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MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN

As I write this message, I am still basking in the joy of our recent in-person convocation ceremony. It took place on a beautiful, sunny Halifax day where instead of delivering yet another virtual message, we were able to celebrate our graduates alongside their families and friends.

I am proud of how our students, faculty and staff have met the challenges of the past few years. From a pandemic to a flood at the law school, it has not been easy and they have all worked especially hard to build a sense of community. I was impressed as I read profiles from some of our graduating students that, notwithstanding all the obstacles, found a sense of community among their peers. I would also like to give a shout out to our professors and staff members who worked hard to make things as positive and constructive as possible. Our 2022 teaching award recipients, professors MacIntosh and Devlin, were a prime example of this.

I was pleased to see that this year's class ring nominations, recognizing outstanding commitment to students, included two staff members—Shawn Swallow, Director of Career Services and Employer Relations, and Elizabeth Sanford, Assistant to the Dean, and two professors—Adelina Iftene and Naomi Metallic ('05). Congratulations to Professor Metallic for receiving the honour!

As an optimist, I would also like to acknowledge that we are now a law school with a new set of skills around using technology to support learning and teaching. While we are committed to in-person learning, we will be using some of these new skills to complement the in-person experience as we move forward.

There have been plenty of exciting things happening this year. One of these is our collaboration with the Faculty of Computer Science to grow understanding and capacity at the intersections of law and computer science. Our new colleague, Professor Suzie Dunn, will contribute to these efforts. This year, she coached our Harold G. Fox Intellectual Property moot team to a victory in the national competition!

We were also very pleased to see that 25 of our students successfully completed the requirements this year for our new JD Certificate in Aboriginal and Indigenous Law.

We hosted several online conferences this year, on Cryptocurrency, International Trade, and Crown Law. We also hosted David Milgaard as a guest speaker, a virtual Federal Court hearing and Rema Jamous Imseis delivered our Chuck Meagher Law Hour lecture in person: *The Global Refugee Crisis: Navigating Politics and the Law in Ukraine, Afghanistan and Beyond*.

Finally, thanks to you, our alumni. Many of you joined our mentorship program; the feedback from our students continues to be very positive. Some of you taught our students, participated in panels, served on committees, donated through the Annual Fund, or in some other way, to help us continue to offer a quality experience for our students. From everyone at Schulich Law, thank you. We look forward to seeing many of you in person for alumni weekend!

Camille Cameron
Dean
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A SENSE OF GRATITUDE

Dear alumni family,

As I reflect over the past 12 months, I feel an overwhelming sense of gratitude. Despite pandemic weariness, I am comforted by how engaged our alumni remain in a new norm of virtual contact. I have certainly missed the opportunity to network and socialize with all of you face to face but am appreciative of your unwavering devotion to the law school and support of our students. As I write this greeting, we are planning our in-person mega Law Alumni Reunion Weekend for September. Let's hope we can all safely gather in Halifax to recognize milestones, renew friendships and celebrate in person once again!

Looking back, we still had much to celebrate. At a small in-person celebration in Sydney in the fall, we recognized Gail Rudderham-Chernin, last year's recipient of the Weldon Award for Unselfish Public Service. We also inducted 10 incredible and deserving alumni into the Bertha Wilson Honour Society. We had record enrollment numbers for our flagship Weldon Mentorship Program. To the delight of our students, alumni participated in numerous panels particularly during Weldon Welcome Days and Orientation Week. Several new alumni officers joined our refreshed and diverse Dalhousie Law Alumni Association (DLAA) board who among other things, surprised students during exam period with tasty study treat bags in partnership with the Dalhousie Law Students' Society. We sought your feedback through an alumni survey and a whopping 900 of you replied with comments, advice and suggestions on how we can better be of service to you in the future. In addition to our website and social media posts profiling students, faculty and alumni accomplishments, we also launched a LinkedIn group to help keep our global graduate student alumni community better connected. As public health restrictions ease, we are beginning to plan more in-person events in Halifax and other communities—stay tuned!

Our frequent virtual communication with you over the last couple of years has revealed that our contact information for many of you is outdated. With our 8,000+ law school alumni always on the move, our ability to reach you is only as good as the contact information we have on record. This summer, we have received funding to hire a 1L student who will be working on updating email records for our alumni family. As this campaign rolls out, please take the opportunity to share your most recent email address (or other means of contact) with us. You can also reach us at any time with this information by emailing lawalum@dal.ca.

In closing, I would like to offer once again my deepest thanks to each one of you for your ongoing support of the law school. The past two years have been challenging for all of us—alumni, students, faculty and staff. We continue to do our very best to create meaningful opportunities to keep you connected with us and with each other. Despite it all, you continue to give your time, talent and treasure and our law school community is better and stronger because of it.

On behalf of Tammi Hayne and myself, we hope you enjoy this 43rd edition of *Hearsay* as we share stories about the work and accomplishments of alumni, students and faculty. We look forward to what this year has in store for us and welcome your feedback and comments at any time.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Darren Dick". The signature is fluid and cursive, written on a white background.

Darren Dick
Director, External Relations
Schulich School of Law

DLAA PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

This year's *Hearsay* comes at a very important time. After more than two years of going through the ups and downs of this pandemic, it feels like we may be finally turning a new corner. As President of the Dalhousie Law Alumni Association (DLAA), I want to express my sincerest thanks to Schulich Law's students, alumni and faculty for their perseverance and resilience. Despite the obstacles, I am proud of the dedication and work you all continue to do within your professions and communities.

This issue of *Hearsay* features a number of alumni that are doing outstanding work in their fields. I am constantly amazed to see the broad range of professional and community work being done by our grads. One of the ways the DLAA recognizes extraordinary achievement within our alumni family is through the Bertha Wilson Honour Society and the Weldon Award for Unselfish Public Service. This past year we recognized some amazing recipients. I encourage you to keep bringing forward nominations of deserving individuals for consideration.

The DLAA will continue to work on engaging the more than 8,000 alumni that we represent. Throughout the pandemic, we took the opportunity to diversify our Board of Directors by adding many new members and ensuring broad geographical representation. Our board has grown in size and has members from around the world, helping us to serve our graduates wherever they may be. If you are interested in organizing a social event for alumni in your community, please do not hesitate to let us know.

Over the next year, I hope I will have the opportunity to see and meet more people face to face. This year's convocation took place in person and we are currently organizing a larger than usual Law Alumni Reunion Weekend in September. This year's reunion will also celebrate alumni that we were not able to acknowledge in person in the last couple of years. I am optimistic that we will finally be able to celebrate together and cannot wait to see some of you there.

Thank you to the alumni that continue to offer their time and resources through initiatives like our Weldon Mentorship Program. I would like to extend my gratitude to all of the faculty that have been guiding and supporting their students during this unconventional and challenging year. Most importantly, congratulations to the Class of 2022. Welcome to the DLAA Family!



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THANK YOU DONNA FRANNEY

Executive Director of Dalhousie Legal Aid Service retires after more than 30 years of service at the Clinic

BY STEPHANIE HURLEY

A leader of Dalhousie Legal Aid Service (DLAS) and a champion of education, justice and community has retired after more than 30 years of dedicated service. Donna Franney ('86) finished at the Clinic in October of 2021, after holding the role of Executive Director since 1995.

The community legal aid office located in North End Halifax forms a significant part of the curriculum offered at the Schulich School of Law by providing an educational opportunity in clinical law for up to 44 third year law students. The Clinic is the only legal aid office in Nova Scotia providing dedicated services in the area of poverty law. It is also unique in that its mandate includes engaging in community development and law reform work on behalf of low income communities as well as providing individual representation.

Donna took on the position of staff lawyer at the Clinic in 1990 and moved into the role of Executive Director five years later. Prior to that, she worked in private practice. She was admitted as a practising member of the Nova Scotia Barristers' Society in 1987.

Donna has been actively involved in the life of the Clinic and local community. She oversaw the delivery of the academic program and skills sessions for students as well as professional development and management of Clinic staff and delivery of services. She also carried a caseload of individual poverty, family and criminal law cases and community development files. She has been continuously engaged in developing and revising the curriculum to enrich and grow the clinical law program.

"I had the good fortune of working with Donna for 21 years. She started out as my mentor and colleague and quickly became a valued and trusted friend," says Heather McNeill ('94), former DLAS lawyer. "As the Executive Director of a teaching Clinic, she was always passionate about serving her clients, dedicated to teaching law students and a huge supporter of access to justice for those living in poverty. Her commitment to these ideals not only influenced and impacted her clients, students and staff, but also the broader legal and Nova Scotian community. Donna has dedicated the better part of her legal career to the Clinic because of her desire for a more fair and equitable justice system. She has been, in my humble estimation, a purposeful motivator and leader, raising the reputation and esteem of Dalhousie Legal Aid Service throughout her tenure. I was very proud to be a part of her team."



Over the years Donna has also been involved in numerous community organizations such as the National Association of Women and the Law (NAWL), Bryony House, Adsum House, Bayer's Westwood Family Resource Centre, Immigrant Settlement and Integration Services, Legal Information Society of Nova Scotia, Committee Against Woman Abuse, NSBS Gender Equity Committee, Family SOS and the Judicial Education Committee.

She has a passion for community engagement and social justice and has developed initiatives to engage the community for positive change through the provision of information, services, advocacy, law reform and community development.

"Donna has had an impact on the education of decades of Schulich Law students who have been fortunate enough to spend a semester in the Clinic. She has touched the lives of many clients, who come to the Clinic for information and advice that they would not be able to access otherwise. She has also played a vital role in the advocacy work that is an essential component of the Clinic's mission. It is hard to measure the breadth and the depth of these contributions. She has done so much to make DLAS the force for good that it is today," says Camille Cameron, Schulich Law Dean.

"I have been privileged to spend the majority of my career at the Clinic surrounded by wonderful colleagues, incredible staff, interesting work and inspiring students," says Donna. "As I contemplate my "second life", I will always draw on the extraordinary lessons I have learned from many extraordinary people—thank you all!"

SCHOOL NEWS



PROFESSOR HERDER NAMED APPLIED PUBLIC HEALTH CHAIR

In January 2022, Professor Matthew Herder (LLB '03, LLM '06) was named one of seven Applied Public Health Chairs by the Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR). The program will provide \$8.05 million in support to be shared among the chairs to build capacity and strengthen a range of research disciplines and sectors.

For Herder, this is an opportunity to engage directly with public health institutions, government officials and researchers who've played key roles in Canada's response to the pandemic.

He will interrogate how various laws, policies and practices have limited access to COVID-19 vaccines and other important interventions in many parts of the world. His project will investigate how the current approach to innovation creates sources of inequity depending on the part of the world you live in.

"If you're fortunate to live in a wealthy nation, your access to vaccines and other materials to help address the pandemic grossly exceeds those in low- and middle-income countries," says Herder.



SCHULICH LAW STUDENTS WIN HAROLD G. FOX MOOT

Schulich Law's team excelled in this year's Harold G. Fox Intellectual Property Moot. The moot is intended to promote the furtherance of education in the intellectual property field.

The appellant team of Sarah MacRitchie and Mimi Gjelaj won the Harold G. Fox Cup for the best moot team. While the respondent team of Mamie McGinn and Hannah Mirsky also had a strong showing, with Hannah Mirsky taking home the Donald F. Sim Award for the best oral advocate.

"I'm incredibly proud of this team. They really stood out in the competition because of the amount of work they put in," says Professor Suzie Dunn. "It was fantastic to watch them along the way, improving as individuals as they prepared but also supporting each other and working together as a real team. They are talented students who will be fantastic litigators in their future legal careers."



PROFESSOR DUGAS RECEIVES BELONG RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP

In January 2022, Professor Maria Dugas (JD '15, LLM '18) received a Belong Research Fellowship, the university's award to enhance research excellence by ensuring the promotion of diverse perspectives.

Belong Research Fellowships were established to support tenure-track faculty from equity-deserving groups to pursue small research projects of one to two years. Up to four fellowships of \$5,000 are provided annually.

Dugas' research looks at addressing the overrepresentation of African Nova Scotians in the child welfare system. Despite representing about three per cent of the population, African Nova Scotians represent 10 per cent of child welfare cases. Adopting a critical race perspective that interrogates the law's role in perpetuating racial inequality and subordination, Dugas will explore the presence and effect of anti-Black racism in the child welfare system in Nova Scotia and assess promising solutions to help address these issues.



CREATING MEANINGFUL ACCESS FOR EVERYONE

Michelle Mahoney, Schulich Law's first-floor receptionist, lives by the motto "I can do anything, it just might take me a little longer." She surfs, skis and has rappelled from a skyscraper, all with a condition called arthrogyrosis that limits the mobility of her arms, hands and knees.

Mahoney has been bringing her passionate perspective to Dal's accessibility planning as a member of the 'Education' and 'Employment' working groups and the accessibility advisory and steering committees. In July of 2021, she successfully completed the Rick Hansen Foundation Accessibility Certificate (RHFAC) Program at NSCC.

"It means a lot to me, as it complements the knowledge I already have as a person living with a disability," says Mahoney. "It provides me with more knowledge and practical skills needed to rate buildings for their overall accessibility." She is eager to apply her new skill-set within the university and the law school.



PROFESSOR LAZARE'S RESEARCH TURNED INTO COMIC FORM

In February 2021, Professor Jodi Lazare was contacted by Petroglyph Comics, a social justice comic studio, that wanted to turn her research on Canadian ag-gag legislation into a comic, accessible to all.

This resulted in a comic based on two articles by Lazare, the first published in the *Alberta Law Journal* and the second forthcoming in the *Osgoode Hall Law Journal*.

Both articles combine her interests in animal law and constitutional law to suggest that recently adopted legislation limiting access to and information about industrially farmed animals in Canada constitutes an unjustified limit to the constitutional right to freedom of expression and the public right to information about the violence of industrial animal farming.

Images were inspired by the work of We Animals Media.



LAW STUDENTS RECOGNIZED WITH IMPACT AWARDS

In March, three Schulich Law students were named 2021-2022 Dalhousie Impact Award recipients. The awards recognize outstanding individuals and student groups that impact the Dal community.

Allison Hearn, a third-year law student, won the Student Activist Award. "Like so many activists, I don't do the work I do to be celebrated; I do the work I do because it needs to be done," says Hearn.

Maya Churilov, a third-year student, won the Faculty Leadership Impact Award for Law. "Supporting my community and advocating for my peers has always been a passion of mine," says Churilov. "I can only hope to have fostered a lasting positive and inclusive environment for everyone around me."

Donna Mbamy-Conci, a third-year student at Dalhousie's College of Pharmacy and a first-year law student, won the Faculty Leadership Impact Award for Health. "Receiving this award empowers me to continue my mission of impacting people's lives in our community, country and world," says Mbamy-Conci.



PROFESSOR MARTIN RECEIVES OBA FELLOWSHIP

Professor Andrew Flavelle Martin was this year's recipient of the Ontario Bar Association (OBA) Foundation Chief Justice of Ontario Fellowship in Research. The Fellowship was awarded to Martin for his project *The Duty to Encourage Respect For—and to Improve—the Administration of Justice: Lessons from Failures by Attorneys General*.

"Receiving the Fellowship is an encouraging reminder that doctrinal research has value both to the academy and to the practicing Bar," says Martin.

The Fellowship in Research grant is \$15,000, awarded annually to full-time teachers at a Canadian university or college. Martin's primary research and teaching interests are in legal ethics and his work focuses on law society regulation of the Attorney General, government lawyers and lawyer-politicians. He was also the 2018-2019 OBA Foundation Chief Justice of Ontario Fellow in Legal Ethics and Professionalism Research.



INAUGURAL RULE OF LAW LECTURE DELIVERED

In October 2021, the inaugural Rule of Law Lecture was delivered virtually by Professor Emeritus A. Wayne MacKay ('78) on the theme of "The Rule of Law in Pandemic Times". He presented the COVID-19 pandemic as a case study in balancing rights in a health emergency.

It was the first installment in the new annual lecture series spearheaded by the International Commission of Jurists (ICJ) Canada. The event was co-sponsored by the Schulich School of Law and reflects the shared commitment to "respecting, advancing, speaking, teaching and writing about the rule of law."

Following the lecture, MacKay was joined in a panel discussion by Professor Sherry Pictou, Canada Research Chair in Indigenous Governance and the Honourable Thomas Cromwell, former justice of both the Nova Scotia Court of Appeal and the Supreme Court of Canada.

The paper that MacKay delivered has been expanded and updated and will appear in the *National Journal of Constitutional Law*.

CONSTANCE MACINTOSH AND RICHARD DEVLIN AWARDED SCHULICH LAW'S TOP TEACHING HONOURS

This past year, our award recipients demonstrated flexibility and adaptability through everchanging circumstances, to ensure students had the best learning experience possible



DLAA & LSS AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING LAW – CONSTANCE MACINTOSH

This award is given in recognition and appreciation of excellence in teaching demonstrated by enthusiasm, commitment, dedication and outstanding service to students.

Nominations are made by current law students and a recipient is selected by a committee of students and alumni.

This year's recipient, Professor Constance MacIntosh, first joined the law school in 2002.

"Winning this teaching award feels a bit like getting a gold medal in a competition that I did not even know I was in," says MacIntosh. "It was surprising, affirming and humbling. It is surprising because I am not flashy or extroverted. It was affirming because I know the nomination and decision was driven by students acting anonymously. And it is humbling because I am surrounded by a sea of fantastic colleagues who I know also work very hard to support our students."

She shares that she approaches teaching as dynamic and always in progress.

