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Professor John Yogis and Maggie

And then there are the ones that got away. I sometimes ponder about the stories that didn't get told. Initially, my preparatory notes for the present issue seized upon the theme of the three anniversaries: the 100 year anniversary of the sinking of the *Titanic*; Queen Elizabeth II's 60th anniversary as Canada's monarch; and the 30th anniversary of the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms. In exploring possible Dalhousie connections with the *Titanic* disaster my rough notes contain segments of a telephone interview I had with Garry Shutlak, senior reference archivist at the Nova Scotia Archives. Mr. Shutlak informed me that Hilda Slaytor, returning home with her wedding trousseau, was the sole Halifax survivor of the disaster. She had been an Arts student at Dalhousie, circa 1901-02. Moreover, her family had many other Dalhousie connections including a brother, **James Morrow Slaytor**, who graduated in law in 1899. A Haligonian who did not survive the sinking was George Wright, a Halifax philanthropist. Before embarking on the fateful voyage he made changes to his will in London including a bequest of his fashionable south-end Halifax residence to the "local council of women" to carry out their work in suppressing such evils as had concerned Wright, and about which he had written. His will also left \$2500.00 to the Dalhousie building fund. Apparently, there was only a copy of the records relating to the updating of his will as the originals were destroyed in German bombings.

I saw this as raising some possible wills issues. I would also have mentioned something about the notorious fashion entrepreneur Lucy, Lady Duff-Gordon, who was the dramatis persona in the case of *Wood v. Duff-Gordon*, which anyone who used the *Read and Foote Contracts* casebook should be familiar with. Finally, I made a note to follow up on a telephone conversation with **John Langley ('71)**. John explained that he was a guest lecturer on the *Azamara*, a cruise-ship chartered to sail to the exact spot on the North Atlantic where the tragic sinking took place for a commemorative memorial service on the night of April 14-15. John, the author of *Steam Lion: A Biography of Samuel Cunard*, said that his lectures would relate to Halifax's connection to the *Titanic*.

Sad to say, neither the *Titanic* nor the other mentioned anniversaries made it to this issue. However, *Hearsay* does relate the sailing adventures of **Wilson Fitt ('79)** and **Thelma Costello ('81)**. While there may not be an iceberg in Wilson's account of sailing solo on the North Atlantic, most landlubbers should find it exciting enough. I also became immersed in writing an account of the work of **Martha Deacon ('77)** and her initiative in founding "The Townships Project" in South Africa. This, and **Rod Germaine's ('71)** story about his cross-Canada trek by bike in aid of displaced Burmese refugees, and **Alanna Salpeter's ('09)** account of working as a lecturer at the University of Gambia's Faculty of Law, demonstrate the efforts of our graduates to commit to the Weldon Tradition of public service.

Finally, I would like to report that our good friend, and former colleague, **Edgar Gold ('72)**, and his wife, Judith, have survived a 109-day world cruise. Edgar and Judith will be in Halifax in the latter part of June when Edgar will be presented with a *Festschrift* (a book or collection of learned articles or essays as a tribute to an esteemed scholar) put together by a large international group of friends and colleagues. The event will coincide with a major international law of the sea conference organized by the Schulich School of Law and the Dalhousie Marine and Environmental Law Institute.

*Hearsay's* co-editor, Karen Kavanaugh, and I wish you all a very enjoyable summer.

John

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## MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN



**Renewal and Return.** If I had to choose some words to describe the past year, renewal and return serve us well. We have extraordinary roots, worth returning to. We led the development of legal education in Canada. Our graduates and faculty members have, since our inception, been sought throughout the country and around the world for their talents. This seems a moment to renovate and innovate.

We are recruiting four new faculty members (although we will say goodbye to one); we are redesigning our legal research, writing, and oral advocacy program (very much in the spirit of G.V.V. Nicholls); and we have established a curriculum committee to look at our program as a whole.

Exciting times.

In October, we announced the establishment of the MacBain Chair in Health Law & Policy, the result of a \$3-million dollar gift made by Dr. John McCall MacBain in honour of his father, **Arthur Allister MacBain (51)**. Dalhousie now has the largest active health law and policy faculty in Canada, and the Schulich School of Law is the first law school in the country to offer health law as a specialization at the undergraduate (JD) level. We are delighted to announce that Joanna Erdman will join us in July as the first MacBain Chair in Health Law and Policy. Joanna, currently a Resident Fellow of the Program for the Study of Reproductive Justice at Yale Law School, is an exceptional scholar in health law and policy—particularly in the areas of sexual and reproductive health law.

As well, in 2011 the Law School received more exciting news. A generous gift was made by an anonymous donor in the name of alumnus **Clifford Rae (61)**. The gift will fund the Clifford Rae Achievement Awards. As a result of this gift, nine awards will be presented annually to deserving students hailing from Atlantic Canada ranging from \$2,500 to \$20,000—a tremendous gift indeed!

In June we will say our formal farewell to **Professor Dianne Pothier (82)**, who is retiring after 26 years of teaching at the School. Professor Pothier received the University Medal in Law at Dalhousie and clerked with Justice Dickson. She joined the faculty in 1986. A cornerstone in our constitutional, labour, and public law offerings, Dianne has changed the way we understand concepts like equality, the duty to accommodate, and dis-citizenship. She has litigated at the Supreme Court of Canada with the Women's Legal Education and Action Fund and with the DisAbled Women's Network. Her departure leaves a hole in our faculty complement that we will be hard pressed to fill, even with four new colleagues. I expect we will continue to benefit from her wisdom.

The School continues to be a place for the public exchange of ideas. Professor Brian Langille returned home to give our annual Innis Christie lecture on November 4 and he taught the Innis Christie Short Course on Labour Relations. The W.F.B. Wickwire Memorial Lecture in Professional Responsibility and Legal Ethics, co-hosted with the Nova Scotia Barristers' Society, was larger than ever. "Access to Justice: Reality, Rhetoric and Recommitment" featured panelists Hon. Mr. Justice Cromwell, Professor Trevor Farrow, and Ms. Emma Halpern. Our mini law series continues to bring members of the public to the School to discuss topical issues in law.

*Corporate Knights* magazine's 2011 Knight Schools Survey ranked our School third in the country (behind the University of Toronto and very closely behind Osgoode Hall Law School at York University). Additionally, our School was singled out in the student-led initiatives category as an example of best practices from top-performing schools in the Knight Schools Survey for law degree programs.

Our students never fail to impress and inspire, and I could write a very long list of their achievements this year. I'll hold myself to a few short examples: Doctoral candidate and Vanier Scholar Tony George Puthucherril has been widely cited in national and international media for his research on shipbreaking in India. Our JD students have won prizes for their written work: Ryan O'Leary won the national Sir John A. Mactaggart Essay Prize in Environmental Law, and Joshua Nodelman won the 2011 Ocean Yearbook Student Prize. Our mooting season began with a fine start: a win for third year students Alex Grant, Dustin Griffin, Bryan Rowe and Alex Turner, and the return of the Trilateral Moot Cup to the Schulich School of Law!

And it has been a great year for alumni, who continue to be recognized for their impressive contributions. As a few such examples, we count two alumni newly named to the Order of Canada, two to the Order of Nova Scotia, a Governor General Award winner, several appointments to the bench and Crown, and 19 graduates among the "2012 lawyers of the year." You'll find more inspiring alumni in the pages that follow.

Please enjoy the stories in this edition of the *Hearsay*. And please be in touch.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kim Brooks". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Kim Brooks  
Dean and Weldon Professor of Law

BY DONALEE MOULTON

# Clinical course in criminal law

## Where the real world meets law school



### What started as an inkling of an idea in 1977

has today become a firmly established part of the curriculum at the Schulich School of Law. The Clinical Course in Criminal Law offers students not only an opportunity to explore legal issues related to this field of practice, but it lets them step outside the Weldon Law Building and into courtrooms, prisons, defence attorneys' offices—and more.

It's all about timing, says **Provincial Court Judge Barbara Beach ('77)**. "This course is for third-year students in their final term. They're hankering to get out in the real world and be lawyers. The course gives them an opportunity to do that."

That closeness is invaluable, says **Lesra Martin ('97)**, today a partner with Martin & Martin in Kamloops, B.C., and a former student in the program. "This course gives you a flavour for real practice. You interact with clients. You don't get that anywhere else in law school."

#### In the right placement

While the components of the Clinical Course in Criminal Law have expanded and changed in the 33 years since the course first appeared in the curriculum, in the winter term of 1979, the vision has remained constant. "This program was built around the concept of experience-based learning, and that has never changed," says **Dick Evans**, a former professor of law at Dalhousie and co-instructor of the



course in its formative years.

Much of the students' experience is shaped by their principal, who acts as guide, supervisor, mentor, and more. Each of the 12 participants in the course is placed with a practising lawyer, Crown attorney or defence lawyer, and in some cases a judge, for roughly 20 hours a week. The matches are not a matter of serendipity, but careful planning, says Judge Beach. "The right placement is a huge part of the success of the course. We work very hard to get it right."

Ensuring success starts with interviewing every student to learn more about their experience, past and present, with the criminal justice system. Former police officers, legal secretaries, correctional services workers, and others with links to this field have all taken the course. This is not the case for most participants, however. "Some do have a significant past history as participants in the criminal justice system, but most don't. Many also don't plan to practice criminal law when they graduate," says Judge Beach. "Most feel it's a last chance to consider this field of practice."

That look is up close and personal. "Students get first-hand experience in

the system. They're exposed to and have an opportunity to learn from someone working in that system," says Professor Evans, who retired in 2008 but returned in 2011-12 to co-teach the ADR course.

Pairing a student with a legal professional involves understanding what the student needs, and not necessarily what the student thinks they need. "We look at the students' background and future plans," explains Judge Beach. "We encourage them to look at the other side. For example, if they have long-term plans to work for the Crown, they are placed with a defence lawyer during the course."

"It's almost like you're adopted by a lawyer for a term," she adds. "It's one on one. The Criminal Code comes to make sense to students during the course of the term. It lights up."

Recent graduate **Christine McBain ('11)**, now an articling student with the Brantford Crown Attorney's Office in Ontario, didn't envision doing what she does now. Her mentor may have played a role in her new career path. Christine was paired with Senior Crown Attorney Christopher Nicholson in Halifax.

"In the intake interview, they ask you

questions. They pose situations to you. They also look at where you'll article," says Christine of the course instructors.

Then the connection is made—and it goes beyond current interests and future plans. "We all seemed to be paired with the people who matched our personality the most," says Christine.

Once they're paired, success doesn't just happen. Students work hard to learn from their placement, and the mentors work equally hard to engage and inform them. "It's more about what the principal is prepared to give the student and how they work to involve the student. This is not a course where we expect our students to be stuck in a library for 20 hours a week," says Judge Beach, who served as a principal while a defence attorney in Halifax.

One of the students Judge Beach mentored was **Jim Igloliorte ('84)**, now a retired provincial court judge living in St. John's. At the time Jim was completing his law degree, he, along with about a dozen other individuals, had already been appointed a lay magistrate in Newfoundland and Labrador. "Barbara was a mentor who typified a very professional lawyer," he says. "In my



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## Christine McBain ('11)

Christine McBain makes an appearance in remand court almost daily. It's part of her work as an articling student with the Brantford Crown Attorney's Office – and it comes soon after graduating from the Clinical Course in Criminal Law at Dalhousie.

The course, she says, helped shape her law career. "This isn't where I thought I'd be when I entered law school. I wasn't even sure if I'd practise law," Christine says. "The

clinic was the first time I saw law being practised instead of reading about it in a book"

The criminal law course was one of the last courses she took before graduating, and its impact was significant. "It made me more interested in pursuing a career in this area. It pushed me every day," notes Christine.

She hesitated to sign up for the course, though. "I was really scared to take it. I had a heavy class load, and I hadn't summered at firms. I had no courtroom experience. This course gave me that"

And then some. The recent graduate notes that the course, which "took over our lives for the last term," gave her what no other law course had given to this point: a dose of reality. "It gives you a real-world context," she says. "I'd read about these things in my textbooks in another course, then I'd go to this course and see them first hand. It gave me a holistic view."

There was also personal growth, adds Christine. "The work wasn't too complicated for me to understand. That was reassuring. This course provided me with confidence. The lawyers I was working with were letting me know I was doing a good job.

"It was," adds Christine, "a stellar way for me to end law school." •

community, many people could never afford a lawyer. Working with Barbara enabled me to feel what individuals might be feeling when they went to court. I looked at the court process differently."

### Welcome to the real world

While students in this course, as in most other law school courses, prepare memoranda and attend seminars, one of the foundations of the Clinical Course in Criminal Law is simulating and showing participants what criminal practice is like—from all sides. "Students are given exposure to a whole series of trial skills. They also get involved in interviews, plea negotiations, and other aspects outside the courthouse. It's a multi-dimensional aspect of practising law," says Professor Evans.

Take, for example, the simulations. These occur on Friday afternoons at the courthouse before a judge. "Students have to prepare as if they were the Crown or defence attorney. Then judges critique them," says Judge Beach.

"Some of the students are very accomplished; some are petrified," she adds. "It's one thing to prepare your case.

It's another to present it."

And it's more than a matter of just standing up. There are numerous simulations: interviews, bail hearings, sentencing hearings, summary trials, and more. One simulation involves examining a witness in an identification hearing. Here students are developing their skills with respect to direct and cross-examination. But before the simulation itself ever happens, Dr. Steve Smith from the psychology department at Saint Mary's University talks to the students about memory. Someone from Correctional Services Canada discusses their work with federal inmates followed by a field trip to a federal penitentiary.

"We try to set the stage before we get to the stage," says Judge Beach.

She notes that today one plank in that stage is touring a forensic hospital, which includes a very frank meeting with one of the psychiatrists working in the facility. "Students are seeing people who have mental health issues every day in their work with their principal," notes Judge Beach. "It's important for them to understand the complexities of this."

It's the integration of elements that, ultimately, has the most impact

on students and makes the course so valuable, notes Professor Evans. "They're forced to reflect on the relationship between all of those components."

### Off to mock court we go

The crown jewel in the Clinical Course in Criminal Law may well be the one-day mock trial that's held at the end of the term before a Justice of the Supreme Court. "It's the culmination of the course. It's quite an event," says Judge Beach.

Over the three decades the course has been offered, the mock trial has grown and evolved. At one time, the law students played their parts to a pretty empty courtroom. Those days are gone. Now, upwards of 90 "spectators" may be in the room.

"It's a packed courtroom," says Judge Beach. "There's a lot of buzz. It's fun, but it's intense."

The spectators buzzing about include journalism students who are reporting on the case (and earning 60 per cent of their grade in the process). Sign language interpretation students have also crossed the legal threshold to use their skills in a formal setting. They are sometimes joined by hearing impaired students.



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## Lesra Martin ('97)

Lesra Martin may be most well known for having been instrumental in freeing Rubin "Hurricane" Carter from prison after almost 20 years for three murders the black man from New Jersey had never committed. That story was subsequently turned into a book and a major motion picture starring Denzel Washington.

Lesra's story is equally inspiring, and one of the important footnotes—from his point of view—is the Clinical Course in Criminal Law he took while getting his law degree from Dalhousie. "It was very exciting to me," he says. "I thought it was a great way to bring justice to the community. I thought it was a way of giving back."

Born in Bushwick, New York, one of eight children, Lesra could not read or write by the time he was 15 years old. The road that led to law school was paved with determination and conviction. For Lesra that included a future in criminal law. "I was 100 per cent convinced I would practise criminal law," he says.

And he did. After working with a Vancouver law firm as a defence attorney, he served as a Crown Prosecutor in Kamloops. But the heavy caseload coupled with his equally demanding travel schedule had Lesra looking for another path to follow. So he and his wife, Cheryl, started their own firm specializing in civil litigation, personal injury, wills and estates, and real estate transactions.

But Lesra says that what he learned in the criminal law clinic is still relevant today as a civil litigator. "It gave me an understanding that legal work is really a service-based industry. You can lose sight of that in school. In the clinic, that is understood."

"The course," he adds, "should be part of the curriculum for all law students." •

Everything is videotaped, and students receive a copy of the mock trial once it has ended.

There's more to come, notes Judge Beach. "Our next goal is to contact Dal Theatre to get theatre students to take on experts' roles."

### Logging on

Every student in the Clinical Course in Criminal Law is required to keep a daily log. The log is a record of instructions from their principal, activities undertaken and observed, interesting issues encountered, and a record of how time was spent.

But the log is more than a recitation; it is an opportunity to reflect. In their course outline, students are informed that, "The log should go beyond the mere recording of information.... Your first-hand experience with the legal system is to be treated as a rare opportunity to explore the implications for the system, for the actors in the system and for yourself of what you see, do and feel on a daily basis."

One student, in a log from years ago, writing about a case they sat in on had this to say about the way their perception was likely to change over time. "I know

that I am too credulous, and that I am likely to grow more cynical after I spend some time in this business.... But what I took from the episode was the general difficulty of assessing credibility. It's a highly subjective thing, and it is hard to articulate reasons for believing or not believing someone, and yet credibility is crucial in so many cases."

### Beyond criminal law

Many of the students who sign up for the Clinical Course in Criminal Law have no intention of going into criminal law. But like those who do, they'll walk away with invaluable skills, designed to make them a better lawyer regardless of their area of practice.

"There is a focus on skills training and a discussion of substantive law and processes," says Professor Evans.

Both are of direct benefit to students once they graduate. One of the reasons **Cheryl Martin ('98)**, now a personal injury lawyer with Martin & Martin in Kamloops, took this course was to force herself to speak in public. "I had terrible stage fright, and I froze the first time I had to speak in provincial court."

That first speaking experience came as part of the criminal clinic course.

Fortunately, Cheryl's mentor, from the provincial Crown Attorney's Office, jumped up and helped her out.

That help became less necessary as the course unfolded. "You had to be involved," says Cheryl. "You have to put aside your fear."

In addition to personal growth, there are professional skills that litigators-to-be of any ilk can benefit from. "Whether you're going into criminal law or not, everything you learn about advocacy will be used by any litigator," says Judge Beach.

Indeed, says Lesra, "all experience in court assists your ability as a lawyer."

### Hats off to the instructors

The Clinical Course in Criminal Law has always been fortunate to have dedicated and skilled individuals at the helm: Terence Arnold, a New Zealander who taught at Dalhousie for a few years in the 1970's and who after returning to his roots went on to become the Solicitor General of New Zealand in 2000 before being made a judge of that country's highest court, the Court of Appeal, in 2006; Professor Evans, who ran the course for most of its formative years; and his partner **Felix Cacchione**



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## Jim Igloliorte ('84)

When Jim Igloliorte signed up for the Clinical Course in Criminal Law, he knew before the course even began it would help him in his job—as a provincial magistrate. Jim, a former high school teacher and vice principal, was one of several lay magistrates appointed by the government of Newfoundland and Labrador, many of whom went on to take this course en route to getting their law degree from Dalhousie.

But it wasn't only practical considerations that spurred Jim to take the criminal law course. He was itchy to do something different as graduation approached. "Having spent three years in law school that required a lot of classroom work and time in the library, I wanted something hands on," Jim says.

He got what he wanted, and more. "This course offered me an opportunity to see a unique perspective," says Jim. "It reflected life experience. We got to roll up our sleeves. That's a great deal of what happens."

"It's a breath of fresh air," he adds. "After the intensity of law school, if you get a chance to apply your learning, you start to see linkages."

Jim put that newfound understanding to practice after graduating with his LL.B. from Dal in 1985, the same year he became circuit judge for all of Labrador, a role he held until 1993. Following this, Jim spent three years serving Corner Brook and the Northern Peninsula. He retired in 2004, but his connections with the law and with justice remain strong. Most recently, Jim served as Chief Commissioner of the Qikiqtani Truth Commission investigating relocations and other decisions made by the Canadian government from 1950 to 1975 that dramatically affected Inuit culture, their economy, and their way of life. •

(‘74), then a defence lawyer and today a Justice of the Supreme Court of Nova Scotia. One of the first instructors in the course, Judge Cacchione continues his involvement today by presiding over the mock trial.

Professor Evans applauds the work and expertise of the three instructors at the helm of the course today. “The program is being operated by an extraordinarily experienced team that brings an incredible knowledge of the frontline of the criminal justice system. It’s a remarkable team,” he says.

In addition to Judge Beach, who has been a co-instructor in the program since 1987, there is **James Gumpert, Q.C., (‘75)** and **Stanley MacDonald, Q.C. (‘87)**. Jim, who was called to the bar in 1975, is a senior prosecutor at the Nova Scotia Public Prosecution Service. Stan, called to the bar in 1988, is a partner in the Halifax law firm Garson, MacDonald.

Together they are continuing the tradition that has become the Clinical Course in Criminal Law. That tradition is helping lawyers learn about more than the law itself. The course, notes Cheryl Martin, “really opened our eyes to the system of law, to how you interact, and your impact on the system.” •

**A remarkable team.** Top (l to r) Stanley MacDonald, QC (‘87), Judge Barbara Beach (‘77), James Gumpert, QC (‘75). Bottom: Judge Felix Cacchione (‘74)



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## Cheryl Martin (‘98)

When Cheryl Martin enrolled in law school, she had a sense of what a law practice was about, having worked as a legal secretary. “In my first year of law school, I thought how unrealistic it all was.”

The Clinical Course in Criminal Law, she says, provided her with a much-needed taste of reality. “It gave me the opportunity to see the workings of the justice system.

We really go into this program not knowing what the practice of law really is.”

Today Cheryl practises in the area of wills and estates, and real estate transactions in Kamloops, where she has lived for more than a decade with her husband, Lesra Martin. That practice reflects her interest in and her approach to practising law, and Cheryl credits the criminal law clinic with enhancing her understanding of both.

“In this course,” she says, “you get to hone in on what you’re comfortable with in terms of your own style—and you get real feedback from the instructors. It helped me learn about myself.”

And it wasn’t all nose to the grindstone, she adds. “The instructors made it fun. They took the stress away. They reminded us to breathe.” Deeply. •

# The Townships

by Prof. John Yogis

**I**n November, 1998, as Martha Deacon ('77) told *Hearsay*, she attended the eighth assembly of the World Council of Churches in Harare, Zimbabwe at the invitation of a friend, former Senator Lois Wilson. On the way she stopped in South Africa, where the visits to Black townships revealed horrific poverty. Her life changed in Soweto as she saw photos from June 16, 1976, the day 12-year-old Hector Pieterse was shot to death during a peaceful protest over the imposition of Afrikaans as a medium of instruction in township schools. The anger and tragedy of that day had changed the course of South African history, marking the beginning of the end of apartheid.

Later, in Harare, Dr. Nelson Mandela, then President of South Africa, issued a challenge to those attending the assembly to do something about poverty in his country. Martha took the challenge to heart. She was familiar with the work of economist Muhammad Yunus, who would win the Nobel Peace Prize eight years later with the Grameen Bank. Yunus

# Project



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had proven that the poor pay back group loans made without collateral to start or expand a business. These loans can counter extreme poverty and a high rate of under- and unemployment. She believed a similar microlending model might work in South African townships. South Africa is the wealthiest country in Africa, itself the richest continent in terms of natural resources. However, more than 20 million (40 per cent) of South Africans subsist on less than \$2 a day and the continent of Africa has the lowest per capita income in the world.

On her return to Canada, Martha spoke to friends and faith communities from Halifax to Vancouver to test interest in supporting what she was calling The Townships Project. The response was overwhelmingly positive. In addition to

many individual donations, Canadian Memorial United Church in Vancouver donated \$15,000 and INASMUCH, a non-profit NGO in Toronto committed to helping underprivileged people in developing countries, donated \$10,000 to seed the launch. She found a South African partner, the Eastern Cape Provincial Council of Churches, willing to make Grameen-style business loans, starting at about \$100 in the Township of Mdantsane, East London, South Africa.

In April 1999, Martha trained a number of township women in microlending practices in Mdantsane, and they began to make loans through a microfinance institution set up for the purpose. On August 1, 1999, the project was officially launched by Graca Machel in the presence of her husband, Dr.

Nelson Mandela.

One example of the many loans that have been made is Salthy Mkhantshwa. She is an enterprising woman who started selling meat packs to her neighbours after receiving a \$125 loan. She repaid her first loan in four months. With the profits from her meat pack business she bought a computer, a printer, a scanner and a photocopier. Salthy now runs the only Internet café in Belfast Township. Previously, members of her community had to travel some distance to Mkhuhla by "combi taxi" to make a photocopy. Now they save the transport cost and support Salthy's business.

Nearly 14 years later, The Townships Project, working through local microlending institutions, has supported

more than 50,000 loans, changing the lives of about 250,000 individuals. Each loan generally helps at least five family members. In the first six years, The Townships Project supported about 2,000 loans. Now, the institutions it supports are making more than 2,000 loans each month.

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What does changing a life mean? How deep, how lasting is that change? How much progress is really being made?

All microlending institutions face the same four challenges: there are severe limits on what you can achieve with a \$100 loan—more investment is often essential; most borrowers are not entrepreneurs, they just want a job; lack of skills and training results in too many identical businesses that only compete on price; and those who succeed may be pulled down by a jealous community. The Townships Project learned that microlending could not do the job of eradicating systemic poverty alone. By working across many disciplines and through many experiences, it began to see solutions emerge.

In 2011, 13 years after Martha's first visit to Soweto, The Townships Project held the first MicroFranchising Launch: Trade Show and Workshops in the township of Khayelitsha, Cape Town, South Africa. From August 31 to September 2, in the O.R. Tambo Recreation Centre that had hosted township people daily during the FIFA World Cup of 2010, a different game was being played. Policymakers from the departments of Trade and Industry and Social Development, stakeholders from NGOs, microlending institutions, community organizations, township businesses, suburban entrepreneurs, multinationals and large South African corporations, all came together by invitation. The three-day event was a riveting, overwhelming success. The Launch is an initiative that aims to build a massive job creation engine at the base of the economic pyramid using the world's most successful business system, franchising, to fight the

world's most intractable problem—systemic poverty. The Townships Project partnered with the University of Cape Town's Graduate School of Business. Standard Bank and LegalWise provided major sponsorship.

South Africa is unique in that businesses must spend three per cent of net profits after tax on enterprise development in addition to prescribed amounts on corporate social investment, amounting to approximately \$1 billion annually. Many corporations do not know how to spend this money effectively. The Launch aims to provide a solution by identifying potential microfranchise businesses that they can support. Microfranchises are businesses that can be branded, systematized, replicated and sold at an affordable price, ideally the price of a microloan. Successful microfranchises will provide better goods and services at cheaper prices than townships people are currently paying for similar goods and services. They will also provide the opportunity for the poorest to effectively "buy a job," including the training that is necessary to run the microfranchise.

