of the C.M.H.A., N.S. Division; the Health Minds Cooperative; reachAbility; the Mental Health and the Law Advisory Committee of the Canadian Mental Health Commission; and the Canadian Association of Independent Schools.

His family is thriving, with his partner, Judge Anne Derrick, being very busy with the Provincial and Youth Court; Elspeth (25) doing her articles in Criminal Law in Vancouver; Catriona (20) finishing her B.A./B.Sc. at McGill and Freya (16) enrolled in Grade 11 at Halifax Grammar School. •



HUGH KINDRED

During the past year Professor Hugh Kindred continued to teach aspects of marine transportation, international trade and international law. In pursuit of these legal interests he undertook a collaborative study of the comparative regulation of maritime security by Canada and the European Union (EU) for presentation before officials of the EU Commission in Brussels in December 2008. He also co-authored a paper with Professor Rob Currie about the fragmentation of the international law of state jurisdiction from a Canadian perspective for a Colloquium on International Law in Domestic Courts in Oslo in May 2009.

Professor Kindred's current research includes a team project on the assertion of extraterritorial jurisdiction by Canada, which is funded by an award from the SSHRC of Canada. In connection with this project, he led a faculty seminar on "Canadian court remedies for international human rights abuses." •



BILL LAHEY

In 2008-09, Professor Lahey enjoyed teaching Public Law and Health System Law and Policy and guest lecturing in the faculties of Management and Health Professions. Another highlight was hosting the Honourable Allan Blakeney during his tenure as Visiting Fellow in Law and Public Policy. In November, he was the guest of the Bertelsmann Stiftung at the International Regulatory Reform Conference, held in Berlin, where he participated on a panel comparing regulatory reform in Canada, Germany and the United States. Professor Lahey lectured on Medicare and constitutional law in the "Excellence in Health Series" (sponsored by the Dalhousie School of Health Administration). An essay based on that lecture is being published in the book based on the series. He wrote a chapter on the role of law for a new book on Canadian health care and revised the chapter on law and Medicare for the new edition of *Canadian Dental Law*, edited by Professors Downie, Hadskis and others. As a member of the Health Law Institute, he worked with the Nova Scotia Health Professions Regulatory Network on an innovative collaboration (funded by the Department of Health) to develop an inter-professional approach to the regulation of health professionals. •



JENNIFER LLEWELLYN

Professor Llewellyn continued as Director for the Nova Scotia Restorative Justice Community University Research Alliance. In addition, she completed work with the United Nations Development Programme drafting a National Restorative Justice Policy for Jamaica. She also undertook a project with Professor Downie on Relational Theory & Health Law and Policy which was awarded funding by CIHR for two author's workshops (Sept/June) and will result in an edited collection. She is currently co-directing a joint project of the Alliance of NGO's on Crime Prevention & Criminal Justice and the Kroc Institute for Peace (Notre Dame) on "Reconciliation, Restorative Justice & Peacebuilding". She also presented at several conferences and workshops including: the "Putting Law to Work: Famous Cases in Labour Law" Workshop (Victoria), the International Institute for Restorative Practice Conference (Toronto), Canadian Association of Law and Society Winter Meetings (Halifax), the National Judicial Institute's Race and the Law Program (Halifax), Restorative Justice and Schools Conference (Yarmouth), the Canadian Law and Society Annual Conference (Ottawa) and the National Restorative Justice Conference (Kingston, Jamaica). She was also a keynote at the National Conference on Restorative Justice in San Antonio Tex. Professor Llewellyn was honoured to receive the Law School's teaching award this year. •



A. WAYNE MACKAY

Professor MacKay suffered a detached retina in July 2008. After five surgeries the retina remains attached and his vision is returning slowly. He returned to the Law School in January 2009, teaching Education Law and organizing the Read Lecture. Professor MacKay published "Social and Economic Rights in Canada." (*Supreme Court Law Review*). He also published on this same topic in the April 17, 2009, *Lawyers' Weekly*. In February 2009 he presented to the commissioners and staff of the Canadian Human Rights Commission advocating the statutory addition of social condition. He wrote "Power, Parliament and Prorogation: A Canadian Political Drama" for the Dec. 12, 2008, online publication *Jurist*. He presented on the following: "French Immersion and Inclusion," Fredericton – July/08; "The Media's Right to Offend," Kings College, November/08; "Inclusive Education: The Long Journey," Halifax, December/08; "A Canadian perspective on Inclusion" at an International Symposium, Sao Paulo, Brazil, April/09; "Collective Bargaining: The Supreme Court as Oracle," Halifax Intergovernmental Conference, May/09; and "Setting the Direction Minister's Forum" Edmonton, June/09. He was reappointed to the board of the Canadian Civil Liberties Association and became a member of the Nova Scotia Bar Society's Discipline Hearings Committee. He became Queen's Counsel in May 2009. •



MOIRA L. MCCONNELL

In 2008-09 Professor McConnell taught two first-year contract law classes and an upper-year seminar course, Law of the Sea. She also continued with supervision of graduate students at the Law School and at other universities, including students at the Copenhagen Business School and a doctoral candidate at the University of Bergen Law School. She remained active with the Marine & Environmental Law Institute projects, including a European Commission funded project on EU Canada activities in ocean governance, a Donner Foundation-funded Russia-Canada comparative study, as well as consultancy projects on Arctic shipping and other projects developed in cooperation with the Health Law Institute. She also continued to work with the UN as a special advisor to the director, International Labour Standards Department, ILO, Geneva, primarily in connection with activities to encourage the ratification and implementation of the Maritime Labour Convention, 2006, and in connection with the recently adopted IMO Ship Recycling Convention. She is a co-editor of *Ocean Yearbook* and is an associate editor of the *Yearbook of International Environmental Law*. In May she was elected to membership in the International Academy of Comparative Law. Professor McConnell will be on sabbatical in 2009-10. She is preparing two major publications: a book on the Maritime Labour Convention 2006 and a book on national laws affecting activities in the EEZ and on the Continental Shelf. •



ANN MORRISON

The library continues to expand its services and has been able, with support from the Technology Institute at the Law School and the European Union Centre of Excellence at Dalhousie, to add specialized books to its collection. The library was able to add an area of "soft seating" thanks to the efforts of the Class of '57 in honour of their esteemed teacher and mentor, the Honourable Lorne Clark Q.C., former Chief Justice of Nova Scotia.

Professor Morrison continued to teach first-year Legal Research and Writing assisted by Cynthia Chewter. The advanced legal research class taught with Cyndi Murphy of Stewart McKelvey Sterling and Scales was, again, a rewarding experience with 17 enthusiastic third-year students. In addition, she taught Legal Bibliography at the School of Information Management. She was delighted once again to participate in the I.B. & M. program in May.

Professor Morrison was the chair of the 2009 Canadian Association of Law Libraries annual conference held in Halifax. She continues to be on the board of the International Association of Law Libraries, a member of the Canadian Association of Law Libraries and will be attending the annual conference of the American Association of Law Libraries in Washington. On the home front, she is happy to say that she is looking forward to spending more time with all seven of her grandchildren when she retires in 2010. •



CHIDI OGUAMANAM

This past year Professor Oguamanam taught a summer course in indigenous knowledge and IP as the 2008 Distinguished International Scholar at Case Western Reserve Law School in Cleveland, Ohio. He participated in the annual IP Scholars Roundtable at the Iowa Drake University, Des Moines; returned to Iowa for the Annual Summer Institute on IP, Biotechnology and Agricultural Sciences. In the earlier trip, he spoke on Pharmaceutical R&D and Global Public Health Crisis. In summer, his paper was on Agricultural Biotechnology as a Public Health Incentive for Developing Countries. His other speaking engagements included as an invited presenter to the 77th Annual Couchchin Institute on Public Affairs Conference, Orillia, Ont., August 2008; keynote speaker at the African Studies Symposium, University of British Columbia, November 2008; invited speaker at the Bioethics Speaker Series and to the Global Health Conference, both in Dalhousie University. He was engaged by the Maritime Aboriginal Congress as a lead resource person in a learning session on IP, Access and Benefit Sharing under the Convention on Biological Diversity. Professor Oguamanam was a consultant and facilitator to IDRC co-sponsored Workshop on African Indigenous Knowledge and IP at the University of Ibadan, Nigeria. He was the winner of the 2009 BLG Researcher Fellowship for his Project on Intellectual Property and Global



DIANNE POTHIER

In 2008-09 Professor Pothier was on a reduced teaching load, teaching only Constitutional Law. Beyond teaching, she participated in a two-part (September 2008 and May 2009) workshop on relational theory and health care; Dianne's contribution concerns resource allocation. She also gave three different presentations outside the Law School on the duty to accommodate pursuant to human rights legislation. A revised version of one of these is published in (2009) 59 *UNB Law Journal*, 95-108. Dianne has also been active in LEAF (the Women's Legal Education and Action Fund) and will be counsel for LEAF in an upcoming intervention in the Federal Court of Appeal. The case concerns the implications for section 15 of the Charter of the Supreme Court of Canada's 2008 decision in *R. v. Kapp*, where two of Professor Pothier's published articles were cited. Her brief comment on the SCC decision in *Kapp* was published in the *Lawyers' Weekly* in the fall of 2008. •



GRAHAM REYNOLDS

Professor Reynolds joined the faculty in July 2008. This past year, he taught property law and intellectual property law. He is the co-editor in chief of the *Canadian Journal of Law and Technology*, a member of Dalhousie University's Law and Technology Institute and the faculty liaison to Dalhousie Law School's student-run intellectual property law society.

In early 2009, Professor Reynolds co-founded the Halifax Intellectual Property Group (HIP Group), an association of lawyers, professors and students in the Halifax area who are interested in issues of intellectual property law and information technology law. The HIP Group will meet two to three times per year.

Professor Reynolds' research this past year has focused on the question of to what extent individuals should be able to legally participate in the process of engaging with and creating culture using the copyright-protected expression of others. In 2009 Professor Reynolds received a grant from the Foundation for Legal Research to further his research in this area.