"I always know what my goals are—an anti-oppressive participatory learning space where there is room for reflection and development, a space where I can support the next generation of my colleagues advance in their path towards professionalism. What I never know is how any specific class of students will resonate with one another and me. I also never know what sorts of valuable expertise, curiosity and experiences the students are going to bring with them, which I will want to foster and draw out further."

MacIntosh believes that being a teacher is a way of being in the world and it is one that she finds deeply challenging but also deeply enjoyable and fulfilling.

"Professor MacIntosh is a huge support to her students and deserves this award," says Rackelle Awad, second-year student and nominator. "She was organized and very clear in her delivery of the course materials and in her expectations for us on the exam. But apart from that, she went above and beyond to accommodate our Immigration & Refugee Law class after the Weldon Law Building flooded in November. For the last two weeks of class, she delivered each session twice, once virtually and once in person, to accommodate every individual's needs. She always treated the class with kindness, was open to questions and would volunteer a considerable amount of her time immediately after class to further explain the materials."



HANNAH AND HAROLD BARNETT EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING AWARD – RICHARD DEVLIN

The Hannah and Harold Barnett Excellence in Teaching Award is given by the Law Students' Society to recognize a professor who teaches first-year law. Each first-year section collectively puts forward a nomination and a winner is chosen by a committee of students.

This year's recipient, Professor Richard Devlin, is no stranger to the award, having received it in both 2003 and 2010. He first joined the law school in 1987.

"I am surprised, and of course humbled, to receive the award for first year teaching given that we have so many great teachers here at Dal," says Devlin. "I love teaching first year law as it lays the foundations for everything that our students go on to do, both in the upper years and in their careers after they leave Dal. As someone who is well into their third decade of teaching, I worry constantly if I am still able to reach the students all of whom could easily be my grandchildren. I have been particularly concerned about my ability to adapt to teaching in a pandemic and the challenges and stresses it has generated for the students. To be acknowledged in this way by our students affirms that even an old dog can learn new tricks."

Devlin shares that his core teaching philosophy has two interconnected elements. First, he tries to help students understand that law, legal reasoning and legal practice are deeply embedded in larger social, economic, political and cultural structures and that these structures often generate and legitimize inequality and oppression. Secondly, and consequently, all of those who work in the legal profession have an ethical responsibility to be both aware of, and take responsibility for, the choices they make and the potential consequences of those choices in either reinforcing or challenging those structures of inequality and oppression.

First-year student and nominator, Kate Higgins, says that she can truly not think of a more deserving person for this award. "When our classes went online, he booked alternate rooms around campus for our classes. When we had no choice but to take classes virtually, he started teaching us in three small groups. The fact that Professor Devlin is willing and excited to teach the exact same class three times over has really shown what kind of professor he is. He is passionate, loves participation and engagement from his students and is ridiculously dedicated to our learning."

SUZIE DUNN ACCEPTS TENURE TRACK OFFER

Dunn's research centers on the intersections of gender, equality, technology and the law

BY STEPHANIE HURLEY

Congratulations to Schulich School of Law Assistant Professor Suzie Dunn, who has accepted a full-time, tenure track position that will begin on July 1, 2022.

Dunn joined Dalhousie's Schulich School of Law as a limited term Assistant Professor in 2021-2022 where she has been teaching contracts, law and technology and intellectual property law, as well as coaching the Harold G. Fox Intellectual Property moot team. She was recently nominated for the Dalhousie Law Students' Society Excellence in Teaching Award.

"It was a pleasure to have Suzie with us this year and we are delighted that she will be joining us on a full-time basis," says Camille Cameron, Schulich Law Dean. "In addition to her excellence as a teacher, which she has been recognized for with teaching nominations and awards, her research achievements are already remarkable. She will be able to make a significant contribution to our work in the fields of law and technology, including the growth of our Law and Technology Institute and to our interdisciplinary collaborations with the Faculty of Computer Science."

Dunn is currently completing her PhD dissertation, "Privacy and Personality Rights: An Equality Focused Examination of Digital Identity Manipulation", at the University of Ottawa, Faculty of Law. Her research centers on the intersections of gender, equality, technology and the law, with a specific focus on the non-consensual distribution of intimate images, deepfakes and impersonation in digital spaces. She was awarded the Joseph-Armand Bombardier Scholarship for her PhD research.

While at the University of Ottawa she was a part-time professor, teaching contracts law, a specialized course on the law of images and supervised upper year directed research papers. In 2021, she was awarded a Part-Time Professor Award for Excellence in Teaching from the faculty of law.

As an innovative thinker with a deep passion for equality, human rights and technology, she has published and presented her work both nationally and internationally on issues including the importance of internet connectivity for northern youth, the application of Canadian law to deepfake technology and civil responses to the non-consensual distribution of intimate images. One of her most recent publications on technology-facilitated violence was awarded the 2021 Shirley Greenberg Chair for Feminist Research.



"I'm thrilled to be staying on at the Schulich School of Law, which has such a commitment to law and technology scholarship. I'm looking forward to working alongside the faculty in the Law and Technology Institute, the Canadian Journal of Law and Technology, and the initio Technology and Innovation Law Clinic," says Dunn. "Dalhousie is also a fantastic institution to work collaboratively on interdisciplinary projects, which are essential for law and technology research. It will be an ideal setting to continue my research on technology, equality and the law and to foster the next generation of technology lawyers."

She currently sits on the Women's Legal Education and Action Fund's Technology Facilitated Violence Project committee where she has co-authored submissions to the Federal Government on its Online Harms technical paper, the Toronto Services Police Boards policy on police use of artificial intelligence and Nova Scotia's review of its *Intimate Images and Cyber-protection Act*. She is also an Associate Member of the Centre for Law Technology and Society and is a senior fellow with the Centre for International Governance Innovation where she is conducting a global study on the impacts of technology-facilitated violence. Dunn was called to the Ontario Bar in 2016.

You can find her on Twitter @[SuzieMDunn](#) or visit her website at www.suziedunn.com.

GAIL RUDDERHAM CHERNIN RECEIVES 2021 WELDON AWARD FOR UNSELFISH PUBLIC SERVICE

The Schulich School of Law and the Dalhousie Law Alumni Association honour the 2021 recipient

BY MARK CAMPBELL

Gail Rudderham Chernin ('86), Q.C., cannot remember a time when she did not feel compelled to give back. "I believe that we all have an obligation to contribute to our community and to society in general," she explains. "And I have always believed that the more fortunate you are, the greater the obligation."

Inspired by that belief, and the example set by her family, the Cape Breton-born Schulich Law grad has devoted considerable time and energy to making the world a better place, not just as a lawyer but also through her community involvements. Starting with the Rotary Club as a teenager, Rudderham Chernin's involvements have encompassed a wide range of organizations and passions over the years, often as a board member or chair. They include the Canadian Breast Cancer Foundation (CBCF), Canadian Cancer Society (CCS), Cape Breton Family YMCA, United Way, Enterprise Cape Breton Corporation and Make-a-Wish Atlantic Provinces. She has also applied her knowledge and skills in advancing the legal profession through her work with the Nova Scotia Barristers' Society (NSBS)—an involvement so extensive that she has served on almost every committee as chair or member in addition to serving as president of the society from 2003 to 2004.

It is this legacy that is being honoured with the 2021 Weldon Award for Unselfish Public Service. Since 1983, this award has recognized law school alumni that have made outstanding contributions to the community and the legal profession. The award is named for Richard Chapman Weldon, the founding dean of Dalhousie University's Schulich School of Law. He was known for his commitment to unselfish public service, referred to as the Weldon Tradition.

"Gail carried the Weldon spirit even before and certainly after she entered law school," says Elizabeth Cusack ('74), Q.C., one of many colleagues who nominated Rudderham Chernin for the award. "She has, with good humour and grace, unselfishly, with no expectation of personal gain, made major contributions to leadership in the legal profession, public education and service to her community, the Canadian Breast Cancer Foundation and numerous organizations. At the same time, she has practiced law with strong professional ethics, skill, compassion and the best possible outcomes for clients that could be expected under the circumstances of their cases."

Rudderham Chernin's work, in particular her involvement with NSBS, suggests she was destined to enter the field of law. But that's not quite the case. She had originally been interested in sciences, but she decided to pursue a business degree at Dalhousie based on part-time work experiences during high school. After graduating, she joined Xerox, which was introducing fax machines to the world. "We decided to start with law firms," she recalls. "After meeting with lawyers and working in that area, I thought I needed to gain more education."

There were several options she considered, including an MBA and dentistry, but Rudderham Chernin opted for law based on practical considerations such as career opportunities. "I never had a grand plan," she explains. "I wanted to work hard, and I wanted to be recognized as a good lawyer. I never strived to be the best. I just feel that we should all try to do our best."

In many ways, she has. As a lawyer, Rudderham Chernin demonstrated the Weldon Tradition through her devotion to plaintiff insurance law and workers compensation cases, which she describes as David-versus-Goliath experiences. “Many of these clients are very stressed because they are down and out,” she says. “I remember one client calling me to say their house was going to be foreclosed upon that same day, and that was not a rare occasion. Being able to help them is very satisfying and that is how that desire to make a difference manifested professionally.”

On the community side, the desire to make a difference was frequently rooted in personal connections, such as her involvement with CBCF. It was her mother, Dot, a breast cancer survivor, who encouraged Rudderham Chernin to join. “She told me they were looking for people and at first I said, ‘I can’t. I’m involved in too many other things,’” she recalls. “My mother told me, ‘You can find the time. They need people like you, and you can add a lot to the organization.’”

Rudderham Chernin’s mom was right. As she progressed from board member to chair, Rudderham Chernin helped guide the foundation through a major restructuring and consolidation effort, resulting in a national organization with more stable financing. That experience opened the door to an unprecedented undertaking as she helped merge the CBCF with the CCS. The result was a bottom-line improvement of \$33 million for CCS and, more important, the continuation of critical cancer research and support programs across Canada.

“If my mother had developed breast cancer 20 years prior to her diagnosis, she might have died, but she was able to live for another 20 years because of research,” Rudderham Chernin says. “Helping the foundation secure more money for cancer research was an incredible effort to be part of.”

Lynn Hudson was CEO of the CBCF when she first met Rudderham Chernin, and she was immediately impressed by her colleague’s efforts to strengthen the foundation. “I have worked with hundreds of volunteers and Gail is a standout for her truly selfless commitment to the causes she works with,” says Hudson, who is now CEO of Make-a-Wish Canada. “She gives generously of her time, talent and passion and directs her energies to activities that will bring the most value to charitable organizations, people and communities. Her commitment is an example to all and is so well deserving of the Weldon Award.”

Rudderham Chernin has transitioned to a new way of helping others and upholding the Weldon Tradition. Recently retired, she is offering her extensive legal expertise as a mediator so that her clients can avoid the stress, risk and time commitment involved in litigation. On the community side, she has stepped back a bit to focus on family, but she is a board member of Make-a-Wish Atlantic Provinces and is open to adding other involvements if the right opportunity presents itself.

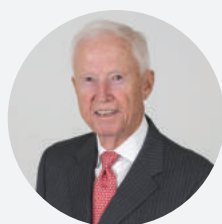


“I want to encourage others to think of how they can help, particularly lawyers, because we are in a unique position where we can offer assistance with a lot of difficult scenarios not just in the work that we do but also in the ways that we can help foster a better community,” she says. “We have knowledge that is sought after for committees and boards and it is important we use that to make a difference. If everyone did that, even a little bit, the world would be a better place.”

BERTHA WILSON HONOUR SOCIETY

The Bertha Wilson Honour Society was established in 2012 to recognize our extraordinary alumni and showcase their geographic reach and contributions to law and society. The award is named for The Honourable Madam Justice Bertha Wilson (’57)—the first woman appointed to the Ontario Court of Appeal and the first female Justice of the Supreme Court of Canada.

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SHEILA RAY HELPS MAKE THE JUSTICE SYSTEM FAIRER AND MORE SUPPORTIVE

Meet 2022 Aurum Award winner Justice Sheila Ray (’80) who was chosen by her peers to receive a prestigious alumni award for her outstanding achievements and innovation, community engagement and leadership

BY MARK CAMPBELL

After considering all the evidence in a case she heard, Justice Sheila Ray knew that the Crown had not proven an element of the offence with which the individual standing before her in court had been charged and that they also needed help. This person had lost their job and home due to mental illness and had been charged with mischief after several incidents of sleeping in the restroom of a Toronto university. Dismissing the charge would not solve the problems that led to them sleeping in the washroom and could easily lead to the behaviour repeating itself.

“I went to the local Salvation Army office in my robe and explained the situation to the chaplain, who came back to the courtroom with me,” she recalls. “I dismissed the charge and introduced the individual to the chaplain. Not only did the Salvation Army find accommodation and get the individual back on their medication, but once they recovered, they went to city hall with a petition calling for better access to mental wellness care for the homeless. I spotted them outside of city hall holding a sign and asking people to sign the petition.”

It is a story that gives Justice Ray considerable joy and the first one that comes to mind when asked about her efforts to create a more fair and equitable justice system. “I became a lawyer and then a judge because it gives you a lot of opportunities to make a difference not only through the work you do in court but also through the doors it opens for you to do that in the community.”

The desire to make a difference was shaped in part by the experiences of Justice Ray’s parents. Her father, a surgeon, faced systemic racism after the family relocated to Nova Scotia from Nigeria. Her mother was dissuaded from becoming a surgeon by gender and cultural barriers. In Justice Ray’s eyes, the justice system offered an opportunity to redress these wrongs. Further impetus to be an agent of change came from her studies, both through the gender biases she encountered as a law student and through the student union events that highlighted the impacts of segregation and racism on African and Indigenous Nova Scotians.

“Although I have experienced some unfairness, it was less than that of other people,” she says. “I had people in my life who were very supportive and helpful. That enabled me to do well and, as a result, give back.”

Justice Ray has achieved impactful change in many ways in the legal system. As the first South Asian Canadian woman appointed to the Ontario Court of Justice, she has been a role model for many racialized individuals wanting to enter the field. Through her legal decisions and writing, she has advanced concepts such as restorative justice. As a speaker and lecturer, she has inspired youth from all walks to make the profession more reflective of Canadian society. And her contribution to the growth of the law affecting women’s rights, French language rights, Indigenous peoples’ rights and access to mental wellness and substance-abuse supports have helped reduce the marginalization and discrimination of thousands of Canadians.

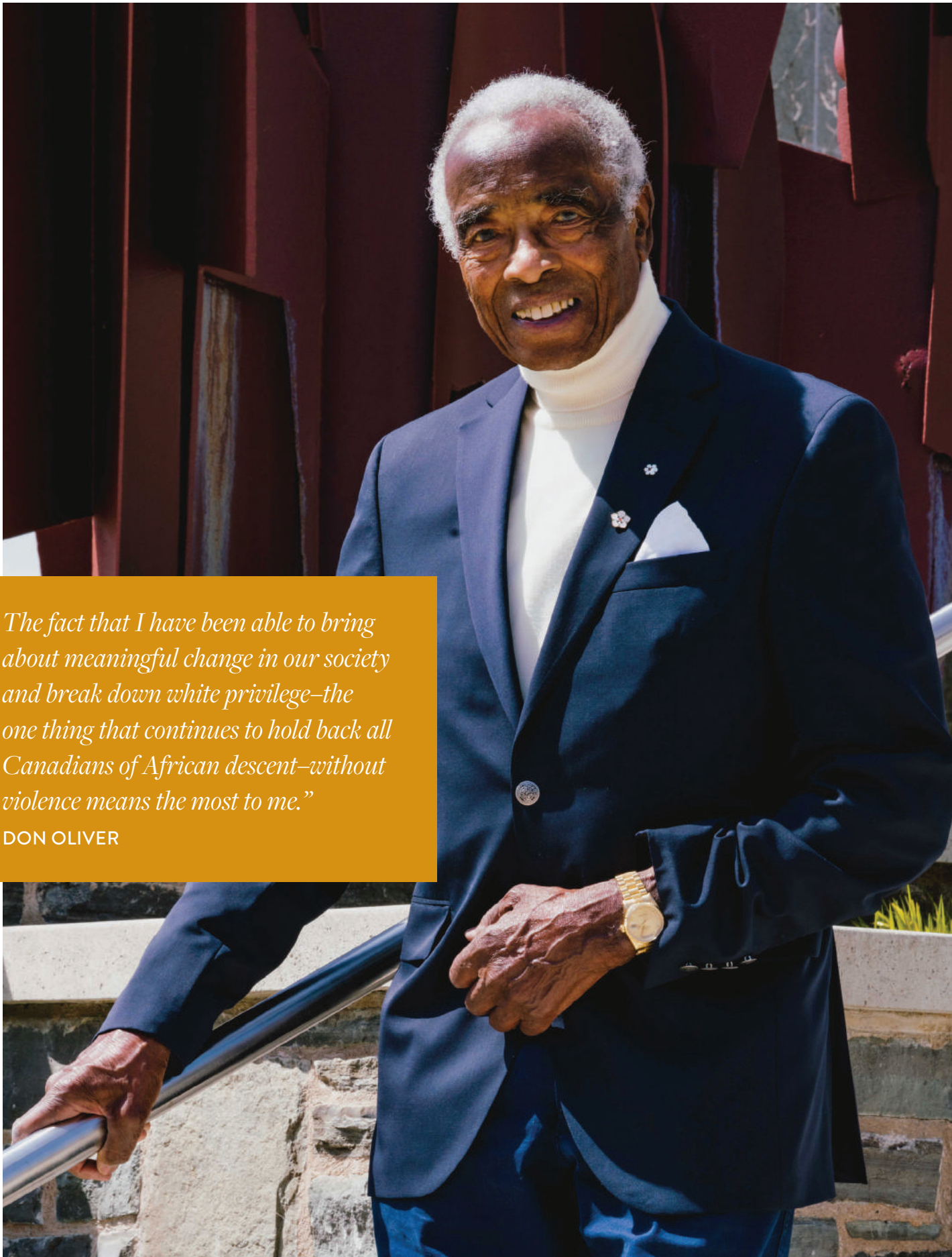
At the same time, Justice Ray has been active beyond the courts. She’s addressed food insecurity during the pandemic and worked with the International Association of Women Judges to bring Afghan women judges to Canada and elsewhere. “It’s all about reaching out wherever I can to make a difference and not waiting for someone to ask,” she says. “Every day there is something else I can do...in my Jewish faith there is the concept of tikkun olam — repairing the world. You have to contribute to that. This [Aurum] award is a reminder to keep doing that.”