The Launch focused on 15 businesses, some tiny, some not, to identify those that could be successfully transformed into microfranchises. Great stories emerged during the workshops. Kabelo Kale started a commercial advertising business in Soweto by employing local artists to paint advertisements on walls. Kabelo's problem was that the "grannies," who owned the most strategic walls, would rent the same wall two or three times over, once to him and then again to his competitors. Conflicts abounded. Kabelo solved his greatest barrier to growth by talking with some township teenagers. Their suggestion: find the chief granny through the local church. Explain the situation to her. She will bring the rest into line, and may arrange for the next generations to remain loyal to Kabelo's company as well.

Lebo Malepa, founder of Soweto Bicycle Tours, won the support he needed to systematize his business so that he can develop a nationwide brand. Lebo is a natural entrepreneur, having started selling African crafts outside the Hector Pieterse Memorial site in 1999. Honda came with a plan to introduce its scooters to daily commuters from the townships to the cities. During the workshops, it discovered an excellent, safe and

growing new market, focused on providing transport for local businesses within townships.

Everyone discovered the power of small, the beauty of micro, and the wonderful solutions that arise from reaching across gulfs of different experiences and skills to solve problems together. Other African countries were also represented.

Since the event in 2011, the South African Department of Trade and Industry has worked to support the process for five of the 15 businesses at the Launch to become microfranchises, a significant policy development and financial commitment. The South African Department of Social Development has issued a request for proposals for Asset Based Community Development (ABCD) workshops to be conducted for 150 NGOs in all nine provinces. The Townships Project applauds these policy developments.

The Townships Project, learning from Canada's own Coady International Institute, is convinced that ABCD is a prerequisite for any poverty eradication initiative. In essence, ABCD involves asking a community the enabling question: "What do we have?" instead of the proverbial victim question: "What do you need?" An empowered community uses whatever resources it has to the maximum; a despairing community struggles to use any resources constructively.

Starting with ABCD, MicroFranchising Launch: Trade Show and Workshops focuses on creating massive change behind a complex social issue by engaging all possible stakeholders to agree on a common agenda, shared measurement systems and mutually reinforcing activities backed up by continuous communication. All this is held together by a backbone support organization, a catalyst, which is The Townships Project. See [www.ssireview.org/articles/entry/collective\\_impact](http://www.ssireview.org/articles/entry/collective_impact)

Micro Franchising Launch builds collective impact by mounting a sustained campaign to increase the capacity and organization of all efforts to replace poverty with prosperity at the base of the economic pyramid. The task is to create a microfranchising industry by providing a catalyst to align community, NGO, industry and government resources behind proven methodology developed in the past

few decades: ABCD, microlending, corporate social investment and franchising, all made even more effective by the pervasiveness of mobile telephones.

This is difficult work, and there are many more challenges ahead, but the rewards for success could be astonishing. Building Micro Franchising Launch into a continuous process as well as an annual event aims to achieve two things at the base of the economic pyramid: construct a self-perpetuating job creation engine and provide investment opportunities for established and new businesses by opening up markets for products and services that are better and cheaper than those currently being purchased. This process continues to build momentum with the second Micro Franchising Launch scheduled for October 2012 in Soweto.

Benefits can accrue not only to the under- and unemployed poor, but also to national and international brand names that choose to support MicroFranchising Launch, seizing this opportunity to extend their social licence to operate, and ultimately increasing their profit potential, in fast developing markets. With perseverance, this initiative might just mark the beginning of the end of systemic poverty. Nothing short of reaching that goal will be acceptable to The Townships Project. •



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*To see a recent interview about Martha's work, visit: [www.extraordinarywomentv.com/topics/martha-deacon/](http://www.extraordinarywomentv.com/topics/martha-deacon/)*

*To learn more about The Townships Project and its events and activities in Canada, including an annual three-day bike ride on Thanksgiving weekend across PEI, visit websites [www.thetownshipsproject.org](http://www.thetownshipsproject.org), [www.lendtoend.org](http://www.lendtoend.org), and [www.tip2tip4africa.org](http://www.tip2tip4africa.org).*



# Sailing adventures

## Wilson Fitt and Thelma Costello

*Hearsay's* attention was caught by a news report some months ago that **Wilson Fitt ('79)** would be crossing the Atlantic single-handed from Scotland to Chester, Nova Scotia in the sailboat *Christina Grant*. We sensed a story that would be of interest to our readers and arranged a meeting with Wilson and his wife, **Thelma Costello ('81)**. Wilson was more than enthusiastic in relating the enjoyment of the personal challenge involved in being at sea, sailing something you have built, and being dependent upon your own skill and resources for survival. Thelma, who has frequently joined Wilson on his sailing excursions, shares his enthusiasm.

Wilson was born in Glace Bay, Nova Scotia, and grew up in Dartmouth. As long as he can remember

he has had a fascination for boats. *Hearsay* related in 1993 that he and a friend built a plywood boat in his basement when he was 12. He recalled that, "It only leaked a little bit." With his mother's permission he built a plywood dinghy in the family dining room. Later, more sophisticated vessels were fashioned on the lawn in front of his Hants County cottage. He recalled constructing a classic 14-foot Whitehall rowboat of Eastern white cedar, which featured mahogany seats and trim with ribs of steam-bent ash. In 1992 he took about a year to complete a 17½-foot cedar and canvas canoe trimmed in cherry wood.

Nearly 20 years ago Wilson started building a much larger boat in the backyard of their home at Paddy's Head on St. Margaret's Bay.

**Hearsay:** Tell us a little about this vessel.

**Wilson Fitt:** The *Christina Grant* is based on a 1930s design by William Atkin, a well known American yacht designer of the era. The hull is true to Atkin's original, but we modernized and enlarged the sail plan to a cutter rig with the help of another designer that had worked with Atkin, and modified the interior layout to suit our own tastes.

**H:** Perhaps you could explain a bit more for us landlubbers what the boat looks like and what "cutter rig" means.

**WF:** A cutter rig has one mast with the mainsail behind and two sails in front. This arrangement breaks the rig up into smaller, more manageable pieces. It's a very traditional design, quite heavy compared to a modern boat. The boat is built of wood, a lot of which was cut and milled in Nova Scotia. The fastenings are copper and bronze and the keel has 11,500 lb. of lead. Wood for the mast came from BC and the trim is varnished mahogany. Overall length is 38½ feet plus a bowsprit.

**H:** How closely were you involved in the actual building of the vessel?

**WF:** I built it myself with occasional help from my sons and their friends.

**H:** How long did it take from start to finish?

**WF:** I spent a couple of years planning and scheming, but once I got started with actual construction it took about 7,500 hours of labour spread over 5½ years. I was lucky to have a good workshop and space to set the whole project up in our yard at Paddy's Head so it was possible to be reasonably productive for a few hours at a time.

**H:** Where and when was it launched?

**WF:** We had a massive party on launch day in June 1999. It was my mother's 80th birthday so we had family and friends from all over the country there to witness the boat being named after her. She did the honours with a bottle of champagne.

**H:** What were your early sailing excursions?

**WF:** Thelma and I quit our jobs, sold the house and car and shortly after launch moved aboard the boat. We left Nova Scotia in August and sailed down the east coast as far as North Carolina and then headed offshore to the Caribbean. That was our first long offshore passage covering about 1,100 miles to the Virgin Islands in nine days. We spent the winter down there, much of it in Antigua, then returned to Nova Scotia via Bermuda the next spring. Over

the next few years we sailed to the Bras d'Or Lakes, down to Maine, twice to St. Pierre and Miquelon, and cruised the south coast of Newfoundland.

**H:** When did you start sailing single-handed?

**WF:** A few years ago, I took the *Christina Grant* out to Bermuda again for a spring cruise. This is usually a week-long voyage. I had a crew of friends for the outbound trip and returned single-handed in 5½ days—all a part of the plan, not a mutiny! It was a personal challenge, not something that a person would often get an opportunity to do, and perhaps not something that most people would ever want to do.

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**H:** When did you first make a transatlantic sail?

**WF:** In the summer of 2009 Thelma and I sailed the *Christina Grant* to St. John's, Newfoundland, a 4½ day trip. After a short layover, Thelma flew home (again, a part of the plan, not mutiny) and I continued single-handed from there to Scotland, a 1,750-mile trip. I was two weeks at sea, and encountered two gales en route. Overall, it was a good, fast passage without any serious problems. Thelma flew over to meet me and we spent a couple of weeks being tourists and getting the boat laid up for the winter in a boat yard on the Clyde River.

The next summer, we returned to Scotland and spent a month sailing along the west coast and out to the Hebrides. This is beautiful and dramatic country with wonderfully friendly people, but the weather is windy and wet with strong tidal currents so the sailing is very challenging compared to what we experience at home. But at least there is little fog. We visited some relatively populated places like Oban and Tobermory but also got out to Barra in the Outer Hebrides and, furthest of all, St. Kilda, an offshore island that was inhabited from ancient times until the remaining people were evacuated in 1930 to an easier life on the mainland.

**H:** There must be dangers in long-distance single-handed sailing.

**WF:** Well, falling in the water would be fatal, no question about that. I always wear a safety harness with a double tether and clip on before leaving the cabin. But *Christina Grant* is very robust and I don't worry about boat problems too much. Once away

from the coast, ship traffic is quite sparse, at least in the waters that we sail, and I have radar and other electronics with alarms that will provide notice of most approaching traffic. The biggest dangers when single handing are probably injury, exhaustion, illness or some other incapacity. You can't just call 911 and expect someone to arrive with help. I have an EPIRB and a life raft but they would only be used in case of dire emergency—like imminent sinking. Otherwise, you are on your own out there.

**H: What is the meal situation like?**

**WF:** It's amazing how much food and provisions you can put on a relatively small boat. If we are planning to be at sea for two weeks we take at least a month's food and water. We don't have refrigeration so food is very simple. Fresh fruit and vegetables will last for a week or more. Potatoes,

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onions, eggs and cheese will last a long time, rice, beans and pasta and, canned meat and soups are staples and biscuits and pancakes are regular comfort food. A glass of wine with supper is a ritual, just like at home.

**H: Is sleeping a problem?**

**WF:** When Thelma is with me we usually alternate three hours at a time. If I'm alone I use a little kitchen timer to wake me every hour to check the sails and radar. *Christina Grant* has a wind vane self-steering gear so there is no need to steer except under rare circumstances. Surprising as it may seem, you can get used to a broken sleep pattern and I have always arrived feeling quite well rested.

**H: Have you ever had to send a distress signal?**

**WF:** No, thankfully. We have a SPOT Tracker that sends a position report by satellite and email. I also carry a satellite phone on the long trips to call home occasionally. But on the way over to Scotland, in mid-Atlantic, the SAT phone didn't work so I spoke by radio to the *Jaeger Arrow*, a passing ship. The captain called Thelma to tell her that all was well and emailed some pictures of the boat crashing along in open ocean.

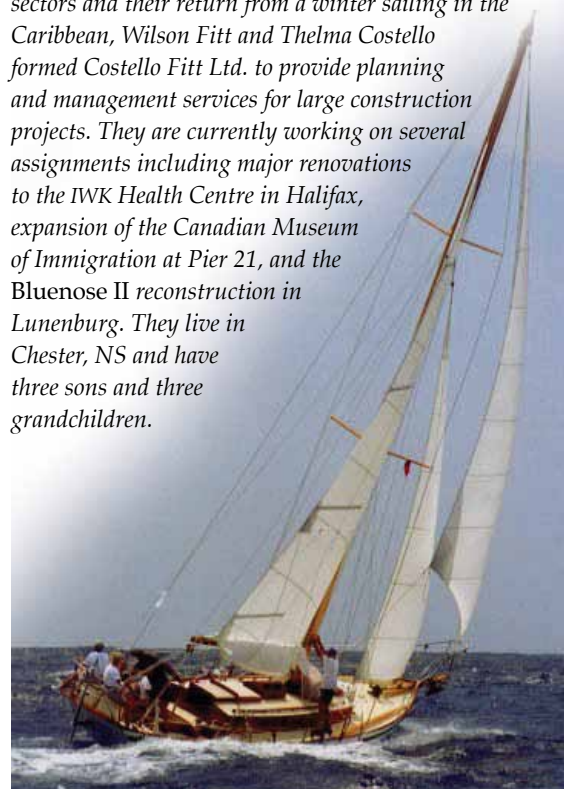
**H: What is the plan for getting the *Christina Grant* back to Nova Scotia?**

**WF:** After the Hebrides trip we put the boat in

storage in Scotland for the winter. I flew back in the spring of 2011 intending to make a westbound crossing back home again. I had a good start out of the Clyde River and along the north coast of Ireland, but then faced unrelenting headwinds, sometimes up to gale force. After a week at sea I was still only 400 miles out and feeling pretty beat up when the staysail blew out in the middle of the night. It was damaged so badly that I could not fix it so I reluctantly turned around and hightailed it downwind to Dingle on the west coast of Ireland, a delightful place. *Christina Grant* stayed there for the summer while I flew home and back to work to pay for my sins. In September, Thelma and I went over again and sailed around to Crosshaven on the south coast of Ireland where the boat was put back in storage for another winter, her third on that side of the ocean.

In April past, we made yet another attempt. My eldest son Jason and I left Kinsale, Ireland for home on April 5. Jason's a very experienced sailor and was a great help on what was a tough voyage. After a rough but successful 21-day sail we arrived back in Nova Scotia on April 26. I have to admit that sailing with a crew is far easier than single-handed. •

*In 2000, after varied careers in the public and private sectors and their return from a winter sailing in the Caribbean, Wilson Fitt and Thelma Costello formed Costello Fitt Ltd. to provide planning and management services for large construction projects. They are currently working on several assignments including major renovations to the IWK Health Centre in Halifax, expansion of the Canadian Museum of Immigration at Pier 21, and the Bluenose II reconstruction in Lunenburg. They live in Chester, NS and have three sons and three grandchildren.*





# Laying the foundation

For Schulich alumnus Alanna

Salpeter, the offer to teach law in a

foreign country was a daunting and exciting prospect, as well as an opportunity for growth. As a visiting lecturer at The University of The Gambia's Faculty of Law, she quickly became a student of her new homeland and its culture by Jane Doucet

When Alanna Salpeter graduated in 2009, she couldn't have imagined that she would celebrate her 30th birthday in September of 2011 in Kanifing, The Gambia. Even more surreal was that she would be working in the tiny West African community as a visiting lecturer at The University of The Gambia's Faculty of Law for the 2011-12 school year.

After graduating from Schulich, Salpeter had returned home to Toronto, where she worked as a research associate at Public Health Ontario and as a quality improvement consultant at the Faculty of Medicine's Office for Continuing Education and Professional Development at the University of Toronto.

"I enjoyed my work, but when a friend forwarded me an information email from two Canadian lawyers who had been visiting lecturers at The University of The Gambia's Faculty of Law the previous year, I was intrigued," says Salpeter.

So much so that she applied for the job, which was followed by an interview via Skype with the Faculty of Law's Interim Dean. "When I was offered the position, I jumped at the opportunity and accepted within the hour," says Salpeter, who had never visited Africa and who, at that time, wouldn't have been able to pinpoint The Gambia on a map.

The prospect of teaching so soon after graduating from

Schulich was daunting. "I wondered if I knew enough to teach, and if I would be able to answer any or all questions," says Salpeter. "But I had a decent amount of teaching experience because I had been a teaching assistant at Dalhousie and while doing my master's at Michigan State University." And as one mentor told her: "No matter what, you're going to know more than the students."

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**OPPORTUNITIES FOR GROWTH** The University of The Gambia was established in 1999; its Faculty of Law is even younger, instituted in 2007. Today about 150 students attend the law school, ranging in age, socioeconomic status, tribe and gender (the ratio is roughly four men to every woman). Salpeter teaches three courses per semester: gender and the law, torts, legal reading and writing, health law and medical jurisprudence. She is also developing a law review journal workshop.

Because the law school is so new and in a developing nation, it faces many challenges. "The library is

woefully inadequate, and there's a need for money in general for such basic items as computers and printer paper and ink," says Salpeter. "Plus, there are regular power and water outages and infrequent and unreliable Internet access."

Then there's the language obstacle. Although The Gambia is an English-speaking country, the residents converse in their tribal dialects at home, learning rudimentary English at school. "As a result, teaching upper-level education in English is difficult," says Salpeter. "The students sometimes have a disconnect between the transmission of information and comprehension." She has learned to be patient and adopt a slower pace of teaching than the standard at universities in developed nations.

However, all of the challenges make the experience richer for Salpeter, as does her students' enthusiasm. "They have been nothing but kind and respectful, with some standing out as nothing short of inspirational," she says. Salpeter cites some of her female students as examples: one had been a child rights advocate who had begun advocating for women on gender-based issues; another had led the President's Empowerment of Girls Education Project.

### PERSONAL AND PROFESSIONAL

**REWARDS** While living in The Gambia, Salpeter has attended myriad cultural events. She has travelled to Batokunku to meet internationally renowned Gambian artist Isha Fofana at her Mama Africa Women's Museum and Art Centre, where she runs educational art and health programs for underprivileged girls and young women. She has also attended a wedding, a funeral, a Christmas celebration hosted by Muslims and a Tobaski holiday ceremony, in which a ram is sacrificed.

While Salpeter hasn't visited home since moving to The Gambia, she hasn't been homesick, because she has been so busy, because she stays in touch with family and friends via email and Skype and because of the Gambians themselves. "The people here are extraordinarily friendly and welcoming," she says. "It's not unusual for me to get stopped 10 times a day to be asked where I'm from and how long I've been here."

In terms of professional rewards, "It's the small moments that occur when I see a student who has been struggling to write a case brief finally get it," says Salpeter. "It's satisfying to see that I'm being effective."

Although Salpeter's post officially ends in August, the school year finished in May. And while she'd like to teach for another year, to build on the foundation she has begun to lay, she can't afford to do so. "The visiting lecturer is essentially a volunteer position," she says. "It does pay, but mostly cost of living." Ideally, she would secure higher-paying work for another organization in The Gambia, which would allow her to teach part-time. "I would love to find a way to stay," she says. "There's only more to teach, learn and grow." •



Alanna Salpeter with three first-year students at the Moot Court Competition organized by the African Union Commission on African Human Rights Day

For information about how you can contribute to the legal education of Gambians at The University of The Gambia's Faculty of Law, either through charitable donation or involvement as a future visiting lecturer, please contact Alanna Salpeter at [asalpeter@utg.edu.gm](mailto:asalpeter@utg.edu.gm) or the Interim Dean of the Faculty of Law, Dr. Aboubacar Abdullah Senghore, at [aasenghore@utg.edu.gm](mailto:aasenghore@utg.edu.gm).

## IN HIS WORDS



# Justice Allan Boudreau participates in seminar for Rwanda judiciary

Along with three other panelists from the Commonwealth, **Justice Allan P. Boudreau (75)** attended a seminar for the Rwanda judiciary in Kigali in December 2011. Justice Boudreau explains the event, his participation and impressions of Rwanda and its legal system.

Rwanda joined the Commonwealth approximately two years ago. The Commonwealth Secretariat, based in London, has many sections or divisions providing programs to member countries that ask for assistance in developing their institutions. In this instance, the justice section and constitutional affairs division of the Secretariat was requested to present a seminar on the topics of assessment of damages, use of expert witnesses and awards of costs in civil matters (as opposed to criminal) concerning commercial disputes and personal injury claims.

There were to be three panel members presenting the views and procedures of the judicial systems employed by their countries of origin. In this case, there was a semi-retired Master of the Queen's Bench Division of the High Court of England and Wales, a judge of the Supreme Court of Mauritius and myself from the Supreme Court of Nova Scotia to present a Canadian approach and perspective.

Rwanda is in the process of converting its judicial system from a European civil code type to one of common law, as in the U.K. and most of Canada. The purpose of having three panelists from varying judicial systems was to present the Rwandan judges with different approaches to the same issues. We three panelists presented the seminar for its three-day duration.

I was asked to participate as a panelist because the organizing committee felt that it would be beneficial to have a bilingual person to present the Canadian perspective. A majority of the Rwandan judges speak French (a holdover from the Belgian colonial era). I was approached by **Sandra Oxner (65)**, a retired Nova Scotia judge and the present chair of the Commonwealth Judicial Education Institute (CJJI) housed at the Law School, to participate in this seminar. CJJI is separate from, but is funded in part by the Commonwealth Secretariat.

There were 26 judges from the capital city Kigali (with a population of over one million) who participated in the seminar, approximately one-half of whom were women. Rwanda has taken a proactive approach in empowering women. It is the law that one-third of all parliamentarians be women and, in fact, presently 50 per cent of the parliamentarians are women. Until the end of December 2011, when her maximum eight-year term ended, the Chief Justice of Rwanda was a woman. Her replacement was nominated by the president while we were there, and appears to be a well-recommended and popular choice.

The present Rwandan judicial system is relatively young, as are most of its judges. Many of Rwanda's institutions had to be rebuilt after the genocide of 1994. We Canadians are particularly sensitized to the genocide because of the involvement of our general, Romeo Dallaire, who was head of the United Nations peacekeeping force in Rwanda at the time. Many locals to whom I talked were familiar with General Dallaire and consider him a hero for his efforts and his stance, both before and after the disaster. I made a visit to the Kigali genocide memorial site and museum in Kigali. It was a "must" visit; but it was an emotional and gut-wrenching experience.

Nevertheless, Rwandans are making significant efforts to put the past behind and develop their economy and their institutions. Rwanda is considered fourth in Africa in terms of its political, economic and judicial stability. It has cracked down on corruption to the point that trying to bribe a police officer over a traffic

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violation can land you in jail for years. I was told that crime is low and I felt safe walking the streets of Kigali.

Rwanda is also leading many African countries in terms of protection of the environment. They have long banned plastic bags and limit the use of pesticides in their food production. I found Kigali to be very clean and littering of any kind is not tolerated. While the city is very cosmopolitan, a visit to the villages that make up the suburbs changes the landscape quite drastically. There, housing conditions change radically and overcrowding is apparent. The streets (more properly dirt roads) in those areas are almost impassable with a car and one needs a truck or SUV. In spite of all their difficulties, the Rwandans were friendly, upbeat and welcoming.

All in all, except for the gruelling hours spent on airplanes and in airports (22 hours going and 30 hours returning) the trip was a very worthwhile and rewarding experience. I would recommend such participation to anyone who gets a chance. •

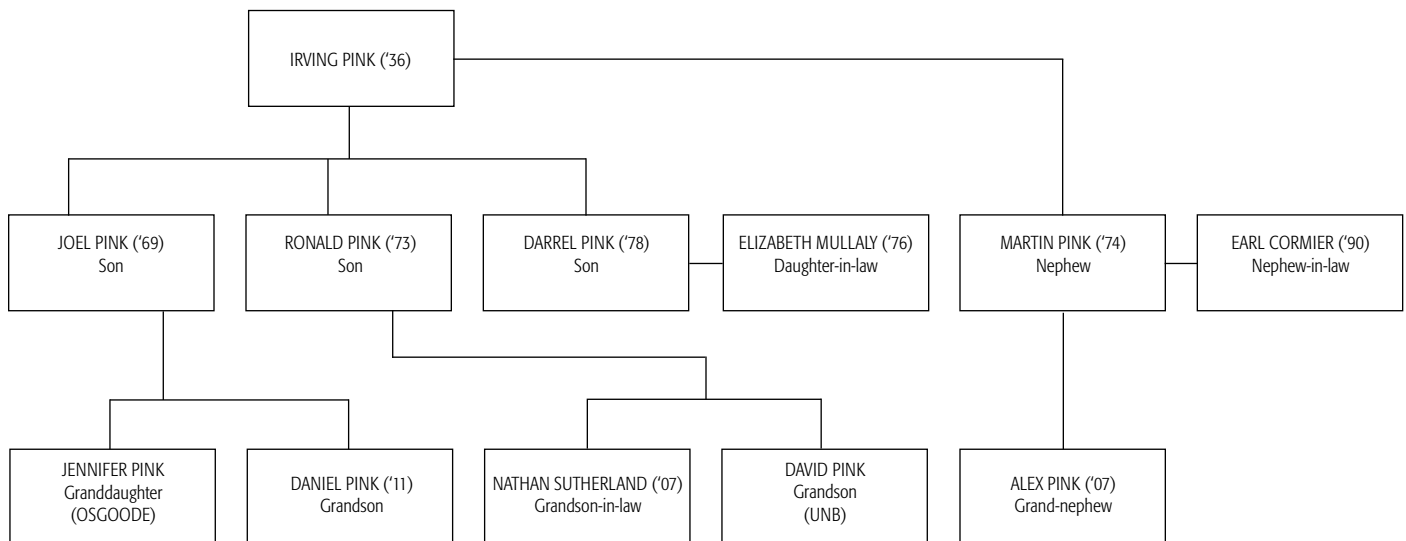
# Meet the Pinks: a deep tradition of



Back Row (L-R): Darrel Pink ('78), Martin Pink, QC ('74), Ron Pink, QC ('73), David Pink, Alex Pink ('09) Front Row (L-R): Elizabeth Mullaly ('76), Daniel Pink ('11), Joel Pink, QC ('69), Jennifer Pink, Earl Cormier ('90)

# professionalism and public service

## FAMILY TREE OF LAWYERS



**Irving Pink, OC, QC ('36)** was an iconic figure during his 65 years as a practicing lawyer, particularly in western Nova Scotia. Nonetheless, his reputation was as a “man of the people,” who worked tirelessly to benefit his clients, no matter how large or small their legal problem was. His eldest son, **Steven**, a Halifax businessman, recalls clients arriving, often without appointments, at “Lawyer Pink’s” office. His office was an early form of triaging. Some waited patiently while he attended to those calling on his services. Steven recalls that even when clients were in his office he’d answer a telephone call from another for “Everyone deserved to have his or her problem addressed immediately.”

His reputation was also that of a stellar lawyer—he read law voraciously and kept the largest library in Yarmouth,

where he started his practice in 1936 with **Claude Sanderson (1905)** and **Vince Pottier ('20)**, who went on to become Nova Scotia’s first Acadian Member of Parliament and later a Judge. To keep abreast of the law, almost every day ended with reading the latest DLRs or NSRs.