Professor Reynolds spoke at a variety of events during 2008-09, including a CBA-NS Intellectual Property Section Meeting and as part of the Torys Technology Law Speakers Series at the University of Ottawa. •



DAWN RUSSELL

Professor Dawn Russell, former Dean and current holder of the Purdy Crawford Chair in Business Law, was appointed in February 2008 by the federal Minister of Finance to the seven-member Expert Panel on Securities Regulation in Canada. Her work on the Expert Panel in many ways represented a continuation of her prior work on the Crawford Panel on a Single Canadian Securities Regulator. The Expert Panel released its final report, *Creating an Advantage in Global Capital Markets*, on Jan. 12, 2009, following 10 months of work on how to improve the structure, content and enforcement of securities regulation in Canada. Professor Russell has also been engaged in work with co-editor and co-author Professor David VanderZwaag and other colleagues from the Dalhousie Marine & Environmental Law Institute, on a book entitled *Recasting Transboundary Fisheries Management Arrangements in Light of Sustainability Principles: Canadian and International Perspectives*, which will be published in the fall of 2009. This spring she completed her work on the Senate Review of the Dalhousie University Faculty of Continuing Education and a two-year term on the Nova Scotia Premier's Excellence Award Selection Committee. She continues to teach Business Associations, Securities Regulation and International Law and to be involved in a variety of community and professional activities, one of the most pleasant of which is her work as chair of the Maritime Rhodes Scholarship Selection Committee. •



ROLLIE THOMPSON

Rollie Thompson started the past year buffeted by the twin legal storms of change in spousal support guidelines and civil procedure rules. The final version of the Spousal Support Advisory Guidelines was released by the federal Department of Justice, at the July 2008 National Family Law Program in Deerhurst, Ont. Next came a thorough revision of the LexisNexis annotated *Civil Procedure Rules*, which he edits, as a result of the complete rewriting of the Nova Scotia Rules.

The Advisory Guidelines weren't really done, as Professor Thompson has been completing a Cher-style "farewell tour" for most of the year (without the costume changes). In September 2008, he spoke about them to the International Society of Family Law in Vienna. He also spoke to family law audiences in Nova Scotia, Newfoundland and Labrador, Ontario and British Columbia, as well as doing a national CBA online education program.

The new Rules came into effect on Jan. 1, 2009. That meant that the Civil Procedure course and materials also had to be completely revised last summer by the procedure professors. Professor Thompson also taught a number of Tier 2 sessions to litigators on the new Rules. He completed his "year of procedure" by attending the 2009 conference of the International Association of Procedural Law, held in Toronto. •



ESMERALDA M.A. THORNHILL

Professor Thornhill views 2008-09 as a year of heightened 'race' consciousness by the N.S. legal profession because in February 2009 the Barristers' Society unveiled in the Law Courts a portrait of the first African Nova Scotian lawyer, James Robinson Johnston, (www.courts.ns.ca/swearingin_videos_archive/swearing_in_videos_archive_page.htm) and its Race Relations Committee co-sponsored with Stewart McKelvey the first Annual Race and Law Student Essay Competition. As the first **Johnston Chair in Black Canadian Studies** (1996-2002), Professor Thornhill was a designated speaker at the public unveiling and she served on the Essay Competition Jury. Such institutional initiatives should inspire policy-makers in academic and public arenas.

Papers delivered outside N.S.: *Battle-scarred Lessons from the Canadian Front: Racial Hostility to Curriculum Change in the Academy* (Philadelphia); *Black Identity in Pushkin* (Atlanta); *Race-Based Advocacy* (Vancouver). Conferences attended: National Round Table on the Approved Common Law Degree, Conference to Establish "The Women's Court", and the 14th Annual Assembly of African Descendants of Central America. Ongoing duties: Administrative Law, International and Domestic Human Rights Law, Critical Race and Legal Theory, Pre-Law module, and the First Year OTL lecture, *The Implications of 'Race' and Culture for Legal Education and the Legal Profession*, Faculty Committees, Senate and Senate Steering Committee. •



DAVID VANDERZWAAG

Professor VanderZwaag continues to teach International Environmental Law and to direct the Marine & Environmental Law Institute and enjoyed another busy year. Lectures were given at various venues including Coastal Zone Canada 2008 (Vancouver), Arctic Frontiers Science Conference (Tromsø, Norway), International Conference on Maritime Delimitation (Taipei), IUCN World Congress (Barcelona), Caribbean Conservation Symposium on Marine Ecosystem-based Management (Barbados), International Symposium Looking Beyond the International Polar Years (Akureyri, Iceland) and an EU-Canada Workshop on Law of the Sea (Brussels). He taught a short course on International Ocean Law and Governance at Hue University in Vietnam.

Professor VanderZwaag co-led with Professor Chircop the writing of a technical report, *Governance of Arctic Marine Shipping*, as a contribution to the Arctic Council's Arctic Marine Shipping Assessment. He co-edited a book, *Understanding and Strengthening European Union-Canada Relations in Law of the Sea and Ocean Governance*, and a special-issue "Ocean Governance in the 21st Century" for the *International Journal of Marine and Coastal Law*. He continued as regional editor (Arctic) for the *Yearbook of International Environmental Law*. A co-edited book (with Professor Russell), *Recasting Transboundary Fisheries Management Arrangements in Light of Sustainability Principles*, was accepted for publication. •



CHRISTIAN L. WIKTOR

Professor Wiktor and Ted L. McDorman (Dalhousie LL.B '79) wrote an essay on "The Publications of Douglas Millard Johnston" (1960-2008), a tribute to his outstanding contribution to international legal scholarship, which appeared in *The Future of Ocean Regime-Building*, a collection of essays to honour Douglas M. Johnston, published by Nijhoff in 2009 (pages 739-765).

On March 26, 2009, at the annual meeting of the American Society of International Law (ASIL) in Washington, Professor Wiktor attended a panel discussion of Douglas M. Johnston's book *The Historical Foundations of World Order: The Tower and the Arena* (Nijhoff, 2008), which received the prestigious ASIL Certificate of Merit for Scholarship, presented to the brother of Judith Johnston, who was seriously ill at Victoria, and passed away in May 2009, three years after her husband.

While in Washington, Professor Wiktor met with his publisher from Nijhoff, together with treaty experts from the U.S. State Dept. and the United Nations. After spending some time at the Library of the U.S. Senate, Professor Wiktor continued legal research as a returning visitor at the University of South Carolina Law School in Columbia, S.C. •



SHEILA WILDEMAN

Professor Wildeman contributed a chapter to the 2008 volume *Administrative Law in Context*, edited by Colleen Flood and Lorne Sossin. She continues to do research on the assessment of decisional capacity at law, both in connection with her doctoral thesis and in furtherance of three grants in which she participates. She facilitated a day-long workshop on the assessment of capacity to make psychiatric-treatment decisions at the Cape Breton Regional Hospital in June 2008. •



FAYE WOODMAN

Faye Woodman is the creator of a new course to be introduced at the Law School next winter. It is on Elder Law and will explore the legal and related social and economic issues of the aged. In May she attended the CBA and Queen's Law Schools conference on elder law. In attendance were a number of individuals from the Nova Scotia Elder Law section who have volunteered to be involved in the course.

The CBA course was the second visit to Kingston for Professor Woodman this year. Earlier in the year she presented a paper at a workshop on fiscal equality entitled "Gender-based Analysis of Proposed Pension Reforms in British Columbia/ Alberta, Ontario and Nova Scotia." Professor Woodman continues to represent the faculty as vice-chair of the University Pension Advisory Committee and she had made both written and oral representations to the Nova Scotia Pension Review Panel. •

Recently Retired

Paul Thomas retires after over 30 years of service



PAUL AND MOIRA IN BRISBANE IN 2007

Paul Thomas came to Dalhousie in 1976, having previously taught at the University of Manitoba. There he was also director of The Legal Research Institute and chief research officer of the Manitoba Law Reform Commission. He was called to the bars in England (Lincoln's Inn), Manitoba and Nova Scotia.

During his time at Dalhousie, Paul served as associate director of Dalhousie Legal Aid Service, associate dean of the Law School as well as chairing most of the School's committees over time. He was also active at the university level, co-chairing the University Grievance Committee under Dalhousie's first collective agreement. He also chaired the Senate Academic Appeals Committee for a number of years.

Paul has many fond memories of his time at the Law School. He recalls meeting Arthur Foote—an exceptional mind who taught family law from memory—when he came to interview in Halifax. He believed they hit it off. Paul wrote to Art a number of times from Winnipeg without response. He wondered if he had caused offence. Nothing was further from the truth, and they taught and published together for a number of years. Paul was associate dean after Art died. It fell to him to open Art's

office for cleaning. When the door was opened, hundreds of unopened letters fell into the hallway. (Letters were delivered to faculty in those days through mail slots adjacent to office doors.) Those who knew Art will remember that his office was little more than a storage room and that his "working offices" were the faculty library and his chair in a corner of the Law School's foyer.

Paul was recognized for his enthusiasm, dedication and outstanding service to students. In 1994 he received the Dalhousie Law Students' Society and Alumni Association Award for Excellence in Teaching.

Paul made it a career goal to have the school's name known internationally by delivering papers and keynote addresses around the world. Perhaps his most challenging assignment was delivering lectures on mediation techniques to post-Soviet-era government employees in Budapest. This was done with the aid of a translator and slides generated with the assistance of a Hungarian-born student at the School.

Paul has served for some years as honorary legal advisor to the international Looking After Children Project. This project deals with the evaluation of placement strategies to produce better outcomes in foster care. This has led to a number of publications and keynote addresses at Oxford, Dublin and Melbourne.

Paul has administered the School's pioneering Judges Clerk's Program for many years. In this credit program, students are placed with the Supreme Court of Nova Scotia and the Nova Scotia Court of Appeal.