Justice Ray is embarking on a new journey. She is earning her PhD so she will have the additional knowledge and skills necessary to educate a new generation of lawyers now and upon her mandatory retirement from the Bench. That degree may also empower her to write more articles that advance legal knowledge and, potentially, advance ideas for law reform. But for all her efforts to enhance the legal system, she believes being a parent is the most important thing she has done.

“I have a son and he is wonderful,” she says. “Every day, he does a mitzvah, or kindness, and he’s going to continue to make the world better.”

In that way, as in so many others, Justice Ray has created a legacy that will continue to make a difference for years to come.





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DON OLIVER

LEAVING A LASTING LEGACY

Don Oliver's fight for equity and justice spans his storied career

BY MARK CAMPBELL

It was a mid-afternoon in 1962 and Don Oliver (LLB '64, LLD '03), a first-year student at Dalhousie Law School, decided to take a break from his studies at a downtown pool hall with a fellow Sir James Dunn scholar.

Shortly after they arrived, his friend disappeared, returning a few minutes later agitated and urging Oliver to leave. As Oliver did, he was accosted by a man who told him the hall's policy: Black people were not allowed.

Oliver called the province's attorney general's office to complain that his human rights had been violated. "A lawyer from the office phoned me back and said they were working on legislation that may apply to the racism I had experienced and they were going to send it to me in confidence," he recalls. "They wanted to know if I would review and comment on it."

Applying the skills he had gained through his coursework, Oliver edited the bill, which became the *Fair Accommodation Practices Act*. "It was an act that said I could not be kept out of any place to which the public was customarily admitted based on the colour of my skin," he says. "I changed the law of Nova Scotia."

ADVOCATING FOR OTHERS

Born in 1938, Oliver has been a catalyst for change throughout his life. It is a vocation that has found expression through many different roles. As a trial lawyer, he frequently represented Black clients pro bono and advocated on behalf of Black university students in Montreal whose grades reflected systemic racism by a white professor. As a human rights activist, he supported residents in Beechville, NS, in their efforts to resolve long-standing land title disputes. As a volunteer, he travelled to Ethiopia in 1962 to help build a 45-foot extension for a school in a community devastated by flooding and co-led an effort to help Black students in Halifax's North End stay in school. And as Canada's first Black male senator, he contributed to laws to protect women and children.

"The fact that I have been able to bring about meaningful change in our society and break down white privilege—the one thing that continues to hold back all Canadians of African descent—without violence means the most to me," says Oliver, whose efforts have earned him the Order of Canada, the Order of Nova Scotia and Queens Counsel honours. "I am a nonviolent person apart from the fact that I like to hunt and fish."

FIGHTING FOR EQUITY AND JUSTICE

Oliver's commitment to effecting meaningful change was instilled in him from an early age. Growing up, his family was the only Black family in Wolfville and the racial injustices they experienced compelled him to find a forum to create a more equitable and just society. "I had thought about earning a PhD in history so I could teach or do research on slavery, Blacks and colonialization," says Oliver, who had previously pursued studies in philosophy and existentialism. "I chose law instead because there were so many wrongs that needed to be righted, such as Black people being unable to get housing and being refused promotions."

From the start of his legal career, Oliver fought as much for his own seat at the table as he did for others. Although he received an offer to join Stewart, MacKeen & Covert—now Stewart McKelvey—after graduating in 1964, a senior partner at the firm took him aside and suggested that there would be little work for Oliver at the firm and that his path to a partnership would be much slower because he lacked the connections of his peers. But two key factors worked in Oliver's favour. For one, he had a reputation as a human rights activist and community volunteer and that led Sir George Williams University in Montreal to engage him in 1968 to represent Black students who were being graded lower than white students by a university professor. This proved he could bring major clients to the firm, even from outside the province. But Oliver also benefitted from a disinterest among his associates to fulfill the province's mandatory requirement for two weeks of pro bono legal clinic work each year. He took on those obligations in exchange for legal work from them.

“I was in court a lot and learned about legal matters such as cross examination, rules of evidence, and hearsay,” he says. “I also got to observe some of the finest criminal lawyers at the time—HP MacKeen, Angus L. MacDonald, and Leonard Pace. I studied how they addressed the judge and the court, how they treated their clients and how they posed their questions. I think I became a good trial lawyer as a result because I won a lot of my cases and several of them were reported in the Dominion Law Reports for setting legal precedent.”

SHAPING CANADIAN LAW AND SOCIETY

Such was Oliver’s legal acumen that the federal Progressive Conservative party approached him in 1972 to deliver lectures to party lawyers nationwide on the implications of the newly proclaimed *Elections Expenses Act*. That opened the door to more political opportunities. Oliver served as the party’s federal vice president, director of funding and its legal advisor for six election campaigns. In 1990, Prime Minister Brian Mulroney appointed Oliver to the senate. Over the next 22 years, he earned a reputation as one of Canada’s busiest senators.

“It was well known among the security guards that I was usually the only senator working in the east building Saturdays and Sundays from 7 o’clock in the morning until 6 at night,” he laughs. “But I had so much work to do.”

During his time in the senate, Oliver chaired an unprecedented six standing committees—including Legal & Constitutional, Agriculture & Forestry and Transport & Communications. He co-chaired a special committee that drafted a code of conduct for parliamentarians. He was unanimously elected speaker pro tempore of the senate—making him fourth in the order of precedence. And he often represented Canada’s position on diversity, tolerance and equity overseas.

Oliver also shaped Canadian law and society during his time as a senator. His private member’s bill on stalking and harassment was incorporated into the government omnibus bill and another bill, related to spam, dealt with predators targeting children online. And his colleagues often called on him to apply his legal skills on their behalf.

“I was on the banking committee for 20 years and the chairs frequently asked me to participate in hearings because they liked the way I posed questions,” he says. “I developed that ability during my years as a trial lawyer and from my training at Dalhousie. I knew from talking to witnesses—like senior bankers—that when it came time for me to ask my questions, they knew they were going to be good ones.”

IDENTIFYING AND EXAMINING BARRIERS

Perhaps Oliver’s biggest achievement happened in 2004 when he raised \$500,000 and commissioned the Conference Board of Canada to undertake an exhaustive examination of the barriers that minorities face in advancing to executive positions in both private and public institutions. He was inspired to do so after a lunch meeting with a bank executive who became defensive when Oliver asked why there were no women or Black people in the corporation’s executive offices.

“He said, ‘You’re a lawyer. If you’re saying that we discriminate against women and Blacks, what’s your proof?’” Oliver recalls. “I decided we needed to have it. The resulting research gathered the necessary data to make a strong business case for diversity and it resulted in offers from around the world to deliver lectures on the final report. Soon after, the recommendations made in that report were being included in the annual reports of major banks as steps they were taking towards more diversity.”

OPTIMISM FOR THE FUTURE

Oliver’s legacy of change is ongoing. He has scheduled a series of lectures on topics such as anti-Black racism, diversity, inclusion and equity in Canadian society. He conducted a series of interviews with eminent Black Canadians for an Ontario radio station during Black History Month. And he has published his autobiography, *A Matter of Equity*, detailing his legal, political and community efforts to address systemic racism. Although cardiac amyloidosis and polyneuropathy have necessitated a lighter workload, it is clear Oliver is not ready or willing to pass on the torch just yet. After all, there is a 400-years-and-counting legacy of systemic racism to contend with and there are still many ways he can have an impact.

“I am optimistic for the future of Canada, insofar as white-Black relations are concerned,” he says. “I think that there are more people who are taking up the cause, who are saying, ‘Enough’s enough. It’s time for a change.’ For that reason, I’m very hopeful that things will continue to get better.”

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THE VALUE OF MENTORSHIP

Okanga Okanga II's Weldon Mentorship Program experience far exceeded his expectations

BY MARK CAMPBELL

Schulich School of Law graduate student Okanga Okanga II ('00) has an impressive resume. He has practiced law in Nigeria. He has authored many law papers. And he teaches international tax law at Dalhousie, where he is also wrapping up his PhD thesis on the subject. But even with these accomplishments, there was one more thing he needed when he decided to practice tax law: a mentor.

"All my life, I've been the beneficiary of good mentorship, whether that was Dr. Jude Odinkonigbo, a Dalhousie alumnus at the University of Nigeria, or Professor Kim Brooks, my supervisor at Schulich Law," says Okanga. "Once I decided to pursue a career as a lawyer in Canada, I thought it would be good to have a shoulder to lean on—someone with vast experience in the path that I want to pursue."

In 2021, Okanga applied to the Weldon Mentorship Program, which connects Schulich School of Law students and recent grads with alumni who can share their experiences and provide valuable insights into the legal profession. As a member of the Alumni Engagement Committee, Okanga had helped expand the program to graduate students. Now, he would be a beneficiary of those efforts. After reviewing the credentials of four potential mentors, he selected Nathalie Goyette ('89), a partner at Davies, Ward, Phillips & Vineberg in Montreal.

"I don't know how I made the choice," he says. "It was instinctive, but it turned out to be the right decision for me. And that's putting it mildly."

For Goyette, the opportunity to be a Weldon mentor came at an opportune time. Seeing the impacts of a once-in-a-lifetime pandemic on Canadians, and the world, she was looking for a way to make a difference. Mentorship offered a chance to connect and support a colleague, but she wondered how it could work given that Okanga was based in Halifax. Although video conferencing and other tools addressed that concern, Goyette also wondered if Okanga was making the right choice based on his background and expertise.

"In my mind, he was obviously the perfect professor for Dalhousie or any other university, so when we first discussed this, I asked him 'Do you really want to go into private practice?'" she recalls. "I said you can have a fabulous career; you can be an international scholar and you'll be practicing at Dal. But he convinced me that was not what he wanted. He wanted to join a law firm, so I decided to be his mentor."



NATHALIE GOYETTE



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OKANGA OKANGA II

After getting to know each other through several virtual meetings, Goyette began helping Okanga prepare for the articling process by practicing questions that were likely to come up during interviews with prospective law firms. Goyette also identified key people Okanga should approach at several firms and conducted research in instances where she could not recommend a contact. Even more vital, Goyette provided Okanga with insights on how the articling process works, specifically the fact that highly qualified candidates like him occasionally fall through the cracks through no fault of their own.

“This can be a cruel process,” she says. “Sometimes a notable candidate won’t get offers because firms assume that a rival firm is making an offer, so they opt for a different candidate. I tried to help him prepare for that as best as I could, but he wound up with many quality options. The credit for that goes to him based on the work he’s done and how he has performed in his studies. My input was limited.”

Okanga, who will begin articling with Blake, Cassels & Graydon this summer, is quick to disagree. He says Goyette’s insights and candor were crucial in navigating the process and helped set his expectations. “What she said did scare me somewhat, but ultimately it helped me to relax,” he explains. “When I went into interviews, I wasn’t anxious because she mentally prepared me for every possible outcome, which was extremely helpful. The conversations I had were fantastic and I have her to thank for that.”

The experience was equally rewarding for Goyette. For one, it gave her insights into current trends in legal scholarship. It also deepened her relationship with Schulich Law. “It really makes me feel good about my alma mater to see that they are doing right by their students,” says Goyette, who has served as leader of her alumni chapter in Quebec and makes annual donations to the university. “I would gladly renew the experience if Okanga thinks I have done a good job.”

Okanga’s endorsement is unequivocal. “I was thinking about nudging one of my students in her direction,” he says.

But there is another benefit both Okanga and Goyette gained from participating in the program: a lifelong friendship. “That was the main one for me,” Goyette says. “I know that, if I ever need anything, he will be there for me, and I will be there for him.” In fact, Goyette has already proven that, having facilitated an international tax class for Okanga in February 2022.

As Okanga begins the next chapter in his legal career, he is also thinking about how he can be there for the next generation of tax law students. “One of the main things Nathalie told me is not to forget my alma mater, no matter where I go,” he says. “I’d be happy to have an opportunity to give back to Schulich Law through the Weldon Mentorship Program. Based on my experience, I think everyone who has the opportunity to participate in the program—students or alumni—should take it.”



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REMA JAMOUS IMSEIS
2022 CHUCK MEAGHER LAW HOUR SPEAKER

UNHCR REPRESENTATIVE APPLIES LAW SCHOOL LEARNING THROUGH INTERNATIONAL CAREER

BY SUZANNE BOWNESS

Rema Jamous Imseis ('00) may live in Ottawa as the new Representative to Canada for the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), but her journey to get there is the result of 18 years developing her career abroad.

Intrigued by international issues from an early age, Jamous chose to follow her political science undergraduate at McMaster University with a law degree at Schulich Law because of the school's reputation for international offerings. "I chased every single class I could get in this area. I did international trade law, refugee law, I did Professor Kindred's course on international law and then I was lucky enough to work as a research assistant for him as he was the author of the definitive text in Canada," says Jamous.

Moving to a smaller school and city also provided new experiences, as did competing in the Smith Shield Moot, which Jamous calls a great experience for students looking to sharpen their advocacy skills. She also credits professors such as Audrey Macklin for further sparking her interest in refugee law which is now her focus. "I didn't come to the UN refugee work until much later, but I can see now that even in those early days, Audrey planted the seeds of interest, and really provided a space for us to think critically about the strengths of Canada's immigration and refugee systems and also the areas that need to be improved."

After graduation, Jamous moved back to Toronto to article and joined the office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner of Ontario. In the meantime, her new husband and fellow Schulich Law grad Ardi Imseis ('99), had enrolled to do his LLM at Columbia University and then applied to work at the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in Gaza City. "We had always talked about going international and trying our hand at something abroad. So, we agreed that we would take a break from Canada for two years."

Jamous joined her husband and started working for a local NGO, the Palestinian Centre for Human Rights. "I saw immediately that having a law degree from Canada and being an English speaker but also an Arabic speaker—I'm from an immigrant family to Canada from the Middle East—was really valuable," recalls Jamous. Within a few months, she had met people from the UN and started working as Special Assistant to the Deputy of the organization's political mission focused on the Middle East peace process. Next, she was pulled back into law as a legal officer working on Palestinian legislative reform, but by 2005 when developments caused a number of staff to be removed from Gaza City to Jerusalem, Jamous went too.

Becoming pregnant with her first child, Jamous returned to the role of Special Assistant to a senior UN official with an expanded role,

allowing her to move beyond political and legal functions to include humanitarian work. After a few years in Jerusalem, the family (now with a second child in tow) returned to Canada when her husband was recruited for a role by the Chief Justice of the Court of Appeal in Alberta and lived in Edmonton for a year before returning to Jerusalem. By this time, the family also had their third child, it was the time of the Arab Spring unfolding in the Middle East, and they decided that they also wanted to experience life in another part of the region during such a pivotal time. Jamous went on to serve as deputy and then head of the UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs in Egypt, a position that involved responsibility for 22 countries at a time when the Syria crisis, war in Yemen and tragic shipwrecks in the Mediterranean were on the rise, keeping her team very busy.

Not only was it an incredible learning experience, but it was also the springboard to moving to the UNHCR where Jamous accepted a secondment in 2017, relocating to Geneva with her children. Joining UNHCR gave Jamous the opportunity to see a different part of the organization where she had already spent 14 years. "I finally got to sink my teeth into issues related to refugees and experience a different part of the UN system. Until then I had done humanitarian and legal and political work and it was an incredibly eye-opening experience," she says. In January 2020, she was appointed to her current position in Canada.

Jamous now leads a team of about 50 UNHCR staff across three locations in Canada. While UNHCR is present in over 130 countries, most offices are emergency operations and only a handful are established in non-conflict zones where their role is to shine a light on global forced displacement as well as mobilize resources and political support for UNHCR work around the world. Not surprisingly, Ukraine and Afghanistan are currently huge areas of focus for the agency, among other countries.

While Jamous says Canada is a strong supporter of the agency and a leader in refugee affairs, the scale of the refugee crisis around the world means that almost 100 million people are displaced— with needs, unfortunately, far outpacing resources and durable solutions on offer from states. "Less than one per cent of the world's refugees are actually ever resettled to a third country," shares Jamous. "We try to bring the global to the local in Canada and help Canadians understand how they can contribute to a positive outcome."

Jamous credits her law school experience with giving her a way of thinking that she's used throughout her career. "When you're taught to think like a lawyer, you're forced to hone in on the most important information and to clearly and effectively advocate for your issue or your cause. That is a central part of what I do. I'm an advocate, I'm a person whose role it is to shine a light on what's happening to displaced people around the world and try and find solutions for them."