He was an astute advocate. He knew when to settle and how court was best when it was avoided. When there was no choice other than court, he loved the dynamics of a trial.

His son **Joel Pink, QC ('69)**, one of Atlantic Canada’s leading criminal lawyers, credits his father for his pre-adolescent desire to be a lawyer and for setting an example of the highest of standards for him from a young age. Joel describes visiting prisoners in jail with his dad, at a time before bail

was common, and observing his dad’s empathetic manner of relating to those in very difficult circumstances. He recounts going to court and watching the give and take of the courtroom. “I was hooked,” he says. Joel could write his version of “Everything I needed to know about how to practice, I learned before law school.” Joel’s practice and reputation in most ways is modeled on his father’s: he practices in all parts of the Atlantic region and in all courts, including the Supreme Court of Canada. He was a longtime instructor at the Law School and was President of the Nova Scotia Barristers’ Society in 2008.

Irving’s legacy was also of public service embodying the Weldon Tradition. In Yarmouth, he contributed to every aspect of the community. He chaired numerous boards and volunteered in

many organizations, politics, and the Jewish community. Partnering with his wife **Ruth (Goodman) (BSc '36)**, he raised funds and support for local community gathering centres like the YMCA and Yarmouth Library, all in order to make his town a better place. Their greatest pride came from a successful campaign for a new hospital in Yarmouth raising over \$8 million, a sum never before realized in a small town. Irving Pink's contribution continues to be remembered at the Yarmouth Hospital, where he chaired the board for 35 years.

Public service and fundraising are attributes that run through the three generations of Pink lawyers. Son **Ronald Pink, QC ('73)** is the senior partner at Pink Larkin, the largest labour law firm in eastern Canada. He practices across Canada and in the U.S. in both labour and pension law. When former **Dean Innis Christie ('62)**, one of Canada's leading labour law scholars, died, Ron and several colleagues spearheaded a drive to raise over half a million dollars to endow an annual

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visiting scholar at the Schulich School of Law. It was just the challenge his father would have risen to. Ron's contributions to the profession have been primarily through the Canadian Bar Association. There, in the early 1990s, he was key in establishing the International Development Committee (IDC) which focuses on assisting lawyers and bars striving for professional independence. The IDC's work in Southern Africa, Eastern Europe and now in Asia reflects Ron's own commitment, not dissimilar to his father's, that lawyers are obligated to use their skills to ensure the world a better place.

The youngest son, **Darrel ('78)** has devoted most of his legal career to public service as Executive Director of the Nova Scotia Barristers' Society, the public interest regulator of the legal profession. His career has also taken him to work with lawyers in eastern Europe, East Africa, and Mexico. He often recalls the kind of lawyer his father was, as he strives to ensure the profession, wherever it is, embodies the highest standards of ethics and competence. "My father's word was his bond. For lawyers there is no compromising of honesty

or integrity." Darrel taught at the Schulich School of Law for over 20 years in the areas of Civil Procedure and Professional Responsibility and continues to be part of the program for first-year students.

The legacy that began with Irving Pink is in its third generation, as several grandchildren are lawyers. **Jennifer**, an Osgoode graduate, works at the Nova Scotia Barristers' Society in the area of credentials and education; **David**, a UNB grad, recently moved to Calgary to begin his law career there; and **Daniel ('11)** was called to the Nova Scotia Bar in June. While at the Schulich School of Law, Daniel, in the image of his grandfather, was a fundraiser, leading a group and travelling to New Orleans to work for Habitat for Humanity. In his third year he was awarded a Schulich Scholarship and the NSBS Presidents' Leadership Award. Granddaughter **Rachel** brought new lawyering skills to the family when she married **Nathan Sutherland ('07)**.

Pinks also continue to make significant contributions in Yarmouth. Irving's nephew **Martin Pink, QC ('74)** is the senior partner at Pink Star Murphy Barro. As an elected town councilor and as a well-respected lawyer, Martin keeps alive a family tradition, in the place where it all began. His son **Alex ('07)** recently joined the firm and will no doubt carry on with a commitment to the community. The family connection also extends to Martin's brother-in-law, **Earl Cormier ('90)**, who is counsel to The Cherubini Group of Companies.

"I knew of a guiding principle in my father-in-law's life well before I met him or his family," says **Elizabeth Mullaly ('76)**, a Presiding Justice of the Peace in Halifax. "Early in my practice, Justice Hallett was presiding in Chambers when he queried a lawyer, on an estate matter, about what he thought was the value of a property in Yarmouth. The lawyer responded that it was the value Irving Pink had given and Justice Hallett replied that 'If that is what Mr. Pink says, then there is no question.' "

"When I came into this family," she noted, "I saw immediately that it was not just the law but how we were practicing it and what differences we were making to the lives of our clients that dominated family gatherings."

Eleven great-grandchildren, still too young to choose their work pursuits, will carry on the Irving Pink tradition. Whether that is inside or outside of the legal profession will not matter, but service to the community will be the guideposts for that future generation. •

# Law Alumni

## REUNION WEEKEND

September 28 to 30, 2012

### Mark your calendar!

As part of Dalhousie's university-wide 2012 Homecoming celebrations, join us and celebrate the Law School's Annual Alumni Reunion Weekend - Friday, Sept. 28 to Sunday, Sept. 30.

#### Reunion Weekend Law School Events

The weekend will include an open house, tours of the law school, receptions, class dinners and get-togethers with lots of opportunities to reminisce about your years at Dal.

#### Annual Law Alumni Dinner

The highlight of the weekend is the Annual Law Alumni Dinner hosted by the Dean on Friday evening. Here the anniversary classes of '52, '57, '62, '72, '87, '92 and '02 will be celebrated, but of course, all alumni are welcome!

#### Law School Open House

Join us Saturday morning for a light breakfast — meet with students and take a tour of the Law School.

#### The Third Annual Innis Christie Symposium on Labour and Employment Law

Join us Friday, Sept. 28 & Saturday, Sept. 29 for the Innis Christie Symposium on Labour and Employment Law. The keynote address will take place Friday, Sept. 28, 2012, 4:00 pm to 5:30 pm.

**Class Reunions** For more information on class reunions, please contact the class volunteers below:

#### 1957

**Patricia Harris** fownes@aol.com

#### 1962

**Laurence Hebb** laurence.hebb@rogers.com

**Brian Flemming** BFlem8861@aol.com

#### 1972

**Clif Prowse** clifton.prowse@gov.bc.ca, dprowse@shaw.ca

**Dan Campbell** DMCampbell@coxandpalmer.com

#### 1987

**Chris Hale** cchale@hotmail.com

**Janice Younker** younkerlaw@rogers.com

#### 1992

**Beth Beattie** (Toronto) bethbeattieis@hotmail.com

#### 2002

**Rebecca Toth** rtoth@zsa.ca

Questions about the Alumni Reunion Weekend, including the Annual Law Alumni Dinner and the Class Reunions, can be directed to the Law Alumni Office. Please call 902-494-5100 or email lawalum@dal.ca

[www.law.dal.ca/Alumni\\_and\\_Friends/Reunions/Reunion\\_2012/](http://www.law.dal.ca/Alumni_and_Friends/Reunions/Reunion_2012/)



Visit [dal.ca/homecoming](http://dal.ca/homecoming) for a full list of events.

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*with*  
**Bill Rand ('66)**



## IN MY DAY

As part of the celebration of the Law School's 125th anniversary a number of alumni, and former and present members of the faculty, were asked to comment on their personal recollections of the Law School of their day, the unique features of the School and the significance to them of the anniversary. Time constraints permitted only short excerpts from their interviews to be included in the video. *Hearsay* and *The Ansul* will attempt to present all the interviews in their full form, perhaps in a special issue of *The Ansul* continuing the two publications of "In My Day" begun by then Law Dean, Ronald St. J. Macdonald in 1976. In this issue we are pleased to present the 125th conversation with William ("Bill") A. Rand.

My name is Bill Rand. My family is originally from the Annapolis Valley but I was born in Kamloops and raised in Montreal. I graduated from Dalhousie Law in 1966, took a year off to get a Master's at the London School of Economics (LSE) and finished articling when I came back from London. Right after finishing my articles, I headed out to Vancouver to an articling position kindly arranged by **Frank Covert ('29)**.

**Where did you do your undergraduate work?**

I did my undergrad at McGill and took an honours degree in economics and a major in accounting. I then worked for Price Waterhouse for a short while but found that quite boring, so thought I'd do something else.

**How did the practice of law come into the equation?**

I was originally planning to go to business school. I applied to Harvard and at that time you had to write the Princeton Testing Service exam to get into any of the MBA schools in the United States. We had a fraternity formal the night before, and as a result of a hangover I showed up for the exam an hour late and they wouldn't let me in the exam room. So I missed the exam, therefore couldn't get accepted, so I had to think of something else. I applied to law school as an afterthought.

**Where did you apply?**

I applied to U of T and Dal. I think they were the only two. Maybe Osgoode also. I got accepted at Toronto. I went to Toronto for the start of the school year, got shown around campus and the law school, and decided I didn't like it. I phoned my dad and said, "I know it's a little late in the day before school starts, but I want to go to Dal instead of staying in Toronto." Dad phoned Frank Covert, Mr. Covert phoned **Horace Read ('24)** and that was that. (Too bad life is not quite as simple today). It was one of the best decisions I ever made.

**Do you remember your first day?**

It was great. It (the Law School) was in the centre of campus in a Georgian-Colonial stone building—one way to the cafeteria, the other way to some of your classes. It had a great old library with high-pitched ceiling beams, desks and racks of books, lots of people wandering around talking. And the good thing about Dal Law School when I started was that the classes were quite small and you got to know everybody in the school. I was in first year and within a month I knew everybody in second and third year. I think we were the last class to graduate from the old school. Of course, it then got much bigger and moved down the road. So I was quite happy to be in the old school, it was a very intimate atmosphere. There wasn't any of the cut-throat competition as I hear was, or is, the case elsewhere.

**Do you remember any of your professors or classes you took?**

We had some terrific professors; some of them were a bit odd-ballish. Horace Read was a great story teller. Unfortunately, he told the same story more than once, but he really got the message across to his students about what it's like to be a lawyer. He taught contracts but he also tried to instill in the students what law was really about and your obligation to society—he was really good at that.

And then we had G.V.V. Nicholls who made a very herculean effort to make administrative law interesting, which was, I'm afraid, something that was not possible. The same with **Andy MacKay ('53)** who tried to make constitutional law interesting, which was also virtually impossible, from my point of view, anyway. Then there was **Professor Graham Murray ('40)**, our property law teacher. He was a really interesting guy, who often said to the class, "Does anybody care?" Of course you'd hear murmurs from the back that said "Not really!" He would just make an odd face and ignore the comment. He was a super professor and made property law fun.

They are the ones that really stuck

in my mind. Of course the greatest one of all was “Fast Eddy”—(Ed) Harris (‘58) who taught more in a week than most profs in a month. He just rattled off facts fast as could be—thus the nickname “Fast Eddie.” He told you things that you didn’t get from the book, as he expected you to have read the material. He made it interesting and told stories or cases. He rattled along so fast that you had to focus. And you did focus, because if you didn’t, you were lost. He was a terrific professor—one of the very best.

**Did law school experience differ from your undergraduate experience?**

When one first starts at law school you’re always a bit nervous about how you’re going to do. In the first year Christmas exams I did really well. So then I decided I didn’t need to work so hard any more. From then on I was a bit on cruise control. There wasn’t vicious competition. Everyone was quite happy to help everyone else. If one of your classmates missed a class you were happy to share your notes, sit down and talk about cases. We did that a lot, get a group of guys together and talk about this problem or that problem—sometimes in the common room while we played bridge.

Whereas at McGill, it was more competitive. I was in the honours program, eight or 10 people in class and not many helping each other. They were all competing for the rankings. It was a very different atmosphere.

**Do you remember Domus Legis?**

No, not really. A little bit of the time, the odd party—but no. We had a lot of house parties. Every Friday night one of the classmates would have a party where everyone was invited. It was a bit of a zoo really, but we had lots of fun. Everyone was included. Everyone showed up with a case of beer or a bottle of whiskey, and we drank too much of course. But that was the way it was in those days. People seem to be more controlled now.

**Were you involved in sports at Dal?**

Not many guys were involved in serious sports. Some played squash, including myself, and we always had our flag football. We had the Dal hockey team, but it wasn’t a big thing. It wasn’t that organized like it is now or the way it is at UBC with structure and lots of organizations for this and that. At Dal Law you mostly just played for fun—not particularly competitive. We played Medicine in flag football and I played a bit of tennis because of my girlfriend, but it wasn’t part of the Dal sports curriculum.

**What does the “Weldon Tradition” mean to you?**

For me it went in one ear and out the other. Some things didn’t register [laughs]. Dal was a great law school, as I said. What you really remember are your classmates and how everyone was very happy to help everybody else. Everybody got along terrifically—there were no cliques or clashes. The profs were great. Some of them you liked, some of them you didn’t like, but they were all terrific in doing their job and teaching subjects. I didn’t know the guys coming behind me so well. When I was in third year I didn’t know all the first year guys because the classes got so much bigger. When I was in first and second year, the guys ahead of me in second or third year were super—super guys in those classes. A number went to the Canadian Senate so they could relax. As I said, I didn’t get to know the guys behind me so much because the classes got larger. It got a little more difficult to know everybody. It wasn’t quite the same. You would know a lot of them, but not as it seemed in the first year.

**How did your education at Dal Law prepare you for your career in law and business?**

That’s hard to say. What you actually learn in law school is not what really helps you. I came out here to Vancouver where I didn’t really know anybody. I can’t say it was the personal contacts that

really helped me in my career—other than the help I received from Frank Covert, as I have mentioned. I buggered off and wasn’t in Halifax to really use the contacts from law school. When I came out to Vancouver I focused on mining, oil and gas and securities law, which you don’t learn in law school. What I did learn in my articles at Stewart MacKeen was how to work and how to focus. At law school, you’d be up in the library and you’d have guys poke you in the shoulder, like Paul Murphy (‘66), saying “Come on, let’s go to the pub! Let’s go to the pub!” I’d reply, “No, I’ve got to study.” But then you’d head off to the pub. One thing the Law School did was teach the importance of being a good citizen, making a contribution and helping fellow students and fellow members of society. And I think it was not only the Law School, but Nova Scotia is just like that. I find that when I’m in Toronto or Vancouver you don’t get the same friendliness and willingness to help your neighbour type of attitude. People from Nova Scotia are different—maybe because of the small community to some extent. Similarly, people from Dal Law are different from people who’ve graduated from the University of Toronto or UBC.

**Would you say professors were that way too?**

Very much so—especially Horace Read. He was a terrific guy who instilled in students the importance of the moral side of practising law. It wasn’t just a job. You didn’t take law to make money. You did law to do a good job, to make a contribution and advance society—in theory, anyway. Read was good at stressing the importance of that. He was very stern about ethical lapses. Of course, you see a lot of that today—serious ethical lapses by some people—and it is unfortunate. It’s too bad they didn’t all have a professor like Horace Read. Maybe they wouldn’t have done some of the things they’ve done. Read was adamant about the ethical aspect of law. He was quite exceptional.

### **Is there something you could pass along to students now?**

I'm not good at giving advice. I think things are much different today than when I was at Dal. The classes are so much bigger; the halls are bigger; the profs are not as involved with the students. I don't know if the students get to know the profs as well as we did. We knew the professors. We had been in their houses. We knew their families. We knew all the gossip and stories. We knew their backgrounds and where they went to school. We knew all about them. I think it's probably different today. My advice? I think law is a great training ground for people; not necessarily for practising law, but for training. When you start working, one of the things you always run into is not so much legal problems, but thinking problems. How do I go about doing this? How do I go about doing that? The law really teaches you how to navigate your way through different fact situations. If you took a course in contract law from Horace Read, you read the story of the people involved, how they interacted, how some disagreement came about, what they argued about, and how they then ended up in court. In the process of reading the cases you read about this interaction like a series of stories. I think it's learning about people and their interaction that helps your career no matter what you're doing. It certainly helped me.

### **How does celebrating the 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary make you feel?**

I guess I'm glad I'm not the guy who graduated in the first years because I'd be long since dead [laughs]. No, but out here in B.C. I have represented Dal a couple of times at events such as the installation of chancellors and presidents at UBC. Dal has one of the oldest law schools so I was always near the head of the procession. Dal's got tradition and a lot of history behind it. The other thing about Dal is that grads do tend to spread out across Canada as there are just not enough opportunities in Nova Scotia. So, you have a lot of people heading out and moving across the country. There are Dal grads all over the place and they

usually do very well. I've found them tremendously successful in whatever they've done and they usually stay out of trouble, unlike a lot of lawyers. [laughs]

### **What should be the role of a Dalhousie alum?**

It's important that you help where you can. You go through life and you come into contact with a lot of people and a lot of institutions—whether it's McGill or Dal or LSE, or the schools my children have gone to. You help with what you can help with. If you've got time you can help with time. If you've got some money you can help with that. At a certain stage, especially as you get older, accumulating more of this and more of that, people like me and my classmates think more about what they can do to give back to the school, the university, or institutions, that have helped them. Dal has been a very important formative part of my life and so I do a few things here and there that I can to help.

### **Is there anything final you would like to say?**

One thing I would say is that I quit practising in 1992 and since that time I've done various businesses. I think it would be ideal for a student who has just graduated from law school to work in the law business for five or 10 years and, if they're so inclined, go out and do something a little different. After 20 or so years, law can get a little repetitive. I know quite a few lawyers get tired of the same old thing and end up continuing practising in their one area because that's how they make a living. You can be a jack-of-all-trades in law, but it's a pretty tough way to make a living. So you do tend to specialize in one area, like I did. At a certain stage I didn't want to do it anymore. The training you get in law prepares you for a lot of other things in life. So, I'd encourage young students to take some time and practise law before getting into other areas. With a good legal education it's those other areas where the doors really open—just ask **Gary Hurst ('66)** with all his bars and restaurants. •

*Dalhousie University conferred the degree of Doctor of Laws (honoris causa) at the Law Convocation in May 2011 upon William (Bill) A. Rand. As both a lawyer and investor Mr. Rand has been a catalyst in supporting the success of entrepreneurs across Canada and around the world. He has also been a major philanthropist particularly in the area of education.*

*Mr. Rand received a Bachelor of Commerce degree from McGill University in 1963, a Bachelor of Laws degree from Dalhousie in 1966, and a Master of Law degree from the London School of Economics in 1967. He articulated with Stewart, McKeen & Covert in Halifax and was admitted to the Bar of Nova Scotia in 1968. He moved to Vancouver and practised with Davis & Company until 1973. He then co-founded his own law firm which subsequently evolved into the firm of Rand, Edgar & Sedun. The practice focused on corporate and securities law. In 1992 Mr. Rand and Brian Edgar established a private company, Rand Edgar Investment Corp., which is in the business of providing advisory services and early stage venture capital to high growth companies. In addition, he is a director of a number of publicly traded resource-based companies.*

*Mr. Rand is a former member of McGill's president's advisory council and served on the school's capital campaign committee for British Columbia. He served on the Board of Governors at St. George's School, a private boys' school, attended by his son, Robert. He and his wife Tracey are also leadership donors and strong supporters of York House School, an independent school for girls in Vancouver, from which his daughters Kathleen and Allison graduated.*

*Mr. Rand's support has been invaluable to Dalhousie. He has enthusiastically assisted university fundraising efforts, willingly hosted alumni events, helped with student recruitment activities, and generously donated to the university for over 24 years. He served as an associate governor to the university for 12 years and presently sits on the Dalhousie Advisory Council. In recognition of his outstanding commitment to Dalhousie, he was awarded the President's Circle Medal in 2010.*



## Connecting the dots: A cross-continent journey

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BY ROD GERMAINE ('71)

What should a cyclist do when a big, shiny, black bear stops on the road directly in his path and stares at the fast approaching bicycle? I should know and, happily, I'm still here to tell the tale. But the real story I want to tell is about last year's reunion of the Law School class of '71 and the calamity known as Burma. The challenge is to connect these disparate dots and the terrifying episode with the bruin.

It is a long way from the tiny stools of a sidewalk tea shop in 1991 Rangoon to a soggy bicycle ride on a cold, rainy Vancouver morning in June 2011. But I can draw a straight line from one to the other.

My wife Adeline and I visited Burma in 1991. I had lived in Asia for several years and knew what to expect. The former British colony with a proud history was driven into impoverished isolation by a quirky military dictator whose career ended in 1988 when student-led protests were crushed with murderous violence. The junta that then assumed power called itself the State Law and Order Restoration Committee, or SLORC, an acronym that would have made author Ian Fleming proud. In an attempt to restore a semblance of legitimacy, it conducted a reasonably fair election in 1990. When the opposition parties won handily, SLORC changed the ground rules. Instead of transferring government, it persecuted the successful opposition parties.

Although less informed about the endless conflict between the junta and several ethnic communities, such as the Karen and the Shan, I was at least aware of it. But politics, needless to say, were

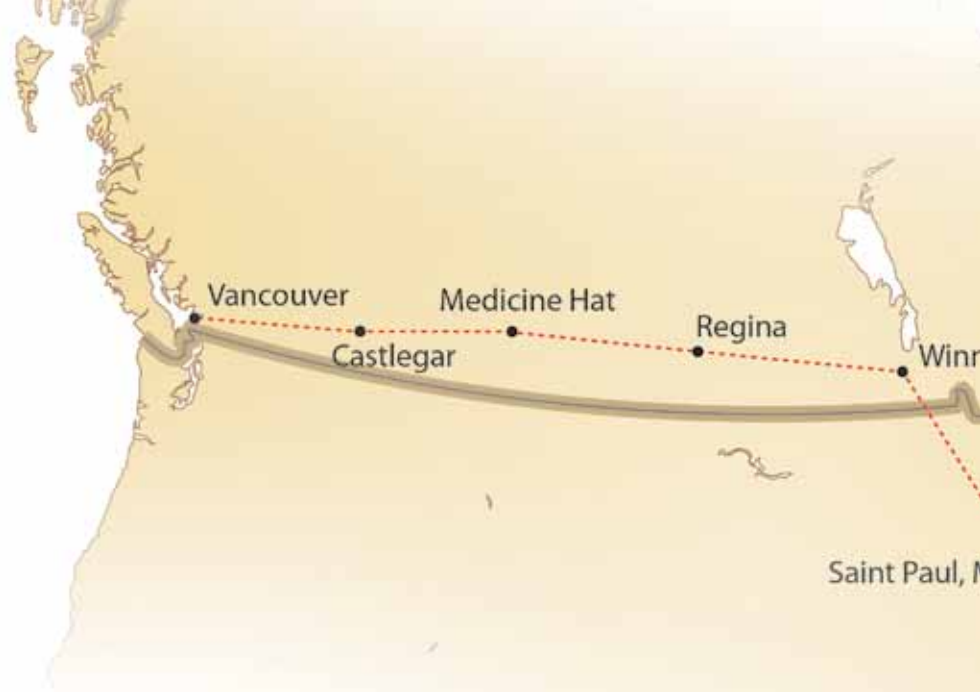
not the attraction. We looked forward to enjoying the arrested development of Rangoon. We knew the countryside would be stunningly beautiful, the temples numerous and exotic, and the archaeological treasures of Pagan breathtaking.

All of those expectations were met. What we were not prepared for was the enchanting character of the people. In spite of serious economic adversity and an Orwellian network of "military intelligence" agents who spied on their every activity, the people were gracious, welcoming and, if they spoke English, often very interesting. The contrast stuck with me and I became haunted by a glimpse of life on the ground provided by the young driver of the horse-drawn cart in which we explored Pagan. He had lived in a nearby village, which was deemed an eyesore when the government wanted to attract more tourists. The government's solution was simple and effective; it destroyed the village and cleared away the debris. The residents could fend for themselves.

In the years after our visit, I learned more about the junta's military campaigns against the ethnic communities: systematic destruction of villages, child soldiers, human land mine sweepers, widespread rape and murder. Add the victims of these crimes against humanity to the political dissidents forced to flee persecution and you have a country that has been bleeding refugees for decades. Millions live precariously as "undocumented" residents of Thailand where they gravitate to menial labour. Hundreds of thousands remain in Burma as internally displaced persons or IDPs.



**THE BEGINNING** Soe Naing (left) and I in Vancouver minutes before the start



The junta changed its name and the name of the country in the 1990s, but conditions did not improve. Finally, in 2002, I decided to do something to help the people of Burma. It started with the idea of an annual golf tournament to raise funds. Marketing the golf tournament to the labour relations community in which I work was less of a challenge than establishing exactly how to “help the people of Burma.” This conundrum was resolved with the assistance of a local Vancouver group of Burma activists who introduced me to the Mae Tao Clinic ([www.maetaoclinic.org](http://www.maetaoclinic.org)) and the Back Pack Health Worker Team BPHWT ([www.backpackteam.org](http://www.backpackteam.org)).

The clinic is actually a busy little hospital in the Thai border town of Mae Sot, providing a full range of medical services to Burmese refugees and to IDPs who cross the usually porous border to receive medical attention. The BPHWT trains and equips paramedics to travel inside Burma delivering health care to IDPs in both ceasefire and conflict zones.

Thus the birth of the annual Just Golf Tournament & Dinner Party in 2003, followed by the incorporation of the Just Aid Foundation ([www.justaid.ca](http://www.justaid.ca)). By 2011, the tournament and a few other events, together with donations, had raised \$350,000 for the Clinic and BPHWT. The work of the Clinic and the BPHWT is truly inspirational, and visits by Just Aid Directors, one of whom regularly volunteers at the Clinic, have confirmed how important they are to a large community of desperate Burmese who would otherwise have no health care option.

The reader will be forgiven for wondering about that straight line I promised. But fundraising for Just Aid was a huge motivation for my epic summer bicycle ride in 2011. The destination was Halifax, in time for my class reunion an unbelievable 40 years later. And this is the direct connection: besides checking an item off my bucket list, I was going to raise money for Just Aid. And so, on June 2, we set out from the Seabus terminal in North Vancouver in the pouring rain. The Just Ride 2011 had begun.

Accompanied by my good friend Soe Naing, who was himself a refugee from Burma in 1995, I huffed and puffed over the Ironworkers Memorial Second Narrows Bridge. My emotions were running high and all over the place. I was pointlessly but seriously angry with the weather. And I tried to resolve my guilt because the ride was so unfair to Adeline, who would be constantly worried about me. I was going to miss her badly. And I was consumed with anxiety: did I have it in me to cycle across the continent? Perhaps I was relying too much on the jade talisman and eagle feather my friend Robert insisted I stuff into my panniers.