In retirement Paul will continue his law practice but looks forward to travelling (particularly in the Patagonian section of Argentina colonized by Welsh people two centuries ago) and honing his photography skills. His latest goal is to be able to draw really well. •



CALL DAY AT LINCOLN'S INN, JULY 20, 1972, LONDON, ENGLAND, DENNING, M.R., PRESIDING

Jennifer Bankier retires



On June 12 the Law School held its annual year-end reception. The occasion provided an opportunity for colleagues, students and friends to mark the retirement of one of its long-serving female members, Professor Jennifer Bankier. Professor Bankier came to the school in 1982 at a time when there were few women faculty. She has been nationally recognized for her dedication to academic freedom and universal equality. Prof. David Blaikie (LL.B. '92) commented on Prof. Bankier's numerous contributions and interests. The following is an abridged version of his remarks.

From her graduation in 1974 until today, Prof. Bankier's career, interests and pursuits reflect a strong and unyielding commitment to issues of access shared by many of her generation. It was her belief that by becoming a lawyer she would be able to have a career where she could help to provide improved access in some of these contexts for members of historically disadvantaged or oppressed groups.

After graduation, she articulated with the Ontario Labour Relations Board and clerked for the Ontario Supreme Court. From 1976 to 1979 she was a legal research officer for the Ontario Law Reform Commission Class Action Project. She became a law professor, first at Wayne State University and then at Dalhousie. She has taught and published in the areas of Torts, Equity and Trust, Women and the Law, Intellectual Property and American Constitutional Law. She has served on the execu-

tive of the Canadian Association of University Teachers, as chair of the CAUT Status of Women Committee, as President of the Dalhousie Faculty Association and as a member of Dalhousie's Equity Committee.

The theme of access to justice is an obvious element in her equality, class action and university scholarship, where access to justice and equality of treatment play a major role. Her work in these areas has been well received. For example, her writings on class actions were cited by the Supreme Court of Canada in support of a significant change in the law of class actions. Her article on equity and torts was published in the *Supreme Court Law Review*.

In 2003, Professor Bankier was selected to receive the Sarah Shorten Award by the Council of the Canadian Association of University Teachers. This award recognizes women who have made outstanding contributions to the promotion of the advancement of women in Canadian universities. The award recognized the national importance of Prof. Bankier's scholarly work in the areas of academic freedom, the inclusive university, employment equity, affirmative action and human rights, and that throughout her career, both locally and nationally, as a scholar teacher and advocate, she has worked to eliminate systemic barriers to the advancement of women in universities, in particular aboriginal and racialized women.

Jennifer has a variety of interests outside of academia and her professional pursuits. She has a scientific bent and is fascinated by volcanoes and tornados. Her interest in tornados she traces to childhood nightmares and fears sparked by watching the movie *The Wizard of Oz*.

It is Jennifer's belief that knowledge dispels fear and so she has learned as much as she can about tornados. She has traveled to the American states and been involved in chasing tornados. She once saw five in one day. One giant of a tornado was in Kansas. Hello Dorothy. Knowledge overcomes fear.

She has also developed a great appreciation and love for literature and culture. Although agnostic with respect to all things metaphysical, she loves many of the old Christian hymns. One of her favorites is the hymn *Jerusalem*, based on a poem by William Blake. Jennifer's favorite lines are "I will not cease from mental fight, nor shall my sword sleep in my hand."

Jennifer is too young to retire. But she has much to keep her busy and productive. There are scholarly projects she plans to pursue. As noted she has other interests, scientific, literary, cultural. Retirement will give her time—time to rest and focus; time to enjoy life. Her core and lifelong commitments will remain, I am certain. The sword will not sleep in her hand.

Her house in St. Margaret's Bay has a beautiful view of Hackett's Cove. In recent years trees have grown up and now obscure the view of the ocean. I asked her about that. Will she cut down the trees, trim them a bit, move to a new house? No, none of these things. She plans to stay where she is, but perhaps build another floor on her house and thereby have a view past the obstructions, and gain a clear view of the ocean. •

Reunion Class Gifts

For many years it has been a tradition at Dal Law for reunion-year members to give back to the Law School in the form of a class gift. Class members have pooled their resources and funded projects such as student awards and bursaries, audio-visual equipment for newly renovated classrooms, chairs for classrooms and new computers—all for which the Law School is extremely grateful. We thank the following classes for their generosity:

Class '58 establishes a new bursary

Professor Bill Charles led the way as he and his former classmates pledged to support an endowed fund to support a new bursary here at the Law School. Proceeds from this fund will be awarded to one or more students who demonstrate financial need as they enter the Law School. •

Class '68 remembers fellow classmates



J. Gerald Godsoe Robert MacLellan

The Class of '68 provided additional support to a scholarship and a prize fund in memory of two classmates. The J. Gerald Godsoe Scholarship Fund was established in memory of **J. Gerald Godsoe**, who contributed greatly to public policy issues in Canada. This scholarship is awarded to scholars accepted to the LLB program who have shown a particular interest in Canadian public-policy issues. The Robert B. MacLellan Memorial Prize in Business Law was established in memory of **Robert B. MacLellan** and is awarded to a student specializing in business law. •



Class of '57 (from left): Hanson (Sonny) Dowel Q.C., Douglas Pittet, Patricia Harris Q.C., the Honourable Justice David Gruchy, the Honourable Justice Merlin Nunn and, seated, the Honourable Lorne O. Clarke

Class of '57 pays tribute to the Honourable Lorne O. Clarke

As part of their 50th Reunion celebrations, members of the Class of '57 made a gift to the Law School in honour of their former professor Lorne O. Clarke.

They rallied and raised funds to furnish The Hon. Lorne O. Clarke Corner in the Sir James Dunn Library. The corner is a comfortable sitting area meant for quiet conversation, relaxed reading or to collect one's thoughts.

Lorne Clarke is the last surviving faculty member to teach the Class of '57 and he has made a lasting impression on the young minds of that time. As class member Pat Harris remarked, "What we remember most about Lorne Clarke was his intelligence, his fairness, his compassion and his concern that his students would leave his courses with a thorough and well-ordered knowledge of the subject matter and therefore better equipped to enter the legal world."

A reception was held in July to officially open the corner with the unveiling of a portrait of Mr. Clarke. •



Osler, Hoskins and Harcourt room

A timely and much appreciated gift from law firm Osler, Hoskins and Harcourt allowed the Law School to make extensive improvements to Classroom 204 last summer. Upgrades were made to the desks, lighting, flooring, ventilation, audio-visual equipment and chairs. This is the first major refurbishment for this classroom since the

Weldon Building opened its doors nearly 45 years ago. A special thank you goes to senior partners **Purdy Crawford ('55)** and **Al Meghji ('88)**, who played a key role in securing financial support for the renovation.

With the Osler, Hoskin & Harcourt Room, the law firm has made a lasting contribution that will enhance the learning environment of generations of law students to come. •

Innis Christie: a tribute

This spring, to honour the passing of a "leading light" in Canadian labour and employment law, an endowed fund to support the Innis Christie Distinguished Visiting Professorship and Symposium in Labour and Employment Law was created. This prestigious new professorship will bring a leader in the field of Labour and Employment Law to Dalhousie to deliver a series of lectures and a regional symposium. It will also create a hub of knowledge and leadership in the area of labour and employment law at Dalhousie Law School.

Support of this initiative has been tremendous – encompassing local and national labour litigation and practice groups, government department, unions, colleagues and friends.

Dalhousie Law School would like to thank the following extraordinary leaders whose passion and commitment to success and has raised over \$500,000 towards this initiative:

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1949



Dr. John Ballem, QC, of Gowling Lafleur Henderson LLP, received the Distinguished Service Award in Legal Scholarship from the Law Society of Alberta and the Canadian Bar Association (Alberta). Earlier this year, University of Toronto Press published the 4th edition of his “well-known and highly authoritative” legal text, *The Oil and Gas Lease in Canada*.

1952



Dr. James S. Palmer, CM, AOE, QC of Burnet, Duckworth & Palmer LLP, was inducted into the Calgary Business Hall of Fame in May 2008 and received the Canadian Council for the Advancement of Education (CCAIE) 2008 Friend of Education Award in June.

1954



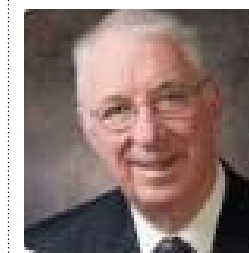
Dr. Ralph Medjuck, QC, Chairman & CEO of Centennial Group Ltd. was inducted into the Junior Achievement Nova Scotia Business Hall of Fame in June 2009. As the man responsible for changing the city’s skyline, he can take credit for many of Halifax’s prominent buildings including The Lord Nelson Hotel, Park Victoria, The Prince George Hotel as well as many of the city’s office buildings, senior citizen’s facilities and apartment buildings. He has also given a great deal of time to his community including serving as Chairman of the Neptune Theatre Foundation, Director of the Canadian Mental Health Association and the Nova Scotia Human Rights Foundation, as well as council member for the Halifax Board of Trade, among many others. He has received numerous accolades for his business acumen and community service including an honorary Doctorate of Law from Dalhousie, The Queen’s Jubilee Medal, as well as the Tourism Industry Association’s Tourism Vision Award.

1964



Senator Donald Oliver has received the Black Business Initiative’s Board of Directors Award of Business Excellence in June 2009. He has spent 40 years as a barrister, teacher, entrepreneur, advocate and statesman. Senator Oliver established and leads two companies and is considered an expert on corporate governance.

1965



Lloyd Robert Shaw, President & CEO of IWK Health Centre Foundation was named one of the recipients of the Top 50 CEO Award for 2009 from the Atlantic Business Magazine.

1972



Daniel M. Campbell, QC became the new Second Vice-President of The Nova Scotia Barristers’ Society at the Society’s Annual Meeting in June 2009.

1973



David W. Drinkwater was appointed Chairman and Head of Rothschild Canada in April 2009. Mr. Drinkwater has led senior business, financial and legal teams at Nortel, Ontario Power Generation, and Bell Canada. Prior to that, for many years, he was a partner at the law firm of Osler, Hoskin & Harcourt.

1974



J. Ronald Creighton, QC became the President of the Nova Scotia Barristers' Society at the Society's Annual Meeting in June 2009.



Fred S. Fountain, CM, LLB, LLD, OC was appointed a Member of the Order of Canada on October 23, 2008 for his contributions to the people of Nova Scotia as a community volunteer, philanthropist and dedicated fund raiser.