She adds that learning how to be a strong negotiator, communicating ideas and trying to secure the best outcome for the people that you're working for are all lessons that she learned as a law student. "I'm most grateful that every single day, I get to ground my work in a legal framework, that at its core, is about protecting humanity and human rights and promoting respect for the law. It's something I'm very fortunate to be able to do."

TAKING YOUR OWN PATH

Alumnus carries legal foundations as he ascends to operations role for US energy utility

BY SUZANNE BOWNESS

Rene Gallant's ('94) law career has taken him all the way from Halifax to Albuquerque, from working as a litigator at a traditional firm to his current role running operations at New Mexico Gas Company. It is an outcome that even Gallant admits he could not have predicted as a student who originally chose Dalhousie to stay close to home. "I didn't set out as a law student to be the Chief Operating Officer of a local gas distribution company in the southwest of the US. But my legal training and the path I took has given me these great opportunities."

An interest in politics and business pulled Gallant towards law school. With his Bachelor of Commerce with a minor in Political Science at Mount Allison University, he initially thought he would focus on business and international trade. But his law school experience drew him towards litigation. "Those courses made me understand that I was much more comfortable with litigation at that stage in my life," he recalls. He also found joy in studying and connecting with his peers. "What I loved about law school was learning the law and chatting with friends about what was happening in the world at the time."

Law school was also when he started to volunteer with the Canadian Cancer Society, inspired by his mother who he lost to the disease when he was 12. Assigned initially to the policy and advocacy committee, he kept up the effort as his career progressed, rising to national president of the Society after 10 years. "That was an amazing experience as national president for two years, to travel around the country and speak with people who are going through their cancer journey," he says, adding that his legal skills gave him a way to give back. "I'm not a physician or a scientist. I can't cure the disease, but I can help by my advocacy and leadership in service of others."

After graduation, Gallant articulated and was hired at Patterson Kitz, which became Patterson Palmer Hunt Murphy and then Patterson Palmer. He practiced litigation for five years, then when the firm was approached by the local school board, took a secondment to serve as their general counsel, an 18-month role that lasted more than four years. "I learned a lot about the practical side of law and organizations," says Gallant. "It was fascinating to be on an executive team at that stage of my career and have that responsibility."

The move also made Gallant realize that working in-house was the right path for him. His next move was to Nova Scotia Power and Emera. "I learned going in-house there was a much greater connection with the people that I work with. It felt like we were building things and contributing to our community because electricity is so critical to the growth of the province." As regulatory counsel, Gallant was involved in many interesting files, such as trying to get approval for wind projects and navigating complex rate hikes. He rose to vice-president of Regulatory Affairs, and then joined the executive team for Emera Newfoundland and Labrador, which was constructing the Maritime Link, connecting Newfoundland to the North American grid for the first time. While he was on the project, Emera acquired Tampa Electric, which included the New Mexico Gas Company where he works today.

This meant moving to Florida (and now Albuquerque) and also from legal to the business side of the company. Gallant was ready for the challenge. "The transition actually feels quite natural for me to move from practicing law to taking business and operational roles. Our company encourages leaders to stretch themselves and get new experiences. I was very glad that I came to that situation by practicing law first. I feel like it gave me a good foundation in what my values are, how I want business to be done and how I want to practice leadership on the business side."

He says law school also prepared him. “I learned how to analyze issues and to present a cohesive and comprehensive explanation of each situation. All of those skills that I use to communicate and engage with people and solve problems, that is all rooted in the training that I got at law school and in my early years practicing law.” He says the difference in working on the American side is both in the legal framework and the fact that the country is more litigious and political. He had to challenge some of the assumptions he brought with him about how the law works, based upon his experience in Nova Scotia and Canada. He adds that his new roles on the business side mean that he hasn’t sought out Bar admission in either state but is still a member of the Nova Scotia Bar.

Gallant relies heavily for guidance and support in his career from his wife Patricia Mitchell (’96), who had a successful litigation practice with Stewart McKelvey in Halifax before retiring when they moved to Florida. “Patti has always understood the pressures and challenges of my career, as well as supported my desire to give back to the community.” The pair recently became grandparents when one of their three children had a little girl.

Gallant has also continued to volunteer. In addition to his Canadian Cancer Society work, he served as vice-chair of the Canadian Partnership Against Cancer. He served as president of the Nova Scotia Barristers’ Society and a member of the Board of the Federation of Law Societies of Canada. After moving to the US, he joined the Board of the Performing Arts Center in Tampa, where he and Mitchell chaired its preeminent fundraiser gala, the Broadway Ball, doing so virtually due to COVID-19. Upon moving to his new role in 2021, they joined the board of the Albuquerque Performing Arts Center, Popejoy Hall.

As he reflects, Gallant says that a common denominator between his early legal work and his current business world is relationships. “I would encourage law students to really engage with their colleagues, professors and the lawyers they meet early in their careers,” he says. “You will find that they will end up all over the country, if not the world, and your life will be immeasurably improved by keeping those relationships. Law is interesting, the work of civil procedure and litigation and putting together a great business deal is important work. Ultimately, though, to the extent I have had career success it has been about the people I worked with and the people I have helped to also be successful.”



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LAURA CLOUTIER

INTERNSHIP STRENGTHENS KNOWLEDGE OF IMMIGRATION LAW

Law student Laura Cloutier spends summer advocating for one of the most vulnerable populations in Canada

BY STEPHANIE HURLEY

The Schulich School of Law Internship Program started in 2009 with a small number of internships funded by The Schulich Foundation. Thanks to their generosity, numerous donors were inspired to contribute to the program since its inception.

One of those donors is Lenczner Slaght. The law firm has a long tradition of supporting and recruiting from the Dalhousie community and many of their lawyers are proud alumni. As part of their commitment to access to justice and diversity in the profession, they proudly sponsor the Lenczner Slaght Advocacy Internship. This internship is available to a Schulich Law student upon completion of their first year or second year of studies who is interested in developing their advocacy skills and experience.

“After the first year of offering these internships, we were thrilled with the varied advocacy experiences that students accessed,” says Natalie Zinman, Director of Legal Recruitment and Development at Lenczner Slaght. “Having seen the benefit of this advocacy exposure, Lenczner Slaght has committed to further funding these valuable internships, which we hope will help our recipients gain meaningful and hands-on advocacy experience, foster their passion for advocacy and continue to support the public interest mandates of the organizations that they are working with.”

In 2021, Laura Cloutier was awarded the Lenczner Slaght Internship. She shares that one of the primary reasons she chose to attend Schulich Law was the school’s commitment to unselfish public service.

Cloutier’s goals going into her internship were to develop her advocacy skills and to be able to support an organization working to help under-serviced communities in the Halifax Regional Municipality. She found an ideal placement at the Halifax Refugee Clinic, a local organization that provides legal representation for those claiming refugee status in Nova Scotia

“To me, it was important that my summer internship experience worked to fulfill this mandate and help at-risk communities,” says Cloutier. “Prior to attending law school, I volunteered in immigration law supporting applicants seeking asylum, and I knew I wanted to do similar work in Halifax. I wanted to continue to be able to make a positive impact in improving access to justice for refugee claimants and at-risk or other humanitarian-based applicants.”

She also wanted to sharpen her advocacy skills. “Written and oral advocacy is an essential feature of a lawyer’s role, but there are limited opportunities to develop those skills in law school,” she shares. “I wanted to learn about effective tools and strategies for advocating for clients and gain experience practicing those skills.”

In her role, she supported the executive director and staff attorney with case work for refugee claimants and other at-risk or humanitarian-based immigration applicants. Her day-to-day activities consisted of researching case law, preparing immigration applications for clients and developing extensive human rights country condition reports.

Her internship also provided opportunities to work directly with clients, an area where Cloutier felt she had limited experience. “Under the supervision of the staff, I was able to practice working directly with clients to develop their claim narratives as well as prepare them for interviews in the Immigration and Refugee Board. I learned how to manage expectations and ensure that clients understood their rights and obligations pertaining to their immigration case.”

Although there were many memorable moments related to her internship, Cloutier says the highlight of her experience was preparing written submissions for a judicial review going to the Federal Court.

“I had the opportunity to prepare the initial draft on behalf of the staff attorney and my arguments were ultimately used in the filing,” says Cloutier. “It is still surreal to know that as a law student I was able to have my arguments reviewed by a judge, let alone judges at the Federal Court!”

Reflecting on her experience, Cloutier feels she achieved her goals. “The Halifax Refugee Clinic is one of the only organizations in Nova Scotia that offers comprehensive access to legal and settlement services for at-risk migrant communities. My internship with the Clinic affirmed my passion for pro bono work and giving back to my community,” says Cloutier. “The COVID-19 pandemic has exacerbated the delays in an already over-burdened immigration system, so help is needed more than ever to support refugee claimants. Pro bono immigration work will remain an integral part of my practice and I hopefully will be able to start managing my own immigration files as an associate!”

She is also immensely grateful for this opportunity.

“My experience with the Halifax Refugee Clinic has been unforgettable, and it would not have been possible without Lenczner Slaght,” says Cloutier. “As a recipient of the Lenczner Slaght Advocacy Internship Fund, I was able to give back to my community and advocate on behalf of one of the most vulnerable populations in Canada.”

Cloutier will start her third year at Schulich Law this fall.



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BRANDON ROLLE

A HISTORIC DECISION

Law school alum address systemic racism in NS Justice system

BY ALLISON LAWLOR

When lawyer Brandon Rolle ('09) stood before Nova Scotia's highest court last year, he evoked the memory of human rights activist Carrie Best and showed how legalized slavery, an inability to own property and an over-representation in the criminal justice system have negatively affected African Nova Scotians. He knew then that he was part of a significant moment—not only in his own life—but in the lives of other Black people.

Rolle, along with fellow Nova Scotia Legal Aid lawyer, Lee Seshagiri ('06), argued in March 2021 as an intervenor on behalf of the African Nova Scotian Decade for People of African Descent (ANSDPAD) Coalition against an appeal filed by the Crown attorney's office and in the process played a role in a historic decision by the Nova Scotia Court of Appeal in the sentencing of African Nova Scotians.

“There is definitely a shift in the cultural landscape,” says Rolle. “The law is evolving. The courts are acknowledging the role they must play in addressing systemic anti-Black racism and we have to start thinking beyond the sentencing context and take steps to address this much earlier on in the process.”

In their decision, the Appeal Court judges outlined the need for Crown prosecutors and sentencing judges to consider the impact of race and systemic racism on the moral culpability of the accused and upheld the use of Impact of Race and Culture Assessments (IRCA) in criminal sentencing cases whenever a Black person is sentenced in Nova Scotia.

“It may be seen as a landmark decision because of what it recognizes and what it legitimizes,” says Seshagiri. “It recognizes the historic reality of systemic and systematic racism in Nova Scotia’s law and legal systems for a period of centuries. It legitimizes educated, equitable and dignified legal responses to that reality to try to make a positive difference to the people who have lived it.”

In the case *R. v. Anderson*, 2021 NSCA 62, the Crown had appealed the sentencing of a young African Nova Scotian man convicted of multiple weapons-related offences, including possession of a loaded handgun. The judge gave the man a community-based sentence, instead of a two-to-three-year period of incarceration, based on an Impact of Race and Culture Assessment. Extensive psychosocial assessments, IRCAs, are used to provide a court with information about the offender as well as the historic racial discrimination which has impacted them and influenced their interaction with the world and with authority figures, including police.

MOVING THE LAW FORWARD

The first IRCA case, *R. v. “X”*, 2014 NSPC 95 was led by another Nova Scotia Legal Aid lawyer, Christa Thompson (’06) along with social worker Robert Wright. Rolle, and lawyers David Curry (’09) Alex Mackillop (’15) and Jade Pictou (’15)—all connected to the law school’s Indigenous Blacks & Mi’kmaq Initiative—continued to advocate for the use of IRCAs in their cases involving African Nova Scotians.

The Crown appealed the *Anderson* decision in March 2020, under the pretext of “seeking guidance” on how race-based arguments are relevant to sentencing. Seshagiri was working with Nova Scotia Legal Aid’s Criminal Appeals Section and identified *R. v. Anderson* as one with potential to move the law forward on the use of IRCAs. He approached ANSDPAD about collaborating on the case.

“The intervention would not have been successful without the buy-in and support of ANSDPAD, its members and the broader African Nova Scotian community,” says Seshagiri. “The African Nova Scotian community has fought tirelessly for a fairer system of justice and rightfully continues to do so.”

In August 2021, Justice Anne Derrick, on behalf of a five-judge Court of Appeal panel, said inquiring about the systemic issues facing African Nova Scotians could play a role in helping to reduce the levels of incarceration in that community.



LEE SESHAGIRI

ADDRESSING OVERINCARCERATION

African Nova Scotians represent about 2.4 per cent of the province’s population but represented 11.4 per cent of people admitted to remand and 10 per cent of those in custody in 2020-2021.

The justice system is taking important steps to address the overincarceration of Black Canadians but the work is far from done, says Maria Dugas (JD ’15, LLM ’18), an assistant professor at the Schulich School of Law.

“There is only so much IRCAs can do to address anti-Black racism and overincarceration. We need interventions at all stages of our criminal justice system,” says Dugas, who wrote an academic paper on the assessments. “In Nova Scotia, and in other provinces, there is a problem with street checks and over policing of Black communities. IRCAs alone won’t address these issues.”

PIONEERING IRCAs

Wright, an African Nova Scotian social worker and sociologist, is considered the godfather of IRCAs. Having pioneered and delivered the first assessment in the Nova Scotia courts in 2014, he sat under a tree and wept when he read the Court of Appeal decision last year.

“The court so eloquently said that to not consider issues of race in sentencing may institute an error in law in Canada today,” says Wright. “That to me was a monumental shift in the common law in Canada.”

LAW STUDENTS DELVE INTO IRCAs

Michelle Williams, an assistant professor at the Schulich School of Law, served as the ANSDPAD client liaison in the *Anderson* case, working with lawyers Rolle and Seshagiri. She turned to Wright earlier this year to help her deliver a new upper-year intensive course she developed. The course focuses on different topics related to African Nova Scotians and the law and uses a critical race approach to analyze the law's role in creating, sustaining and redressing anti-Black racism.

Just months after the Court of Appeal decision, Williams knew there could not be a better time to focus on IRCAs and help law students dive deep into their origin, why they are needed and how they can shape the law. "The IRCA was one of the most live African Nova Scotian justice issues out there," Williams says.

Wanting to draw on the expertise of those who are playing leading roles in the use of IRCAs, Williams also asked lawyer Rolle, Curry, a Crown attorney and professor Dugas, to lead the intensive course.

"Learning about African Nova Scotian IRCAs is a lens into the critique and concern of the criminal justice system as a whole," says Williams.

The work of carrying out IRCAs is now being done through the new African Nova Scotian Justice Institute (ANSJI). As the institute's interim executive director, Wright is providing training and support for counsellors, mental health and social work professionals conducting IRCAs in Canada. The federal government has committed to funding the implementation of IRCAs across the country. Currently, all the assessments in the province are done by African Nova Scotian mental health clinicians.

"It is a knowledge that belongs to us," says Wright. "It should be thoroughly understood and practiced by us before we release it to others."



MICHELLE WILLIAMS

COMMUNITY GUIDES NEW JUSTICE INSTITUTE

Building on generations of work done by justice advocates in the province, the justice institute was established in 2021 with a \$4.8 million investment from the province. "We have taken on many criminal justice issues," says Williams, a member of the institute's implementation team. She cites the previous work they did advocating for a ban on street checks, which led to the Department of Justice's 2019 decision to partially ban the checks. "We need a dedicated organization to really do this work."

With the institute in its development and implementation phase, more programs and services are being created to address the institutional racism faced by African Nova Scotians when dealing with human rights complaints, the criminal justice system, police and incarceration.

"Community brought forward the idea of an African Justice Institute, so it has to be community led," says Rolle, who is on a two-year secondment from Nova Scotia Legal Aid to be the institute's senior legal counsel. "I am having a lot of conversations with community partners. We want to serve African Nova Scotians."

The province is now working with the institute to develop an African Nova Scotian-led justice strategy. Community consultation sessions are being held across Nova Scotia this year to help develop the plan which will include recommendations to address systemic barriers to the justice system.

When fully developed, the institute will also provide legal research, advocacy and education on issues affecting African Nova Scotian communities. Williams says the institute will have close, formal ties with the Schulich School of Law. "The overall vision of the institute is liberation for African Nova Scotian people, so it is far beyond the criminal justice system."

Wright and his colleagues understand deeply that hundreds of years of anti-Black racism will not get eradicated with one landmark court decision, but that the work they are doing with the justice institute is a critical element in a continuum on the long road to justice.

"My contribution is because of the investments and contributions that have been made in me, and that includes the African Nova Scotian community, the Carrie Bests of the world, the Rocky Jones of the world, the people who have come before me who saw victories in their lives but have not lived to see this victory," says Wright. "It humbles me to be in the chain of those giants."



A DESIRE TO HELP LEADS MEGAN LONGLEY BACK TO DALHOUSIE LEGAL AID SERVICE

Once a student at the Clinic, Longley now joins DLAS as the new Executive Director

BY LOLA AUGUSTINE BROWN

When Megan Longley ('94), Q.C., started at Dalhousie Legal Aid Service (DLAS) as a student, she was still figuring out what she was doing at law school. After graduating from Dalhousie with a biology degree, she had ideas on what she should do next but no definite plan.