The next nine weeks could not have been more eventful and rewarding. The cycling was both exhilarating at times and dreadful far too often. We blogged our progress religiously, at [www.justride2011.com](http://www.justride2011.com) in case anyone wants to check our route. There were a few “what the hell am I doing here” moments, to be sure, mostly due to heavy rain or a strong headwind, or both. It was not a good summer, meteorologically speaking.

The first crisis was the bear encounter on Day 3. The magnificent creature emerged from the side of the road as I approached the entrance to Manning Park Lodge in British Columbia. Although struck with sheer terror, I tried to consider my options. I immediately rejected the most logical; trying to brake and turn back would require slowing down at a convenient swatting distance from the beast. To my immense relief, I did not have to choose which side of the creature to attempt a pass. It was over in a flash; the bear turned and loafed back into the bushes. My heart started beating again. But then I detected the bear crashing through the bushes beside the road. I don’t think I cycled any faster at any time the entire summer.

For all the adversity, the payoffs were incredible. Soe Naing proved most compatible and supportive; he became an even better friend. Thanks to the little publicity we managed to generate, mostly with the help of the Canadian Friends of Burma (CFOB) based in Ottawa, we met a succession of wonderful people either from Burma or interested in Burma. Among them, I think of Shauna, the dedicated refugees’ advocate we met in Cranbrook, B.C., where we also visited Zaw Naing and Bygee, two former refugees from Burma whom Soe Naing had known in Thailand. And Susan, Nate and Kieren who met the ferry in Digby, N.S. and escorted me to Annapolis Royal. See Susan and Nate’s Burma-related project at [www.msppa.org](http://www.msppa.org).

There was Kyaw Zaw Htun in Lethbridge, Alta., and Mahn Kyaw Swe



**THE END** The formal greeting, Halifax, NS (L to R): Prof. Emeritus John Yogis; Tin Maung Htoo, CFOB Executive Director; Dr. Andrew MacKay; and Brian Crocker, 1971 Class President

in London, Ont. The Toronto community of Burmese and their friends—too many to mention by name—threw a superb reception for us at the Motherhome Burmese Restaurant on Bloor Street. Unfortunately, that is as far as Soe Naing could go; after 46 days on the road and a four-day break in Winnipeg, he was out of paid vacation from his day job at Kwantlen Polytechnic University in Surrey, B.C. I would miss him all the way to Halifax.

Some friends and supporters rode with us at times, which we sincerely appreciated. Aleesha was the best. She heard about the ride from the CFOB and, as an avid cyclist, she was interested because she had worked with the large community of Karen refugees in Winnipeg. She found us at 7 am on the day we left her city and, unlike other Just Riders, Aleesha spent the entire day with us. It was a tough day. The terrain was flat, of course, but we rode 105 kilometres into a strong wind. When Aleesha graciously allowed us to slip stream behind her lead much of the day, we were seriously impressed. She told us she would begin her residency in family medicine at a Winnipeg hospital the next day. I'm pretty sure she did so with a few aching muscles.

There was the multitude of colourful characters that made indelible impressions, as well as strangers who assisted in many ways. Motel proprietors who, when they heard my pitch, would discount their rate and sometimes make a cash donation. That started at the Flamingo in Castlegar, B.C. and culminated in Stevens Point, Wisconsin

where the La Quinta Hotel comped our room for the night.

Others asked about our journey and reached into their pockets to make a cash donation when we explained. That started in a place called Bow Island, Alta., and continued across the continent. The Lusk family invited me to join them for lunch in Trenton, Ont. and, when I told them about clinic, insisted on paying. They must have followed my blog, because Just Aid received a donation from them when I finished.

Several restaurants did not charge us. The Altoona Family Restaurant just south Eau Claire, Wisconsin, for example, is a big, friendly and very busy restaurant. Somebody asked about the ride and soon after we were told there would be no charge for breakfast. Then a server delivered an envelope, stuffed with small denomination American bills.

Others reached out in different ways. I'll never forget Ralph in Little Falls, Minnesota. We'd decided to quit a difficult day early and Soe Naing humoured me by agreeing to caddy while I hacked around a charming golf course beside the Mississippi. Ralph drove up in his power cart and started asking questions. He was as hospitable as he was curious. We stayed at his house that night, did a wash and ate his bananas on the way out in the morning.

The Canadian portion of our route was enlivened by many friends. Rob cycled with us on Day 4. Bob joined us in Southern Alberta and guided us to his sister's home in Medicine Hat where Elizabeth and Alan fortified us with rejuvenating hospitality. There were

more dear friends in Winnipeg, southern Ontario, and Nova Scotia. And then there was my Vancouver buddy, Murray, who flew to Montreal, rented a car and carried my gear across Quebec, while reconnoitring the best motels, restaurants and cycling routes.

Nothing equips me to adequately explain the sense with which I turned the corner from Robie to University and stopped in front of the Law School on August 7. Immense satisfaction is the best I can do. But I was a little early, so I did a little sightseeing before returning an hour later to be greeted by classmates.

The formal welcome two days later was brilliant. I was especially honoured by the presence of **Dr. Andrew MacKay ('53)**, who was Dean when I started law school. At long last I had the opportunity to thank him for some incredibly good advice he gave me in 1970.

The reunion was excellent. Many of my classmates were pleased to remind me, correctly, that I was incapable of more than a few minutes' cycling when we were in law school. When I spoke to the reunion dinner, I made a shameless pitch for Just Aid. The class of 1971 responded with enormous generosity, pushing the amount raised by the ride to over \$35,000 and allowing Just Aid to make a \$75,000 grant this year.

This is incredibly important for, despite the incremental reforms in Burma as I write this, the needs of the Clinic and the BPHWT will persist for years. I am humbled by and extremely grateful to the class of 1971 for wrapping up the Just Ride 2011 in superb and fitting fashion. •

## Weldon Award for Unselfish Public Service: Two alumni recognized for their commitment to positive change



DAVID WALLACE ('71)

2012

**David Wallace, QC ('71)** is the personification of the “Weldon Tradition,” which is one of concern, of change, and of humanity in public service. Since graduating from the Law School and returning to his hometown of New Glasgow to practise law with the firm MacIntosh, MacDonnell & MacDonald, Wallace has quietly provided over four decades of leadership to his community.

Wallace’s community service runs long and deep. As a young man fresh out of law school, he began a lifetime of service to his community, donating his time, significant talents and energies to organizations such as the Kinsmen Club of New Glasgow, the Pictou County Chamber of Commerce, the Nova Scotia Barristers’ Society, the United Way, and Pictou County Minor Baseball.

Wallace is likely best known for his community service with Summer Street Industries. Formerly called the Canadian Association for the Mentally Retarded (CAMR),

Summer Street works to create enriching opportunities for people with intellectual disability and to create community awareness of the skills, talents and gifts that people with intellectual disability have to offer. In 1972, Wallace accepted the position of president of Summer Street Industries that operated the Parkdale Activity Centre. At the time, the centre provided services to 20 young adults with intellectual disability. Under Wallace’s leadership, the facility underwent several expansions and today, this facility serves 145 clients with 25 staff and 50 business partnerships in the community. Wallace is founder and chair of the Summer Street Golf Scramble, a foundation that raises funds for Summer Street Industries. He has coordinated this event for the past 15 years and has seen \$1.5 million raised for the mentally challenged of Pictou County through this initiative. •



EDWARD DUNSWORTH ('75)

2011

**Ed Dunsworth ('75)** exemplifies a spirit of generosity, and his selfless work as a volunteer and organizer has touched the lives of countless individuals—particularly children—who live in extreme poverty in Latin America. Dunsworth’s integrity, passion, and respect for the common good are evident in the long-term commitment he has made to serving some of the poorest people in the western hemisphere, in a region he now calls home.

In 1975 Dunsworth graduated with his bachelor of laws and master of business administration. In 1997, he was running a successful private law practice with the firm of Leahy Nearing in Halifax when he decided to take a two-week trip to northern Nicaragua to volunteer with Habitat for Humanity. Dunsworth helped build brick and tin houses in a small village. He recalled: “When you are in Nova Scotia you think you know poverty... But until you actually come face to face with it, you really don’t know what it is.”

The trip sparked a profound change within him. His wife, Barbara, agreed to join him for a three-year project with Habitat for Humanity International in Belize.

The Dunsworths helped to establish Habitat’s pres-

ence in Belize. Dunsworth and his family then moved to Argentina and Chile while continuing their work for Habitat. He also spent seven months on the island of Grenada with Habitat’s Disaster Response Program in the aftermath of Hurricane Ivan in 2005.

Later that year, he and Barbara moved to Managua, Nicaragua to begin charitable work with an international faith-based organization called Hand in Hand Ministries (HHM). Shocked by the conditions of the public schools in the area, they turned their attention towards the huge educational deficit facing poor children in Managua. They created a scholarship program called Pathway to Change that enables children to attend private schools. As of January 2011, there were 64 children enrolled in the program who range in age from 6 to 16 years old. Dunsworth sees the potential for each of the children he helps: “The future of these young girls and boys would be uncertain at best were it not for the help of this program. Education is the most powerful weapon against poverty. Our goal is to enable many more Nicaraguans to take advantage of this wonderful opportunity.” •



# The Weldon Award for Unselfish Public Service

## 2013 Call for Nominations

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 in his 31-year tenure as dean from 1883 to 1914.

- Eligibility:** A Dalhousie law graduate
- Nominations:** With this form please include a **letter of nomination** with 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 19, 2012.

My nomination for The Weldon Award of Unselfish Public Service:

Nominated by:

Telephone:

e-mail:

**Please return this form to:**

Karen Kavanaugh  
 Schulich School of Law, Dalhousie University  
 6061 University Avenue  
 P.O. Box 15000, Halifax, NS B3H 4R2  
 tel: 902-494-3744 fax: 902-494-1316  
 karen.kavanaugh@dal.ca





# Fall Reunion 2011

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**Last August** Dean Kim Brooks welcomed the reunion classes of '51 '86, '91 and '01 to the Annual Law Alumni Dinner hosted at the Lord Nelson in Halifax. Guest speaker David Shannon ('91) inspired the crowd as he told stories of his adventure in the North Pole and his record-breaking jump for the highest-altitude sky dive by a wheelchair user after falling over 28,500 feet.

Also, as part of the evening's festivities, Ed Dunsworth ('72) was awarded the 2011 Weldon Award for Unselfish Public Service. Dunsworth was recognized for his work with the poor in Central America. The award honours an alumnus for service to their community and profession.

**Join us this fall for our 2012 celebrations!** We'll be honouring the classes of '52, '57, '62, '72, '87, '92 and '02. All alumni are welcome to attend. For more information please contact Tammi Hayne at [lawalum@dal.ca](mailto:lawalum@dal.ca) or 902-494-5100.



## Pamela and Andrew Brands make new international internships possible



Rebecca Critchley

First-year law student **Rebecca Critchley** is on her way overseas to begin a multi-faceted legal adventure, thanks to a generous donation made by **Pamela and Andrew Brands ('77)**.

Rebecca is the first recipient of the Pamela and Andrew Brands Award International Internship in Law. This highly competitive award, based on academic merit and a personal statement of intent, consists of a summer placement at Herbert Smith LLP, a prestigious global law firm located in London,

England. The law firm placement is followed by an internship at an international non-governmental organization of the student's choice. Along with the summer placement there is an impressive \$12,000 prize to allow the successful student to choose to work at an NGO of interest rather than working within the constraints of having to choose a paid position.

Andrew, a graduate of the Schulich School of Law and now general counsel and senior vice-president of Great-West Life Capital Trust and the Great-West Life Assurance Company, says, "Pam and I wanted to create an award that has a direct and tangible benefit to the students, raises the profile of both our law school and its graduates with leading law firms in one of the major financial markets of the world, London England, and provides an opportunity for the student to support an NGO of their choice. Taking this idea and making it a reality has indeed been a rewarding experience for us. Our thanks goes to Dean Kim Brooks; Assistant Dean, Student Services, Sarah Kirby; and Development Officer Diane Chisholm, who were the key movers in ensuring the award was launched."

Rebecca is thrilled: "Coming into law school, I knew that I wanted to pursue an international career, either with a firm or in the non-governmental sector. I never imagined that I would have the opportunity to try both after my first year. This award has given me the opportunity to work with a prestigious international firm as well as an NGO. I am very excited about this summer and the doors I know that it will unlock for me."

The Schulich School of Law offers its congratulations to Rebecca and its immense appreciation to Pamela and Andrew Brands for imagining, facilitating and supporting this unique opportunity. •

## reachAbility establishes scholarship for students with disabilities

Navigating the complexities of the workplace has always been a daunting and often overwhelming prospect for people with mental or physical disabilities. Helping the community to overcome the institutional and attitudinal barriers faced by people with disabilities has been a lifelong passion for Tova Sherman, disability advocate and founding director of reachAbility. Sherman founded reachAbility in May of 2000. reachAbility is a non-profit disability advocacy organization that offers a variety of programs, services and opportunities to people with disabilities in Nova Scotia. Many of these programs directly facilitate the transition into the workplace, where people with disabilities are dramatically under-represented.

The organization as a whole is focused on meeting a broad spectrum of needs for the disabilities community. The information, services and support that reachAbility provides are invaluable to an economic future that is inclusive of people with disabilities, and the larger effort to ensure a globally competitive future for our province. Nova Scotia has the highest percentage of people with disabilities in Canada. By working to socially mobilize, economically accommodate and academically equip this very significant demographic, reachAbility enables local businesses and industry to take advantage of the unique skills and abilities that people with disabilities have to offer.

The legal program at reachAbility works within the context of its larger organizational objectives, and is dedicated to facilitating access to legal services and information for people with disabilities. This is accomplished primarily through our Lawyer Referral Service and Community Outreach Initiatives.

reachAbility is also doing its part to support equitable access to education within the legal community through the creation of a scholarship fund for first year Dalhousie Schulich School of Law students with disabilities. This gift is the first of its kind in Canada: a scholarship established by a charity and dedicated to a student with a disability. — **JD McDade ('12)**

# MOOTS

## 2011 SMITH SHIELD

### Smith Shield Moot Court

L-R: Daniel Campbell, Q.C., President of the Nova Scotia Barristers' Society; Chief Justice Michael MacDonald, Chief Justice of Nova Scotia; Sarah Shiels (runner-up and winner of the Leonard A. Kitz Prize in Advocacy); Michael Murphy (winner of the Smith Shield and A.S. Patillo Prize in Advocacy); Sara Mahaney (winner of the Smith Shield and A.S. Patillo Prize in Advocacy); Mark Chandler (runner-up and winner of the Leonard A. Kitz Prize in Advocacy); and Judge Alanna Murphy.



### Canadian Labour Arbitration Moot

Hosted by: Mathews Dinsdale & Clark  
Sponsored by: Pink Larkin  
Schulich Team: Brent Matkowski and Danielle Daigle  
Coaches: Prof. Lorraine Lafferty and Eric Slone  
*Second place*

### Davie Ward Phillips Vineberg Canadian Corporate Securities Moot

Schulich Team: David Coll-Black, Brandon Holden, Lucy L'Hirondelle and Mary Anne Vallianatos  
Coach: Prof. Sarah Bradley

### Gale Cup Moot Court Competition

Host: Osgoode Hall  
Schulich Team: Shannon McEvenue, Sarah Zimmerman, Mark Chandler, Conor Doyle  
Coach: Mark Scott, Mark Heerema  
*Top anglophone team not to make the final*

### Kawaskimhon Aboriginal Rights Moot

Host: University of Saskatchewan  
Schulich Team: Zeynep Husrevoglu, David Taylor  
Coach: Prof. Constance MacIntosh  
*Non-competitive*

### Laskin Moot

Host: Université de Moncton  
Schulich Team: Zeynep Husrevoglu, Micah Goldstein, David Taylor, Lenie Tessier-Beaulieu  
Coach: Angus Gibbon  
*Fourth Place Factum*

### McKelvey Cup

Host: Université de Moncton  
Sponsor: Stewart McKelvey  
Schulich Team:  
Team 1: Scott Harron, Renée Zatzman;  
Team 2: Alayna Kolodziechuk, Ravi Amarnath  
Coach: Brian Casey, Mike Scott  
*Team 1: First Place*  
*Best opening address*

### Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition

Host: McGill University  
Sponsor: White and Case  
Schulich Team: Victoria Novak, Susan Fader, Darren Vallentgoed, Sarah Shiels  
Coach: Prof. Rob Currie

### Sopinka Cup

Schulich Team: Scott Harron, Renée Zatzman  
Coach: Bob Mann  
*Best opening address*  
*Best closing address*

### Trilateral Moot Competition

Schulich Team: Alex Grant, Dustin Griffin, Bryan Rowe, Alex Turner  
Coach: Bob Mann  
*Best overall team*

### Willms & Shier Environmental Law Moot

Host: Ontario Court of Appeal, Toronto  
Schulich Team: Leslie Bateman, Brigid Wilkinson  
Coach: Prof. Phillip Saunders  
*Third place*  
*Best respondent factum*  
*Distinguished oralist*

## DISCRETIONARY AWARD WINNERS



2011

- 1. Andrew McComb**  
Robert E. Bamford Memorial Prize
  - 2. Maria Aylward**  
Eunice W. Beeson Memorial Prize
  - 3. Erica Lambert**  
Eunice W. Beeson Memorial Prize
  - 4. Margaret George**  
A. William Cox Memorial Award
  - 5. Jenna Wates**  
Muriel Duckworth Award
  - 6. David Wallace**  
G. O. Forsyth Prize
  - 7. Andrea Buncic**  
Graduating Class of 2008 Book Prize
  - 8. Natasha Prasaud**  
William Johnston Grant, QC Memorial Award
  - 9. Christopher Buchanan**  
David M. Jones Memorial Award
  - 10. Leslie Bateman**  
Sarah MacWalker MacKenzie Clinical Law Award
  - 11. Daniel Pink**  
NSBS Presidents' Leadership Award
  - 12. Scott Boucher**  
Judge Fran Potts Award
  - 13. Ginger Holmes**  
The Honourable H.G. Puddester Prize
  - 14. Jade Buchanan**  
Horace E. Read Award
  - 15. James Armstrong**  
Dawn Russell Community Commitment Award
  - 16. Katie Lo**  
Dawn Russell Community Commitment Award
  - 17. Chase Holthe**  
George Isaac Smith Memorial Award
  - 18. Tamara Mosher-Kuczer**  
Horace E. Read Award
  - 19. Lauren Grant**  
Judge Corrine E. Sparks Award in Law for Excellence and Service
- Missing from photos:  
**Fraser Thomson**  
 Donald Marshall Junior Memorial Award and the Elizabeth May Award for Environmental Service  
**Allan Doolittle**  
 George Isaac Smith Memorial Award  
**David Taylor**  
 Race & the Law Essay Prize



2012

- 1. Lucienne L'Hirondelle**  
Robert E. Bamford Memorial Prize
- 2. Laura Neals**  
Eunice W. Beeson Memorial Prize
- 3. Sara Mahaney**  
A. William Cox Memorial Award
- 4. Zeynep Husrevoglu**  
Donald Marshall Junior Memorial Award  
Elizabeth May Award for Environmental Service
- 5. Lauren Kristjanson**  
Muriel Duckworth Award
- 6. Mark Chandler**  
Graduating Class of 2008 Book Prize
- 7. Ben Frenken**  
William Johnston Grant, QC Memorial Award
- 8. Alison Morgan**  
David M. Jones Memorial Award
- 9. Brad Vermeersch**  
Sarah MacWalker MacKenzie Clinical Law Award
- 10. Alayna Kolodziechuk**  
NSBS Presidents' Leadership Award  
Horace E. Read Award
- 11. Jeremy Pleasant**  
Judge Fran Potts Award  
Judge Corrine E. Sparks Award in Law for Excellence and Service
- 12. Michelle Squires**  
Dawn Russell Community Commitment Award
- 13. Shannon McEvenue**  
George Isaac Smith Memorial Award

Missing from photos:

- Sara Gardezi**  
Dawn Russell Community Commitment Award  
Thomas Burchell Memorial Good Citizen Prize in Law  
**Jalana Lewis**  
Race & the Law Essay Prize  
**Lenie Tessier-Beaulieu**  
The Francois-Michel Proulx Memorial Award  
**Hunter Parsons**  
G.O. Forsyth Prize

## Dianne Pothier: A remarkable career of 33 years



Dianne Pothier is retiring on July 1, 2012. The Law School will survive, but Dianne has been such a stalwart here since her enrolment as a student in 1979 that its foundations will shake and its halls and classrooms will seem incomplete.

Dianne's remarkable career in the law began after a dalliance, albeit crowned by many academic laurels, in political science, in which she earned her B.A. at Dalhousie and her M.A. at Carleton. During her LL.B. studies, Dianne really did "own the podium," receiving not only the University Medal in Law in 1982 but also virtually every other prize and scholarship that was on offer. Her stellar academic talents were recognized as she entered the profession, winning her articles at Dalhousie Legal Aid Service and Kitz Matheson and a clerkship with the then Justice Brian Dickson in 1983. After she left the Supreme Court of Canada, Dianne was successively Advisory and Senior Advisory Counsel at the Canada Labour Relations Board. Dalhousie Law School successfully wooed Dianne in 1986 and since then they have lived happily

together.

Dianne's career as a law professor has included a demanding teaching load, wherein she has offered nine different courses over the years, with a concentration in Constitutional, Public and Labour Law. Her classroom duties have been only a part of the breadth of her professional responsibilities. She has authored about 40 major articles, comments, book chapters and reviews, with multiple citations in Courts of

achievement in so many sectors tells only part of the story of her commitment to the Law School, to Dalhousie and to the many broader struggles for equality in which she has participated. A full account would record her invisible contributions, her quiet and earnest support of students, her informal but sage counsel to lawyers and administrators, her genuine interest in her colleagues' personal and professional travails and her selfless

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Appeal and the Supreme Court of Canada. Dianne also somehow fitted in at least 70 presentations, conferences, workshops, seminars and other speaking engagements in the service of the legal profession, academia and the public. Not content with her contribution as a writer and lecturer, she brought her expertise to the bar, initially as a part-time associate with Pink Larkin, a labour firm, and later as pro bono counsel for DAWN (Disabled Women's Network) and LEAF (Women's Legal Education and Action Fund), providing advisory services and appearing in Federal and Nova Scotia Courts and the Supreme Court of Canada in many pivotal cases involving the rights of women, persons with disabilities and visible minorities. Despite the extent of these demands, Dianne distinguished herself as a major contributor to the administration of the Law School and the University. In her home faculty, she has been a dutiful member and often the forceful chair of virtually every committee. In the wider university community, she was a trusted pillar of the Dalhousie Faculty Association, including stints as a member of the DFA executive committee, the association-board committee and chief negotiator, in addition to other major roles in Senate and on several presidential advisory and administrative committees.

Dianne's record of service and

devotion to the stability and growth of every organization she has joined. Occasionally, despite her avoidance of the spotlight, her efforts have been recognized, for example in her receipt of the Frances Fish Women Lawyers' Achievement Award in 2005, but more often than not it is word of mouth that has built Dianne's formidable reputation for integrity, hard work, insight and idealism and, of course, her legendary (if frightening, at times) memory. However, in the Law School community, although they don't appear on her resumé, Dianne has risen to local fame for her prodigious vocal talents: as the lead singer in the unheralded faculty contingent at Pith and Substance, Dianne and the Medians, and also as a stand-in for Grace Slick at karaoke events, belting out an enthusiastic rendition of White Rabbit.

The Law School has been graced by Dianne's truly committed presence as a student and faculty member more or less continuously for 33 years. Her sustaining role will, one hopes, continue even after she retires. It is difficult to imagine the Law School and Dalhousie University without Dianne and perhaps she will be drawn to retain this rich, durable and successful connection. Moreover, although she is a terrific singer, the Weldon Building seems a more suitable place than a concert tour with a Jefferson Airplane tribute band. We hope to keep her on University Avenue. •

# Professors appointed professors emeriti

According to famed university basketball coach Abe Lemons, “The trouble with retirement is that you never get a day off.” That sentiment is personified by Professor Hugh Kindred and Professor John Yogis, who have been appointed Professors Emeriti by Dalhousie University for their outstanding contributions to the law school, both during their careers and post-retirement. **by Michael Deturbide, Associate Dean**



**PROFESSOR JOHN YOGIS** was integral to the development and teaching of a legal research and writing course at the law school, and was the co-author of what for many years was the leading Canadian text on legal research. He also taught international law, contract law and wills, and served as Associate Dean for most of the 1990s. Professor Yogis exemplifies the Weldon tradition of unselfish public service. Many community organizations have benefited from his considerable talents, especially in the arts. John is the law school's unofficial archivist; his knowledge of the school's past and traditions is extraordinary. He continues his dedication to the law school, as editor of the alumni publications *Hearsay* and *The Ansul*.



**PROFESSOR HUGH KINDRED** is an internationally recognized scholar in maritime, commercial, and international law. He was the coordinator of the report to Transport Canada on the future of Canadian carriage of goods by water law, and an advisor on the resulting Carriage of Goods by Water Act. He has continued to teach at the law school in the field of international trade and shipping, and in the graduate seminar. He is also continuing his research on a team project, funded by the SSHRC, on extraterritorial jurisdiction.

*The title of Professor Emeritus is an honour awarded by the Board of Governors on the recommendation of the President and Dean, to retired individuals who have made superlative contributions as a professor in their discipline at Dalhousie University. Congratulations, Professor Yogis and Professor Kindred. May your relationships with the law school continue for many more years.*

# Outstanding educators are recognized



## CONSTANCE MACINTOSH

Professor Constance MacIntosh was “absolutely thrilled” to be honoured with the **Dalhousie Law Students’ Society and Alumni Association Award for Excellence in Teaching** in 2011.

At last year’s annual Spring Reception, Professor MacIntosh was described as an honest and straightforward academic who told students when they needed to “pull up their socks” in class and always offered to help them succeed. Her candour and her passion for small group teaching are just two reasons she was nominated by her students for the award.

“I teach some pretty neat subjects, which are highly politicized and controversial, with a lot of racial issues going through them,” noted Professor MacIntosh. “What I try to do is create a classroom setting where people can directly engage with the issues that are often left lying below the surface while they work through the substantive law.”