David W. Hooley, QC was appointed Chair of the Atlantic Provinces Chambers of Commerce. Mr. Hooley is a partner in the law firm of Cox & Palmer, Charlottetown, PEI. He is a chamber volunteer; past president of the Greater Charlottetown Area Chamber of Commerce, past president of the PEI Chamber of Commerce and a director of the Canadian Chamber of Commerce.

1975



Wylie Spicer, QC, a McInnes Cooper Partner, was appointed President of the Canadian Bar Association for Nova Scotia (2008-09). He was also recently appointed by the Province of Nova Scotia to the Board of Directors of the Art Gallery and is a member of the Board of the Nova Scotia Hearing and Speech Foundation.



Steven Zatzman, QC, received his Queen's Counsel designation on May 11, 2009.

1976



Timothy C. Matthews, QC, a partner at Stewart McKelvey, Halifax, earned the Distinguished Service Award for his exceptional contributions to the Canadian Bar Association's goals.



Rodney A. Snow, Managing Partner with Davis LLP Whitehorse, Yukon Office became second Vice-President of the Canadian Bar Association at the CBA annual meeting in Quebec City in August 2008. He serves on the CBA Executive and will become President of the CBA in 2010-11. Rod practices in the areas of corporate, commercial, mergers and acquisition law.

1981



Marjorie A. Hickey, QC became the new First Vice-President of The Nova Scotia Barristers' Society at the Society's Annual Meeting in June 2009.

1982



Peter M. Willcock has been appointed a Judge of the Supreme Court of British Columbia in June 2009. He practiced law with Harper Grey LLP in Vancouver from 1983 until his appointment to the bench. He has contributed to countless professional education courses and publications and has also served on the Board of Directors for the Continuing Legal Education Society for many years.

1983



Trinda L. Ernst, QC, Kentville lawyer, elected to be next second vice-president of the Canadian Bar Association and will assume the second vice-presidency at the Canadian Legal Conference in Dublin in August, 2009. A member of the CBA for 28 years, Ms. Ernst has been a partner since 1992 in the firm of Waterbury Newton. Her practice focus is wills and estates, elder law, corporate/commercial law, and real estate law.

1984

Jean Whalen was appointed as Judge to the Family Court and Provincial Court of Nova Scotia in January 2009 and will be based in Sydney. She is one of the founding members of the Black Lawyers' Association of Nova Scotia, has been the Vice-chair of the Race Relations Committee of the Nova Scotia Barristers' Society and a member of the Sexual Harassment Committee of the Nova Scotia Community College.

1988



Kate Harris and her team from the law firm of Harris Neonakis joined Patterson Law in July 2008. Ms. Harris, part-time Faculty at Dalhousie University, practices in the areas of taxation, estate planning and business law.



Al Meghji led the tax litigation team at Osler to be named the North American Tax Litigation Firm of the Year for 2008 by the international Tax Review at an award ceremony held October 2, 2008 at the Waldorf Astoria in New York City.

Marjory Miller has relocated to Hong Kong to take up the position of Transactions Adviser and Head of Risk Management, HSBC Insurance, Asia Pacific. She will be stationed in Hong Kong, with travel to India, China, Vietnam, Taiwan, Malaysia, Singapore, and Korea. She will assist the business with its acquisition and joint venture activity, and with deals implementing core programs of compliance, corporate governance and risk management in the region.

1989



Stephanie Cleary, QC was appointed a Judge of the Provincial Court of Alberta on October 22, 2008 by Alison Redford, Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Alberta. The Honourable Judge Cleary presides in Fort McMurray Provincial Court where she hears criminal, family, child welfare and civil cases. She has relocated to Fort McMurray with her husband, Dr. Padraic McCombe (M.D. Dal '95) and their two sons, James (9) and George (5).



Nancy MacCreedy-Williams, CEO Workers' Compensation Board of Nova Scotia was named one of the recipients of the Top 50 CEO Award for 2009 from the *Atlantic Business Magazine*.

1990



Andrew D. Little joined Bennett Jones LLP as Partner, Litigation, Toronto after spending 15 years at another major Canadian Law Firm. Mr. Little served as a law clerk for Madam Justice Claire L'Heureux-Dube at the Supreme Court of Canada.

1991



Cindy Bourgeois, a managing partner with the Hicks Lemoine Law Office in Amherst, has been appointed to the Supreme Court of Nova Scotia in Sydney and will be sworn in during a ceremony in early July 2009.



Susan MacKay and her husband, Brian MacAdam (B.Comm '98) were delighted to welcome their little boy, David Alban MacAdam, into the world on November 27, 2007 in Halifax. He weighed 7 lbs. 13oz. All signs so far point to him having great vocal projection, a trait likely inherited from both sides of the family.

1993



Barry Mason, a partner with Presse Mason Law Office, Bedford, received the Community Service Award from The Canadian Bar Association-Nova Scotia Branch in April 2009. Mr. Mason has been chair of the Rocky Lake Development Association for the past six years, working to get rinks, soccer fields, and gyms built in Bedford.

1995



Pierre L. Muise, was sworn-in as Judge of the Nova Scotia Provincial and Family Courts at a ceremony in Digby, NS on June 29, 2009. He will be Nova Scotia's first Metis Judge as well; he will be the first Acadian to serve on the provincial court bench. He has served as President and Director of the Yarmouth County Barristers' Society, and as Senior Crown Attorney with the Public Prosecution Service in Yarmouth responsible for French-language prosecutions in the province.

1996



Christa M. Hellstrom, partner, Stewart McKelvey (Halifax) was named to Lexpert's prestigious list of "Rising Stars", one of its "Leading Lawyers Under 40" in Canada. In addition to balancing the challenges of her work with her teaching responsibilities at Dalhousie Law School, she donates her time to community organizations, as well as to the Nova Scotia Barrister's Society as a mentor and is a member of the Nova Scotia Court of Appeal Liaison Sub-Committee.

1997



Dr. Robert Astroff, is president of Astroff Consultants Inc., an educational consulting firm offering strategic advice for applicants to professional and undergraduate university programs in Canada, the United States and overseas. Robert would love to hear from classmates at robert@astroffconsultants.com

1999



David Fraser, Associate McInnes Cooper was elected President of the Canadian Information Technology Law Association. As President, David will oversee the association's successful conferences, training programs and other activities.



Heidi Leslie joined Stewart McKelvey in their Halifax office practicing in the areas of Technology and Intellectual Property, Corporate/Commercial Public - Private Partnerships.

2000



Barry C. Lake has joined McInnes Cooper's St. John's office as a Partner. His practice focuses on both corporate and commercial law and real property and land planning.



Karl Seidenz has achieved the status of Partner at Macleod Dixon LLP located in Calgary. Karl practices civil litigation and dispute resolution and has developed expertise in tort/liability defense claims, professional liability and discipline matters and commercial litigation.

2002



Andrew J. Wadden accepted a new position with Johnson Inc. (Unifund Claims) as in-house Litigation Counsel in July 2009.

2004



Julie Cameron recently joined MacIntosh, MacDonnell & MacDonald in New Glasgow, NS. She practices in the areas of Family and Criminal Law.



Marty Dolan (LLB/MPA, 2004) and **Christie Greenlaw (LLB, 2004)** were married on June 14, 2008 in Ottawa. Chris & Marty want to thank their many friends from Dalhousie who attended the ceremony. They also want to give extra special thanks to Professor Christie for introducing them in first year contracts class!

David R. Melvin was appointed by Halifax Regional Council to the Board of Commissioners of the Halifax Regional Water Commission for a two-year term commencing April 1, 2009. Incorporated under the Halifax Regional Water Commission Act, the Commission is authorized to own and operate water supply and wastewater facilities for the benefit of the residents of the Halifax Regional Municipality. David continues to practice with his colleagues at Livingstone & Company in Dartmouth, NS,



Jared Schwartz has joined Patterson Law and practices in all aspects of business law.

2005



Scott W. Lytle has joined the firm of Boyne Clarke as an associate on the Family Law Team.



Wesley J. McMillan is now practicing with Harper Grey LLP in Vancouver. Wes practices with the condominium pre-sale litigation, commercial and securities litigation groups.

2006

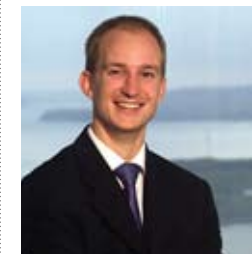


Sharon Avery joined Cox & Palmer's Halifax office as an Associate. Sharon's practice focuses on corporate and commercial law.

Adam Church has recently been appointed Senior Policy Advisor to the Federal Minister of Public Safety, the Honourable Peter Van Loan. Previously, he carried on a general law practice with the Annapolis Valley firm of Waterbury Newton, where he was also a part-time federal prosecutor.



Joyce Diamond has joined the law firm of MacIntosh, MacDonnell & MacDonald in New Glasgow, NS.

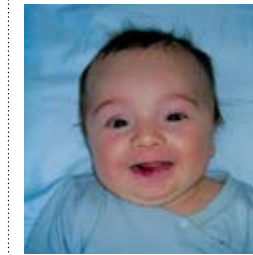


Nicholas Mott joined Wickwire Holm as an Associate and practices in the areas of real estate, banking and finance.

2007



Farrah Carrim joined the St. John's office of Cox & Palmer as an associate practicing in the areas of Administrative Commercial Litigation, Corporate & Commercial, Labour & Employment and Natural Resources & Energy.



Gordon Cudney and his wife Alex Taggart are thrilled to announce the birth of their son Jed Thomas Cudney on December 12, 2008 in Ottawa. Despite many phone calls from Robbie Kimball suggesting that Robert would be a distinguished handle for the little guy, they settled on Jed. Alex and Gordon both are both lawyers in the business law group at Gowling Lafleur Henderson LLP in Ottawa and, in fact, work down the hall from each other. They can't wait to bring their little guy out to Halifax to visit Weldon and introduce him to a place that he may call home as a member of the class of 2035.