"I thought, I'll write the LSAT and see what happens. I was involved in Amnesty International at the time so I figured I'd make use of a law degree saving the world somehow," Longley says. "Then I went to the Clinic and it set the stage for everything I did afterwards."

At DLAS, Longley worked on cases that sparked a love of practicing law, including an appeal of a tenancy board decision in the Supreme Court, and helping a youth court client who lived at a group home. "Rocky Jones was my supervising lawyer on the file. Working with this world-changer was impactful in and of itself, but instead of just calling the youth, we drove to Truro to meet her in person," Longley explains. "Getting to know her helped me see that the criminal trial was just one thing that was going on in that client's life, which was an important lesson for me."

After graduating, Longley articulated at a small firm in Dartmouth and worked there for a few years before moving to a larger firm. Practicing at Nova Scotia Legal Aid was a career goal for Longley, and one day out of the blue a lawyer there called her to say that they had an opening and asked if she would be interested. "I initially said that I wasn't looking for a job and hung up. And then I called them right back and said, yes, what do I need to do?" Longley shares. "Then I walked down the hall and resigned. I didn't even call my partner to tell them. I just did it and it was the best thing."

Longley stayed at Nova Scotia Legal Aid for 22 years, and spent the last five years in the role of CEO. In the fall of 2021, when longstanding DLAS executive director Donna Franey retired, Longley joined the team in the leadership role at the Clinic.

"It felt like my full-circle moment," Longley says. "Being executive director here uses every single skill I've learned in all my years of practice. I'm serving clients directly again, doing administrative duties and also teaching. The energy, freshness and enthusiasm the students bring and the change you see in them over the four months that they are with us is amazing."

Longley says the pandemic has provided challenges as well as the opportunity to rethink how DLAS can serve the community that relies on its services. "We are in our 52nd year so I'll be exploring how we serve clients in the modern world more than looking to change what we do," she says, "What we have here is important and special."

Longley looks forward to continuing to help others. "Sometimes the wins are not that visible since you only see the people who continue to need you as a lawyer. Some days it can feel as though you're not making a difference, then I'll run into someone and they'll tell me that I was their lawyer and show me pictures of the kids that I helped them get back. So you get these unexpected reminders that you are making a difference."

A photograph of a large iceberg floating in dark water. The iceberg has a white, textured top surface and a glowing blue interior. The water is dark, and there are some small pieces of ice floating nearby.

POWERING CHANGE

Schulich Law alumni rise to meet the challenges created by climate change

MARK CAMPBELL

Climate change poses considerable challenges for our world; so does the transition to renewable energy. Issues such as regulatory obligations, justice considerations, financing, landowner leases and community engagement present significant hurdles to create the infrastructure we need to achieve a net zero future. Several Schulich Law alumni are rising to meet these challenges, playing a key role in innovative new green initiatives across Canada and around the world. We talked to some of them to see how they are applying their expertise to power change.

LISA MITCHELL

If environmental lawyer Lisa Mitchell ('91) had her way, she would work herself out of a job.

“Our role as public interest environmental lawyers is to ensure that the public understands the importance of issues such as climate change and have the capacity to make an impact,” she explains. “I don’t see that I’ll reach that stage where I work myself out of a job in the near future, but it is certainly the big picture.”

For more than 30 years, Mitchell has been making progress on climate change in many ways. As a Dalhousie law student, she volunteered with organizations such as Youth '92, a federal government initiative that helped prepare youth around the world for the 1992 United Nations Conference on Environment and Development. As a federal government employee, she contributed to the development of pesticide legislation. And as a sole practitioner, she participated in the development of *Nova Scotia’s Environment Act* and assisted provincial farmers in meeting its requirements.

Through this work, Mitchell connected with East Coast Environmental Law (ECEL), serving as a board member, contract lawyer and, now, executive director and senior lawyer. Founded by Schulich Law professor and associate dean (graduate studies) Meinhard Doelle (LLB '89, JSD '05) and developed by Dalhousie faculty and students, this registered charity plays a crucial role in the development, implementation and enforcement of environmental law in Atlantic Canada. Sometimes, ECEL’s work involves jurisdictional research for proposed laws, giving governments insight as to how other areas of the world have approached environmental issues. Occasionally, it involves legal action, such as a successful 2019 case involving the Nova Scotia provincial government’s violations of its own *Endangered Species Act*. But for the most part, ECEL is focused on community engagement and capacity building.



“Our goal is to share the knowledge and skills we have with others, whether that is members of the public, law students, community groups or environmental organizations,” Mitchell says. “We help them to understand how the law applies to environmental concerns and we work to facilitate their advocacy. Every situation is different and there are many legal tools to consider. Litigation is one, but there are others including restorative justice and law reform. It’s not always simple.”

Nor is sustaining an organization such as ECEL. As the Executive Director, Mitchell is focused on ensuring there is solid funding to continue their vital work and to expand on it by making ECEL’s expertise available to more Atlantic Canadians. That, she says, will require more diversification of ECEL’s board of directors.

“We are an organization that responds to the needs of the communities that we work with,” she says. “My focus is to continue working with our staff, students and our board to improve our ability to understand those needs and to have the capacity to provide the much needed public interest support.”

It is an ambitious vision and one that Mitchell believes is achievable, even in the face of what sometimes seem like insurmountable challenges.

“There is a lot to be concerned about in the world,” she says. “What gives me hope is seeing more public engagement in key environmental issues like climate change and the biodiversity crisis. For example, the current federal government ran on a climate change election platform. That is not something that would have been possible when I started my career. Transformative change takes time, but it is happening, and that’s why we keep doing the work.”



ADEBAYO MAJEKOLAGBE

When the federal government announced its 2030 Emissions Reduction Plan in March 2022, Adebayo Majekolagbe ('18) wondered whether it gave any consideration to the justice implications of this major undertaking.

“Society is increasingly moving toward more ambitious climate change responses, but are we thinking about the impact of those efforts?” he asks. “How do we conduct them so that vulnerable populations in the global south and here do not end up paying the price for climate change? How do we ensure these efforts do not provide fuel for objection and opposition? And how do we ensure that they create learning opportunities for the public?”

These are the questions that Majekolagbe, a Dalhousie sessional lecturer and Schulich School of Law PhD student, is attempting to address through the development of a new clean energy transition framework that takes justice concepts into account. What makes Majekolagbe’s work unique is the fact that the framework adopts the conventional impact assessment process familiar to Canada’s federal and provincial governments and to countries around the world.

“This is a framework that can be used by both public and corporate organizations to analyze transitional projects and policies to ensure that they achieve their objectives and meet justice aims,” he says.

In some ways, the framework Majekolagbe is developing through his PhD studies is the culmination of an interest in climate change that took root while earning his Master of Laws degree at the University of Lagos in 2014. Assigned a paper in an energy law course, he chose renewable energy—an issue largely unexplored in Nigeria, which has an oil-dependent economy—as his topic. It had significant resonance for him: His brother-in-law, a Mobil employee, had provided financial support for his education.

“I thought about how people like him might not be aware of the connection between the work they do, the related emissions and the impact on climate change,” he says. “But I also thought about what would happen to him, his family and to me, if this industry were to be shut down. That’s how I became interested in the justice implications of climate responses.”

Majekolagbe has explored those issues further at Schulich Law, starting with a Master of Laws degree that looked at the development and transfer of environmentally sound technologies in Africa. That led to his current interest and to a journey of discovery to see how countries around the world are managing justice concerns in their own transitions. His assessments of what has worked and where improvements could be made have informed the development of his framework.

“The main challenge is scope because the transition is not just one of energy; it is every area of life from transportation, to buildings, to our behaviours,” he says. “I limited my effort to looking at fossil fuel-dependent economies. That makes the scope narrower, but it is still broad because it encompasses oil, gas and coal.”

Majekolagbe expects to have his thesis completed by early summer and plans to publish chapters in the meantime. “My hope is that my work encourages governments and corporations to fully consider the justice implications of their transitional policies and projects so that we avoid a socio-ecological crisis in the future,” he says. “If I can achieve that, I’ll be satisfied.”



LISA ASBREUK

Energy lawyer Lisa Asbreuk ('06) has accomplished many things in her 15-year career. But she is particularly proud of the wind farms and solar farms in operation across Canada that she had the opportunity to work on.

“Statistically, project development and finance are hard. Many never get to commercial operation,” she explains. “The wind farms we built in Alberta were particularly difficult to finance because there were no purchase contracts in place with government at that time.”

That feat is a testament to both Asbreuk's legal skills and to her lifelong passion for the environment—a passion that inspired her to earn an LLB and certificate in Energy and Environmental Law at Dalhousie. “The law provided a path to accomplish things,” she says. “It is the toolbox I need to get right to work, but it is just one way to have an impact. When you bring together like-minded people with other professional skills, you create teams that know how to build change.”

A partner in Cunningham Swan's Business Law Group, Asbreuk helped build a team that is advising Canadian companies on the successful realization of clean energy projects—everything from corporate and tax structuring, to landowner leases, to transmission and interconnection agreements. For her, the hallmarks of a successful project go beyond completion and environmental considerations to encompass the implications for the host landowner and community.

“For example, does the landowner go on to speak in support of these projects?” she says. “Is the compensation fair to the host? Will revenues help them buy more milk quota or keep the next generation farming? These are some of the reasons why power prices alone do not tell the full story of the benefits of creating cleaner energy.”

Asbreuk's impact extends into the realm of non-profit work. As a Director of Clean Prosperity, a Canadian climate policy organization, she helped advance the carbon pricing system that was implemented by the Canadian government and withstood a Supreme Court of Canada challenge. She is also a Director with the Canadian Renewable Energy Association, which is committed to helping Canada achieve net zero emissions by 2050. That goal will not be without its challenges, but the benefits, particularly the ancillary ones, make it worth pursuing.

“The transition offers a great opportunity across so many fields. There is potential for new graduates, skilled trades, retraining, entrepreneurs, finance,” she says. “There’s so much to be done that we cannot get enough people.”

Asbreuk is taking on that challenge, promoting opportunities at schools and universities. She is also helping companies build storage systems and integrate them into the grid to enable the net zero future she envisions. And she is working to advance and implement practical financing solutions for Canadians to do their part. For example, a property assessed clean energy program that will enable homeowners to secure zero or low-interest financing for energy improvements from municipalities secured against their real property and paid off like property tax assessments annually.

“There's so much interest among people in doing what they can that we can't leave this transition to companies,” she says. “I'd like to help find a way to do it that is more inclusive and democratic.”



MARK DUNNING

Fourteen years after joining Wickwire Holm, Marc Dunning ('07) is impressed to see more general awareness and understanding of environmental issues.

“Everyone is relatively sophisticated now in those areas,” says Dunning, one of the firm's Managing Partners and a member of its Municipal, Environmental, Litigation and Bankruptcy/Insolvency service areas. “Companies have dedicated staff looking at these issues so there is less of an education component for me with clients.”

Dunning's interest in environmental issues began in high school and that inspired him to earn a degree in civil engineering. But the work he did with an environmental consulting firm brought him into the legal realm.

“I was interested in what happens if a consultant makes a mistake,” he explains. “I realized the only way I could really engage with that was to become a lawyer, so I applied to Dalhousie.”

Now, Dunning provides legal counsel on environmental and climate change-related issues—a topic dear to his heart. In some cases, it is property owners seeking advice following an oil spill or a contamination clean-up order. In others, it is municipalities confirming their obligations related to extreme weather events or exploring opportunities to participate in green energy projects.

“In cases like that, the question is typically “Does the municipality have the authority to do this?”” he says.

For example, Dunning was approached by several municipalities after the provincial government issued its Rate Based Procurement request for proposals (RFP). It is aimed at procuring 1,100 MWh of renewable energy, with the successful proponent entering into a long-term power purchase agreement with Nova Scotia Power. The RFP encouraged private industry to partner with municipalities and submit bids, but Dunning determined that the Municipal Government Act did not grant municipalities the authority to do so.

“These are projects that municipalities are interested in pursuing,” he says. “In this case, they would need to go it alone, partner with another municipality or they could go back to the province and request the authority to partner with the private sector. Hopefully, the authority to do that could come out of my work and create opportunities municipalities can take advantage of.”

Dunning is also helping to shape a new generation of environmental lawyers as a Dalhousie instructor and as co-author of *The Law of Climate Change in Canada*, the leading textbook on the topic. Earlier this year he co-delivered an engineering law and ethics course to Dalhousie civil engineering students. The connection to academia is rewarding for him, as is his ongoing work helping municipalities explore renewable energy projects such as green hydrogen—described as the fuel of the future.

“Climate change will continue to be a big issue and one that municipalities will have to deal with,” he says. “My goal is to do what I can to help them accomplish what they want to do, not just through legal advice but also through strategic or practical advice on the impacts of their decisions. That’s what makes me happy.”



SEAN MCDERMOTT

Sean McDermott (’11) breathes a little easier knowing that he is helping to build a major offshore wind farm. He hopes others will breathe a little easier too.

As a managing director for development at Northland Power Inc. in Taiwan, McDermott is supporting the Hai Long project, a 1,044-megawatt offshore wind farm that is expected to start supplying energy in 2025. This undertaking will enable Taiwan to phase out nuclear energy and end its coal-fired power plant activity by 2050.

“The health statistics for people living near coal-fired plants—such as respiratory disease—are terrible,” he says. “Being part of an effort that will make the air more breathable and reduce the impact of climate change through lower greenhouse gas emission is hugely motivating.”

Originally from Halifax, McDermott’s journey to make a difference began while working in China in the early 2000s. He recalls that the pollution was so bad he could feel it all around him. That inspired him to study environmental law at the Schulich School of Law. After graduating, he found an outlet for his passion and expertise at Osler, Hoskin & Harcourt in Toronto, helping clients navigate the intricacies of project financing for renewable energy projects. Northland, one of Canada’s largest independent power producers, was among them. It had invested in offshore wind farms in Europe.

“Northland were exploring other international opportunities and found one in Taiwan,” McDermott recalls. “I had been at Osler for five years and was interested in working outside of a law firm, so I reached out. I became employee number one in Taiwan and in Asia and now Northland has over 80 people in Taiwan and over 100 in Asia.”

Although McDermott is not employed in a legal capacity, he applies his knowledge and training in several ways, contributing to regulatory reviews, government advocacy, contract negotiations and legal arguments in support of new multibillion dollar projects. “I think what I learned most at law school and Osler was the value of analytical thinking and hard work,” he says. “Working as a lawyer is next level in terms of prioritizing and synthesizing huge amounts of information and that is invaluable in finding opportunities, assessing them, securing them and then identifying more.”

Even as the Hai Long wind farm comes to fruition, McDermott is looking ahead to the next project. He sees considerable opportunities for growth in renewable energy around the world, particularly in offshore wind farms. “North America only has one operational wind farm off the east coast of the United States, so the space is still largely untapped,” he says. “Offshore wind can be built at a much larger scale than onshore wind and solar and it can operate for decades once operational. It’s a fantastic source of renewable energy.”

For those reasons, McDermott predicts that a wind farm project is inevitable along Canada’s east coast. When that happens, he would like himself and Northland Power to be part of it. It would be a lovely way to continue what he says is the ideal job back in Nova Scotia. “I never envisioned anything like it when I was a Dalhousie student,” he says. “I didn’t know how valuable everything I was learning would be in doing what I do, but it was.”



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CRIMINAL JUSTICE AT SCHULICH LAW

Law school launches the first Criminal Justice Certificate for JD students in the country

BY JOEL GUERIN/STEPHANIE HURLEY

In the fall of 2020, the Schulich School of Law launched a Criminal Justice Certificate for Juris Doctor (JD) students, the first and only certificate of its kind offered in the country. Since the program's inception, 17 students have earned the certificate and 11 students are anticipated to graduate with the certificate in the coming academic year.

Schulich Law offers a wealth of experience in criminal justice with nine current faculty members specializing in this area and many others with an intersection. One of these experts, Professor Adelina Iftene, has been a driving force behind creating the certificate.



PROFESSOR ADELINA IFTENE

segregation and colonialism in Nova Scotia through the Indigenous Blacks & Mi'kmaq (IB&M) Initiative, which was created in 1989 in response to the recommendations of the Marshall Commission, community advocacy and faculty leadership. Students will learn how criminal justice can be used as a tool for change rather than a tool of oppression.

In conjunction with the certificate, the law school has focused on building a hub through its Criminal Justice Coalition—a community of individuals who are passionate about the field of criminal law. The Coalition provides a supportive and inclusive environment to create connections between students, faculty, alumni and the criminal justice community at large; to advance criminal justice career opportunities and career development; and to uphold the Weldon Tradition of unselfish public service in the area of criminal justice.

The Criminal Justice Coalition hosts a speaker series to get students engaged in interesting criminal law topics. Over the past year, they have organized eight different events from panels to fundraisers. This work is open to any student with a criminal justice interest, not just those working towards the certificate.

Allison Hearn ('22) served as the President of the Dalhousie Criminal Law Students' Association for the past academic year. She graduated in May and will miss collaborating with Professor Iftene on the Coalition.

"I have had the utmost honour of working for Professor Iftene as a Research Assistant since the end of 1L, and through her, I have learned a passion for criminal law that I could not have previously imagined," says Hearn. "She has taught me how to write better, research better, advocate better and to truly believe in myself. So much of what I will do, and have done, is because of her guidance. I feel so lucky to have met her."

Iftene says she would like to thank alumni who have contributed to the criminal justice community at Schulich Law and helped bring visibility to the certificate. She would also like to encourage more alum to join them in their future work.

"We encourage alumni who specialize in this area to join our criminal justice community," says Iftene. "We would love for you to share your expertise with our students!"