When she’s not busy teaching or interacting with students, MacIntosh publishes extensively in the areas of health law and Aboriginal law. She currently serves as the Director of the Dalhousie Health Law Institute. •



## GRAHAM REYNOLDS

Although he has only been teaching since 2008, Professor Graham Reynolds has already figured out something it can take years to realize: how to connect with students and get them interested in archaic property law doctrines. At last year’s Spring Reception, Reynolds received the 2011 **Hannah and Harold Barnett Award for Teaching in First Year**.

“I was really humbled to have been nominated, by my students, for the Hanna and Harold Barnett Award for Teaching in First Year,” said Professor Reynolds. “It’s a real honour to have been chosen for this award, particularly given the incredible quality of teaching at Dalhousie.”

In addition to his gift for teaching, Professor Reynolds is a strong researcher. He is currently studying at Oxford University as a Trudeau Foundation Scholar and is working toward his Doctor of Philosophy in Law. His research focuses on the intersection of free expression and copyright in Canada. And on top of a busy schedule, he continued to teach—via online lectures—a course in intellectual property to Dalhousie students last fall. •



## RONALDA MURPHY

Professor Ronalda Murphy was this year’s recipient of the **Dalhousie Law Students’ Society and Alumni Association Award for Excellence in Teaching**. Her talents were honoured on May 25 at the 2012 Dean’s reception as students Bailey Duller and Tejas Madhur presented her the award.

In a moving presentation the students praised Prof. Murphy for her excellence in teaching. She was recognized for her creative style and her gift to mobilize students in spite of their busy schedules. She held them to high standards but also made learning very fun.

Prof. Murphy responded by revealing what truly motivates her—a student’s trust. “The greatest reward in teaching is when you witness students move from confusion and lack of confidence to understanding and belief in themselves—these are the most special moments.” She credits her mother, Margaret Murphy (who traveled from PEI to attend the ceremony in person at age 90), with teaching her the two most important qualities are empathy and truth. Prof. Murphy said if she is a good teacher it is because she had one.

Prof. Murphy teaches constitutional law, evidence and comparative constitutional law. She also supervises graduate students. This year represents her second time winning this award. She received the Dalhousie Law Students’ Society and Alumni Association Award for Excellence in Teaching in 2006. She was awarded the Class Ring in 2003. •

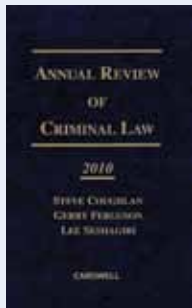


## DIANA GINN

She’s the kind of teacher who brings her students homemade treats. Professor Diana Ginn was honoured for the 2012 **Hannah and Harold Barnett Award in Teaching First Year Law**. “When I was in law school, teaching wasn’t even on my radar,” says Ginn. “This is a bonus given how much I love teaching.”

Ginn received her law degree from Queen’s University and her master’s degree from Osgoode Hall. She worked as legislative counsel for the Northwest Territories before joining Dal as a faculty member in 1992. Over the years Ginn has taught administrative law, alternative dispute resolution, public law, health law and women and the law. Currently she teaches property law and law and religion. “My students make my professional life a joy,” she says. “It’s a pleasure to interact with my students inside and outside the classroom.” •

# Faculty in Print



## *Annual Review of Criminal Law*

Steve Coughlan co-authored with Gerry Ferguson and Lee Seshagiri  
(Carswell, 2011)



## *Being Relational*

Edited by Jocelyn Downie and Jennifer J. Llewellyn  
(UBC Press, 2012)



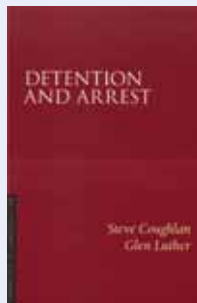
## *Canadian Health Law and Policy*

Jocelyn Downie co-edited with Timothy Caulfield and Colleen M. Flood  
(LexisNexis Canada Inc., 2011)



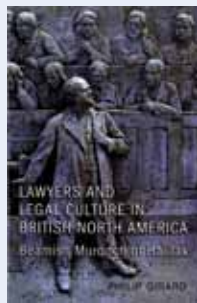
## *Canadian Journal of Law and Technology*

Michael Deturbide and Graham Reynolds, Editors in Chief  
(Carswell, 2011)



## *Detention and Arrest*

Steve Coughlan co-authored with Glen Luther  
(Irwin Law Inc., 2010)



## *Lawyers & Legal Culture in British North America: Beamish Murdoch of Halifax*

Philip Girard  
(University of Toronto Press, 2011)



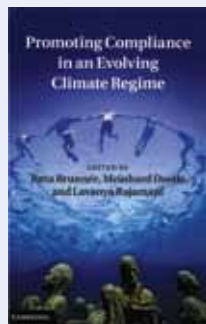
## *Nova Scotia Companies Act & Commentary*

Sarah P. Bradley  
(LexisNexis Canada Inc., 2011)



## *Ocean Yearbook 25*

Aldo Chircop and Moira McConnell co-edited with Scott Coffen-Smout  
(Martinus Nijhoff, 2011)



## *Promoting Compliance in an Evolving Climate Regime*

Meinhard Doelle  
co-edited with Jutta Brunnée and Lavanya Rajamani  
(Cambridge University Press, 2012)



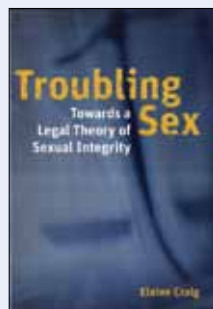
## *Recasting Transboundary Fisheries Management in Light of Sustainability Principles*

Dawn A. Russell and David L. VanderZwaag  
(Martinus Nijhoff, 2010)



## *The Maritime Labour Convention, 2006: A Legal Primer to an Emerging International Regime*

Moira L. McConnell co-authored with Dominick Devlin and Cleopatra Doumbia-Henry  
(Martinus Nijhoff, 2011)



## *Troubling Sex: Towards a Legal Theory of Sexual Integrity*

Elaine Craig  
(UBC Press, 2012)

# FACULTY PROFILES

**Professor Bruce Archibald** joined the national Labour Law Casebook Group, which in 2011 published the Eighth Edition of Labour and Employment Law: Cases, Materials and Commentary. He maintains his research commitment to restorative justice, having made four presentations at the world conference held at Halifax in June 2011, jointly sponsored by the International Institute of Restorative Practices in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania and the Nova Scotia Restorative Justice Community University Research Alliance at the Schulich School of Law ([www.nsrj-cura.ca](http://www.nsrj-cura.ca)). An important paper to emerge from this research is entitled Relational Rights and Due Process: Shifting the Rule of Law as Restorative Justice Comes of Age.

Archibald was appointed a part-time vice-chair of the newly consolidated Nova Scotia Labour Board (2011), which has jurisdiction over labour relations matters in the unionized private and public sectors, as well as employment law matters and such questions as occupational health and safety. He chaired a fourth triennial round of the Nova Scotia Provincial Judges' Salaries and Benefits Tribunal (2011-2014) (with members Terry Roane, Q.C. and Ronald Pink, Q.C.) which issued its report on December 5, 2011. He chairs the Arbitration Advisory Committee to the Minister of Labour, which proposed improvements to arbitrators' powers in the Trade Union Act which were ultimately adopted by Nova Scotia Legislature. The Minister of Labour has also approved, for adoption by the Province's labour arbitrators, the Committee's "Protocol on Protection of Private Information in Arbitration Awards".

Archibald has a sabbatical leave in 2012-2013, when he plans to complete some restorative justice projects, and undertake a comparative study on "the theory, practice and potential for a contribution to economic and social development through integrated labour market regulation." It's quite a mouthful, but he thinks the latter topic is actually fascinating and exciting.

**Professor Vaughan Black**, along with Dal alumni Stephen Pitel and Michael Sobkin, co-wrote a book on the Court Jurisdiction and Proceedings Transfer Act. He delivered conference papers on conflicts of law, tort law and the regulation of experimentation on animals. In the January 2012 term he was the

Fulbright Visiting Research Chair at the North American Center for Transborder Studies at Arizona State University.

**Professor David Blaikie** taught civil procedure, professional responsibility and torts. He also lectured on torts to students at Dalhousie's Faculty of Engineering. He completed a book project entitled Why Good Lawyers Matter (Irwin Law) with co-editors Justice Thomas A. Cromwell, Supreme Court of Canada and Darrel Pink, Executive Director of the Nova Scotia Barristers' Society. The book is a collection of essays about lawyers and lawyering in Canada. He is finishing a book for Halsbury's Laws of Canada on the law of damages.

An article he co-wrote with David Michels on the practice in Canada, the United States and the U.K. of offering sanctuary in churches to refugees and undocumented migrants will appear as a chapter in Sanctuary Practices in International Perspective: Migration, Citizenship and Social Movements (Routledge Publishing). An article (co-written with Professor Diana Ginn) on the role of religious-based reasoning in judicial decision making will be published in the Constitutional Forum.

He continues to serve on the board of directors of the Johnson Scholarship Foundation. He was appointed a commissioner by the Speaker of the House of Commons to the Nova Scotia Federal Electoral Boundaries Commission for Nova Scotia.

**Professor Sarah Bradley** taught courses this year in business associations, corporate finance and mergers and acquisitions. She also served as coach for the Corporate Securities Moot team, which brought the coveted Davies Cup back to Dalhousie, placing first out of 11 teams from common law schools across Canada.

Bradley's publications for the year included a revised second edition of her book on the Nova Scotia Companies Act and a report to the Yukon government relating to proposed reforms of director's duties under the Yukon Business Corporations Act.

Bradley was appointed vice-chair of the Nova Scotia Securities Commission in the fall of 2010. She is currently pursuing a number of research projects, including a book relating to the governance of unincorporated business entities in Canada.

**Dean Kim Brooks** spent a good part of her year at the School travelling around the country meeting alumni and hearing stories of their days at the School. Her travels took her to meet alumni in Vancouver, Calgary, Saskatoon, Winnipeg, Toronto, Ottawa, Windsor, Saint John, Moncton, St. John's, Charlottetown, Sydney, New York, London, and, of course, Halifax. When not travelling, Brooks enjoyed teaching all of the entering students legal research and writing. In addition, she published several articles on international tax law and policy.

**Dr. Aldo Chircop** was director of the Marine & Environmental Law Institute over the past year. He retained a cross-appointment with the International Development Studies Program (Faculty of Arts & Social Sciences), continued as faculty in the Marine Affairs Program (Faculty of Management) and Research Fellow at the Centre for Foreign Policy Studies. He continued to teach contracts, judicial rule-making and maritime law and practice and supervise several master's students and doctoral candidates from different countries.

Chircop continued SSHRC-supported research on comparative coastal law and engaged several undergraduate and graduate students in the project. Chircop and his students made several conference presentations in Canada and overseas and published a number of papers. He also continued as director of a large CIDA-funded multi-university project in Cuba concerning local integrated coastal zone management, involving the universities of La Habana, Oriente and Guantanamo. Chircop presented at several major international conferences (Canada, China, Germany, Indonesia, United States) and published several articles in other fields in peer-reviewed periodicals, including on maritime law and Arctic policy. He co-edited with Prof. Moira McConnell and Scott Coffen Smout Ocean Yearbook Volume 25 (now in print) and 26 (in press). Over the course of the year he gave several lectures in Halifax, China and Uruguay. He was also appointed to an International Working Group on Polar Shipping of the Comité Maritime International.

**Professor Steve Coughlan** was the lead author for two books which appeared in the 2010-2011 academic year: Detention and Arrest (co-authored with Glen Luther and published by



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**ROB CURRIE**



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**RICHARD DEVLIN**



**MEINHARD DOELLE**



**JOCelyn DOWNIE**

Irwin Law) and the Annual Review of Criminal Law (co-authored with Gerry Ferguson and Lee Seshagiri and published by Carswell). In addition, through bad planning and an inability to decline invitations he ended up giving talks on a variety of subjects in locations across the country, including talks to provincial court judges from across Canada in Halifax, defence counsel of Eastern Ontario in Montebello, Quebec, judges from across the country in St. John's, all Nova Scotia judges in Halifax, Supreme and Appeal Court judges of Newfoundland in Gros Morne National Park, and British Columbia Supreme Court judges in Whistler. The latter two talks (which occurred a week apart) led him to the conclusion that although the Rockies are spectacular, Gros Morne is stunningly spectacular. In addition he gave two training sessions to court interpreters in Nova Scotia and was the guest speaker at the Law School's annual alumni dinner. Further evidence of Steve's inability to decline invitations is his appointment in January 2011 as Associate Dean of Graduate Studies for the Law School.

**Professor Rob Currie** had a busy and productive sabbatical in Ottawa while his wife, Donna Davis (L.L.B. 2010) clerked for Justice James Russell of the Federal Court. The Ottawa sojourn was preceded by a wonderful time as a faculty member at the Federation of Law Societies' National Criminal Law Program (NCLP), held in St. John's in August of 2010. The move to Ottawa resulted in a couple of talks at the University of Ottawa's Faculty of Law, in particular a guest lecture on affidavit writing to Prof. Anthony Daimis's legal writing class. Rob was also pleased to be invited to speak (and sing) to the annual conference of the Canadian Association of Provincial Court Judges. Currie took up the chance to work closely with former Dal colleague Professor Teresa Scassa, now at Ottawa U., on the SSHRC-funded project on extraterritorial jurisdiction which has been proceeding (along with Dal colleagues Hugh Kindred and Steve Coughlan) for several years. Over the year, Rob gave papers arising from this project at conferences in Washington, D.C. and Edinburgh, and had a number of other papers appear in print, including one on Canada's first genocide prosecution that was published in the International Criminal Law Review. He also began a new blog on international and transnational criminal law, which can be found online at: <http://rjcurrie.typepad.com/international-and-transna/>

**Professor Michael Deturbide** continued to serve as Associate Dean, Academic in 2011-2012. Amongst his duties in that capacity was to lead the transition to a fully computerized examination system at the law school.

Deturbide also taught Business Associations, and served as Associate Director of the Law and Technology Institute. He is co-editor-in-chief of the Canadian Journal of Law and Technology, which publishes twice per year. He also served on IT.Can's national student paper award committee. He is currently completing a second edition of Electronic Commerce and Internet Law in Canada, co-authored by Professor Teresa Scassa, to be published by CCH Canadian.

Deturbide sat on the Credentials Committee of the Nova Scotia Barristers Society, the Board of the Commonwealth Judicial Education Institute, and the Dalhousie Law Alumni Association. At the law school he chaired the Admissions Committee and the Studies Committee, and served on the Dean's ad hoc committee on Legal Research, Writing, and Advocacy. He also helped select the recipients of major law scholarships, including the Schulich Scholarships, the J. Gerald Godsoe Scholarship, Law Foundation of Nova Scotia entrance scholarships, and discretionary awards. At the university level Deturbide served on an ad hoc committee leading to the establishment of a new Master of Journalism program, and was a member of the Senate Appeals Committee and Classroom Planning Committee. He also served on the Accreditation Exam Policy Committee of the National Committee on Accreditation, a standing committee of the Federation of Law Societies of Canada.

**Professor Richard Devlin** had a very busy year in 2011. On the teaching front, Devlin taught contracts and the graduate seminar in the fall term. On the research side, there were three fresh publications: "From Archetypes to Architects: Re-Envisioning the Role Morality of Trial Level Judges" (2011) 43 UBCLR. 277; "Reconstructing Judicial Ethics in Canada" (2010) 42 McGeorge L.R. 19; and "Re-Calibrating, Re-Visioning and Re-thinking Self-Regulation in Canada" (2010) 17 International Journal of the Legal Profession 233 [with Al Cheng]. Devlin has also worked on several other research projects: as the guest editor of a special issue on Conflicts of Interest in the Legal Profession in the international journal Legal Ethics; a paper on the potential future of Judicial Ethics Education in Canada; a second edition of Lawyers' Ethics and Professional Regulation; and a paper on developing a potential Code of Conduct for Mexican lawyers. On the

service side, Devlin has worked closely with the National Judicial Institute on three judicial education programs in Newfoundland, Ontario and Manitoba. He has also continued his involvement with a CIDA funded judicial education project in Vietnam. Devlin has also agreed to serve as the founding president of the newly created Canadian Association for Legal Ethics (CALE/ACDJ).

**Professor Meinhard Doelle** is an Associate Professor at the Schulich School of Law, 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. Since 2010, he has also been teaching at Dalhousie's new College of Sustainability.

From 2000 to 2006, Doelle served as a non-governmental member of the Canadian delegation to the UN climate change negotiations. He continues to follow the negotiations as an official observer. Doelle has just completed an international book project on the climate regime's compliance system published by Cambridge University Press. Doelle served on the federal provincial environmental assessment panel for the Lower Churchill hydroelectric project in Labrador from 2009 to 2011.

Doelle 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 recent books include the following: Promoting Compliance in an Evolving Climate Regime (2011), Environmental Law: Cases and Materials (2009); The Federal Environmental Assessment Process, a Guide and Critique" (2008); and "From Hot Air to Action: Climate Change, Compliance and the Future of International Environmental Law" (2005).

**Professor Jocelyn Downie** spent the past calendar year in New Zealand on sabbatical. With no teaching or administrative responsibilities, she threw herself into tidying up loose ends (e.g., page proofs for two books that were recently released Being Relational: Reflections on Relational Theory and Health Law and the fourth edition of Canadian Health Law and Policy). This was closely followed by the process of completing the work of the Royal Society of Canada Expert Panel on End of Life Decision-Making (the report was published in November and is available on the RSC website [www.rsc.ca](http://www.rsc.ca) and through the international journal Bioethics). The year was rounded out by work on the BC Charter challenge to the Criminal Code prohibition on euthanasia and

assisted suicide and the launch of a new project on conscientious refusals of treatment by health care providers. Of course, the highlight was being in New Zealand to witness the All Blacks win the World Cup. In all, an exciting, fulfilling, challenging and reinvigorating year.

**Professor Diana Ginn** taught property law, administrative law, and law and religion, as well as co-teaching a course on legal issues for religious institutions at the Atlantic School of Theology.

Her research focused on administrative law, law and religion, conflict resolution and aboriginal law issues. Ginn and Professor David Blaikie received the Borden Ladner Gervais fellowship, allowing them to hire student Tejas Madher to provide background research for a book they are writing on alternative dispute resolution in Asia. Further, Ginn and Blaikie travelled to Vietnam, to teach and consult on issues relating to conflict resolution.

Publications included an article on the Supreme Court of Canada's approach to review of administrative decisions, an article (co-written with Blaikie) on the role of religious-based reasoning in judicial decision making, and a review of a book on aboriginal treaty claims. Ginn continues to be active in the community, particularly through volunteer work with the Out of the Cold Emergency Shelter and the United Church of Canada.

**Professor Philip Girard** spent his sabbatical leave in 2010-11 at the Centre for Criminology and Sociolegal Studies at the University of Toronto, and in 2011-12 is James Lewtas visiting professor at Osgoode Hall Law School, where he is teaching torts, property, and Canadian legal history. He was anxious about teaching torts for the first time but found that not much had changed since he took it in 1975. Girard's book *Lawyers and Legal Culture: Beamish Murdoch of Halifax* was published by University of Toronto Press in association with the Osgoode Society in 2011 and launched in Halifax during the CBA annual conference. Girard has become the associate editor of the Osgoode Society, and is now writing a column on legal history in the *Law Times* that will appear six times a year. At the annual conference of the American Society of Legal History held in Atlanta in November 2011 he was made an honorary fellow of the Society, the first Canadian to be so named. His major current project is the writing of a legal history of Canada with Jim Phillips and Blake Brown.

**Professor Michael Hadskis** greatly enjoyed teaching Tort Law and Damage Compensation and the core Health Law course, as well as serving as the faculty supervisor for the Health Law Placement course. He was also involved in health law teaching outside of the Schulich School of Law. Specifically, Michael oversaw and delivered health law education in the Faculties of Medicine (M.D. and post-graduate levels) and Health Professions, and oversaw the health law curriculum in the Faculty of Dentistry. Michael was enormously honoured to have been nominated for the Dalhousie Law Students' Society and Alumni Association Award for Teaching Excellence in 2011.

Michael pursued his research interests in the areas of neuroimaging ethics and regulating biomedical research. He had two book contributions published in 2011: a chapter on "Paediatric Neuroimaging" in the Oxford Handbook of Neuroethics and a chapter entitled "The Regulation of Human Biomedical Research in Canada" in the fourth edition of Canadian Health Law and Policy. Also in 2011, Michael had an article published in IRB: Ethics & Human Research on the topic of risk standards in paediatric magnetic resonance imaging research.

**Professor Elizabeth Hughes** is in her seventh year as Assistant Dean Academic at the law school. She provides academic counselling and advice to many students on a wide range of issues and works closely with Associate Dean Michael Deturbide in the administration of the JD academic program. One of the highlights of her role is to be able to work with the school's part-time faculty, who give so generously of their time and expertise to the school and the students.

Hughes continues to teach Youth and the Law, a seminar course which focuses primarily on child protection, adoption, youth criminal justice and issues relating to youth and media. She serves as faculty supervisor for the Nova Scotia Supreme Court and Court of Appeal student clerkship programs, and also supervises the Judge's Weekly Clerkship program. She was delighted to be involved with some of the very interesting work done by Professor Wayne MacKay and the Provincial Task Force on Bullying and Cyberbullying this year.

Hughes serves on several faculty committees and is one of the School of Law representatives on the University Senate and on the Senate Planning and Governance Committee.

**Professor H. Archibald (Archie) Kaiser** taught criminal law, criminal procedure and mental disability law, as well as legal issues in psychiatry in the Psychiatry Residency Training Program. He also developed a possible new course dealing with mental disability and the criminal justice system. He published several articles: "Conway: A Bittersweet Victory for Not Criminally Responsible Accused," "Too Good To Be True: Second Thoughts on the Proliferation of Mental Health Courts," "Cornell: A Divided Court Accords Too Much Latitude to the Police—Canada is not a police state" and "Gomboc: The Supreme Court Weakens the Search Warrant Requirement and Facilitates Police Investigations Again." His special lectures included the Canadian Association of Provincial Court Judges, the Canadian Mental Health Association, the All Courts Nova Scotia Conference, the Canadian Bar Association and the Halifax Community Chaplaincy Association. He extended his service with the Mental Health Commission of Canada and the Canadian Mental Health Association. His partner Anne Derrick thrives on the Provincial Court bench, while their children continue their studies, Elspeth (27) completing her LL.M. at UBC, Catriona (22) finishing her M.Sc. at the University of Edinburgh and Freya (18) starting her B.A. at Queen's.

**Professor Hugh Kindred** was delighted in 2011 to receive the title of Emeritus Professor of Law and to celebrate the birth of a granddaughter. He continues to be a faculty associate of the Marine and Environmental Law Institute and a part-time faculty member at the Law School. He taught the course on international law once more—40 years since the first time—and led a class in the graduate seminar. He also acted as a LL.M. thesis examiner and a board member of the Canadian Council on International Law. Kindred is the coordinator of Canadian contributors to the Oxford University Press's Reports on International Law in Domestic Courts Online. With three colleagues, he is currently completing a book manuscript about the legal issues around the assertion of jurisdiction by Canada beyond its national borders.

**Professor Bill Lahey** taught administrative law (twice) and health system law and policy. With Professor Moira McConnell, he taught a course on risk and regulation to Ph.D. students in law and multiple science disciplines, all of whom are funded under the NSERC graduate student training grant that Lahey and McConnell hold with colleagues from five other universities. He



DIANA GINN



PHILIP GIRARD



MICHAEL HADSKIS



ELIZABETH HUGHES



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**BILL LAHEY**

published book chapters on the law of Medicare and on health system regulation. He presented at a national conference for provincial court judges (on regulatory offences as administrative law) and a national conference for superior court judges (on tort law and health care reform). With Dalhousie colleagues from multiple faculties he delivered a national workshop on health care federalism that is now the basis of a book project. With Professor Meinhard Doelle, he developed a Dalhousie research group that is working on the contribution of legislation to improved environmental governance. His continuing contributions to public policy included chairing the Board of Directors of Efficiency Nova Scotia Corporation and advising (on behalf of the Health Law Institute) regulated health professions on interprofessional regulatory collaboration and the Department of Health and Wellness on various legislative projects.



**JENNIFER LLEWELLYN**

**Professor Jennifer Llewellyn** continued to serve as director of the Nova Scotia Restorative Justice Community University Research Alliance ([www.nsrj-cura.ca](http://www.nsrj-cura.ca)). In conjunction with this she organized an international conference on the institutionalization of restorative justice in June. The conference was held in Halifax and attracted over 500 delegates, representing more than 11 countries. She also supported the completion and tour of the play *Tough Case*, commissioned by the NSRJ-CURA. The play toured junior high and high schools throughout the province this past spring, reaching more than 20,000 people. Llewellyn gave a keynote presentation at the 9th International Conference of the International Development Ethics Association in Pennsylvania. She also co-organized the Knowledge Mobilization Gathering at the Truth and Reconciliation National Event held in Halifax this past October. Llewellyn continued to co-direct the project on restorative justice, reconciliation, and peacebuilding based at the Kroc Institute for Peace. As part of this project she organized an international symposium at NYU Law School this past November. Her co-edited collection (with Professor Downie) *Being Relational: Reflections on Relational Theory and Health Law* was published by UBC Press this fall. Llewellyn has also been working within Dalhousie and with a number of schools in the province to support the implementation of a restorative approach within education.



**CONSTANCE MACINTOSH**

This year **Professor Constance MacIntosh** stepped down from being the Leader for the Policing, Justice and Security Domain for the Atlantic Metropolis Centre of Excellence to become the Director for Dalhousie's Health Law Institute.



**WAYNE MACKAY**

Under the mantle of these roles, she organized several international workshops bringing together representatives from law schools, NGOs, the United Nations, and Canadian policing bodies such as the RCMP, and has been publishing both on security issues as well as Indigenous public health issues.

Over the last year or so she has spoken at a number of local, national and international scholarly/political forums on her work. She has also been busy supporting the undertakings of a variety of local community groups, by activities such as being the supervisor for legal information clinics at Immigrant Settlement and Integration Services, and speaking at community events.

She has also continued to do research and publishing on Indigenous issues more generally, and was favourably cited for her work on the taxation regime under the Indian Act by the Supreme Court of Canada in *Bastien Estate v Canada* 2011 SCC 38.

MacIntosh was honoured to receive research funding to pursue work on managing the health risks associated with immigration. She expects that during her directorship she will continue to work extensively on health law and policy issues. MacIntosh continues to enjoy teaching in the areas of aboriginal law, immigration and refugee law, and contracts and judicial rule-making, and acting as the coach for the school's Aboriginal moot team.