Marc Dunning joined Wickwire Holm as an Associate and practices in the areas of Advocacy & Dispute Resolution, Energy & The Environment, Construction, Labour and Employment. Marc is a director of both the Environmental Service Association of Nova Scotia and Clean Nova Scotia, and lectures on environmental law at Dalhousie Law School.



Andrew Gough joined the firm of Huestis Ritch in Halifax and practices in the areas of insurance defence and general litigation.



Morgan Hicks joined Wickwire Holm as an Associate and her areas of practice are Family, Immigration, Advocacy & Dispute Resolution.



Sara Josselyn joined McInnes Cooper in their Halifax office as an associate practicing in the areas of Corporate Finance & Securities and Corporate and Business Law.



Kyle MacIsaac joined McInnes Cooper in their Halifax office and practices in the areas of Insurance Industry, Labour and Employment and Litigation.



Beth Newton joined Patterson Law as a litigation associate.



David Parker joined Boyne Clarke as an Associate and practices in the area of personal injury law.



Sarah Pottle joined Cox & Palmer in their Halifax office as an associate practicing in the areas of Administrative, Immigration, Labour & Employment.



Matthew Stokes joined the Halifax office of Cox & Palmer as an associate. He practices in the areas of Corporate & Commercial Financial Services, Banking & Insolvency and Real Estate.

2008



Angele Bilodeau joined Patterson as an associate in Estate Planning and Taxation.



Myles Bilodeau joined Patterson Law as an association and will be focusing on tax planning for the owner/manager.



Mark J. Charles joined Boyne Clarke in July 2009 as an associated on the Business Law Team.



Bryen E. Hebert joined Boyne Clarke in July 2009 as an associate to practice law on the Family Law Team.

Congratulations to the following lawyers on receipt of Queen's Counsel designations presented by The Honourable Mayann E. Francis, Lieutenant Governor of Nova Scotia, at a ceremony in Halifax on May 11, 2009:

- Joshua Arnold, QC – LLB '89
- Craig Botterill, QC – LLB '83
- Maurice Chiasson, QC – LLB '88
- James Chipman, QC – LLB '91
- John Graham, QC – LLB '88
- Wayne MacKay, QC – LLB '78
- Harvey McPhee, QC – LLB '84
- Matthew Napier, QC – LLB '82
- Kathryn Pentz, QC – LLB '83
- Michael Power, QC – LLB '75
- Peter Rogers, QC – LLB '85

Joseph Herschorn called to the Nova Scotia Bar in June 2009 joined the Halifax office of Cox and Palmer as an associate on the litigation team.



Melissa MacAdam joined the Litigation Team at Patterson Law.



Ellen Sampson joined Patterson Law as an associate and the Litigation Team in commercial and family law.

Andrew Sowerby called to the Nova Scotia Bar in 2009 joined Cox & Palmer's Halifax office as an associate. Andrew's practice focuses on litigation. •

1940-1949 ALEXANDER HENDRY HART, Q.C. '47 was born in Regina, SK. After having pursued undergraduate studies at Dalhousie, he enrolled in the Canadian Army and served with the Royal Canadian Artillery until 1945. After the war, he returned to Dalhousie and completed his law degree. After having begun his law career with the Attorney General's office in Halifax, he moved to Montreal to begin a career with Canadian National Railways. Upon being promoted to the position of Senior Vice-President, he moved to Vancouver where he held positions including President of the Vancouver Board of Trade, and International President of the Pacific Basin Economic Conference. On retiring from CN in 1981, he moved to London, England, where he represented British Columbia as Agent General to the United Kingdom and Europe. Upon returning to Canada he enjoyed his retirement years with wife, Janet, on Vancouver Island.

DR. JAMES MCLEOD HENDRY '47 passed away peacefully on January 29, 2009 at Queensway Carleton Hospital. Born in Halifax on August 18, 1919 he was the beloved husband of Shirley Agnes Hendry (nee Weatherby) for 55 years. He served his country as Lieutenant Commander, Royal Canadian Navy Volunteer Reserve from 1939-45 and was a brilliant scholar earning his B.A. and LL.B. (Dalhousie), LL.M. (Harvard), LL.M. and SJD (Michigan). He was an accomplished professor of law (Dalhousie and Ottawa) and an esteemed public servant (National Energy Board).

LAWRENCE MELVILLE MACLEOD '47 passed away at the Joseph Brant Memorial Hospital, Burlington, on June 9, 2009, in his 89th year. He was the beloved husband of the late Katharine "Kay" MacLeod.

HON. WILLIAM L. M. CREAGHAN '48 died on October 1, 2008. He was a Second World War veteran, lawyer, Member of Parliament and judge. Born in 1922, he was a decorated veteran of the Second World War. He was the registrar of probate court for Westmorland County, alderman at large for the city of Moncton from 1952 to 1958, elected to the House of Commons and served as Member of Parliament for Westmorland County from 1958 to 1962. He was appointed Judge of the County Court for Northumberland, Gloucester and Restigouche counties in 1962 and of Queen's, Sunbury and York counties in 1968, then appointed a Judge of the Court of Queen's Bench of New Brunswick, Trial Division, in 1979, where he served until his retirement in 1997. At the request of the Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada, in recognition of his long years of devoted service, the Governor General of Canada declared Judge Creaghan would retain the title of "honourable" following his retirement. He was awarded a Doctor of Laws Degree by St. Thomas University in acknowledgment of his service to the community in 2002.

G. PERRY "JONNIE" BAUCHMAN '49 Flight Lieutenant passed away on November 26, 2008 at the age of 88. He was born in Windsor, ON in 1920. He enlisted in the Royal Canadian Air Force in 1941. He went on to become a Spitfire pilot in the Second World War and served in England and North Africa. He met Rosemary Jefferies while serving on the same squadron, and they married. He received four years of education as a discharge allowance at war's end from the Government of Canada, and, thanks to his intense drive, managed to complete undergraduate qualifications and law school in those four years. He worked for Simpson Hearst Insurance in Halifax and Moncton, and for the Federal Business Development Bank in Halifax, St. John's, and Montreal. He and Rosemary eventually retired to Victoria, BC. During his retirement he authored his autobiography, Spitfire Pilot.

ARTHUR WILLIAM "BILL" COX '49 passed away October 8, 2008. He was born in Saint John, NB, in 1921. He attended Acadia University, and served as an officer in the Canadian Officers Training Corps. Following graduation with a B.A., he was posted to Europe where he served in the Canadian Army. In 1945, he studied law at New College at Oxford University before returning home to attend Dalhousie Law School. In 1982, he received an Honorary LL.D. from Dalhousie University. He practiced in various law partnerships, from Murray Hart and Cox and later Cox Palmeter and Rogers. He joined the Rutledge MacKeigan Firm in 1963, later Cox Downie, Nunn, Goodfellow, which evolved into the Cox Palmer firm in 2007. He received his Queen's Counsel in 1965 and in 1977 became a Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers and an Honorary Member of the American Bar Association in 1981. He was a member of the Nova Scotia Barristers' Society and was president from 1971-1972. He chaired the committee that led to the introduction of Provincial Legal Aid in Nova Scotia in 1971. On the national level, he was a founding director and president of the Law Societies of Canada. He served as a member of the Canadian Bar Association (CBA) council for several years. He was president of the Nova Scotia Branch, National Treasurer, National Vice-president, and then in 1980, becoming National President. He served 38 years as solicitor for the Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities. In 1966, Bill was the first recipient of the Distinguished Service Award presented by the Nova Scotia Branch of the CBA. In 1997 he was made an Honorary Fellow in the Law for the Future Fund of the CBA and in 2002, he received the Queen's Golden Jubilee Medal. He was a member of St. Matthew's Church, past president of the Halifax Red Cross and chairman of the combined Red Cross; past president of the Saraguay Club; member of the Royal United Services Institute (NS), Halifax Club, The North British Society and a member of the executive committee of the Board of Governors of Acadia University as well as serving with the Nova Scotia

Assessors School. In the political forum, he was past president of the Halifax City and County Progressive Conservative Association; treasurer for ten years of the Nova Scotia Progressive Conservative Party; former vice-president of the PC Association of Canada and in 1963, was elected chairman of the 21 member Resolution Committee of the National PC Party. In later years, he was a columnist with the *Halifax Chronicle Herald*. Donations can be made to A.W.Cox Memorial Scholarship Fund – Dalhousie Law School or Alzheimer Society of Nova Scotia.

KENNETH MCNEILL MATTHEWS '49, 86, Truro, passed away on September 25, 2008. He was born in Millerton, NB. During the Second World War, he served as an RCAF Pilot Officer and Flight Instructor with the British Commonwealth Air Training Plan. Following the war, he received a Wings Scholarship and entered Dalhousie Law School. He was a Senior Partner with Patterson, Smith, Matthews & Grant, Truro, and predecessor firms from 1949-1985. He was appointed to Queen's Counsel in 1964. He was appointed to the NS Supreme Court in 1985; he served as a highly respected Justice of the NS Court of Appeal from 1985 to his retirement in 1997. He served as the President of the N.S. Barristers' Society; Fellow, American College of Trial Lawyers; Canadian Chair, International Society of Barristers; President, Sable Gas Systems, Limited; Member, Federation of Insurance Counsel; Member, Defence Research Institute; Honorary Solicitor Colchester Regional Hospital; and President, Dalhousie Alumni, Truro branch. He served on the executive of the Progressive Conservative Party of Canada. Donations may be made to the Colchester Regional Hospital Foundation or the Sir James Dunn Law Library, Dalhousie University.

HON. LLOYD SOPER JUSTICE '49 of the Supreme Court of Newfoundland St. John's, passed away on March 6, 2009, at the age of 89 years. His wife, Elizabeth, predeceased him in 1998. He is survived by his daughter, Jennifer at St. John's; his sons Nick (Marie Matheson) at Gander, Chris (Linda) at Port au Port West, and Jon (Norah Lee) at St. John's; and his grandchildren Robin, Hilary and Katie Soper, Emma, Sarah and Philip Hann, Lynsey and Graham Soper.