The Schulich Law experience is steeped in the Weldon Tradition of unselfish public service, which shapes the social justice orientation of the law faculty. The school continues to play a role in addressing the legacy of slavery,

"Criminal justice is a highly specialized area," says Iftene. "The certificate is about more than just pure academic excellence. It will involve intense exposure over three years. It's important for future employers to know that our students are learning from world renowned experts and are part of a thriving criminal justice community at Schulich Law."

The certificate provides a broad, practical and well-rounded educational experience for students studying criminal justice. The course offerings include both large and small group classes that combine lectures, discussions and active learning techniques. Students are also trained in trial and appellate advocacy skills, in-depth approaches to advanced concepts and have substantial opportunities for experiential and clinical learning.

Criminal Justice at Schulich Law acknowledges the importance of substantive and procedural criminal law and also recognizes that criminal justice interacts in a variety of ways with society and individuals. The faculty's research and teaching looks at what influences criminal justice, and who criminal justice affects, while being alert to alternatives that may be better suited to respond to factors that influence crime.

The certificate also focuses on the impacts the criminal justice system has on marginalized communities and individuals, both as victims and perpetrators. Criminal justice must be understood in a social justice context. It goes beyond enforcing the law to examine the factors behind why crimes happen.

SCHULICH LAW GRAD USES LEGAL EXPERTISE TO HELP FELLOW UKRAINIANS FLEE WAR

Igor Yushchenko has worked to expedite immigration to Canada for Ukrainian refugees

BY LOLA AUGUSTINE BROWN

When Russia invaded Ukraine in late February 2022, Halifax lawyer and Schulich Law grad, Igor Yushchenko ('12) watched in horror as events played out on TV news. "You don't expect this to happen, and then this situation is affecting your relatives, your home," Yushchenko says. He managed to bring his parents to Canada, but much of his extended family, including his grandfather who is too old to make the journey, are still in Ukraine. "We have no idea who is winning or who's losing," he says. "We are fighting against one of the most powerful enemies in the world."

In the time since the invasion, Yushchenko and fellow Halifax-based Ukrainian lawyer Jason Woycheshyn have worked with the Canadian government to create a program to expedite Ukrainian immigration. It was important that Ukrainians be able to come not as refugees—a slow process that requires applying once you are outside of your home county—but instead be allowed to apply through a new "accelerated temporary residence pathway" that allows them to stay in Canada for up to three years.

This special immigration stream recognizes that Ukrainians may not be able to access the documents usually required for immigrating. "To come to Canada, you need to provide fingerprints. Right now, to get an appointment to do that in Ukraine takes two to three months," Yushchenko explains. "My dad was asked to provide a letter from the military and a police check, but it is wartime. These documents are impossible to obtain. Now upon request, the Canadian government can waive this requirement." Yushchenko, Woycheshyn and other lawyers who have since joined them to help are spending much of their time fielding calls from and helping Ukrainians get their paperwork in order to fulfil these new requirements.

Every day, Yushchenko helps Ukrainians (three or four different people a day, he estimates) apply through the expedited program. It is just one part of the work he is doing. He is also helping these displaced people find employment and accommodations when they arrive.

As awareness rises, more people have offered help with this, and many of them are from Dalhousie's legal community. "One retired lawyer in Chester, for example, reached out and told me that if there were Ukrainians in need coming to Nova Scotia, he had somewhere that they could live," Yushchenko says.



"So many others have reached out to offer shelter and other supports. It has reminded me of the sense of community I felt when studying at Dalhousie."

There was a time after graduating when Yushchenko was unsure that he would find his place in Canada. He wanted to stay here and gather Canadian experience, but spent months sending out resumes to law firms looking to article with them to no avail. "Several Canadians told me that as an immigrant, I would never become a lawyer in Canada," Yushchenko explains. This was shocking, as he had never been made to feel any different throughout his studies here. "I sent letters to half the law firms in Canada, even in the Yukon, but received no reply," he says.

When leaving an appointment with an employment counsellor at the Immigrant Services Association of Nova Scotia (ISANS), he approached a man whom he assumed to be a lawyer ("he was wearing a suit") and took a chance. The man was fellow Dal alum Wayne Bacchus (LLD '99) and Yushchenko handed him a resume. "He [Bacchus] said, you graduated from Dalhousie? Let me review your CV and I'll give you a call," Yushchenko explains. Bacchus offered Yushchenko a job and became his mentor. Yushchenko stayed at Bacchus Law for almost seven years, first as a researcher, then articling, then as a lawyer and barrister. In 2019, Yushchenko started his law firm in Halifax, IY Law.

Most of Yushchenko's time is dedicated to helping Ukrainians. He says that he can cope with the financial impact this will have on his law firm. "It wasn't as though I could be 100 per cent productive seeing that the cities my family lives in are under attack," he says, "The Ukrainian people are showing such strength, I had to do this."

GRADUATE ALUMNI PROFILE

JUSTICE ROSEMARY NATION

BY ALLISON LAWLOR

When Justice Rosemary Nation (’79) sheds her judicial robes, it will likely be to put on a pair of hiking boots or climbing skins to explore the wilderness near her home in Calgary.

Her love of the Rocky Mountains and the development pressures she witnessed around Lake Louise, AB, in the late ’70s led her to do a Master of Laws (LLM) degree at the Schulich School of Law.

“I was really interested in, how to preserve those lands for future generations,” said Justice Nation, a judge of the Alberta Court of Queen’s Bench. “It wasn’t as sexy to be doing environmental work in the ’70s as it is today. A lot of it was letter-writing campaigns.”

At the time, Justice Nation volunteered with the National and Provincial Parks Association of Canada, now called Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society (CPAWS). Formed in 1963, the society focused on revitalizing the country’s appreciation for wilderness parks. Justice Nation’s own appreciation for the outdoors had developed through her adventures as a Girl Guide.

She moved across the country to attend Dalhousie University, lured by a Killam Scholarship and the chance to study environmental law with William Charles (’58), a former dean of the law school and Barry Stuart, a retired chief justice of the Yukon Territorial Court. For her thesis, she investigated aspects of the Canada National Parks Act and development applications, as well as routes for establishing national parks.

After completing her LLM, she returned to Calgary to join Burnet, Duckworth & Palmer, the firm where she articulated after completing her law degree at the University of Alberta in 1976. While articling, she had worked alongside a dozen lawyers; after her return from Halifax, she became one of about 40 lawyers at the fast-growing firm. She remembers the ’70s as a time of unprecedented growth in Calgary. As oil prices soared so too did the city’s population and skyline. Outside of her legal practice, Justice Nation held executive positions in the Calgary chapter of CPAWS until the late 1980s when the eldest of her two sons was born.

Pursuing a LLM degree not only allowed Justice Nation to explore environmental law, but it also clarified that she didn’t want to teach—an idea she considered—and instead, cemented her desire to pursue a legal practice focused on litigation, family law and insurance defense work. When she was federally appointed to the Alberta Court of Queen’s Bench in 1997, she was a partner at Burnet, Duckworth & Palmer and one of Calgary’s top female litigation lawyers; a lawyer known for her thoroughness and deep understanding of the intricate details of each case.

“When I was in law school people said to me that as a woman you will have to work twice as hard to get half the recognition,” she said. “As women lawyers in the late ’70s, we all had a pressure on us that we had to work hard to succeed. We knew that we were being



watched. And we knew we had been given a lot of opportunity and we needed to open doors for other people.”

Born in England, Justice Nation grew up in Calgary, the daughter of immigrant parents. Having skipped a grade in elementary school, she was 19 years old when she entered law school. After graduating in a class made up of only 15 per cent women, she decided to take a year off and explore the world outside Alberta. She set off for Nigeria where she spent time volunteering with Crossroads International, a Canadian development organization.

“I was interested in how there could be such inequalities in the world and being young and naïve I thought there should be an easy answer,” she said.

Living in Africa and helping in a physiotherapy clinic for children with polio was an invaluable experience. “It was a great opportunity to see a completely different society.”

Throughout her notable legal career, she has maintained a desire to help those less fortunate. Early in the COVID-19 pandemic, she organized a fundraiser that involved cloth face masks made by a local business from recycled judicial robes. The masks incorporated the black, red and white sections of the robes. More than 40 judges took part and raised \$97,900 for local charities.

Now with supernumerary status, Justice Nation plans to retire from the Bench in the next few years. Once the constraints of being a judge lift, she expects to expand her voluntary work. She currently volunteers with the International Association of Women Judges which is helping to settle 26 female judges and their families who fled from Afghanistan after the Taliban takeover. The Canadian government has agreed to relocate them to Canada.

Justice Nation is also interested in projects that will help more Indigenous students pursue a law degree, whether they have the goal of practicing law or want to obtain valuable legal training as a path to leadership in another profession.

“When I look at my own experience, I think that there is a real value for people in a minority group to have legal training,” she said. “The Indigenous community faces many, many challenges. They need to come up with their own ideas and solutions and we need to mentor them and support them and not stand in their way.”

YOUNG ALUMNI PROFILE

HOUSTON BARNABY

BY ALLISON LAWLOR

Houston Barnaby ('19) is moving truth and reconciliation forward—thanks in large part to his law degree. “I have to be the change I want to see in the world,” Barnaby shares passionately.

Last year, Barnaby and his business partner, Corey Mattie, formed Indigenous Treaty Partners, a Halifax-based company that provides cultural training to businesses and helps companies build relationships and develop projects with Indigenous partners.

“Our framework is truth and reconciliation,” said Barnaby, who is from the Listuguj Mi'gmaq First Nation in Quebec. “We’re trying to build a better future for all human beings, through openness and love and collaboration.”

Barnaby arrived at the Schulich School of Law after attending the business program at St. Francis Xavier University, with a dream of making a mark in the corporate world. By the time he graduated with his law degree, he realized that his soul searching had not only deepened his understanding of himself and his past, but it had also changed his plans.

“I mourned,” he said. “I had to come to terms with the loss of culture, a loss of a natural way of being, a loss of language and of all the rich history that is included in language. I had to make peace with that because being at peace is something that I was looking for.”

He felt drawn to helping the Mi'kmaq move toward a more just future and educating Canadians about what it means to be Indigenous in our country. “Someday I hope to help my community [Listuguj] in terms of leadership, whether I am a chief or whether I am a band manager.”

Growing up in a small Mi'kmaw community across the Restigouche River from Campbellton, NB, Barnaby remembers as a young boy taking part in a logging protest with his family to fight for a fair share of the resources on their land. He also remembers June 11th as an important day for gathering in his community. Each year, the Migwite'tm commemoration takes place to mark the day in 1981 when police raided the community to stop salmon fishing. On that day, provincial police officers descended, arresting and injuring dozens of fishermen under order from then Quebec premier René Lévesque.

Those early experiences strengthened Barnaby's resolve to work for Indigenous rights and cemented his desire that he wanted to “... join the fight where the fight really took place.” His parents instilled in him a belief that he could continue his education and become a lawyer if he wanted. Growing up, he watched his father navigate band politics as a councillor and his mother succeed as a small business owner who ran several local businesses, including a grocery store. Initially, Barnaby thought his route to success would be through the corporate world. But after entering law school



and spending the summer of 2018 working with TD Securities in Toronto, he realized that while the experience was fun, it wasn't the life he was looking for.

In March 2019, he found himself at a crossroads. He was on the verge of completing his law degree when he received a call from Angela Simmonds, now the Nova Scotia Liberal MLA for Preston. They had met through the law school's Indigenous Blacks & Mi'kmaq Initiative. Simmonds suggested he apply for an articling position with Kwilmu'kw Maw-klusuaqn, an organization working on behalf of the Mi'kmaq of Nova Scotia.

Barnaby got the position and stayed on to work as a full-time governance researcher with the organization that is in talks with the provincial and federal government on how Nova Scotia's Mi'kmaq will implement their Treaty Rights, as provided in the covenant chain of Treaties signed in the 1700s.

Even though he is not practicing traditional law, he is grateful for his degree. “A law degree is almost a stamp of approval,” he said. The rigor of the program also taught him invaluable time management, research and writing skills. “We can become experts at anything,” he said. “Law school taught me that I can learn. I learned how to learn.”

Outside of his work with Kwilmu'kw Maw-klusuaqn, Barnaby is building his own business. Recently, Indigenous Treaty Partners joined with a Halifax-based consulting company to respond to calls for proposals from across Canada to develop reconciliation education frameworks and awareness training for municipalities and organizations.

Believing in the importance of cultivating future generations of Indigenous leaders, Barnaby is also committed to helping young people pursue their education or build their own businesses. Indigenous Treaty Partners, in partnership with Ulnooweg Indigenous Communities Foundation, created a scholarship fund which he believes is a step toward creating a clearer path for young professionals to enter a workplace that reflects more Indigenous practices and perspectives.

“I am championing true justice, justice based on the truth,” he said.

DONOR PROFILE

DUGALD CHRISTIE

The Class of '66 continue to raise funds to provide student support in memory of their late classmate

BY CONNOR SIMPSON

When Dugald Christie ('66) promised to pick up Noella Fisher to take her to one of the law school dances, he did not say how they would get there. He typically had a “fleet,” as his classmates liked to call it: a car, a motorcycle and his trusty bicycle. Christie was an avid cyclist his entire life. The Montreal-native was “quite a character,” Fisher shares. “I was afraid he might show up with the motorcycle or the bike to pick me up,” she says. “He thankfully brought the car.”

Fisher remembers a great deal about their law school days. It seems fitting, then, that she settled into a role as the “glue that keeps it together” for her class, serving as somewhat of a steward for the Class of '66 Dugald Christie Award. The award was named for their classmate who died in a cycling accident in 2006, while on a cross-country bike trip to the annual Canadian Bar Association meeting in Newfoundland.

Christie had settled in Vancouver, British Columbia after graduation. He opened an advocacy office out of a Salvation Army basement, providing and lobbying for additional legal access to the disenfranchised. He worked tirelessly to provide access to legal services for all and was often heard encouraging other lawyers to take on more pro bono work. The class was close before Christie's death, and were waiting for him on “The Rock” during his bike trip, where they planned to have a reunion with him upon his arrival.

The following year, in 2007, the fund was established in Christie's name on behalf of the entire class. It was Sanford Cohen's idea—Christie's old roommate at Dalhousie and a past Bertha Wilson Honour Society inductee. Cohen used to ride on the back of Christie's motorcycle to school. Richard “Dick” Thompson took it over the finish line and signed the papers for the award. As everyone remembers, Peter Green helped out, too.



DUGALD CHRISTIE

The recipient of the award must demonstrate financial need, must be enrolled in the Dalhousie Legal Aid Clinic and be involved in their community. They are criteria that Christie would have appreciated and were in keeping with his values as a lawyer.

To date, the fund has supported 15 students through the bursary. The effects of Christie and his classmates' efforts are felt across the country, as more recipients graduate and begin their careers. The class remains close to this day, with Fisher at the centre of it all.

“I've stayed in touch and send out little emails now and then if any of the class members are doing anything particular or are sick or that kind of thing,” says Fisher. “I'm retired now. It's kind of nice and fun to keep in touch with everybody. Everyone enjoys it, so everyone wins.”

She hopes that, as time passes, more classmates pitch in so that the fund can continue long after they're all gone. The email list is getting shorter and shorter, though, and there are fewer classmates to attend the reunions. “That's the age group we're in now,” adds Fisher. “We're lucky to be here!”

This fall will welcome a joint 55th and 56th year reunion for the class of '66, making up for lost time due to the pandemic. They will be sure to have even more memories to share and reminisce about.

DONOR PROFILE

KENDRICK DOUGLAS

Kendrick Douglas established the Benson T. Douglas prize to honour his father's legacy

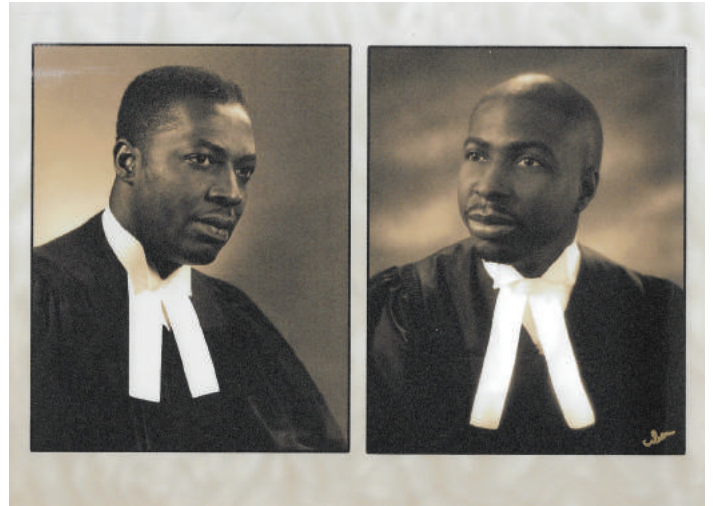
BY CONNOR SIMPSON

While most kids simply ask their parents for things and receive a yes or no answer, it is not always that easy when your father is a lawyer. When Kendrick Douglas ('02) oldest daughter asks her dad for something, he challenges her to convince him why he should say yes. "When she's looking for things, I say OK, make your argument," he shares, knowing she also wants to attend the Schulich School of Law.

He knows her struggle. His father, Benson T. Douglas ('54), was also a Dalhousie Law graduate. He was elected class valedictorian and received the Smith Shield and the Angus L. MacDonald Prize for Oratory and is often remembered as a "legal genius," according to his kids. All of these accomplishments, of course, were achieved as a Black student in the 1950s—something that certainly wasn't easy. Which is why, according to Kendrick, he and his siblings decided their father needed to be remembered.