**Professor Wayne MacKay** had a busy academic year teaching public law, constitutional law and education law as well as serving as a member of both the appointments and tenure and promotions committees. At the end of the year he accepted a one-year term as Associate Dean Research at the Law School. He also served on a panel of the Nova Scotia Barristers' Society discipline committee and was appointed chair of Nova Scotia's Cyberbullying Task Force in May, 2011. MacKay published three items: "The Comparative Roles of Courts and Administrative Tribunals" in the *National Journal of Constitutional Law* (2011); "Justice Bastarache: The Charter and Judging" as a chapter in a published book on Bastarache's legacy (N. Lambert ed. 8, 2011) and "An International Call for Action: The Long and Winding Road to Inclusion" in the 2010 *Hong Kong Law Journal*. He also wrote a more general article for the *Mark* (online) on "How will Harper Reshape Canada's Courts?" His numerous conference presentations included: "Administrative Tribunals Applying the Charter: Not Just a Holy Grail for Courts" at the N.S. Bar Society Annual meeting; "Different Routes to Equality: Separate but Equal?"



**ANNE MATTHEWMAN**

for B.C. Supreme Court Judges in Vancouver; "The Promise and Limits of Equality in Education" for the Quebec Department of Education and "The Intersection of Education Law and Provincial Court Jurisdiction" for the national conference of the Provincial Court Judges Association meeting in Halifax.

**Professor Anne Matthewman** is busy with the management of the Sir James Dunn Law Library and is pleased that its keen and dedicated staff is continuing to provide high quality services to faculty and students. During the past year the staff has been assessing and rationalizing the library collection to ensure that the Library's budget is deployed to purchase books and electronic databases best suited to today's study of law. The Library was pleased to receive a generous donation from Sir Graham Day that has allowed the updating of books in the reference collection. Matthewman has been teaching an advanced legal research class for senior students and has also been participating in research instruction for the first year legal research and writing course. Additionally she has been a member of the ad hoc committee that is working on the redesign of the School's legal research, writing and oral advocacy program.

This year Matthewman is serving as co-chair of the Annual Meeting Program Committee for the American Association of Law Libraries. Its annual meeting will be held in Boston in July, 2012. She has also been active in various Dalhousie library system committees.



**RONALDA MURPHY**

**Professor Ronalda Murphy** is back, albeit on a half-time schedule. She taught evidence and comparative constitutional law in the fall at Schulich while continuing to work on a part-time basis for the Attorney General of Ontario as special counsel reporting to the Assistant Deputy Attorney General on civil law files. She commuted to Halifax every week and loved being back among her colleagues at the law school and near the sea air. Being back in the classrooms of Schulich with students from all over the country remains the highlight of her professional life. In the winter term she was in Toronto at the AG Ontario and teaching constitutional law to 75 first year students at Osgoode with Dean Lorne Sossin. She continues to deliver evidence papers to judges through the National Judicial Institute and sits on the Board of Directors for the Canadian Institute for the Administration of Justice. Her recent research and scholarship is on a variety of evidence law topics and the impact of facts in constitutional law cases.

**Professor Dianne Pothier** is retiring at the end of June, 2012 after 26 years on Faculty. In her final year (on a reduced load) she is teaching constitutional law, a course she has been teaching for most years since 1987. Although the basic structure of the course has not changed much, the substantive content has evolved considerably over the last quarter of a century. In retirement she will continue to engage with the evolution of constitutional, labour, equality, disability and related areas of law, treating retirement as sabbatical for life. Other interests, such as learning to play the family piano that has been sitting in her living room for many years, will also be pursued.

**Professor Graham Reynolds** is currently on an academic leave of absence from Dalhousie University Schulich School of Law, undertaking doctoral studies at the University of Oxford. Graham's doctoral project focuses on the intersection of freedom of expression and copyright, an understudied area of Canadian law. Graham's doctoral research is supported by both the Pierre Elliott Trudeau Foundation and by the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council.

**Professor Rollie Thompson** continued to teach family law, evidence and civil procedure, as well as supervising students at the Supreme Court Family Division. He received his Queen's Counsel on May 2, 2011, the same day as the momentous federal election. Thompson was delighted to have Justice Donna Wilson from Saskatchewan spend a sabbatical winter in Halifax at the school. Thompson also taught child and spousal support law in the spring of 2011 to practitioners in the Osgoode advanced family law LL.M. program, commuting to Toronto every second week to do so. It was a year of much travel and talking at education programs, on topics like judicial notice, expert opinion, hearsay, the future of evidence in family law, parental relocation, divorce jurisdiction, matrimonial property, variation of spousal support, the Spousal Support Advisory Guidelines, and child protection, in places like Halifax, Edmonton, Calgary, Whistler, Vancouver (twice), Winnipeg (in March), Toronto, Fredericton and Millbrook. Thompson continues as editor of the Canadian Family Law Quarterly, and he also annotates and edits the Nova Scotia Civil Procedure Rules for LexisNexis. He hopes to see many alumni come to Halifax in July 2012 for the National Family Law Program.

**Professor David VanderZwaag** had another busy speaking year giving presentations at various venues in 2011 including: Future of the Arctic Symposium, (Johns Hopkins University School of Advanced International Studies, Washington D.C.); IUCN Academy of Environmental Law Colloquium on Water and the Law: Towards Sustainability (Eastern Cape, South Africa); International Dialogue on the Development of a Malaysian Oceans Strategy and Constitutional Protection for the Oceans (University of Malaya, Kuala Lumpur); Workshop on the Arctic Ocean Beyond National Jurisdiction (Fairbanks, Alaska); International Symposium on Safety, Security and Environmental Protection in Straits Used in International Navigation (Istanbul, Turkey) and Arctic Ocean Review Expert Workshop (Reykjavik, Iceland).

In November, David gave a series of six lectures on law of the sea and ocean governance at Shanghai Jiao Tong University and in December, he co-organized a workshop, "Polar Oceans Governance in an Era of Environmental Change: Canadian and Australian Perspectives" at the University of Sydney, Faculty of Law. VanderZwaag was awarded a SSHRC research grant for a project "Tracking and Envisioning the Future of Arctic Ocean Governance." Most recent publications were: "The Precautionary Approach and the International Control of Toxic Chemicals; Beacon of Hope, Sea of Confusion and Dilution" in Volume 33 of Houston Journal of International Law and "Canada's Species at Risk Act and Atlantic Salmon: Cascade of Promises, Trickle of Protection, Sea of Challenges" (with M.C. Engler Palma and J.A. Hutchings) in Volume 22 of the Journal of Environmental Law and Practice.

**Professor Sheila Wildeman** continues to direct much of her research and writing to the legal dimensions of decision-making capacity. In 2010-11, she co-published four papers on the topic with an interdisciplinary team of scholars, based in a study they have conducted on health professionals' and others' practices and opinions relating to substitute decision-making about health research. In the fall of 2010, she gave a presentation arising from this study at the Canadian Conference on Elder Law in Toronto. Earlier that fall she gave a paper entitled "The Politics of Decision-Making Capacity" at a CIHR-funded meeting of international experts in the area of capacity assessment.

In the spring, she gave two papers at the 12th collaborative Mental Health Care Conference in Halifax, which addressed relational approaches to mental health care and decision-making

capacity. She contributed a chapter on this topic to Professors Llewellyn and Downie's co-edited book *Being Relational: Relational Theory and Health Policy*, which came out in the fall of 2011. She also wrote an introductory essay to two judicial addresses concerning mental health law published in the *Dalhousie Law Journal* that fall. Also in the fall of 2011, she co-presented a Canadian Bar Association online seminar on Nova Scotia laws relating to decision-making capacity. In July 2011, Wildeman commenced a sabbatical year. She spent much of November and December travelling with her family and consulting with experts on comparative mental health law in New Zealand and Australia.

**Professor Michelle Williams-Lorde** In the fall of 2011 the Indigenous Blacks & Mi'kmaq (IB&M) Initiative was honoured to lend its support to the Law School's hosting of the groundbreaking archival photo exhibition entitled, "Where are the Children? Healing the Legacy of Residential Schools" and the public reception organized by the Nova Scotia Restorative Justice Community University Research Alliance on the eve of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada's Atlantic National Event. As a further celebration of Mi'kmaq History Month, the IB&M Initiative joined with the Dalhousie Aboriginal Law Students Association in organizing a lecture by Mr. Mike Degagné, executive director of the Aboriginal Healing Foundation. Williams-Lorde was also an invited presenter: (1) on the topic of "Restorative Justice in the African Nova Scotian Context" at the international restorative justice conference entitled *Institutionalizing Restorative Practices* co-hosted by the NSRJ-CURA and the International Institute for Restorative Practices (IIRP); (2) on the topic of "Post-Durban Realities and the International Year for People of African Descent" as part of the African Diaspora Heritage Trail Conference endorsed by the UNESCO Slave Route Project; and (3) at the Race and Gender workshop organized by The Canadian Journal of Women and the Law, the Institute for Feminist Legal Studies, and the Women's Legal Education and Action Fund. Finally, Williams-Lorde was honoured to receive the Pathfinder Award from the Canadian Association of Black Lawyers (CABL) as part of their 15th Anniversary celebrations.



DIANNE POTHIER



GRAHAM REYNOLDS



ROLLIE THOMPSON



DAVID VANDERZWAAG



SHEILA WILDEMAN



MICHELLE WILLIAMS-LORDE

# Report on Giving

## NOTABLE GIFTS THIS YEAR

### Clifford Rae Achievement Awards

Clifford Rae values a hard day's work. His philosophy is simple: be competitive and focus. "If you work a little harder in between exams with no clowning around," he says, "You can make it."

Rae's principles of hard work are reflected in the new Clifford Rae Achievement Awards. The awards are given out annually to first-, second- and third-year students. Funded by a \$1.5-million anonymous gift, nine awards will be given out annually to full-time Atlantic Canadian law students.

The criterion for the award is simple. The top three ranking academic students from each year will be given an award. The top academic performer in first and second year will each receive \$5,000 and the second and third ranked will each receive \$2,500. For third-year graduating students, the award is significant. The top three ranked graduating students will receive \$20,000, \$12,000 and \$8,000 respectively. The first awards were given out in the 2010-2011 school year.

"I structured the awards intentionally with each year having to compete," says Rae. "I'm delighted to be associated with this award."

Rae's career is marked with academic achievement. Originally from Dumfries, New Brunswick, Rae became a Lady Dunn Scholar while studying law at Dalhousie University. After graduating from law school in 1961, he continued his legal studies at Harvard University, where he received a scholarship. Rae went on to have a successful career as an oil and gas lawyer in Calgary.

Rae believes competition is the key to a successful legal career. "Competition isn't a bad word," says Rae. "There is a significant opportunity to compete. Olympians strive to be their best. Students should strive to the best too."

### The Andrew O. Hebb Memorial Bursary

Andrew Olding Hebb ('28) was a man with varied talents. He was a professional journalist. He helped lead the co-op movement in Ontario. He built an insurance company. Most of all, he was a man who loved Atlantic Canada.

The Andrew O. Hebb Memorial Bursary is the latest endowment given to the Schulich School of Law to support students. The bursary will provide financial support for one or more Atlantic Canadian students who demonstrate financial need. The estate of Ruth Hebb, Andrew's wife, helped establish the fund through a \$100,000 donation.

Hebb's roots in Atlantic Canada begin in his childhood home of Chester, Nova Scotia. "My parents loved the area," says Laurence Hebb ('62), Andrew Hebb's eldest child. "I remember going to spend summers in Chester. We have so many connections there."

Andrew Hebb led an untraditional career in law. He began his career in journalism. During his time at law school, he was editor of the Dalhousie Gazette, Dalhousie University's student newspaper. After he graduated in 1928, he worked at the Halifax Star and later went on to work for the Montreal Daily Star and the Toronto Daily Star.

Hebb owned his first business at an early age. When he was 28 years old, he purchased The Era, the community newspaper from Newmarket, Ontario. His wife Ruth contributed to the paper as associate editor. Within a few years, Hebb and his wife turned the weekly into an award-winning publication.

Through journalism, Hebb moved into the co-operative movement. He became editor of the Rural Co-operator, a publication originally owned by the Ontario Federation of Agriculture. Through his involvement with the newspaper, Hebb helped found the Co-operators Insurance Association of Guelph.

Hebb switched careers again, this time to insurance. He became general manager of the newly formed Cooperators Insurance Association in 1950 and ran the business for 20 years.

Hebb never practised law. That didn't stop his children from being inspired to become lawyers. All of Hebb's four children, Laurence, Marian, Gordon and Cathy, practised law, all but Marian graduates of the Schulich School of Law.

### Dr. McCall MacBain Chair in Health Law and Policy

The King of Classifieds bestowed upon the Schulich School of Law one of the most significant gifts in the school's history.

The Health Law Institute got a welcome boost last year with a generous \$3-million donation from John H. McCall MacBain. His contribution helped establish the Dr. McCall MacBain Chair in Health Law and Policy.

The chair is named after MacBain's father Arthur Allister MacBain, who graduated from the law school in 1951. MacBain is a well-known philanthropist and founder of Trader Classified Media.

The Health Law Institute is a unique interdisciplinary organization. As the largest health law and policy institute in Canada, the Institute offers law students a JD specialization in health law and research opportunities for faculty members in medicine and public administration.

"It's an exciting time for us," says Constance MacIntosh, director of the Dalhousie Health Law Institute and law professor. "We're hoping with the new position to increase our relationships with Nova Scotia organizations for more research."

MacBain's road to success began at McGill University where he studied economics. In 1980, he became a Rhodes Scholar in Law at Wadham College, Oxford and was the captain of the men's hockey team. He later went on to business school and completed his MBA at Harvard University.

Perhaps MacBain's biggest achievement is his business adventures. MacBain founded Trader Classified Media in 1987, a global company that became one of the most well-known classified advertising agencies in the world.

Later on MacBain took a new turn in his career. In 2006, he sold Trader Classified Media for \$2 billion. No longer running a business, MacBain decided to turn to philanthropy. The foundation has given numerous endowments to non-profit organizations and schools.

"Philanthropy can be a hard business sometimes," says MacBain. "You don't always know where your money is going. Dalhousie University is always good about spending it in the right places." —Julie Sobowale ('12)

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And the Schulich School of Law has set a lofty goal as well. Within the Bold Ambitions Campaign, we have raised over \$7.2 million towards our campaign priorities and an additional \$20 million thanks to a transformational gift of Seymour Schulich. And we need your help to raise another \$5 million. We are delighted with our success so far and are grateful for the generosity of our alumni and friends and the companies they work for who helped make this possible. The following is an acknowledgement of the gifts made and is one small way we are able to say "thank you." We also wish to thank our supporters who wish to remain anonymous. \*

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1955



**Purdy Crawford, CC, QC** was appointed to the Advisory Board of Directors for Paradigm Capital in May 2011.

1956



**John Crosbie, PC, OC, ONL, QC**, received an honorary Doctor of Laws from Queen's University in June 2011. John Crosbie attended Queen's University and graduated with an Arts degree and the medal in Politics in 1953.



**Sir Graham Day, QC** was invested into the Order of Nova Scotia during the 10th annual ceremony in November 2011 at Province House. He was appointed Queen's Counsel in December 2011.

1959



**Edwin ("Ed") C. Harris, Q.C.** Counsel in the Halifax office of McInnes Cooper, and distinguished former law school professor, was presented with the prestigious Tax Court of Canada Medal by Chief Justice Gerald Rip at a ceremony in Halifax in May 2012. Harris is also a former chair of the Canadian Tax Foundation. He has been recognized by Best Lawyers in Canada and Lexpert and is listed as a Leading Practitioner of Corporate, Estate and Personal Tax law. Harris is the first non-judge to receive the award. Justice Rip has presented the medal to only three other individuals – all former judges of the tax court.

1962



**Brian Flemming** joined the Halifax office of McInnes Cooper as counsel.

1963



**Libby Burnham, CM, QC, DCL** was appointed Acadia University's sixth Chancellor in May 2011.

**Mary Hetherington** was named a Member of the Order of Canada in December 2011. She has been recognized for her pioneering achievements as a woman in law and for her work in northern communities.

1964



**Hon. Senator Donald H. Oliver, QC** was appointed Member of the Board of Regents of the Nova Scotia Council for the Duke of Edinburgh's Award and Lifetime Honorary Governor of the Art Gallery of Nova Scotia. And in he received the 2011 DreamKEEPERS Life Achievement Award from the Canadian Martin Luther King Day Coalition in Ottawa.

**1966 Joseph MacDonald** was recognized by *Best Lawyers* in their 2012 Lawyers of the Year listings in the area of mergers and acquisitions law.

**Paul Murphy, QC** was recognized by *Best Lawyers* in their 2012 Lawyers of the Year listings in the area of real estate law.



**William Rand** received an honorary degree from Dalhousie University at the Spring 2011 convocation.

1968

**Carl Holm, QC** was recognized by *Best Lawyers* in their 2012 Lawyers of the Year listings in the area of insolvency and financial restructuring law.

1969



**Jack Innes, QC** was named winner of the Canadian Bar Association's 2011 Doug Miller Award at the President's Dinner, held at the CBA Mid-Winter Meeting of Council in 2011. The award recognizes a CBA member who demonstrates outstanding dedication and team spirit.



**Robbie G. MacKeigan, QC**, counsel for Cox & Palmer, has been named the "Halifax Best Lawyers Insolvency and Financial Restructuring Lawyer of the Year" for 2011. Also, the Nova Scotia Barristers' Society announced that Mr. MacKeigan is the recipient of the 2011 Distinguished Service Award.

**Joel E. Pink** has joined Pink Larkin. Past president of the Nova Scotia Barristers, Society and founding president of the Nova Scotia Criminal Lawyers' Association, he has served for several years as president of the Continuing Legal Education Society and is a fellow of the American

College of Trial Lawyers, making him the third lawyer in the firm to hold the distinction.

1970

**George MacDonald, QC** was recognized by *Best Lawyers* in their 2012 Lawyers of the Year listings in the area of "Bet the Company" litigation.

**Richard Rafuse, QC** was recognized by *Best Lawyers* in their 2012 Lawyers of the Year listings in the area of banking law.

1971

**Clarence Beckett** was recognized by *Best Lawyers* in the 2012 Lawyers of the Year listings in the area of insurance law.



**Rod Germaine** cycled across Canada to raise funds and awareness for the Just Aid Foundation, an organization that seeks to alleviate the plight of displaced Burmese people. Germaine, whose day job is a labour arbitrator, arrived in time for his graduating class's 40th anniversary reunion in August 2011.



**Peter Milliken**, former speaker of the House of Commons, Ottawa, was named one of the 2011 Top 25 Most Influential in the justice system and legal profession in Canada by *Canadian Lawyer*

magazine. Elected as speaker in 2001, Milliken holds the title of longest serving speaker of the House following his retirement in June 2011.

**S. Bruce Outhouse, QC** was recognized by *Best Lawyers* in their 2012 Lawyers of the Year listings in the area of legal malpractice law and alternative dispute resolution.

**1972**



**Daniel M. Campbell, QC**, a partner in the Halifax office of Cox & Palmer, became the new president of the Nova Scotia Barristers' Society for 2011-2012 in June 2011.



**Ross Clark**, the senior partner with Davis LLP in Vancouver, represented female ski jumpers in their ultimately successful bid for Olympic inclusion. He and his team successfully established that the exclusion of female ski jumping was discriminatory.

**Judge James Wilson** was appointed Associate Chief Judge of the Family Court of Nova Scotia in April 2011.

**1973**



**Peter McLellan, QC**, a partner at Sterwart McKelvey, was selected for the 2011 *Guide to the World's Leading Labour and Employment Lawyers*.



**David Miller, QC** was selected by his peers for inclusion in *Best Lawyers 2011* in the field of "Bet the Company" litigation.

**1974**



**James H. Coleman, QC** was appointed to the position of independent chairman of the Board at Avion Gold Corporation in January 2011. He is a senior partner and former chairman of Macleod Dixon.



**Fred Fountain, CM, LLD, OC** was reappointed Chancellor of Dalhousie University for a term from May 2011 to June 2014. Dr. Fountain received the 2010 Heart and Stroke Foundation of Canada Award of Merit for his contributions and commitment to the mission of the Heart and

Stroke Foundation of Nova Scotia.



**David Muise, QC** was appointed Queen's Counsel in February 2011. He practises in Sydney, N.S. with Sheldon Nathanson Barristers and Solicitors.

**John Plowman, QC** was appointed Queen's Counsel in December 2011.



**Lloyd Symons** joined Fasken Martieau as a partner in the business law group at the Calgary office in December 2010.

**Warren Zimmer** was appointed a Nova Scotia judge in April 2011. He will hear matters in both the provincial and family courts.

**1975**

**Lawrence Graham, QC** was welcomed back to BoyneClarke in October 2011. He is a leading practitioner in estate administration, planning and litigation.



**Wylie Spicer, QC** was appointed in April 2011 to the board of directors of Music Nova Scotia. Mr. Spicer is a counsel in the Halifax office of McInnes Cooper.

**1976**



**Patricia Gallivan, QC** received a 2009 Lexpert Zenith Award in October 2009. Patricia is a senior member of Lawson Lundell LLP in Vancouver practicing labour and employment law.

**Timothy Matthews, QC** was recognized by *Best Lawyers* in their 2012 Lawyers of the Year listings in the area of trusts and estates.

**F. Van W. Penwick, QC** was recognized by *Best Lawyers* in their 2012 Lawyers of the Year listings in the area of natural resources law.



**Mike David Perry** has recently retired from his position with the Newfoundland & Labrador Legal Aid Commission to concentrate on writing. His first novel, the adventure-thriller *Child of the Grail*, was published in February 2011 and he has recently published his second novel, a romantic courtroom drama entitled *Mickey and Angie*. Catch up with Mike at his website: [www.mikedavidperry.com](http://www.mikedavidperry.com).

**1977**

**William Delaney, QC** was appointed Queen's Counsel in 2011.

**Colin P. MacDonald** was awarded the Grant MacEwan Lifetime Achievement Award by the City of Calgary in June 2010.



**A. William Moreira, QC**, a partner with the law firm of Stewart McKelvey, was admitted as a Fellow of The Chartered Institute of Arbitrators in July 2011.

**S. Raymond Morse** was appointed a Nova Scotia judge in April 2011. He will hear matters in both the provincial and family courts.

**1978**

**Ian MacLean, QC** was appointed Queen's Counsel in February 2011. He has worked in Pictou County for the past 32 years.



**Rollie Thompson, QC** a full-time faculty member at the Schulich School of Law, was appointed Queen's Counsel in 2011.

**1979**

**Avard L. Bishop** has been elected chairman of the governing board of the International School of Geneva (ISG), Switzerland, after serving on the board for five years. A lawyer in Geneva for the past 18 years, he works for one of the specialized agencies of the United Nations. He is the husband of Joanne McKeough (LL.B.'80), who works as a lawyer for the World Health Organization.

**Diana Dalton** was appointed deputy minister of Natural Resources with the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador in Sept. 2011.



**Hon. Lawrence I. O'Neil**, a judge of the Supreme Court of Nova Scotia, was appointed Associate Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Nova Scotia, Family Division in February 2011.

**1980**



**Cathy Dalziel, QC**, a lawyer with Patterson Law in Halifax, was appointed Queen's Counsel in February 2011.



**Robert Grant, QC** was recognized by *Best Lawyers* in their 2012 Lawyers of the Year listings in the area of energy regulatory law.



**Brian G. Johnston, QC**, a partner at Stewart McKelvey, was selected for the 2011 *Guide to the World's Leading Labour and Employment Lawyers* and was recognized by *Best Lawyers* in their 2012 Lawyers of the Year listings in the area of labour and employment law.

**Margaret F. MacDonald** was appointed deputy minister for the Department of Finance of Nova Scotia in the fall of 2010. In addition to her appointment, she will also sit on the board of directors of the Nova Scotia Liquor Corporation.

**Hon. Jim Prentice, PC, QC** was appointed a director of BCE Inc. and Bell Canada in July 2011. He was appointed vice chairman of the CIBC and a member of CIBC's senior executive team in Jan. 2011.

**1981**

**Michael Dunphy** was recognized by *Best Lawyers* in their 2012 Lawyers of the Year listings in the area of construction law.



**Derek D. Key, CM, OPEI, QC** was named to the Order of Canada in December 2010. Derek is well known for his contributions to community improvements and social services throughout Prince Edward Island.



**Tim Lemay** has joined the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL), where he is deputy director and principal legal officer. He resides in Vienna, Austria with his family and returns to Nova Scotia every summer.



**Bruce Marchand** was appointed chair of the board of trustees of the QEII Foundation in July 2011. Bruce is a partner in the Halifax office of McInnes Cooper.

**1982**

**William Crosbie** was presented with the Alumnus Achievement Award at the Dalhousie Annual Dinner in October 2011. As Canada's ambassador to Afghanistan, he is a distinctive and articulate Canadian voice in a troubled world.

**Vincent Gillis, QC** was appointed Queen's Counsel in December 2011.

**Wendy Johnston** is the recipient of the 2011 Constance R. Glube CBA Spirit Award. She was recognized for her dedication to the CBA as past chair of the CBA's Nova Scotia Insurance Subsection, co-chair of the CBA-CLC held in Halifax.

**Paul Scovil** was appointed a judge in the family and provincial courts in August 2011. He has been with the Public Prosecution Service for 14 years, most recently in the Bridgewater office.



**Kathleen Roberts Skerrett**, Associate Dean and Professor of Religious Studies at Grinnell College, has been appointed Dean of the School of Arts and Sciences at University of Richmond. She has been a member of Grinnell's faculty since 1998 and became Associate Dean in 2007.



**Michael Wood** was named a Nova Scotia Supreme Court Judge in October 2011.

**1983**

**Julia Cornish** was recognized by *Best Lawyers* in the 2012 Lawyers of the Year listings in the area of family law.



**Trinda L. Ernst, QC** became the national president of the Canadian Bar Association at the Legal Conference in Halifax in August 2011. She began practising with Waterbury Newton in 1985 in Kentville, Nova Scotia.

**Scott Norton** was recognized by *Best Lawyers* in their 2012 Lawyers of the Year listings in the area of personal injury litigation.



**Elizabeth May**, Leader, Green Party of Canada and MP Saanich-Gulf Islands was named one of the 2011 Top 25 Most Influential in the justice system and legal profession in Canada by *Canadian Lawyer* magazine.