1950-1959 VINCENT P. ALLEN, Q.C. '50 passed away October 5, 2008 after a short illness. He was born in 1925 in Halifax. At an early age, he was drawn to music and acting, playing the harmonica and piano by ear, and even composing many pieces of music and songs, including a piano concerto. He became a regular performer on CBC radio, having a recurring role in a daytime series called "The Gillans." He was a founding member of The Atlantic Players. He attended St. Francis Xavier University and later graduated from Dalhousie Law. In 1956 he opened up a law office, where he practiced general law and sometimes acted as Crown Prosecutor. He

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received his Queen’s Counsel in 1970. In 1980, he was appointed Registrar of Probate, and presided over that court for the next 15 years. He wrote and published a book on wills and probate law that became a best seller.

ERIK NIELSEN ‘50, who served as deputy prime minister in Brian Mulroney’s Conservative government, died at his home in Kelowna, B.C. He was 84. Known best as “Yukon Erik,” Nielsen was the territory’s longest-serving MP. He represented the Yukon for the Progressive Conservatives for three decades, from 1957 until he resigned in 1987. In addition to being Mulroney’s deputy between 1984 and 1986, Nielsen also held ministerial portfolios in defence, public works and fisheries and oceans. He was also president of the Privy Council. A disagreement over the way Mulroney managed the government prompted Nielsen to write his 1989 autobiography *The House is Not a Home*. Nielsen has been described as sharing a sense of humour with his younger brother, comedian and actor Leslie Nielsen. “Erik has got a fantastic sense of humour,” Leslie Nielsen said in a 1991 interview alongside his brother on CBC Radio’s *Morningside* program. In that same interview, Erik Nielsen revealed that their father had a stint in the circus before he immigrated to Canada to work as an RCMP officer. “It’s in our genes,” he said. “Our father was a clown in a circus, for heaven’s sake.”

JESSEN DEWOLFE WENTZELL ‘51 passed away peacefully in his 88th year on February 1, 2009 in the presence of family at the Glebe Centre-Bronson Place 2. He was a proud veteran of the Second World War and was a former city alderman and past president for the Rideau Kiwanis.

DONALD HENDERSON HATHERLY, Q.C. ‘56 of Granville Centre, passed away in Annapolis Royal on April 23, 2009, from complications following surgery. He was born in 1930 in Medford, Mass. He grew up in Truro and graduated with a B.A. from Mount Allison University and later attended Dalhousie Law. His legal practice involved both Crown Prosecutor and private practice in Bridgetown. He also served on the Bridgetown Town Council.

DAVID BALFOUR MEYNELL, Q.C., ‘56 passed away on Oct. 5, 2008. He was born in New York of Canadian parents and was educated in the US and Canada. He attended schools in Rothesay, NB and Bernardsville, NJ, then earned his B.A. with Honours from Acadia University (Cox Medal and Trophy winner) and then attended Dalhousie Law. His summers were spent with the COTC, culminating as a 2nd Lieutenant, Platoon Commander with the Royal Winnipeg Rifles in Hanover, Germany. He was called to the bar in Nova Scotia and Ontario. He was very involved with the Canadian Institute of International Affairs and the Progressive Conservative Party where he left his mark during the Fredericton Conference of 1964.

After practicing law he joined William M. Mercer retiring as a Director and Management Consultant.

RAYMOND ALVIN BARLETT ‘57, died October 29, 2008, at home in Truro at the age of 84. He was educated at Acadia University, the University of British Columbia and Dalhousie University. He oversaw the welfare of the Springhill Mining Disaster survivors and traveled extensively, going to Israel several times. He served in the RCAF and was a former Family Court Judge. He was also a former member of the Good News Bible Chapel.

SELDEN DAVID BRYSON, Q.C. ‘57 passed away on June 10, 2009. David was born in Halifax in 1932. He did his undergraduate degree at Dalhousie University, where he acquired a lifelong passion for literature and language. Upon graduation he was the co-recipient of the Malcolm Honour Award, the highest award offered to any graduating student at Dalhousie. David was a star running back for the football team. In 1954 he received the Climo Trophy, awarded annually to the top athlete. As a part of the 1954 Dalhousie football championship team he was inducted into the Dalhousie Sports Hall of Fame in its inaugural year, 2004. Throughout his university years he served in the COTC (Canadian Officers Training Corps), which enabled him to travel in Canada and ultimately to France where he spent a year studying at the Université de Paris, La Sorbonne. David practised law his entire career at Blois, Nickerson and Bryson where he became a title partner. He taught property law at Dalhousie for 25 years. He was Chair of the Board of the Abby Lane Hospital during its construction. As a board member of the Saint Paul’s Home for Girls, he successfully advocated for the funding of group homes. At Dartmouth Academy he participated in the implementation of Halifax’s first French immersion programme. He coached football at QEH and Dalhousie. During his working years he often said, “This will be the year I go to France.” In his retirement, he was finally able to fulfill this dream, traveling with, wife, Carol to Paris each spring.

FREDERICK RALPH MCDONALD ‘57 passed away peacefully in Ottawa on January 6, 2009 after a short battle with cancer. He was born in Ottawa. He graduated from Dalhousie Law and retired from the Public Service after many years working in both the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development and the Department of Justice.

DENO P. PAPPAS, Q.C. ‘57 died on April 19, 2009 after a battle with a lengthy illness. He was born in Saint John, NB. He graduated with his Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Laws from Dalhousie University. He acted as the solicitor and common clerk for the City of Saint John prior to becoming one of the founding members of the law firm, Clark Drummie. He was named Queen’s Counsel in 1975 and earning a life membership with the New Brunswick Law Society. He formerly

served as a member of the council of the New Brunswick Law Society, president of the Saint John Law Society, director of the Canadian Transport Lawyers Association, member of the National Council for the Administration of Justice in Canada, and as a guest lecturer at the University of New Brunswick Law School.

H. DAVID PEEL, ‘57 born in Edinburgh, Scotland, died May 3, 2009 in Vancouver, BC of cancer. David was raised in Truro, NS. Following high school, David lived with family in California to attend a year at Whittier College. He returned to Canada and graduated with a B.A. and an LL.B. both from Dalhousie. He studied for his Doctorate of Jurisprudence from the Université de Paris. He received his JD in 1959 and joined the Department of External Affairs. His long, distinguished career with the Canadian Foreign Service spanned the years 1959 to 1994. During that time he served at Canadian Embassies in Ankara, Madrid, Prague and Moscow. He served as the Canadian Ambassador to Czechoslovakia from 1981 to 1984, and as the Canadian Ambassador and Head of Delegation to the Negotiation on Conventional Forces in Europe, and to the Negotiation on Confidence and Security-Building Measures, in Vienna from 1988-92. Also in Vienna, he served as the Ambassador of Canada to the Conference on Security and Co-operation in Europe, at the Forum for Security Co-operation from 1992-94. From 1994 until he retired in 1998, he served as the Inspector General of the Canadian Security Intelligence Service of the Department of the Solicitor General in Ottawa.

HON. HILROY NATHANSON, ‘58, 76, of Halifax, died December 26, 2008. Born in New Glasgow in 1932, he graduated from the University of Kings College, Halifax, and Dalhousie Law. He was Vice-Principal of Park School in Dartmouth for two years in the early ‘50s. Then, for 23 years, he practiced law in Sydney, where he was President of the Cape Breton Barristers Society and Vice President of Temple Sons of Israel. He also served as the President of the Kinsmen Club of Sydney and Chairman of the Cape Breton Advisory Board of the CNIB. He was appointed Queens Counsel in 1975. He was a member of the Law Reform Advisory Commission and then 1st Vice-President of the Nova Scotia Barristers Society. In 1982, he was appointed a Justice of the Supreme Court of Nova Scotia. He served on the Board of Governors of Shaar Shalom Congregation and the University of Kings College. He was also a member of the Halifax Management Board of the CNIB.

1960-1969 DR. LEONARD B. HANNON ‘60 passed away peacefully on July 6, 2008 in the Charlottetown Hospital at the age of 100. He was one of ten children. He was educated at Dalhousie University where he graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in 1929 and a Master of Arts in 1941. In 1960, Dalhousie awarded him an honorary Doctorate of Laws. A deeply religious man, he was an active member of St. Mark’s Anglican Church in his early years and

later St. Paul’s Anglican Church. He began his career in the ministry, however an opportunity to teach summer students one year led him to his true love and calling as a teacher. The early years of his career were spent at the Halifax Academy, then he moved to Queen Elizabeth High School upon its opening in 1942. Here he taught, coached sports teams and was later principal until his retirement in 1972.

ARTHUR G. H. FORDHAM, Q.C. ‘61 was highly respected by Premiers and other Members of the Legislative Assembly past and present. When he died suddenly on May 4, 2009 at age 72 he was Assistant Clerk of the House of Assembly. He graduated from Dalhousie Law School in 1961, and initially practiced with the law firm now known as Stewart McKelvey Stirling Scales. He was recognized for his expertise in real property law. He wrote papers on real property law for the members of the law society. After several years in private practice, Art joined the public service of the Province, first as a lawyer in the Department of the Attorney General. He was an advisor to the Provincial Tax Commission. Art next moved to the Legislative Counsel Office. For about twenty years he was involved in drafting Bills for the Government and Opposition Members to introduce in the House of Assembly. He also served as the legal advisor to committees of the House of Assembly including the Private and Local Bills Committee. While still serving as Legislative Counsel, he was also responsible for the administration of Provincial Elections. More recently, he served as Assistant Clerk of the House of Assembly. He provided advice to the Speaker of the House and to individual members. His official role was to sit on the floor of the House when it was in session, and to maintain the official record of proceedings. Art also wrote *An Overview of the Procedures and Practices of the Nova Scotia Legislature*. He participated at the National level in the Uniform Law Conference of Canada, the Canadian Election Officers Conference, and the Canadian Parliamentary Association, earning the respect of colleagues across the country. Outside the law, Art enjoyed music. Recently he was the Chair of the Board of Governors of the Maritime Conservatory. He also participated in the work of the Symphony Nova Scotia Foundation. Art was a member of the Cathedral Church of All Saints, and was a lay minister in the Church for more than 15 years. The passing of Arthur G. H. Fordham, Q.C. is a great loss to the Province but it is a greater loss to his wife of 45 years, Pat.