Therefore, Kendrick set up the Benson T. Douglas prize to honour his father's legacy. The prize will be awarded to a second or third year BIPOC student starting in the fall of 2022. His dad passed away in 1975 in Grenada, where he worked for the government and served on the Bench. Kendrick, who was eight years old at the time, grew up in Whitney Pier, Cape Breton, under the watch of his mother, Clotilda Adessa Douglas-Yakimchuk, a recipient of the Order of Canada and the Order of Nova Scotia.

The recipient of the award must show that they are an active part of their community, a fitting tribute to Kendrick's father, who cared deeply about social justice "He was always one who wanted to include others," Kendrick said. He and his siblings remember their dad as a voracious reader. "He was always reading, always had a book and was always thinking of ways to improve the community and those around us." Kendrick and his siblings remember their father as a witty, humorous, man of integrity.



BENSON T. DOUGLAS, KENDRICK DOUGLAS

For Kendrick, becoming a lawyer was not his only option. He nearly played professional hockey, but after talking with his mother about the pros and cons of both paths, he opted to follow in his father's footsteps and enroll at Dalhousie. For one thing, on the ice, Kendrick experienced a lot of racial abuse. "The first time I heard the n-word was when I was probably seven or eight years old playing hockey," Kendrick said. "I can recall it plain as day. It was the opposing team and I never forgot it. I had it at every other level after that."

Experiences like that made the decision to go to law school easier. He looks back at his time at Dal as the best educational experience of his life. He cherishes the skills law school gave him. "Simply because it teaches you how to identify, dissect and resolve things. Those three pillars have become everyday life," he said.

Kendrick remains active in the hockey community through organizations like the Bauer First Shift Program and the Society for Equity in Sport. He is organizing a summit on diversity at the rink in Halifax this summer and hosting Anson Carter, a Barbadian-Canadian former NHL player as one of the keynote speakers.

This is all in Kendrick's downtime from his duties as general counsel at the Human Rights Commission and being a father. The apple does not seem to fall far from the tree in this case, where Kendrick continues to serve his community, family and the law.

DONOR PROFILE

RAY WAGNER

Wagners Law donates \$250,000 in support of the Restorative Research, Innovation and Education Lab

BY CONNOR SIMPSON

Ray Wagner (79) opened his personal injury law firm in 1982. He remembers the biggest expense at the time was a typewriter. Although much has changed over the last four decades, he understands the value of learning new ways to practice law. In fact, his firm recently donated \$250,000 towards the opening of the Restorative Research, Innovation and Education Lab, matching contributions from The Donald R. Sobey Foundation and the Bank of Montreal (BMO).

Thanks to the generosity of these donors, the Restorative Lab now has a dedicated facility located in the Medjuck building on Dalhousie's Sexton campus. The space has three main rooms: the Co-Lab room, a space for researchers and visiting fellows to work in; a facilitation room, an adaptable space where groups come together for mediated restorative sessions; and the design room, where workers experiment with new applications for restorative approaches. The goal for the space is to facilitate researchers and legal experts as they navigate the investigation and application of new restorative justice approaches for years to come.

Wagner first started working with Professor Jennifer Llewellyn, Director of the Restorative Lab and Chair in Restorative Justice, when his firm took on a class action suit for victims of the Nova Scotia Home for Colored Children in 2011. With a restorative approach, lawyers incorporate meetings between both sides, provide victims space to express themselves and assess measures to move forward that hold the perpetrators accountable for their actions. It was a new approach for Wagner.



RAY WAGNER

“It takes a while to absorb it,” he said. “I always thought that restorative justice and the compensatory component were separate. Over time, Professor Llewellyn convinced me that they’re one in the same. Really, one can’t be done without the other. They come hand in hand.”

Wagner immediately saw the positive effects a restorative approach can have on clients. “The outcome was fantastic,” he said. “People were very empowered. They opened their own businesses, established stronger interpersonal relationships, were able to move on with their lives and received some financial resources to help them do that.” Wagner now tries to incorporate a restorative approach into all his class action cases.

“With Restorative Justice, the goal is to make sure the problem does not recur,” he says. “You remove the circumstance where people must be silent about their abuse. It has great value in the civil justice system.”

Wagner hopes governments and corporations will start incorporating restorative approaches to conflicts at all levels. He says this approach can save businesses and governments money and time by ensuring fewer people experience hardship. It allows everyone to move forward.

Now that the new Restorative Lab is up and running, Wagner can see his donation is affecting real change in the same way his practice does.

“Jennifer is wonderful to work with and she’s full of enthusiasm. I think the law school is lucky to have somebody who is as well-resourced as she is and so passionate about what she does. She is articulate and internationally renowned,” he says. “I lean on her all the time. And I encourage others to find opportunities to use restorative justice and to learn what it really means.”

DONOR PROFILE

SCOTIABANK

National Scholarship Program aims to increase the number of students from marginalized communities studying law

BY SARAH MACDONALD

The year 2020 was significant for many reasons. One of which was the many social movements to come to the forefront in Canada and around the world. With the spotlight on social inequities, including the Black Lives Matter movement, the Scotiabank National Scholarship Program was created.

As the Senior Vice President, Atlantic Region, David Noel explains, “Scotiabank is committed to building a stronger and more inclusive society for everybody. We developed a first-in-Canada scholarship program to increase the number of students from our marginalized communities pursuing a career in the legal profession. Our aim is to promote economic resilience, reduce barriers and increase access to educational opportunities.”

The program awards one Schulich Law student a \$10,000 scholarship, renewable annually for their three-year law degree, for a total of \$30,000 in support. In 2021, Keesha Ryan was named the first recipient of the Scotiabank National Scholarship program.

“This support from Scotiabank is beyond imaginable,” says Ryan. “Both of my parents received college diplomas but put an emphasis on me and my siblings pursuing our goals to receive a full university degree and continuing to pursue professional higher education. This scholarship helps ease the financial burden of law school, allowing me to focus more on my academics. This program also provides internships with organizations seeking to eliminate racism and discrimination in the legal sector.”

Ryan, now a second-year Indigenous Blacks & Mi’kmaq (IB&M) Initiative student from Prince Edward Island, comes from a biracial family. “My family is the true essence of “Black Islanders” and to this day continue to face racial discrimination. As one of the first members of my immediate family to graduate from university, I plan to use my education to face these injustices,” says Ryan.



SCOTIABANK SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT, ANALIA SILVEIRA

“Throughout my legal career I plan to use a critical race or race-conscious frame of analysis to guide my work as a practicing lawyer.”

This past year, the second recipient of the scholarship, Analia Silveira, was awarded the honour. “It’s honestly been kind of life changing,” Silveira shares. “I’m so incredibly grateful.” When she applied to the Schulich School of Law and was offered the scholarship, she “felt heard and appreciated.” She says it is the reason she was able to pursue law school.

Silveira was born in Canada and she, along with her three siblings, are the children of newcomers. She describes her family as working class, supportive people, who are with her every step of the way.

“I’m the first person to graduate from university in my family. I’ve been financially independent since I was 18, so financial supports are life changing,” she says. “It’s important to recognize that these scholarships are required for our legal sector to be the best it can be and represent the intelligent young people across the country.”

In addition to the financial support provided, Silveira’s summer plans include working at Scotiabank as a law student with their In-House Counsel out of the Toronto office.

It is clear that this program is having a transformative impact on law students. “After reading the reports from students, I am excited and confident that the next generation of legal professionals will have a more diverse voice and presence,” says Noel. “As a result of this partnership, we can create more inclusive and resilient communities.”

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Professor **NAYHA ACHARYA** teaches Civil Procedure, Alternative Dispute Resolution, Legal Professionalism and Ethics. Her current research focuses are legitimacy of civil litigation procedures and alternative dispute resolution, particularly mediation. She is exploring inter-disciplinary and inter-cultural linkages between philosophical counseling and its potential impact on mediation theory and practice. She also has an interest in legal pedagogy and has written and presented in this area, focusing on holistic teaching and learning in higher education. Nayha has begun conducting workshops for non-profit organizations on conflict resolution and transformation.



Professor Emeritus **BRUCE ARCHIBALD** is trying to keep his hand in a bit. Last fall he participated in a panel on labour arbitration for Professor Acharya's Alternative Dispute Resolution class. He is currently co-reading papers for Professor McHugh-Russell's course in Labour Law Problems. He is involved in the supervision of an LLM student in work on public sector labour relations, focusing on collective bargaining with teachers. He is also involved with Professor Andrew Martin in a research project on prosecutorial independence and public sector labour relations, using the 2019 strike by lawyers in the Nova Scotia Public Prosecution Service as a case study.



Professor **KIM BROOKS** enjoyed being back in the classroom in person this year—at least some of the time! Among the list of fun other things she's been up to, this year she co-hosted a virtual conference with academics and policy-makers from around the world focused on how we can encourage inter-country tax arrangement that better facilitate the revenue aspirations of middle and low income countries.



Dean **CAMILLE CAMERON** continued to work with everyone to meet the challenges of the pandemic. She also published an article with her former Schulich Law research assistant and now lawyer, Riley Weyman, on climate change litigation. She is working on another project now on a related topic with Riley and current Schulich Law student Ronny Bao. She is happy that we were finally able to gather in person to celebrate the graduation of the Class of 2022.



During the course of the academic year, Professor **ALDO CHIRCOP** completed two major research reports. The first was *Port State Jurisdiction and the Decarbonization of International Shipping: A Study of the Jurisdictional Aspects of Proposed European Union Measures*, commissioned by the World Shipping Council in Washington, DC. The second was *A Legal Perspective on Exhaust Gas Cleaning Systems in Canadian Arctic Waters*, commissioned by WWF-Canada in support of their work at the International Maritime Organization in London.



Professor **STEVE COUGHLAN** once again taught nothing but courses with “criminal” in their name, using the new 15th edition of his co-authored *Learning Canadian Criminal Law* for the first-year course. He gave an online presentation to judges about the impact of technology on privacy through the National Judicial Institute, and received funding from the Canadian Foundation for Legal Research towards a project entitled *What We Still Don't Know After 40 Years of the Charter*.



Professor **ELAINE CRAIG** taught a wonderful group of constitutional law students in the fall of 2021 and is on sabbatical from January 2022 to July 2022. Her current research project involves a study of the relationship between sexualized violence, legal systems and the mass consumption of digital pornography.



Professor **ROB CURRIE** has continued his work on the nexus between international law and criminal law, in Canada and globally. His fall 2021 sabbatical was spent editing a collection of papers entitled *Transnational and Cross-Border Criminal Law: Canadian Perspectives*, which will be published by Irwin Law late in 2022. He also recently became a member of the Canadian Task Force Against Global Corruption, which is advocating for the establishment of an international court to prosecute grand corruption cases.



MICHAEL DETURBIDE was on sabbatical during the 2021-2022 academic year. As the Purdy Crawford Chair in Business Law, he hosted an online discussion with Peter Dey, co-author of the Dey-Kaplan Report that establishes a new set of governance guidelines for the 21st century; and counselled students in the law school's Business Law Certificate program. He also organized, hosted, and participated in an international online academic conference, *Decoding Cryptocurrencies*. Research papers from this conference will be published in an upcoming issue of the *Canadian Journal of Law and Technology*.



After a one-year term as Acting Dean, Professor **RICHARD DEVLIN** resumed his teaching responsibilities in: Contracts and Judicial Decision-Making, Introduction to Legal Ethics, Aboriginal and Indigenous Law in Context, and the Graduate Seminar. He received the Hanna and Harold Barnett Award for Excellence in Teaching First Year Law. He worked on two books that were published this past year, *Disciplining Judges: Contemporary Challenges and Controversies* (co-edited with Professor Wildeman) and *Lawyers' Ethics and Professional Regulation* 4th ed, (co-edited with Justice Woolley and Senator Cotter). He continues to collaborate with the National Judicial Institute, with a focus on the *Revised Ethical Principles for Judges*, and is a member of the Executive of the Canadian Association of Law Teachers, and Chair of the Board of the Canadian Association for Legal Ethics.



Professor **MEINHARD DOELLE** continues to serve on the Technical Advisory Committee to the *Canadian Impact Assessment Agency* on the implementation of the new *Impact Assessment Act*. The committee has transitioned from advising on policy and guidance for the effective implementation of the new Act to considering shortcomings and ways to address them. Together with Professor Seck, he published an edited volume on *Loss & Damage from Climate Change*, which involved world leading experts considering the readiness of a range of international and domestic legal systems to fairly deal with loss and damage claims.



Professor **JOCELYN DOWNIE** co-taught the seminar *Law and Public Policy in Practice* (with Laurel Broten) and had the opportunity to do a deep dive into the evolution of medical assistance in dying in Canada through the capstone intensive “Case Studies in Public Policy and Law.” She continued her research and advocacy on various aspects of medical assistance in dying but also, expanding horizons, was on the team that drafted an intervention in the case of Caster Semenya in the European Court of Human Rights challenging the World Athletics regulations targeting female athletes with differences of sexual development.



Professor **MARIA DUGAS** taught *Legal Research and Writing, Torts, Copyright Law, and Special Topics in African Nova Scotians and the Law: Impact of Race and Cultural Assessments* alongside Professor Williams. Her research is focused on Critical Race Theory. She is currently working on a project on anti-Black racism in elite track and field and has received a Dalhousie Belong Fellowship for upcoming research addressing anti-Black racism in Child Welfare in Nova Scotia. She continues to present to various legal audiences on anti-Black racism in the criminal justice system.



Professor **SUZIE DUNN** had the pleasure of teaching *Contracts Law, Law and Technology and Intellectual Property II*. She coached the Harold G. Fox Intellectual Property moot team, which won the overall moot as well as the prize for best oral advocate. She was a co-applicant on two successful research grants (Research Nova Scotia & SSHRC Insight) that will examine people’s experiences with technology-facilitated sexual violence, including legal responses to those harms. She co-organized a conference, *Tackling Technology-facilitated Violence*, that resulted in a special edition in the *Canadian Journal of Law and Technology*.



Professor **ELAINE GIBSON** has been working on projects related to COVID-19 digital surveillance, the need for provinces to act following passage of the federal *Genetic Non-Discrimination Act* and the duty to protect in relation to judicial discipline bodies receiving threats of harm to others or to self following a judge’s decision in a family law matter. Her course in Public Health Law has generated a great deal of interest on the part of students as a result of the current pandemic.



Professor **LUCIE GUIBAULT** took over the helm as Associate Dean, Academic in January 2021 and as Director of the Law and Technology Institute. Besides fulfilling her administrative functions, Lucie teaches Intellectual Property Law and continues her collaborative work on copyright and text and data mining with the colleagues of the American University. This spring she was awarded a research contract from the Canadian Government on Plant Breeders’ Rights and the Farmer’s Privilege.



The inaugural offering of the online Healthcare Law Certificate for non-lawyers developed and partially taught by Professor **MICHAEL HADSKIS** was a great success. Individuals involved in Canadian healthcare delivery can obtain the certificate by completing three, three credit graduate-level courses covering a wide variety of legal issues related to the healthcare context. This year, healthcare professionals from various parts of Canada participated in the program.



Awarded a “Chair in Applied Public Health” by the Canadian Institutes of Health Research and the Public Health Agency in Canada in January 2022, Professor **MATTHEW HERDER** started a six-year project examining how infectious disease related innovation is governed. The core aim of the work is to help develop and scale up new approaches to drug and vaccine development that have emerged during COVID-19 in order to improve access to those interventions in the Global South.



During the last year Professor **ADELINA IFTENE** taught evidence, criminal law and imprisonment and prison policy. She published on the impact of COVID-19 in NS prisons, on the *R. v. Bissonette* decision, and co-wrote the Annual Review of Criminal Law 2021 with colleagues Steve Coughlan and Rob Currie. Currently she is working on a larger sentencing reform project. Adelina has been coordinating the Criminal Justice program at Schulich Law, now in its second year of existence. She also served as the Associate Director of the Health Law Institute.



Professor **COLIN JACKSON** continued to research and write on topics related to accessibility in the tax system and about legal education, as well as teaching courses in tax and commercial law.



Professor **ARCHIE KAISER** continues enjoying his law school classes in Criminal Law, Criminal Procedure and Mental Disability Law: Civil and Criminal, as well as Legal Issues in Psychiatry in the Department of Psychiatry. He serves as an advisor for People First Nova Scotia, a self-advocacy group for persons labeled with an intellectual disability. He participated in consultations concerning reform of the *Involuntary Psychiatric Treatment Act* and then publicly opposed the Government’s Bill to revise the statute.



Professor **JODI LAZARE** continued work on her SSHRC-funded project examining the constitutionality of laws that suppress animal rights activism and shield industrial animal farming from public view, publishing a second piece in the *Osgoode Hall Law Journal*. She also organized a workshop, through the Marine and Environmental Law Institute, on intensive animal farming and the UN Sustainable Development Goals. She continues her work on the gendered economic impacts of family breakdown and has a forthcoming piece in the *Canadian Journal of Family Law*. She serves as a family law lecturer at the National Judicial Institute.



Professor **CONSTANCE MACINTOSH** spent the year as the Acting Director for the MacEachen Institute for Public Policy and Governance, where she thoroughly enjoyed designing and hosting a range of intense and topical workshops and speakers series on issues ranging from what it takes to actually implement reconciliation (instead of just talk about it) and vaccine mandates. She was delighted and humbled to receive the DLAA & LSS Teaching Award and also had the pleasure of working on law reform concerning gendered persecution and Indigenous fisheries.