**Charles Reagh** was recognized by *Best Lawyers* in their 2012 Lawyers of the Year listings in the area of corporate law.



**Fae Shaw, QC** was appointed Queen's Counsel in February 2011. She is a partner with McInnes Cooper's Halifax office. She is listed among the Leading 500 Lawyers in Canada in the 2010 and 2011 *Lexpert/American Lawyer Guides* and in *Best Lawyers in Canada*.

**1984**

**David Coles** was recognized by *Best Lawyers* in the 2012 Lawyers of the Year listings in the area of defamation and media law.

**Ronald MacDonald, QC**, a former crown prosecutor was appointed in September 2011 the first director of the Serious Incident Response Team, which will investigate incidents involving police in Nova Scotia.



**William MacNeil** was appointed Dean of Law and Head of School of the Griffith Law School (GLS), Queensland, Australia in December 2010, having served a six-month term previously as Acting Dean and Head. Though busy serving as Dean, he still finds time to teach and publish: lecturing in Jurisprudence and his elective, *Legal Fictions: Representations of Law in Philosophy, Literature and Film*; and bringing out, in August 2011, his second book, *Novel Judgements: Legal Theory as Fiction*.

**Judith Ann McPhee** was appointed Queen's Counsel in February 2011. She is the director of court services for the Nova Scotia Department of Justice.



**Kim Pate**, executive director of the Canadian Association of Elizabeth Fry Societies, along with five other women in Ottawa, received a Governor General's Award in commemoration of the Persons Case in October 2011. The award honours outstanding individuals who have helped advance equality for women, and Pate is being recognized as an "internationally recognized advocate for marginalized, victimized and criminalized women."

**Phillip Saunders, QC** was appointed Queen's Counsel in December 2011.

**Larry Stordy, QC** was appointed Queen's Counsel in December 2011.

**Judge Pam Williams** was appointed Associate Chief Judge of the Provincial Court of Nova Scotia in April 2011.



**Hugh Williamson**, adjunct professor with the Dalhousie University Marine Affairs Program, was appointed primary investigator and project manager for Dalhousie's Marine Piracy Project in July 2011.

**1985**



**Lynn Connors, QC** was appointed Queen's Counsel in February 2011. She works as an Associate at the Kentville office of Waterbury Newton.

**Pamela J. Goulding, QC** was appointed Provincial Court Judge for Newfoundland and Labrador in February 2012.

**Dr. Ian Holloway, QC** was appointed to the position of Dean of the Faculty of Law at the University of Calgary to begin a five-year term on July 1, 2011.

**Karen Leslie Hudson, QC**, the executive director of the Nova Scotia Legal Aid Commission, was appointed Queen's Counsel in February, 2011.

**Karen Oldfield, QC** was appointed Queen's Counsel in December 2011.

**Tony Tam, QC** was appointed Queen's Counsel in December 2011.

**Madam Justice Donna Wilson** taught at the Schulich School of Law during the winter term 2011. Justice Wilson was teaching as part of a judicial education leave approved by the Canadian Judicial Council. Justice Wilson returned to the courtroom in July 2011.

**1986**

**Neil Ferguson** was appointed the Chief Clerk of the Nova Scotia House of Assembly in January 2011. As part of his duties as chief clerk, Mr. Ferguson also will be a member of the House of Assembly Management Commission.

**Paul K. Lepsoe** and the team of McFarlane Lepsoe joined Lavery's Ottawa base team in January 2011. Mr. Lepsoe specializes in commercial litigation and will mainly represent clients from the private sector and act for non-profit organizations.

**1987**



**David W. Chodikoff** is the conceptualizer, co-editor and contributor to *Taxation, Valuation and Investment Strategies in Volatile Markets*, with over 65 contributors and 56 chapters, a hardcover 1,300-page book published by Carswell. All the contributors' proceeds are donated to the Canadian Cancer Society. This is David's fourth book. He is a tax partner at Miller Thomson LLP.



**Shawn Colbourne, QC** was appointed Queen's Counsel in June 2011. For the past 16 years, he has practised as a sole practitioner as Shawn C.A. Colbourne Law Office offering legal services to the residents of the Green Bay and Baie Verte Peninsula. He will serve a second consecutive term as a benchler from Western Region with the Law Society of Newfoundland and Labrador in June 2011.



**Darrell Dexter, QC**, Premier of Nova Scotia since June 2009, was appointed Queen's Counsel in February 2011.

**Paul Festeryga**, was recognized by *Best Lawyers* in their 2012 Lawyers of the Year listings in the area of tax law.

**Salin Guttormsson** is currently on contract with the office of the Manitoba Fairness Commissioner and just opened (July 2011) the Winnipeg franchise for Frogbox, along with partners Dave Owen (her spouse), Chris Pennycook and Harry Ethans.

**1988**

**Sandra Burke, QC** was appointed Queen's Counsel in June 2011. She is a partner with the law firm of Dawe & Burke.

**Rachel Huntsman, QC** was appointed Queen's Counsel in June 2011. From 1991 and up until 2007, Ms. Huntsman worked as a Crown attorney with the St. John's Crown Attorneys' Office. She now works with the Royal Newfoundland Constabulary as legal counsel to the chief of police, providing legal advice on criminal investigations and training to officers and police recruits.

**Gary Kearney, QC** was appointed Queen's Counsel in June 2011. He has been with the Newfoundland and Labrador Legal Aid Commission since 1992 and is the area director for the Corner Brook Legal Aid office.



**Bernard Miller** received the ICD.D designation from the Institute of Corporate Directors in June 2011. Bernie was appointed as managing partner / CEO at McInnes Cooper in 2006 and his term was extended to 2014 by the McInnes Cooper board of directors.



**Roderick (Rory) Rogers, QC** was appointed Queen's Counsel in February 2011. He is a Partner with Stewart McKelvey's Halifax office.

### 1989

**Anne Emery**, author of *Children in the Morning*, winner of the 2011 Dartmouth Book Award for Fiction Silver Medal, and 2011 Independent Publisher Book Awards, launched her book *Death at Christy Burke's* in Halifax in November 2011.



**Nathalie Goyette** was appointed a resident partner of Wilson & Partners LLP at the launch of its Montreal office in April 2011. Nathalie has written numerous publications, is a frequent speaker in Canada and abroad, and is a member of the rules committee of the Tax Court of Canada.



**Nancy MacCreedy-Williams** has been hired as Doctors Nova Scotia's new CEO, effective August 2011. She joins Doctors Nova Scotia after 18 years at the Workers' Compensation Board, where she has been CEO since 2004.

**John McKiggan, QC** was appointed Queen's Counsel in December 2011.

### 1990



**Claire E. Milton, QC** returned to private practice and joined BoyneClarke LLP in February 2011 as a member of the business law team.

### 1991

**LouAnn Chiasson, QC** was appointed Queen's Counsel in December 2011.



**Timothy Daley, QC** was appointed Queen's Counsel in February 2011. He practises with the firm of Goodman MacDonald Patterson Daley in New Glasgow. Tim was first vice president of the Nova Scotia Barristers' Society in June 2011.



**Sean Layden, QC**, a partner with BoyneClark, was appointed Queen's Counsel in February 2011.



**Peter Ralph** was appointed to the Mental Health Commission of Canada's board of directors in September 2011. He has been a litigator with Simmonds and Partners Defence since 2008. Ralph is currently the president of the board at the Consumer Health Awareness Network of Newfoundland and an appointed member of the Provincial Advisory Council on Mental Health and Addictions. He was also appointed to the province's Mental Health Care and Treatment Act Review Board earlier this year.



**David Shannon** was bestowed the honour of Member of the Order of Canada in 2011 for his work as a champion of rights of people living with disabilities. He was also the first person with paraplegia to reach the North Pole. David was also appointed the new director and CEO of the Nova Scotia Human Rights Commission in January 2012.

### 1992

**LeeAnne MacLeod-Archer** was recently recognized by Strathmore's *Who's Who Registry* for her outstanding contributions and achievements in the field of law. She is a partner in the law firm of LaFosse MacLeod, Barristers and Solicitors.

### 1993

**Donna Zapa Gasgonia** is teaching property law at the De La Salle Lipa College of Law in Batangas, Philippines and statutory construction law at the Centro Escolar University in Makati, Philippines.



**Joseph Benjamin Marshall** was invested into the Order of Nova Scotia during the 10th annual ceremony in November 2011 at Province House. He has dedicated his life to advocating for the rights of the Mi'kmaq.

### 1994

**Francis Botchway** took a faculty position at Qatar University in September 2011, his book on natural resource investment and Africa's development was published, and he won the College of Law Excellence in Research Award for 2011.



**Terry D. Kelly** joined TMC Law as an associate in November 2008 and effective January 2011 became a partner in the firm.



**Shawna Hoyte, QC** was appointed Queen's Counsel in February 2011. She works as a staff lawyer with the Dalhousie Legal Aid Service and is also a registered social worker and clinical law instructor. Her appointment marks the second time an indigenous African Nova Scotian woman has received the Queen's Counsel designation in the province. She was also recognized at a symposium recognizing the International Year for People of African Descent in Truro, N.S. in November 2011.



**John Legg** was appointed interim president of Silver Predator Corp. in May 2011. He has been a director of the company since March 2009, and as co-founder was instrumental in the formation of Silver Predator. He is also president and director of Golden Predator Corp. and serves as president and managing director of the Predator Group of Companies.

### 1995

**Clayton Pecknold** ended his year-long term as president of the B.C. Association of Police Chiefs to become the director of police services in the Ministry of the Solicitor General and Public Safety in March 2011. He has been deputy chief of Central Saanich police since 2001.

**1996**

**Michelle Ferguson** has just had her first novel published by Borealis Press *From Away*. You can find out more about what Michelle is up to by visiting her website at [www.michelleferguson.ca](http://www.michelleferguson.ca). In addition to being an author, Michelle is a federal prosecutor and a mother of five.

**1997**

**John Wilkin** was named one of Lexpert's 2011 Stars on the Rise. He is a Partner with Blake, Cassels & Graydon LLP in Toronto.

**1998**



**Jennifer Forester** became a partner in Cox & Palmer's Halifax office in January 2011. Before joining the firm, Jennifer worked in private practice for seven years.

**Joshua Judah** has been promoted to the position of senior solicitor with the Halifax Regional Municipality. He has also been re-elected as the Chair of the Halifax Community Learning Network, an organization that provides free literacy and upgrading tutoring and classes for adults. Josh continues to coach debating at Citadel High and at the Halifax Grammar School. He has also been appointed coach of the National Debate Team.

**Trevor Lawson** was named one of Lexpert's 2011 Stars on the Rise. He is a partner with McCarthy Tétrault LLP in Toronto.



**Viola Robinson** was bestowed the honour of Officer of the Order of Canada by David Johnston, Governor General of Canada, in November 2011. Her citation read: She was instrumental in negotiating a process for the implementation of governance and treaty rights for Mi'kmaq communities in Nova Scotia, and has worked to end discrimination against aboriginal women nationally. As well, her commitment to fostering a just and inclusive society guided her work as a member of the Royal Commission on Aboriginal Peoples.

**1999**

**Aaron Arun Dhir** was named one of Lexpert's 2011 Stars on the Rise. He is a professor at Osgoode Hall Law School in Toronto.

**Kristin Taylor** was named one of Lexpert's 2011 Stars on the Rise. She is general counsel with the Centre for Addiction and Mental Health in Toronto.

**2001**



**Francyne Hunter** was appointed a senior manager with A.C. Poirier & Associates Inc. in October 2011. She will be leading the Company's expansion in the Atlantic Region.

**2002**



**Level Chan** has been named partner in the Halifax office of Stewart McKelvey and is the recipient of the Zöe Odei Young Lawyers Award. This award recognizes a young lawyer's exceptional service to the Canadian Bar Association and the community or charitable causes. Level is a very deserving recipient of this award given his leadership roles in such organizations as Fusion Halifax, Dalhousie University's Board of Governors, and the Dalhousie Alumni Association.



**Christopher Forbes** was appointed as a partner with McInnes Cooper working in the St. John's office in January 2011.

**Richard Kirby** was named one of Lexpert's 2011 Stars on the Rise. He is a Managing Partner at Felsky Flynn LLP in Edmonton.



**John Norman** was appointed partner in the Ottawa office of Gowlings in February 2011.



**Rebekah Powell** was appointed partner in the Halifax office of Cox & Palmer in January 2011.

**2003**



**Lisa Daly** was appointed a partner at the St. John's office of Cox & Palmer in January 2011.



**Jodi Gallagher** married Christopher Healy on June 19, 2010 in Toronto and has been adjusting to her new name, Jodi Gallagher Healy, ever since. Anyone with advice on marriage, coping with an identity crisis, etc, can contact Jodi at [jodigallagherhealy@gmail.com](mailto:jodigallagherhealy@gmail.com)



**David Henley** has returned to his law practice as a partner with the Halifax office of Stewart McKelvey after serving 10 months in Afghanistan. For his service, Col. Henley was awarded the Bronze Star by the United States. He was also invested as an Officer of the Order of Military Merit by the Governor General in March 2011. He was

recognized by *Best Lawyers* in their 2012 Lawyers of the Year listings in the area of maritime law.



**Rebecca Hiltz Leblanc** was welcomed as a partner at BoyneClarke in January 2011, in the business litigation team, and serves on the firm's articling committee.



**Ann Levangie** became a partner with Patterson Law, Halifax, in January 2011. Ann is a part time-faculty member at Mount Saint Vincent University and a dedicated member of her community.



**Christopher Peddigrew** was appointed a partner at the St. John's office of Cox & Palmer in January 2011.



**Christine Pound** became a partner in the Halifax office of Stewart McKelvey in March 2011.



**Mark Ryer** joined the firm of BoyneClarke LLP in January 2011 as an associate with a focus on business and estate planning, tax and trust law matters. He also completed Parts I and II of the Canadian Institute of Chartered Accountants In-Depth Tax course, recognized as the most comprehensive tax training in Canada.

**2004**

**Benjamin Bathgate** has been admitted to the partnership of McMillan LLP in its Toronto office.



**Dr Elaine Craig**, Assistant Professor, has been a faculty colleague at the Schulich School of Law since 2007. She was selected as the recipient of the Dalhousie Doctoral Thesis Award for the Humanities for her JSD thesis in 2011 and a prestigious Trudeau Scholarship in 2007. An award-winning teacher, Elaine received the 2010-11 Dalhousie Law Students' Society and Alumni Association Award for Excellence in Teaching and the 2007 Dalhousie Student Union Award for Teaching Excellence in the Faculty of Law.



**Peter Sullivan** joined the firm of Cassels Brock in

their Toronto office as an associate in the financial services group in October 2011.

**2005**

**George Ash** has joined BoyneClarke as partner. He is also a member of the Halifax Estate Planning Council and chair of the advisory council for the Indigenous Blacks & Mi'kmaq Initiative at the Schulich School of Law.

**Robert Miedema** has joined BoyneClarke as partner. He is also a part-time faculty member with the Schulich School of Law and director for the East Coast Environmental Law Association.

**2006**

**Adam Church** was appointed chief of staff to the Leader of the Government in the House of Commons in May 2011. This role is at the centre of relations between the executive and legislative branches, and focuses on coordinating and navigating the passage of the federal government's legislative program.



**Chris MacIntyre** has joined the Halifax office of McInnes Cooper.



**Josie McKinney** was appointed a Crown attorney in the Yarmouth office of the Public Prosecution Service in January 2011.

**2007**



**Faren Bogach** joined WeirFoulds in Toronto as an associate in the litigation practice group in January 2011.



**Jane Gourley-Davis** and her husband Peter Davis welcomed son Matthew George to their family on June 30, 2010. Jane currently lives in Truro, Nova Scotia where she practises at Patterson Law.

**Peter Dostal** was appointed Crown attorney in the special prosecutions section of the Public Prosecution Service.



**Mark Gouthro** was appointed Crown attorney in Sydney in July 2011. Mark articulated with Sampson McDougall in Sydney and he joined Sheldon Nathanson Barristers in 2008.

**Jarvis Googoo** passed his BODYATTACK video evaluation in November 2011. He is a part-time group exercise instructor at GoodLife Fitness and a senior policy analyst with the Nova Scotia Office of Aboriginal Affairs.



**Robert Richler** and his wife, Betsy, welcomed their first child, Natalie Erin, on June 26, 2011. She weighed 9 pounds at birth.

**2008**

**Robert Kennedy** was appointed Crown attorney in the Dartmouth office of the Public Prosecution Service in March 2011. He articulated with the law firm of Blois, Nickerson.

**Scott Morrison** was appointed a Crown attorney in the Yarmouth office of the Public Prosecution Service in July 2011. He articulated with the Halifax law firm of Stewart McKelvey and was appointed a Crown attorney in B.C. in 2009.

**2009**

**Ian Breneman** joined Stewart McKelvey in their Halifax office in October 2011.

**Andrew O'Blenis** was appointed a Crown attorney in the Yarmouth office of the Public Prosecution Service in September, 2011. He articulated with O'Blenis Law in Stellarton, joining the firm as an associate in 2010.



**Marc Reardon** was welcomed as an associate at Stewart McKelvey in their Halifax office in October 2011.

**2010**



**Michael Blades** joined the law firm of McInnes Cooper in 2011 and practises in the area of litigation.

**Garnet Brooks** has joined Wickwire Holm as an associate. He is a member of the business and Aboriginal law practice groups, which provide strategic advice to Aboriginal communities and individual Aboriginal entrepreneurs and businesses.

**Ian Brown** was called to the bar in June 2011 and joined BoyneClarke LLP providing litigation support to both financial recovery and employment law teams.

**Christine Gould** was called to the bar in June 2011 and joined BoyneClarke LLP as an associate with the business law team.

**Leah Grimmer** was welcomed as an associate in the Halifax office of Stewart McKelvey in October 2011.

**Theresa Graham** was called to the bar in June 2011 and joined Weldon McInnis LLP as an associate.

**Sean Kelly** joined Stewart McKelvey in their Halifax office in October 2011.

**Alexandra Keenan** is a LL.L. candidate (Ottawa) and has long been active on food security and sustainable agriculture issues and worked as a research assistant on issues related to marine species at risk and oceans governance.



**Lana MacLellan** joined the law firm of Stewart McKelvey in their Halifax office in October 2011.

**Michelle McBride** became an associate in the Toronto office of Gowling Lafleur Henderson LLP in October 2011.

**Sandra McCulloch** joined the Patterson Law team as an associate in the litigation group following her call to the bar in June 2011.

**Thomas (Tipper) McEwan** was welcomed as an associate in the Halifax office of Stewart McKelvey in October 2011.

**Nicole McKenna** joined the Charlottetown office of Stewart McKelvey in October 2011.



**Ben Pryde** joined the law firm of McInnes Cooper in their Halifax office as an associate in 2011.

**Julie Robinson** joined the law firm of McInnes Cooper in their Halifax Office as an associate in June 2011.

**Andrea Shakespeare** was welcomed to the Halifax office of Stewart McKelvey in October 2011.

**Tracy Smith** was called to the bar in June 2011 and joined BoyneClarke LLP.



**Kristell Stright** joined the Halifax Office of McInnes Cooper in June 2011.



**Jessica Upshaw** joined the law firm of McInnes Cooper as an associate in their Halifax office in June 2011 and is working with the tax and corporation groups.

**Peter Zed** joined Cox & Palmer as an associate.

**2011 Nichole Guichon** became a member of the Ackah Business Immigration Law team in Calgary, Alberta in October 2011.

**FRIENDS Seymour Schulich** has been promoted from a Member to an Officer of the Order of Canada for his transformational philanthropy in support of education and health care institutions. His Excellency the Right Honourable David Johnston, Governor General of Canada, made the announcement in December 2011.

**CORRECTION:** In our 2010/11 issue of *Hearsay* it was incorrectly reported that the Hon. Brian Tobin was a graduate of the Schulich School of Law. He is, however, a graduate of Dalhousie University, Faculty of Graduate Studies 1976. *Hearsay* apologizes for this error.



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# IN MEMORIAM

**1947 Allan Blakeney, PC, OC, QC, 85,** passed away on August 16, 2011 following a short battle with cancer. He was a former Saskatchewan premier who was instrumental in the creation of Canada's publicly funded health care system and the patriation of the Constitution. He served as Saskatchewan's 10th premier from 1971 to 1982 and leader of the provincial New Democrats for 17 years. Before that he was a cabinet minister in the NDP government in the 1960s, helping to steer the introduction of medicare through a no-holds barred political debate in the province.

**1948 Robert Simpson MacLellan, 85,** passed away at home on January 15, 2011 after a battle with lung cancer. Born in Sydney, Nova Scotia, he graduated from St. Francis Xavier University in 1946 and Dalhousie Law School in 1948. He practised law with his father until 1958, served as a Member of Parliament from 1958 to 1962, at which time he was appointed chairman of the Restrictive Trade Practices Commission. He served on the commission and practised law in Ottawa until his retirement in 1981.

**1949 E. Neil McKelvey, OC, QC, CD, 86,** of Saint John passed away on September 10, 2011. A veteran of the Second World War, he served as a private in the Royal Canadian Artillery. He continued involvement with the forces throughout his life, and was appointed Honorary Lieutenant Colonel of 3rd Field Artillery Regiment, Royal Canadian Artillery from 1992 to 2009. After the war, he attended the Law School and enjoyed a celebrated legal career. He became a senior partner of McKelvey Macaulay Machum in 1955. The firm merged to create Stewart McKelvey Stirling Scales in 1990. He served since then as its partner and counsel. He served as chairman for the Saint John Port Development Commission, chairman for the Saint John Regional Hospital Foundation, director of the Saint John Seafarers' Mission, as well as many other organizations. He was also past-president of the Saint Patrick's Society of Saint John, ex-commandore of the Royal Kennebecasis Yacht Club, and board member of the Imperial Theatre. In 1969, he became the president of the Saint John Law Society. He served as president of the Canadian Bar Association (1973-1974) and president of International Bar Association (1978-1980). The Order of Canada appointed him an Officer in 1986 in recognition of his lifetime of community service and international work.

**Stoughton, George D., 91,** died on June 1, 2011 in Bloomfield, CT (Duncaster) after a brief illness. Born in New York City he grew up in West Hartford, CT. He graduated from Rothersey Collegiate School Rothersey, New Brunswick (1938), Trinity College Hartford, CT (1942), and Dalhousie University. He served in the Second World War as a captain in the U.S.

Army. He also served in the Army Officers' Reserve Corps. He started his legal career with Pelgrift, Dodd, Blumenfeld & Nair and served as Hartford Assistant State's Attorney from 1959-1969, Hartford Chief Assistant State's Attorney from 1969-1975 and Hartford State's Attorney from 1975-1979. He was appointed a judge of the Superior Court in 1979 by the late Governor Grasso. He was elevated to the Appellate Court in 1987. He served as a State Referee from 1989 until his death.

**1951 George Cecil Loucks, 91,** passed away in Chesley, Ont. on March 28, 2011. He served for more than five years in the RCAF before obtaining his degree at Queen's University and then went on to study law at both Dalhousie University and Osgoode Hall. George opened his law office in Chesley in 1953. He served as a judge of the juvenile court and for several years was also on the Bruce County Court of Revision. He helped organize the former Bruce County Board of Education and served as its first chairman, contributing greatly to the creation of an instrumental music program for Bruce County schools. He also helped establish the Bluewater Education Centre at Wiarton, Ont. In 1997, George was the recipient of the Law Society of Upper Canada's Bicentennial Award of Merit.

**1952 Roderick Joseph Chisholm, 85,** of Antigonish died on January 21, 2012. He graduated from St. Francis Xavier University in 1947 and then from Dalhousie University with a degree in law. He practised law privately for several years and then worked as Crown attorney for Antigonish, Guysborough and Sheet Harbour for 17 years until his retirement. He will be remembered for his great love of family, friends, his town and his pride in his Scottish heritage.

**Gordon F. Coles, QC** passed away on May 30, 2011 after a brief illness. He began his professional career as a partner in the Halifax law firm, Smith & Coles. After 20 years of private practice, he was appointed deputy attorney general and deputy provincial secretary for the Province of Nova Scotia and served under both the Liberal and Progressive Conservative Governments and seven attorneys general. In later years, he was appointed deputy minister Inter-Governmental Affairs and Constitutional advisor to the Nova Scotia government. The pinnacle of his legal career was his success, before the Supreme Court of Canada, as Counsel for Nova Scotia, ensuring that the federal government would require the consent of certain provinces in 'patriating' Canada's Constitution from the United Kingdom Parliament. He continued to work as Constitutional advisor to the Province to draft amendments to the Canadian Constitution resulting in the Constitution Act including the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms. He was an internationally recognized expert in constitutional law and later

returned to England to participate in a lecture and seminar program in advanced legal studies at Cambridge University and the University of Strasbourg in France.

**Edmund Ralph Saunders, 92,** of Falmouth and formerly of Lunenburg, died September 1, 2011, in Windsor Elms Village, Falmouth. Born in Berwick, he served in the Second World War and then practised law in Lunenburg for many years.

**Hon. Phillip R. Woolaver, QC, 86,** passed away on February 8, 2011. He was born in Hantsport, NS and moved to Digby when he was two and lived in Digby County, except for the war (air crew RCAF) and university.

**1953 Walter Struan Robertson, 82,** died on January 1, 2012. Born in Shubenacadie and raised in Halifax, he obtained his Bachelor of Commerce and Bachelor of Laws degrees from Dalhousie University. He began working for Maritime Tel & Tel as counsel in 1956 and after holding various other positions throughout the years, went on to hold the position of president and CEO from 1975 to 1985. In 1985, he joined Central Trust as president and CEO, finally retiring in 1993. In addition to his career, he was also extremely generous with his time, serving on numerous boards and committees and was committed to participating in charity work.

**The Honourable Stuart G. Stratton, QC** of Saint John, retired Chief Justice of New Brunswick died on November 12, 2011. He served his country in the Royal Canadian Air Force during the Second World War, attended Mount Allison University, and subsequently Dalhousie University. During his final year, he received the McEvoy Scholarship, awarded for academic standing. In 1953, he was called to the bar of both Nova Scotia and New Brunswick. From 1953 to 1975, Mr. Stratton practised law with W. Gerald Stewart, QC in the Moncton firm Stewart & Stratton. In 1973, he was called to the inner bar as Queen's Counsel. In 1975, he was appointed a Justice of the Trial Division of the Supreme Court of New Brunswick and moved to Saint John. In 1980 he was appointed to the New Brunswick Court of Appeal and moved to Fredericton. In April, 1984 he was appointed Chief Justice of New Brunswick, succeeding retiring Chief Justice Charles J. A. Hughes. He was the first Chief Justice of the Province who received his legal training at Canadian universities. In 1988, he was awarded an Honorary Doctor of Laws Degree from St. Thomas University. Following his retirement as Chief Justice, he was appointed by the government of Nova Scotia to lead an independent investigation into allegations of abuse at five provincial institutions. In 1995, he was then appointed by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council of New Brunswick to be chairman of the New Brunswick Police Commission.