INNIS MCLEOD CHRISTIE, Q.C., ‘62 passed away on February 9, 2009, at the age of 71. He was born November 8, 1937, in Amherst to the late Alice and Harold Christie. He was a wonderful husband to Jeanne; father to Merran (Steve), Mike (Sally) and Loren (Peter); grandfather to Kit, Liz, Max and Laine. He will be greatly missed by brothers, Fred (Carol) and Garth (Carole); sister, Clare (Brian); and brother-in-law, Bert (Henny). A great pleasure was time at “the Shore” with family and friends. He loved life and had many interests, including

reading, golf, sailing, bird-hunting, racquet sports and was an avid card player. Bridge and poker games with friends were pastimes he enjoyed even throughout his illness until his sudden hospitalization. His passion was his work and he considered himself a fortunate man to so enjoy the undertaking that provided his livelihood and always enjoyed the many wonderful people he encountered throughout his career. As a respected law professor and dean (Dalhousie Law School), author, arbitrator and public servant, his contributions to the legal field were many. “Geef gij ons de kracht voor de strijd die ons wacht”

FRANKLYN W. CORDON, Q.C. ‘62, age 74, of Halifax, died on November 21, 2008. He was born in Halifax. He practiced law since 1963 and was a semi-retired associate of Blois, Nickerson and Bryson. He was appointed Queen’s Counsel in 1979. He was active in the Nova Scotia Barristers’ Society and lectured for the Bar Admission Course. He served as a member of the Nova Scotia Law Reform Commission. His many community activities included serving as a Director of the Oakfield Golf and Country Club and Committee Chair of the Shaar Shalom Congregation. He joined Keith Lodge No. 17, Halifax, in 1963, and became Master in 1970 and served as chairman of the Scholarship Committee for 10 years. In 2008, Keith Lodge presented him with the Meritorious Service Award. He was the Grand Representative to the Grand Lodge of Israel. He had been a member of the Scottish Rite since 1974 and served as Commander-in-Chief of the Nova Scotia Sovereign Consistory from 1991 to 1993. In Calgary in 1996 he was coroneted an Honorary Inspector-General of the Supreme Council of Scottish Rite Masons. He had been a member of Philae Shriners since 1978. He served as Potentate in 1999 and President of the Cabiri in 2004. He served as Philae’s legal advisor for 16 years.

1970-1979 BLAIR WILLIAM GREEN ‘70 passed away suddenly on September 29, 2008 at the Henderson General Hospital, Hamilton after a brief illness, two weeks after his 65th birthday.

HON. BARRETT DOUGLAS HALDERMAN ‘71 died on January 2, 2009. He grew up in Shaunavon, SK. He attended the University of Saskatchewan where he obtained his Bachelor of Arts degree. He was an instructor with the Co-op College from 1966-67, was Woodrow Lloyd’s assistant from 1967-68, was an assistant to T. C. Douglas from 1971-72 and was the legal secretary for the Crown Corporations from 1973 to 1976. Legal Aide captured his attention from 1976 to 1978 in both Weyburn and Saskatoon. He practiced law for 20 years with Holt, Munkler and Halderman in Humboldt, SK. His appointment to the Provincial Court necessitated a move to Melfort in March of 1999 where he served as Provincial Court Judge for eight years.

SYDNEY BRUNSWICK HORTON ‘71 passed away on August 15, 2008. He had a curious and intellectually complex mind that manifested itself in his law career, musical interests, conversations, study of languages, care for this earth and the puns that he so enjoyed. His spirituality was a vital part of who he was and he reached back to readings in both Western and Eastern schools of thought to form his unique and ever-evolving world view. He was a quiet source of strength, care, humour and generosity to his family, friends and colleagues.

BEN YOMEN SIMON PROSSIN ‘71, passed away on February 20, 2009 at Sunnybrook Hospital. As a youth, in Glace Bay, Nova Scotia, he was much involved in Canadian Young Judea at the Local, Regional and National levels. He was the founding President of the Atlantic Jewish Council and served as Program Director at Camp Kadimah, as well as on the Executive of many Jewish organizations including the Zionist Federation and the United Israel Appeal. He served as Executive of the Canadian Jewish Congress from 1987 to 1990 before undertaking his current position as Executive Director of Jewish National Fund in Toronto. He was extremely devoted to Israel and involved in many Jewish and non-Jewish community activities.

MATTHEW RYAN, Q.C. ‘72 died on February 5, 2009. He was born in North Sydney, NS. He attended school in North Sydney and Monastery and graduated from St. Francis Xavier University in 1969 and went on to Dalhousie Law School. He returned to North Sydney and began practicing at the law firm of Ryan & Ryan where he remained until he became ill in August 2006. He was a long-time member of the Nova Scotia and Cape Breton Barrister’s Societies, a past President of North Sydney Rotary Club and a member of the Seaview Golf and Country Club.

DOUGLAS SAMPSON ‘72 passed away a lengthy battle with dementia/alzheimers in Granite Ridge, Sittsville, ON on March 6, 2009, at the age of 66. He was born in Halifax.

RICHARD G. FITZSIMMONS ‘75 passed away on Friday, March 13th. A graduate of Bishop’s, Oxford and Dalhousie Universities he was a proud Canadian Rhodes Scholar. It was his greatest pleasure and honour to champion the rights of others, his good work will be continued by his colleagues at Fitzsimmons and Company. He was a poet, a story-teller, a painter, a musician, an orator, a scholar, a leader, a sportsman, an historian and a mentor.

VINCENT FREDERICK LAMBIE ‘75 passed away on January 22, 2009, at the age of 81. In 1945 he won a scholarship to Royal Roads Naval College, where he graduated in 1947. For 28 years he sailed on ships including HMCS Ontario, Crescent, Warrior, Magnificent, Prestonian and Cayuga. He earned the Korean War Medal (1953) and the International

Commission for Supervision and Control Medal for service in Indo China (1959-60). After retiring from the navy as a lieutenant commander, he attended law school. He also served as chairman of the Nova Scotia Horse Racing Commission. After retirement, he served as honorary legal counsel to the Shearwater Aviation Museum and the Canadian Naval Memorial Trust.

1980-1989 HON. MICHAEL G. BAKER, Q.C. '80, Minister of Finance, of Lunenburg, passed away on March 2, 2009. After graduating from law school he practiced law at Hennigar, Wells, Lamey & Baker and acted as Mahone Bay Town Solicitor. He was a past president of the Lunenburg County Barristers Association; former member of the Nova Scotia Barristers Society Council and a former director of the Marine Atlantic. He was appointed to the Queen's Counsel in 1999. He was first elected to the Legislative assembly in 1998 and re-elected in 1999, 2003 and 2006. His Cabinet duties have included Minister of Finance; Minister of Transportation and Public Works; Minister of Aboriginal Affairs; Minister of Justice; Minister responsible for Communication Nova Scotia; Minister responsible for the Administration of the Human Rights Act and the Utility and Review Board Act; Minister responsible for the Regulations Act; Minister responsible for the Insurance Act, the Securities Act; and Minister responsible for Part II of the Worker's Compensation Act. He has also been chair of the Treasury and Policy Board. He served as the MLA for Lunenburg; former member on the Board of Directors of Family and Children Services of Lunenburg County, the Canadian Human Rights Tribunal and the Waterloo Lutheran Seminary; former Vice-Chair of the South Shore Residential Tenancies Board and the Lunenburg County Regional Housing Authority. On February 13, 2009, the New Justice Centre in Bridgewater was dedicated in his honour.

PETER DUNCAN DARLING, Q.C., '81 passed away November 2, 2008, in Halifax, following a battle with cancer. He was born in Vancouver and grew up in Calgary, Winnipeg and Montreal. After law school he obtained his LL.M. in 1989 from McGill University. Peter and his law partners built the firm of Huestis Ritch, in Halifax. His legal interests were wide-ranging, with particular focus on admiralty and insurance litigation.

MARY OLDING HEBB '81 of Head of St. Margaret's Bay, passed away on January 27, 2009, at home at the age of 71. She was born in Halifax. She had a private law practice in Halifax until her retirement five years ago.

BRUCE M. COOPER '82 passed away in Ottawa on November 10, 2008 after a battle with colorectal cancer. He obtained a B.A. from McGill, an LL.B. from Dalhousie Law and an LL.M. from McGill. He was a lawyer, senior policy advisor (Indian & Northern Affairs Canada, Lands Operational Policy Unit), a war

gamer, history buff, collector and exceptionally gifted photographer.

1990-1999 DONNA SUE HOLLISTER '94, 64, of Mineville, died at home on March 2, 2009. She was born in Wills Point, Texas. She attended Baylor University and joined the US Navy where she met her husband John. After their wedding, she moved to Dartmouth where she was a teacher at Caledonia Junior High School before starting her family. Upon seeing her own children through public school, she joined them at university, returning to law school and graduating at age 50. Donna practiced family law with great compassion for six years. She was a supporter of Orenda Canoe Club, Dalhousie Legal Aid, The Stephen F. Lewis Foundation – Grandmother to Grandmothers, and Adult Literacy. Donna also touched lives around the world, as she along with nine other girl friends started a chapter of Grandmothers to Grandmothers, under the umbrella of the Stephen F. Lewis Foundation to benefit those in Africa affected by AIDS.

ADRIAN BERINGER CAMPBELL '95 passed away October 3, 2008, in Windsor, following a battle with cancer at the age of 38. Adrian was a great proponent of fitness. He excelled in numerous sports and in particular, hockey, running and cycling. He was an accomplished cyclist and marathon runner, a provincial, national and world athlete and the proud five-time winner of the Arnold Robinson 2-miler. Adrian attended Windsor Regional High School, McGill University before attending Dalhousie Law. He was a partner in TMC LAW, Kentville. Adrian served on the board of Directors of Kings Meadows Foundation, Department of Health and enjoyed his role as a minor hockey coach.

2001-2009 VINCENT CHEW '01, died tragically on September 25, 2008 as the result of a road accident in Berlin, Germany, at the age of 32. Formerly of Nova Scotia and British Columbia, he was the son of Dr. Ken and Rosalind Chew. While in Halifax, he was an active volunteer in the local music scene. He previously worked with the 15th Asian Games in Qatar, and the Commonwealth Games in Melbourne, Australia and at the time of his death was working with the European Sports Council.

G.W.I. "WILF" CREIGHTON '04, passed away August 17, 2008 in Halifax at the age of 104. Born in Halifax in 1904, he attended the Halifax Academy and then Dalhousie University where he obtained a Bachelor of Arts degree in 1926. He then studied forestry at The University of New Brunswick in Fredericton and graduated in 1929 with a Bachelor of Science in Forestry. Between 1931 and 1934 he pursued postgraduate studies in forestry in Germany at the University of Munich and at the Schools of Forestry at Eberswalde and Tharandt. Before his appointment with the Province of Nova Scotia, Wilf had worked with the International

Paper Co., The Dominion Forest Service and the Canada Power and Paper Corporation. In 1934, he became Provincial Forester and in 1948 the Deputy Minister for the Nova Scotia Department of Lands and Forests. In 2004 he received an honorary doctorate from Dalhousie University.

BARBARA JANE NEWMAN '06, 78, passed away November 23, 2008, after a long battle with Alzheimer's disease. Born in Peterborough, ON. She graduated from Western University in 1952 and later came to Halifax to become a lieutenant officer of the Royal Canadian Navy. In 1961 she went to teach English and become a guidance counselor at Prince Andrew High School in Dartmouth. Along with her late husband, Norman she became very active in fund raising within the community. Many projects she was involved with were The Children's Aid Society, Bishops Landing, the creation of the education centre at the Art Gallery of Nova Scotia, the Newman Memorial Gardens at the IWK, the cerebrovascular surgery program at the QEII and developing the Norman Newman Centre for Entrepreneurship at Dalhousie University. In recognition of her contribution and commitment to the community, she was awarded an honorary degree from the Nova Scotia College of Art and Design in 1998 and a Doctor of Laws from Dalhousie University in 2006.

FRIENDS OF THE LAW SCHOOL

DOROTHY GEMMEL DONALD (Groff) 1916 – 2009 passed away in Melville Gardens Nursing Home, on April 4, 2009. Born in Lethbridge, AB, she was a daughter of the late Colin and Katharine Groff and beloved wife of the late Robert T. Donald, former Dean of Law at Dalhousie University. Her sense of humour, wisdom and unquenchable zest for life led her to be admired and adored by her family and many treasured friends.

JULIE DERGAL, 66, passed away in the hospital on April 9, 2009. Born and raised in Kentville, she was the only daughter of the late Charles and Lillian Joseph. She was a graduate of Mount St. Vincent University, and dedicated 25 years of her life to working at Dalhousie Law School. She was a character. She definitely had a way with words, and could make anyone laugh regardless of the situation. She was a very unique woman with a generous soul.

JUDITH ELIZABETH JOHNSTON passed away on May 10, 2009. Born and raised in Rochester, N.Y., she earned her teaching degree at Oberlin College. While teaching in New Haven, Conn., she met Professor Douglas M. Johnston, who ultimately preceded her in death by three years. With Douglas as an international law professor, they traveled extensively and lived in many parts of the world. Their longest periods of residence were in Canada, primarily in Halifax and Victoria. •

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A fond farewell to Innis M. Christie, Q.C.



A Celebration of the Life of Innis Christie was held at the Dalhousie Arts Centre on the afternoon of February 14th, 2009. Innis who passed away on February 9th was one of the most highly respected members of the law faculty for over 35 years, and served as dean from 1985 to 2001.

Dean Phillip Saunders acted as Master of Ceremonies. He said that Innis had left an indelible stamp on the school in terms of curricular development, physical environment and perhaps, most significantly, in rescuing the school year and spearheading the school's rebuilding following the near disastrous fire of the summer of 1985 which followed closely on the heels of Innis' appointment as dean. Dean Saunders said, "Innis lost no time taking charge — he grabbed the bull by the horns and just made it happen."

Innis' former colleague, Peter Darby, spoke fondly about his friend of many years. He remarked, that if Innis were present:

"He would be genuinely humbled by what has been said and the size and diversity of the huge audience in attendance. Very quickly, though, Innis

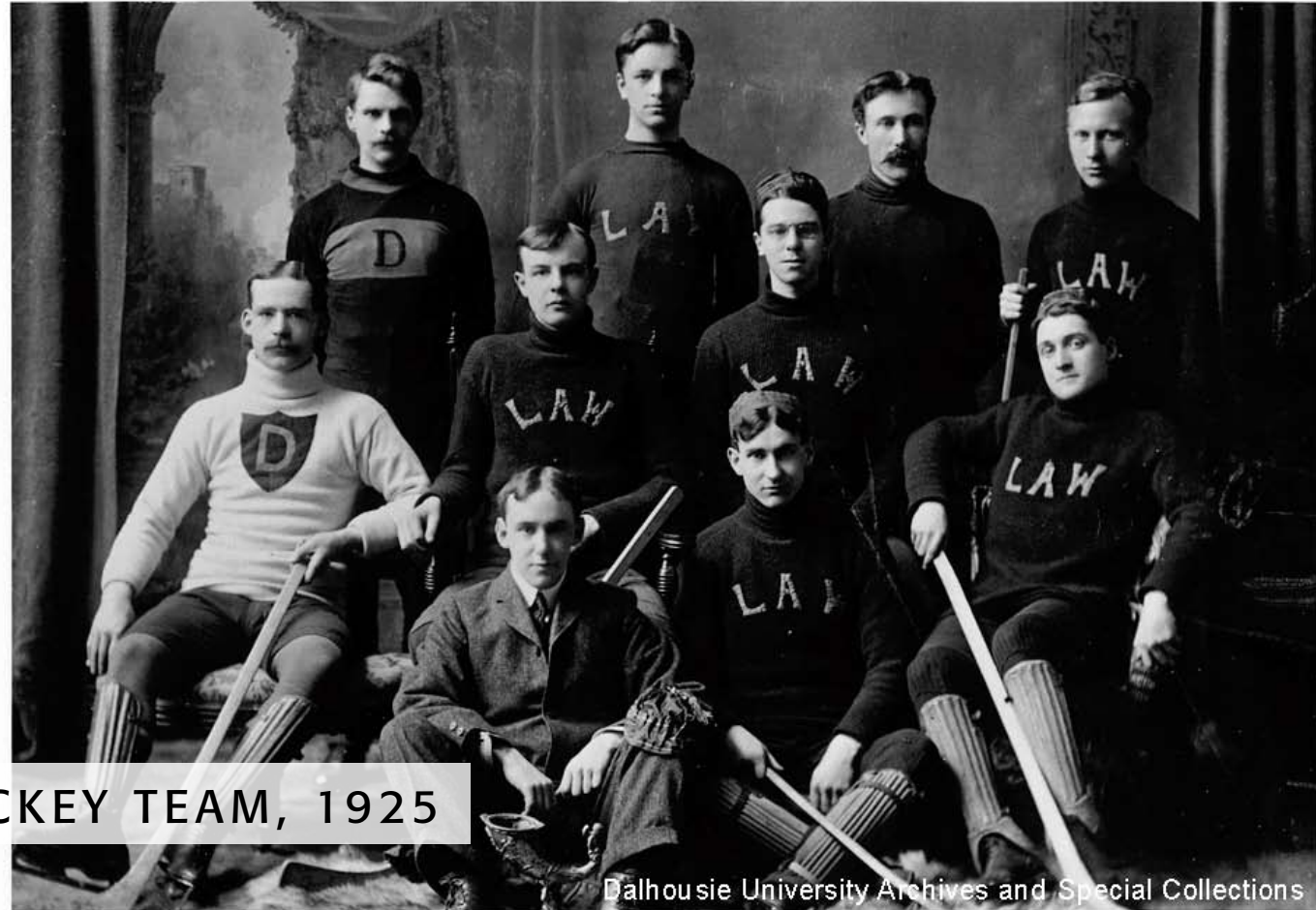
would say in his loud, unmistakable voice with its infectious laugh — and a persona that dominated any room — 'Sing no sad songs about me. Come on in, sit down, have a drink, and let's talk or play a game, and then eat.'" Darby also described Innis as a "man for all seasons." He stated that amongst his many accomplishments "Innis was a brilliant scholarship student, a highly respected teacher, academic, Chair of the Nova Scotia Labour Relations Board, Deputy Minister of Labour, member of the Canadian Anti-Inflation Appeal Tribunal, a highly effective Dean of Law, a giant in the labour law field, an arbitrator, and a mentor to many across Canada, including me."

Personal tributes were also paid by Innis' brother, Fred; daughter, Merran; and sons, Mike and Loren. Mike Christie ('94) noted that his father had recently received two major awards - the Nova Scotia Barristers' Society 2008 Distinguished Service Award, and the 2008 University of Toronto Bora Laskin Award for Outstanding Contributions to Labour Law in Canada. Mike said that he had been particularly impressed at the

Bar Society's presentation to his father in a ceremony at the Law School in January. The presenter, Ray Larkin (LL.B. 1976), had stated that Innis had "contributed more to labour and employment law in Nova Scotia than anyone else; anyone else was not even close." Mike said the words "not even close" had a special meaning for him. He recalled that as an articling clerk it was hard not to cite "Christie arbitration decisions in every labour law memo I wrote. His authority was just too significant to ignore." Mike also spoke of his father's devotion and commitment as a spouse, father, brother, grandfather and to all members of his extended family. He concluded, "He had an incredible ability to make them all priorities and, above all that, laugh hard and live in the moment."

Amongst many moving moments during the Memorial were a reading of Rudyard Kipling's poem "If" by Innis' granddaughter, Kathleen Cloutier ("Kit"), and a rendition of the song "If I Can Help Somebody" by Murlita Williams, a family friend and former law school employee. Mascagni's Intermezzo was performed by the Rhapsody Quintet. •

Jennifer, congratulations. I know that all your friends and colleagues, those here and across Canada give you their best wishes.



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