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In 2000, he was appointed as New Brunswick's first conflict of interest commissioner, a position he held until 2005. Ever active in his community, Chief Justice Stratton served as a city councillor for the City of Moncton from 1969 to 1971. Within his profession, Chief Justice Stratton was chairman of the judicial education committee of the Canadian Judicial Council, chairman of the Judicial Council of New Brunswick, and a member of the Canadian Judges Conference, the Canadian Bar Association, the Canadian Institute for the Administration of Justice and the International Commission of Jurists. He also served as chairman of numerous internal justice administration committees and as chairman and member of scholarship selection committees.

**1954 James Gordon Fogo, 82**, a registered patent and trademark agent, passed away August 4, 2011. He was educated in Bedford, Truro and Ottawa, Ont. Queen's Science '51 and Dalhousie Law '54. He was a senior partner at Herridge, Tolmie, and Osler, Hoskin & Harcourt, Ottawa and Toronto, 1961-1995. He was a respected expert in intellectual property and trademark law. He was a member of and contributor to many organizations, including: International Trademark Association; World Intellectual Property Organization; Association of Professional Engineers of Ontario; Chemical Institute of Canada; Nova Scotia Barristers' Society; Law Society of Upper Canada; Canadian Bar Association; International Law Association.

**1955 Floyd Keith Horne, QC** died in Halifax on March 5, 2012. He graduated from Dalhousie Law School and was awarded a certificate of distinction by the Law School and was a winner of the Canada Permanent Trust Company Prize in his senior year for achieving the highest standing in the field of the law of trusts. He began practising in 1955 and continued to do so for over 50 years.

**1956 James Richard Chalker, QC** died on February 6, 2012. He was senior partner in the St. John's law firm Chalker, Green and Rowe and former Chair of the Board of Newfoundland Hydro. He was a recipient of the Distinguished Service Award from the Law Society of Newfoundland and Labrador.

**James A. (Jim) Cox, QC, 87**, died on January 11, 2011. Born in Shelburne, Nova Scotia, he joined the Armed Forces when he was 17 and served overseas during the Second World War with the Sherbrooke Fusilier Regiment. Before returning to Canada, he attended Khaki College of Canada in London, England. He received his Bachelor of Commerce in 1949 and his LL.B. in 1956. He worked for the firm now known as Parlee McLaws before moving to Calgary, then set up his own firms Cox, Farrell & Evans and subsequently, Cox & Goss. In 1978, Jim opened a Calgary office for Parlee & Company which eventually became Parlee McLaws. In 1987, he opened a Calgary

office for an established Edmonton law firm which became Cook Duke Cox. In 1999, Cook Duke Cox merged with Toronto firm Miller Thomson. In his practice of law, his specialty was in commercial real estate.

**1957 Matthew Epstein, 83**, died on February 27, 2011, in Kentville. An all around star at university, he had many options available to him. He was editor of the *Dalhousie Gazette*, a varsity basketball player, a debater, a fraternity member, and an active young Liberal. He volunteered with CUSO, and met Pierre Trudeau during his time in Africa. He chose law, graduating from Dalhousie in 1957, and staying on to obtain an LL.M. in labour law, for which he held a Sir James Dunn Scholarship. Matt operated a private law practice in the 1960s and 1970s from offices in the Roy Building, but made his business focus the owning of real estate.

**Arthur Edward Hare, Q.C., 83**, died on December 3, 2010. Born in Halifax, he practised law in the Halifax downtown area for 53 years. He made many accomplishments throughout his career and lifetime. He was well-liked and respected by his friends and those he met along his path in life and career. He was a former member of St. Mary's Basilica Church.

**Ninian Williamson Lockerby, 87**, died on March 23, 2011. He grew up in the Sterling Hotel, Tatamagouche, where his parents were the proprietors. He attended St. Francis Xavier University, graduated with a BA from Mount Allison University and then went on to law school. After graduation from law school, he articulated in New Glasgow, NS for a year and then he journeyed west and practised law for nearly 50 years in Red Deer, Alta.

**Louis Vincent, 80**, died on September 28, 2011. He is survived by his spouse, Monique Côté; his children Julien, Danielle, Carl, Renée and Luc-André; his grandchildren Marianne, Sacha Loïc and Jules. He is also survived by Monique's children, Anne and Pierre; Monique's grandchildren, Jean-Sébastien, Gabrielle and Marie-Laure.

**1958 Barrie Munro Wilson, 79**, died on November 25, 2011. Active in his community and professional life, he was a retired deputy judge, small claims court, past chairman of the board of the Shriners Hospital for Children (Montreal), member of the Masonic Order, member of the SD & G Shrine Club, past president of the Cornwall Club, member of Phi Delta Theta Fraternity, founding member of the Stormont Yacht Club, past member of the board for the Children's Aid Society.

**1959 Honourable James Lewis, 77**, died on August 16, 2011. He practised law for 33 years at Emery Jamieson. In 1993 he was appointed to the Court of Queen's Bench and retired in 2008. He was an avid woodworker, loved tennis, and enjoyed camping with his grandchildren.

**1961 Holmes A. Matheson, 77**, died on Friday, March 9, 2012. Born in Donkin, NS, he received a B.A. from Acadia University in 1958 and then attended law school. He was a member of the University Naval Training Division of the Royal Canadian Navy from 1956 to 1961. He practised law in Halifax until 1965 when he moved to Ontario. He practised law with two firms before opening up his own practice in Brampton, Ont., in 1970. For 50 years, he served his clients in a down-to-earth and personable manner.

**1962 Senator Fred Dickson, 74**, died on February 9, 2012. Born in Glace Bay, he was a graduate of Acadia University before attending law school. He was appointed as a senator in the government of Canada in December 2008. Prior to joining the Senate, he was a director of a wide range of associations and corporations. He also worked with the Halifax-based law firm McInnes Cooper, focusing on energy and natural resources law. He was awarded the Diamond Jubilee Medal by the government of Canada on February 5, 2012.

**1966 Walter Earl Hopkins, QC, 78**, died on February 22, 2011. He practised law for over 40 years in the Halifax area. Before completing his law degree at Dalhousie, he spent seven years in the Air Force and right into his 70s he still loved to go to the officers mess on Friday evenings. Most of all he loved performing, practising, and dreaming about magic and being a magician. His first show was as a young boy, his last as a 75-year-old man.

**James Findlay Richardson** died on December 27, 2011. Born in Charlottetown, P.E.I. he graduated from Queen's University and then attended the Law School, and practised law in Vancouver for many years as a partner with Farris, Farris, Vaughan, Wills & Murphy. He loved to ski and cat skiing and heli-skiing became a passion. Due to illness he retired from practice in 1991.

**1967 Alan Paul David Chandler** died on January 8, 2012 in Halifax. Born and raised in Charlottetown he obtained his Bachelor of Business Administration from the University of New Brunswick before attending law school. While at Dalhousie he was one of the five subscribers to the memorandum of association creating the Domus Legis Society. In addition to working full time as a lawyer he also possessed an entrepreneurial spirit, starting and then operating many businesses—the longest of which was the Lion's Head Tavern & Grill in Halifax, which he ran in conjunction with others for over 40 years.

**1968 Richard "Dick" Drmaj** died on March 5, 2011. Born in Noranda, Que., he was a brilliant hockey player. He selected education over professional hockey and graduated from the law school in 1968. He was called to the Ontario bar in 1970. After working as in-house counsel for Noranda, he joined the

Hicks Morley law firm in 1974, where he was a senior partner until his recent retirement.

**Benjamin Swirsky** died on August 13, 2010 in Toronto. Beloved husband of Marsha, loving father and father-in-law of Shari and Nathan Brown, and the late Joel Swirsky, adored grampa of Jakob, Elijah, Asher and Isabella.

**1969 Wayne Fisher Spracklin, QC, 67**, died on August 15, 2011, leaving to mourn his loving wife, Lynn (nee Brownrigg); his son, Timothy Wayne and daughter Ann Elizabeth.

**Milton Veniot, QC** died on January 24, 2011 in New Glasgow, N.S. He earned his Bachelor of Arts at St. Francis Xavier University before attending law school. He continued his education at the University of Southampton, England where he earned his master's degree in philosophy. After living in England for two years he returned to Nova Scotia where he was called to the bar in 1970. He practised law in Halifax for 20 successful years. He became a well-known labour mediator and arbitrator, bringing peace to many labour strikes.

**1970 Douglas Andrew Caldwell, QC** died on March 27, 2011. He graduated from Royal Military College and College Militaire Royal and served as an officer in the Royal 22nd, reaching the rank of captain. After leaving military service, he attended law school and embarked on a successful career. He joined the firm of Patterson Smith Matthews and Grant, now Patterson Law. He remained a partner with Patterson Law until December 2010. He specialized in commercial litigation and appeared before all levels of courts and appeared on a number of occasions before the Supreme Court of Canada.

**1972 Calvert Coates Pratt, 62**, died on July 30, 2010. Predeceased by his parents Calvert and Mary, he will be fondly remembered by his daughters: Kathryn Elizabeth (Peter Power) and Jennifer; brothers: Robert (Judy) and Douglas (Patricia) and many other relatives and friends.

**1974 Kenneth J. A. Brookes, 67**, died on August 10, 2011 in London, U.K. Born in the U.K. and later moving to Canada to earn his degree in law, he was a long-term Phuket, Thailand resident. He was a member of the Canadian Bar Association, the Nova Scotia Barristers' Association and the Canadian Real Estate Association. After moving to Phuket, the avid sailor worked in the yachting business and later as a consultant with the Phuket International Law Office.

**Geoffrey John England, 64**, died on August 12, 2011 in Nelson, B.C. Born in the English seaside resort of Cleethorpes, he went on to graduate with a Master of Laws from the London School of Economics in 1971, a Master of Industrial Relations from Warwick University in 1972 and a Master of Laws from Dalhousie in 1974. Labour relations

proved to be his calling; after moving to Canada in 1973 he taught labour law at many schools including the Universities of Calgary, Lethbridge, Queen's, and Saskatchewan. As an arbitrator, educator and academic writer he made a significant contribution to the field of labour law in Canada.

**1975 Patricia Anne Coolen, 61**, died on January 28, 2012 in Toronto, Ont.. Born in Halifax, she was a graduate of Saint Mary's University and the Law School. She spent most of her professional life with Business Development Bank of Canada in Halifax and Toronto.

**Gilbert Lawson Gaudet** died on March 4, 2012. Born in Charlottetown, he graduated from Prince of Wales College and then the University of Prince Edward Island, where he obtained a BBA. He then moved to Halifax to attend law school. He was the third generation of his family to practise law and did so for 32 years until the onset of Alzheimer's mandated his retirement. He was past president of the Rotary Club of Halifax Northwest and a Paul Harris Fellow; past president of the Commercial Club and a member of Probus. He was affiliated with several Masonic lodges.

**1977 Honourable Judge John Dower Embree, 58** died on March 26, 2012, in Antigonish, N.S. Born in Halifax, he graduated from the Law School and was called to the Newfoundland bar in 1978 where he practised as Crown prosecutor. He returned to Halifax in 1983, and later served as a prosecutor with the Appellate Division. He was appointed to the Provincial Court of Nova Scotia for Antigonish on August 30, 1991 where he had served ever since. He was an honorary member of the Halifax Northwest Rotary Club and the recipient of the Queen's Golden Jubilee Medal.

**1978 Donald Gordon Peverill, 60** died on April 30, 2012. He practised law at Walker Dunlop for 33 years and also found time to serve on the board of directors for the Halifax Civic Hospital and Tumblebugs Gymnastics Club. He also acted as returning officer in many provincial elections. In his spare time he played hockey for the Black Street Aces and spent as much time as possible on the golf course. He will be remembered as a kind and generous husband and father.

**1981 Mark Francis Dempsey, 54**, died on March 25, 2011. He grew up in Herring Cove, N.S., attended Dalhousie University, graduating with Bachelor of Commerce and law degrees. He was a partner in the Bridgewater, N.S. law firm of Power Dempsey Leefe & Reddy for 28 years. He served as chairman, Canada Pension Plan Review Tribunals in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, a member and vice chairman of the review board under the Involuntary Psychiatric Treatment Act. Mark also served as the regional chairman for the Public Legal Education Society of Nova Scotia Law Day. In addition to a successful law practice, he

was an avid athlete with an extraordinary zest for life. His athletic pursuits included marathons, paragliding, skiing, Iron Man competitions and New Year's Day Polar Bear dips. Travelling the world, he participated in marathons and Iron Man competitions in North and South America, Europe and Antarctica.

**William Michael Perkins** died on April 12, 2012. Born in Halifax, he led an intensive and adventurous life, both personally and professionally. As a teenager, he developed a passion for dramatic arts and competitive running. At 16, he obtained his private pilot's licence. He earned his B.Comm and law degrees from Dalhousie University and began his successful career in commercial real estate with Oxford Development, Cadillac Fairview and Campeau. While in Nova Scotia, he was president of Halifax Developments and was involved in his community through the board of Neptune Theatre Foundation. He returned to Toronto as a senior vice president with Morguard Investments and in 2004 joined Redcliff Realty Advisors as president. An avid golfer, he was a member of Summit Golf Club and played many of the world's iconic courses. His passion for travel led him to the tiny island of Bequia in the Grenadines, where he married Sally Green, and the island became their second home.

**Peter Christopher Underwood** died on March 26, 2012. He earned his Bachelor of Science degree from Dalhousie in 1973. He earned his Master of Science from the State University of New York. Later he went on to law school and articulated with Stewart McKeen and Covert. He left the practice of law and performed research for the Dalhousie Ocean Studies Program. Peter was the youngest and longest standing deputy minister in the history of Nova Scotia. One of his career highlights was representing Nova Scotia at the Earth Summit in Rio in 1990.

**1982 Robert Walter Carmichael, 53**, died on April 29, 2011 in Halifax, N.S. He was a respected member of the Nova Scotia legal community as a partner of Cox & Palmer Law Offices in Halifax. He was a recognized expert in corporate and commercial law for the oil and gas and energy sectors for most of his career and shared his special knowledge of the subject as a teacher at the Schulich School of Law. He had many professional affiliations during his career, including chair of the Nova Scotia Barristers' Society Trust Account Committee; the Natural Resources and Energy law section of the Canadian Bar Association (Nova Scotia branch), and a director of the Canadian Petroleum Law Foundation.

**Arthur Brendan Curley, 55**, of Charlottetown died on March 15, 2011. Born in Brudenell, P.E.I., he grew up in a family of 13 children. He graduated from Acadia University in 1979 and then law school in 1982. He returned to P.E.I. and practised in Charlottetown for 20 years, most of them with Stewart McKelvey and

later Scales, Jenkins and McQuaid. Impaired vision forced him to leave the practice of law. He remained keenly interested and active in the public life of Prince Edward Island. He became president of the Liberal Party of Prince Edward Island. He was instrumental in the election of Catherine Callbeck as the first woman in Canada to become premier as a result of a general election.

**1983 John Gregory "Jack" Robinson, 54**, died on December 6, 2010. Born in Campbellton, N.B., he was employed at McInnis Cooper in Halifax. For 10 years he worked in Moscow for Gowling Strathy and Henderson, Coca Cola Russia and was a partner with Ernest & Young Russia. His love of the outdoors, horses and rivers brought him to South Maitland where he had a working farm. This led to the purchase of Shubenacadie Tidal Bore Rafting Park.

**1984 Laurel Bauchman, 52**, of Salt Spring Island, B.C., died on August 20, 2011. Born in Halifax, N.S., she grew up in Halifax, Montreal and St. John's, and received her arts, education and law degrees from Dalhousie University. She began her legal career with the Nova Scotia Legal Aid Commission. Most recently, she practised for 12 years in the areas of employment law and professional regulation with her husband, in the Salt Spring Island firm of Ceyssens & Bauchman Society.

**1986 Gary Plastino, 59**, died on March 18, 2012. He was a respected member of the law community and a former teacher. He will be missed and remembered for his natural ability to make people feel at ease and for his wonderful humor.

**1991 Jennifer Julia Fong** died on March 9, 2012. Born in Halifax, Jennifer graduated from Queen Elizabeth High School and completed her nursing degree at Dalhousie University in 1987. She later attended law school, also at Dalhousie. She was called to the bar in Toronto in 1993 and in New York in 1997. She started her legal career with Osler, Hoskin & Harcourt LLP and later pursued a career in entertainment law with Rainbow Communications in New York and later, Alliance Atlantis in Toronto. She moved to Calgary in 2000, and there focused on her family and community.

## FRIENDS OF THE LAW SCHOOL

**Peter Aucoin** passed away in Halifax on July 8, 2011, of cancer. Beloved husband of Margot (Flemming); father of Nicole (Olof Sandblom) of Calgary; Paul (Emily Hoegg) of Toronto and Richard of Halifax. At the time of his death, he was Professor Emeritus of Political Science and Public Administration at Dalhousie University.

He was a leading international scholar, a distinguished and award-winning teacher

and a valued policy adviser to government departments and agencies in Canada and abroad. In 2006, he was elected a Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada (Academy of Social Sciences). In 2007, he was made a Member of the Order of Canada.

He served as director of the School of Public Administration from 1985 to 1990 and was chair of the Department of Political Science from 1992 to 1995. In 1993, he was appointed McCulloch Professor in Political Science. In 2003, he was appointed the Eric Dennis Memorial Professor of Government and Political Science.

He was president of the the Canadian Political Science Association in 1995-96. He served on the editorial boards of several leading Canadian and international public administration journals. He was a member of the board of directors of the Institute for Research on Public Policy in Montreal and was chair of its research committee from 2006 to 2010.

His commitment and success as a teacher and mentor, were recognized by Dalhousie when he was selected as the 2006 recipient of the university-wide Alumni Association Award for Teaching Excellence.

**Dr. Morris L. Cohen**, Yale Law School Professor Emeritus and Librarian Emeritus passed away December 18, 2010 at his home in New Haven, Conn. Cohen was one of the towering figures of late 20th century law libraries and among the foremost legal bibliographers in the United States, as well as a beloved teacher and mentor. He received an honorary doctorate from Dalhousie University, in 1989.

**Hon. Dr. Julius A. Isaac, 82**, died on July 16, 2011. He was born in Grenada, West Indies and relocated to Regina in 2006. It was his passion and determination that led to his ultimate appointment as Chief Justice of the Federal Court of Canada by Prime Minister Brian Mulroney in 1991. Whether as an officer of the court or a private citizen, Julius worked tirelessly to strengthen the fabric of Canada and the betterment of the black community. In 2004, he received Honorary Doctor of Laws degree from Dalhousie University.

**Wallace McCain, 81**, died on May 13, 2011. One of Canada's most influential entrepreneurs, McCain was a business titan driven as much by his generosity as by corporate acumen. Mr. McCain played a key role in building multinational McCain Foods with his three older brothers, later acquiring, in co-operation with the Ontario Teachers' Pension Plan, Toronto-based Maple Leaf Foods Ltd., where he spent the last 17 years as chairman. But perhaps his greatest legacy will be his philanthropy in conjunction with his wife, Margaret Norrie McCain. Long a dedicated friend of Dalhousie, Mr. McCain received an honorary degree from the University in 2007 and in 2001 established the Maple Leaf Foods scholarship which provides two scholarships annually to students entering the Bachelor of Applied Science (Food Science) Program.

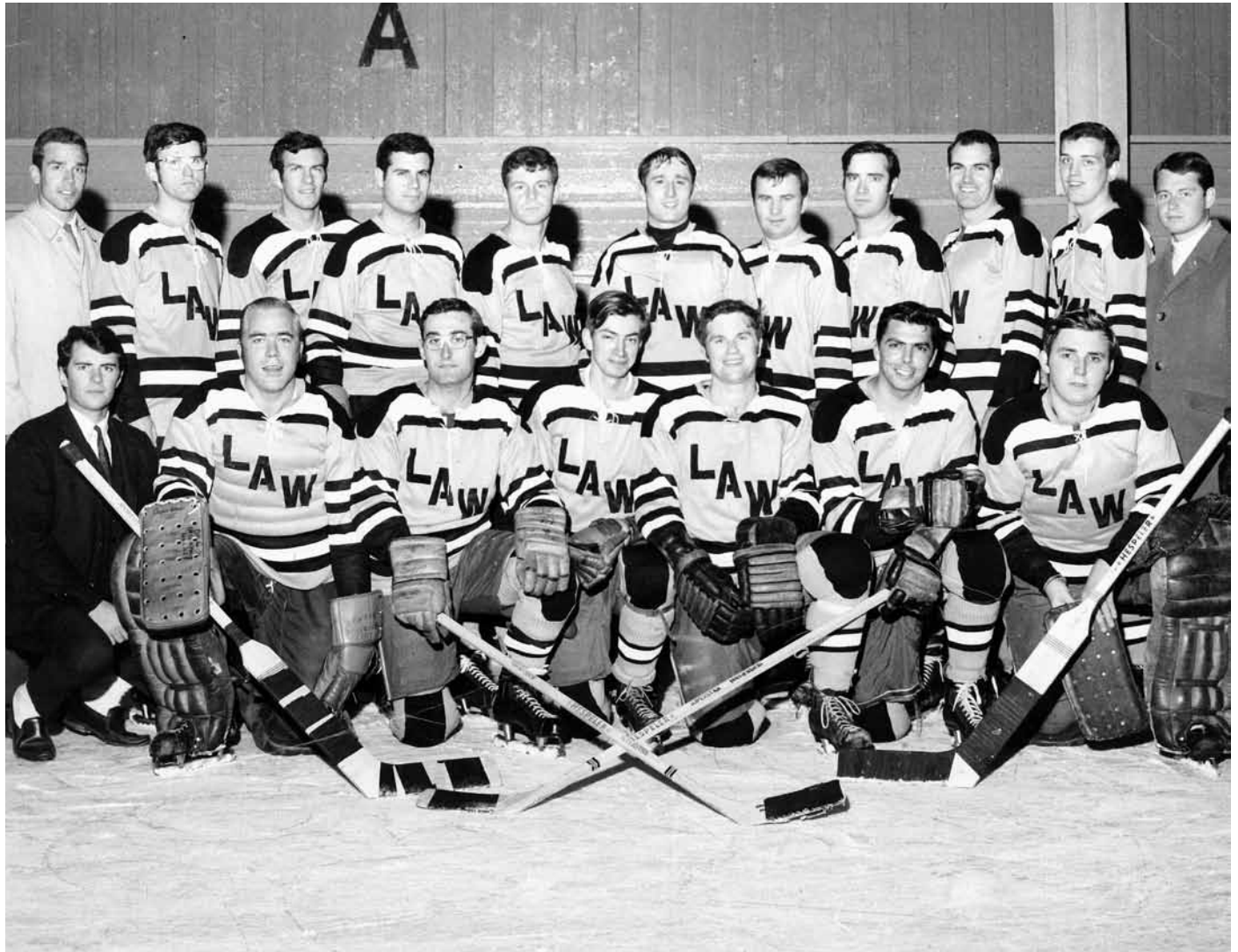
**M. Alice Pitblado, 87**, of Wolfville, N.S., died on December 10, 2011. She completed her BA at the University of New Brunswick, and MLS at Dalhousie. She served three years in the Canadian army, worked as a librarian at the Dalhousie law and medical schools, and was verger at Toronto's Grace Church on the Hill.

**Debra Ann Ritchie, 53**, died on March 15, 2012. She spent the last 22 years working at the Sir James Dunn Law Library at the Schulich School of Law. She had a great love of life and an even greater sense of humour. She enjoyed knitting, travelling and especially enjoying time in Bass River at the cottage with her family and friends. Nothing pleased her more than bass fishing there with Merlin and her special boys, Lloyd and Nigel. She was the daughter of the late Eric and Anna (Gamble) Ritchie. She will be deeply missed by her partner of 27 years, Merlin; brother-in-law, Phillip; nephews, Lloyd and Nigel and many family and friends. She was predeceased by her sister, Dawn Hartling.

**A. W. Brian Simpson, 79**, died at his home in England on January 10, 2011. He was a Michigan Law professor who was recognized around the world as one of the leading academic lawyers of his generation. Born in 1931, he served in the British Army, after which he studied law at Oxford, where he stayed as a fellow and tutor of Lincoln College until 1973. After leaving Oxford, he became a law professor and later a dean at the University of Kent. In 1963-64, he was a visiting professor at Dalhousie Law School. In 1984 he went to the University of Chicago Law School, then to U-M in 1987. He received an LLD from Dalhousie in 2003.

**Frances R. 'Tig' Wickwire (Beattey), 102**, died on February 2, 2011, after a long and wonderful life of devotion to her family. She met her beloved husband, the late William N. Wickwire, Q.C. ('29), during her freshman year at Dalhousie University. They had three children. After Bill's sudden death in 1962, Tig raised her seven-year-old daughter, Deborah, with grace and courage. She was predeceased by her husband; her beloved son, Frederick 'Ted' Beattey Wickwire, Q.C. ('62), and daughter-in-law, Isabel (McAlpine). She is survived by her daughters, Gillian (Hugh) Pullen and Deborah (Les) Grieve; daughter-in-law, Eve Wickwire and grandchildren. To honour her memory and to celebrate the family's long association with Dalhousie University, the William and Frances Wickwire Bursary at the Dalhousie Law School has been established. If desired, donations in Tig's memory to support this bursary may be made payable to Dalhousie University, Care of Office of External Relations, Dalhousie University, P.O. Box 15000, Halifax, NS B3H 4R2 (tel: 902-494-8801).

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Dalhousie Law Hockey Team. January 1969.

Back Row (L to R): Ken Langille, Derek Wells, Bob Davis, Paul Althouse, Bill McCarroll, Rod MacKinnon, Gerry McConnell, Ken Ross, Jim Axler, Pat Curran, John Green. Kneeling: Claude Sheppard, Wayne Spracklin, Bob Belliveau, Ken Nason, Don Clark, Brian Hogan, Doug Moores



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