Professor **WAYNE MACKAY** continues to be in high demand from all forms of media as a commentator on a wide range of legal matters, in addition to his regular radio spot on CBC Information Morning. He presented the inaugural Annual Rule of Law Lecture on the “Rule of Law in Pandemic Times” in October 2021. The paper he delivered will appear in the next edition of the *National Journal of Constitutional Law*. He continues to serve as a member of the SSHRC funded study of sexual violence on university campuses. He is a board member of the International Commission of Jurists. He also made submissions to the Federal Government on the invoking of the Emergency Act in March 2022 in response to the trucker convoy in Ottawa and to the provincial level of government earlier in the year, in respect to a review of the *Intimate Images and Cyber Protection Act*.



Professor **ANDREW FLAVELLE MARTIN** was the 2021-22 OBA Foundation Chief Justice of Ontario Fellow in Legal Ethics and Professionalism Research. He continues his long-term project on legal ethics for government lawyers and the Attorney General. This year he focused on the duty to encourage respect for the administration of justice and on doctrinal solutions when government lawyers’ obligations as lawyers clash with their obligations as civil servants.



Professor **NAIOMI METALLIC** was the lead author on a report recommending legislated oversight mechanisms to ensure that governments are held accountable to address the needs of Indigenous children and families in light of the overrepresentation of First Nations children in state child welfare care and chronic underfunding of services as confirmed in watershed 2016 CHRT ruling in *Caring Society v. Canada*. She was co-counsel in a reference at the Q.C.CA on the constitutionality of a federal bill on Indigenous child welfare that is now heading to the SCC. She has forthcoming publications on the use of Indigenous languages to revitalize Indigenous laws, as well as how the *United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples* (and the new federal legislation declaring it applies in Canada) can breathe new life in s. 35 of the *Constitution Act*.



Professor **SHERRY PICTOU** received a Tier 2 Canada Research Chair in Indigenous Governance and is a Co-Principal Investigator on the Arramat Project for Biodiversity Conservation and the Health and Well-being of Indigenous People funded by the New Frontier Research Fund. She also became the first female Honorary District Chief for the Confederacy of Mainland Mi’kmaq. She continues her work on the board for East Coast Environmental Law and with the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES) Task Force on Indigenous and Local Knowledge.

She also completed a SSHRC Partnership Engagement Grant with KAIROS that includes the *Wolastogiyik and Mi’kmaq Grandmothers – Land/Water Defenders Sharing and Learning Circle: Generating Knowledge for Action Report*. She is excited to have the *L’nuet Governance Research Centre* proposal submitted and approved by CFI-JELF and Nova Scotia Research in collaboration with Dr. Melanie Zurba (SRES).



Professor **SARA ROSS** served as co-Editor-in-Chief of the *Canadian Legal Education Annual Review* (CLEAR) alongside Professor Wendy Parkes of the Bora Laskin Faculty of Law. CLEAR published its first volume under Dr. Ross’s leadership in the spring of 2022. The second volume is nearing its final stages of editing, and she will be standing for an additional two-year term in June.



Professor **SARA SECK** was appointed Yogis & Keddy Chair in Human Rights Law in July 2021. Notable publications included the co-edited (with Richard Devlin and Siobhan Quigg) symposium issue of *Legal Ethics on human rights, sustainability, and corporate lawyer*, and the co-edited (with Meinhard Doelle) *Research Handbook on Climate Law and Loss & Damage*. New projects included collaborations with UNEP on business, human rights and climate change and UNEP SEA on plastic pollution.



Professor Emeritus **ROLLIE THOMPSON** has not been “retiring” this past year, teaching even more often to judges and lawyers across Canada on Zoom, some 24 sessions in all. He continues to edit the *Canadian Family Law Quarterly* and the *Nova Scotia Civil Procedure Rules*. And he is still in demand to clarify, explain, write and present about the *Spousal Support Advisory Guidelines*, which are used by spouses, lawyers and courts to determine the amount and duration of spousal support.



Professor **DAVID VANDERZWAAG** served as the Director of the Marine & Environmental Law Institute and taught International Environmental Law. His co-edited book, *Research Handbook on Ocean Acidification Law and Policy*, was published by Edward Elgar and in November 2021, the Government of Turkey sponsored a book launch event through the United Nations.



This year, Professor **SHEILA WILDEMAN** taught Poverty Law, Administrative Law and Jurisprudence and coached the Wilson Moot team. Her chapter on *habeas corpus* was published in the new edition of *Administrative Law in Context*. Sheila’s SSHRC-funded action research team, My Home My Rights, is making videos and a photobook on the experience of disability exclusion and the meaning of disability justice. Sheila is on the boards of Dalhousie Legal Aid and Inclusion Nova Scotia and is co-chair of East Coast Prison Justice Society.



Professor **MICHELLE WILLIAMS** was proud to help launch the African Nova Scotian Justice Institute (ANSJI); work with the EDI Committee to propose a new first year course on African Nova Scotian legal issues and critical race theory; and co-teach an intensive course on the Impact of Race and Cultural Assessments (IRCA) in sentencing. She is also leading the development of an African Nova Scotian Research Ethics Framework and enjoys being a hockey and basketball mom.

THE GRAPEVINE

1964



ALLAN SILVERMAN has retired from his lengthy career in real estate development.

1968



DAVID NEWMAN retired on December 31, 2021 from Pitblado LLP after practicing law for over 52 years.

1973



NICOLL SCARAVELLI retired as a Justice of the Supreme Court of Nova Scotia on October 31, 2021.

1974



STEPHEN HUNTER retired as a judge of the Ontario Court of Justice on September 30, 2021.

1976



LINDA OLAND retired as a Justice of the Nova Scotia Court of Appeal on April 1, 2020.

1977



BARBARA BEACH retired on October 31, 2021 as a Judge of the Provincial Court of Nova Scotia. She had presided exclusively on the Youth Criminal Justice Court in Halifax, NS, for the last six years.



LES GRIEVE has retired as a Judge of the Provincial Court of Alberta after the last 13 years on the Bench and after working over six decades (1978-2021) in Calgary courtrooms.

1979



CORRINE SPARKS, the first African Nova Scotian appointed to the Nova Scotia Judiciary and the first African Canadian woman to serve on the Bench, retired on December 31, 2021, after more than 34 years presiding on the Family Court. Starting in 2022, she will begin serving as one of two commissioners responsible for adjudicating disputes over land ownership in historic African Nova Scotian communities. This work is part of the Land Titles Initiative the Province of Nova Scotia launched in 2017 to help residents get clear title to land in East Preston, North Preston, Cherry Brook/Lake Loon, Lincolnville and Sunnyville. She also received an honorary doctorate from Mount Saint Vincent University during the 2022 spring convocation ceremonies.

1980



LEE COHEN was appointed to the Order of Nova Scotia on December 7, 2021 by Lt.-Gov. Arthur J. LeBlanc. He is a lawyer, social justice advocate, refugee clinic organizer and mentor.



JANET HATHAWAY received an honorary fellowship from the University of King's College during the 2022 spring convocation ceremonies for the expertise she fostered in the history of the University of King's College and the years of outstanding and collegial service she gave over her 27 years with the college.

1981



MALCOLM JEFFCOCK was awarded the 2021 Nova Scotia Barristers' Society Distinguished Service Award.



DAWN RUSSELL has been appointed Chair of the Association of Atlantic Universities. She is currently the President and Vice-Chancellor of St. Thomas University in Fredericton, NB.



CLIFFORD J. SHAW had his book *Aspects of Banking and Financial Services Law* published by LexisNexis Canada in 2021. Though the main objective of the book "is to inspire more lawyers to do legal writing for publication and professional and personal enjoyment," it also provides an enlightened look at a wide variety of intriguing issues in banking and financial services law.

1983

LORNE MACDOWELL has been appointed a Justice of the Supreme Court of Nova Scotia (Family Division).

1985



BRIAN MCCONNELL published a new book in February 2021 entitled *The Loyalists of Digby*, the first book of its kind to deal exclusively with the United Empire Loyalists and Black Loyalists who arrived as refugees to settle the town and county of Digby, NS, in the 1780s. The book is available for purchase on Amazon.



KAREN OLDFIELD was named Interim President and CEO of Nova Scotia Health (NSH). While seconded to Nova Scotia Health, she has also been appointed Deputy Minister of Priorities and Planning for the Government of Nova Scotia. Karen also received an honorary degree from St. Mary's University at the 2022 spring convocation.



GAIL RUDDERHAM CHERNIN has retired from practicing law with The Breton Law Group. She now runs a mediation business.

1987



BRIAN CONWAY was reappointed as a Judicial Officer for World Rugby in November of 2020 and newly appointed as an Arbitrator for the Sport Dispute Resolution Centre of Canada in February of 2021.



PAUL IVES practices on a part-time basis as Senior Counsel to Ives Burger in Courtenay, BC.

1989



BOB HANF has been awarded the Queen's Counsel designation.



FRANK HOSKINS has been appointed a Justice of the Supreme Court of Nova Scotia.

1990



MARC BELLIVEAU recently came out of retirement to join Aqualitas Inc., an award-winning Nova Scotian organic medical cannabis producer, in a regulatory compliance role. Marc remains a trademark agent, publishes original music online and is the drummer in ska-reggae band The Oxfords.

SUSAN FULLERTON has worked for the Ministry of the Attorney General in Toronto, ON, since her call to the Bar. She became the Deputy Public Guardian and Trustee, Program Policy in the fall of 2019. Susan was diagnosed with a rare genetic disorder in 2016, and Parkinson's disease in 2017. In early 2021, she was one of four patients selected to be involved in phase one of a clinical study in which MRI-focused ultrasound was used to open the blood brain barrier around one side of the putamen, while a drug, Cerezyme, was administered. She hopes that this will help advance the treatment of PD.

PHILIP GRUCHY has been awarded the Queen's Counsel designation.

1991

FRANCES KNICKLE has been appointed a Judge of the Court of Appeal of Newfoundland and Labrador.



BARBARA SMITH was elected 2021-22 President of the Greater Charlottetown Chamber of Commerce on May 12, 2021. She is a partner with Stewart McKelvey's Charlottetown, PEI office.

JOSEPH TRAINOR, JR. has been awarded the Queen's Counsel designation.

1992



ANITA ANAND was appointed federal Minister of National Defense. She is a Member of Parliament for Oakville, ON.



ANGELA CASELEY has been awarded the Queen's Counsel designation.



JIM GOGAN is the Director of the National Art Gallery of Canada Foundation. He is a Partner with The Breton Law Group.



HUGH WRIGHT has joined Miller Thomson in Toronto, ON, as a Partner. He previously practiced with McInnes Cooper in Halifax, NS, for over 29 years.

1993

ROSALIE MCGRATH has been appointed Associate Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Newfoundland and Labrador.

1994



JENNIFER COX has been awarded the Queen's Counsel designation.



MEGAN LONGLEY is the Executive Director of Dalhousie Legal Aid Service. She was formerly the Executive Director of Nova Scotia Legal Aid.

SHAUNA MACDONALD has been awarded the Queen's Counsel designation.

1995



CHRISTINE DRISCOLL has been appointed a judge of the Provincial & Family Court of Nova Scotia.

M. KATHLEEN MCMANUS has been awarded the Queen's Counsel designation.

1996



K. MICHAEL STEPHENS was appointed a judge of the Supreme Court of British Columbia on February 7, 2022 by the Honourable David Lametti, Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada. At the time of his appointment, Justice Stephens was Equity Counsel at Hunter Litigation Chambers in Vancouver, BC.

1997

VIVIAN ARENILLAS has been appointed Vice-Chair of the Newfoundland and Labrador Labour Relations Board.



DAVID HIRTLE has been awarded the Queen's Counsel designation.



SUZANNE RIX has been named Managing Partner at Cox & Palmer's Halifax, NS office. She has also been awarded the Queen's Counsel designation.

1998



ALETA CROMWELL has been appointed a Justice of the Supreme Court of Nova Scotia (Family Division).



TERRY SHEPPARD was awarded the Queen's Counsel designation on May 27, 2021. He is a Partner with BOYNECLARKE LLP in Dartmouth, NS.

2001

JEANNE DESVEAUX has been awarded the Queen's Counsel designation.



HEIDI SCHEDLER has been awarded the Queen's Counsel designation.

2002



CAROLE FERNANDO is a Partner with Cox & Palmer's Halifax, NS office.



ANDREW WADDEN, Q.C. now practicing with Browne Fitzgerald Morgan Avis & Wadden in St. John's, NL, was appointed as Queen's Counsel in 2021. He is also the 2022 President of the Newfoundland and Labrador chapter of the Canadian Bar Association.

2003



TED FRANKEL has been appointed a Founding Director and Corporate Secretary of the Hockey Diversity Alliance, a non-profit dedicated to eradicating systemic racism in the game of hockey.



REBECCA HILTZ LEBLANC has been awarded the Queen's Counsel designation.



JOHN HOGAN was sworn in as Minister of Justice and Public Safety and Attorney General on April 8, 2021. He represents the District of Windsor Lake in the Newfoundland and Labrador House of Assembly.

2004



MARTHA CASEY has accepted a position at the International Institute for Sustainable Development as Vice-President of Operations and Organizational Transformation. She was previously CEO of Volta since 2020.



KAREN ENDRES has been awarded the Queen's Counsel designation.



MICHAEL SPRATT is a co-host of the podcast "The Docket". They discuss the intersection of law, politics and policy and how what happens in the courtrooms and corridors of power affects all of us.



EMILIE TAMAN is a co-host of the podcast "The Docket". They discuss the intersection of law, politics and policy and how what happens in the courtrooms and corridors of power affects all of us.

2005



SARAH ANDERSON DYKEMA is a Partner with McInnes Cooper's Halifax, NS office.



JOSEPH CHEDRAWE has been appointed Managing Partner of Vinson & Elkins LLP in Dubai where he practices international dispute resolution. He is recognized as a Global Leader in Arbitration by Who's Who Legal which describes him as a "powerhouse" with an "exceptional legal mind".

2009



SEAN FRASER the Member of Parliament representing Central Nova was named by Prime Minister Justin Trudeau to the federal cabinet on October 26, 2021. Fraser is the new Minister of Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship.



JILLIAN KEAN is a Partner with McInnes Cooper's Halifax, NS office.



MICHAEL SCOTT has been selected as a Fellow of the Litigation Counsel of America (LCA), a peer-selected society of 3,500 of the best trial lawyers representing clients across North America and around the world. He is a senior litigation Partner at Patterson Law in Halifax, NS.

2011



JENELLE AMBROSE is the President of the Black Female Lawyers Network (BFLN). She is in-house legal counsel with Grant Thornton LLP in Toronto, ON.

BRIAN MUNN has been appointed the Regional Director for the Public Prosecution Service of New Brunswick in Fredericton.



RACHEL WOYNOROWSKI has opened Thompson Petts Woynorowski Family Law in Calgary, AB.

2012



MICHELLE CHAI has been named a Partner at Stewart McKelvey. She is a litigator in the Halifax, NS office.

2013



KATIE MORELLO has been named a Partner at Cox & Palmer's Charlottetown, PEI office.

2014



DUNCAN HARVIE is a Partner with McInnes Cooper's Halifax, NS office.

2015



JOHN BOYLE has been named a Partner at Cox & Palmer's Halifax, NS office.



KEVIN FERNANDES has been named an Associate Partner at Keyser Mason Ball, LLP in Mississauga, ON. He has been with the firm since 2017.

2017



ANGELA SIMMONDS was appointed Deputy Speaker in the Nova Scotia House of Assembly. She is the Member of the Legislative Assembly (MLA) for Preston, NS.

2018



MATTHEW CHIPPIN will begin a PhD in October 2022 at the University of Leeds in the UK on the topic of corporate insolvency law.



CONNOR MACLEAN is an Associate with Cox & Palmer's Halifax, NS office.



ARTHUR MAURO is an Associate with Austrung Fairman & Fekete in Whitehorse, YT.



JENNIFER POWER is an associate with Cox & Palmer's Halifax, NS office.

2019



MANON LANDRY has joined the Halifax, NS office of Stewart McKelvey as an Associate.



DOMINIQUE PERINCHIEF has joined the Halifax, NS office of Cox & Palmer as an Associate.



NATASHA SCHIGAS is practicing with the New Glasgow, NS office of Patterson Law.

2020



CHELSEA BARKHOUSE has joined the Halifax, NS office of Cox & Palmer as an Associate.



TYLER CALLAHAN has joined the St. John's, NL office of Stewart McKelvey as an Associate.



JOHN CREIGHTON is practicing with Patterson Law's Halifax, NS office.



RYAN CUTCLIFFE is an Associate with Kennedy Schofield Lutz in Halifax, NS.



SARAH DOBSON has co-authored *On Their Shoulders*, sharing the stories of the first 50 women to serve as MLAs. Sales of the book will benefit the Women in Politics Scholarship, supporting students who identify as women with an interest in a career in politics.



SYDNEY HULL has joined the Truro, NS office of Burchell MacDougall as an Associate.



EMILY HUNTER is practicing with Patterson Law's Truro, NS office.



CYDNEY KANE is practicing with Burchells LLP in Halifax, NS.



ERIN MITCHELL has joined the Halifax, NS office of Cox & Palmer as an Associate.



EMILY MURRAY has joined the Halifax, NS office of Stewart McKelvey as an Associate.



RYAN O'CONNOR is practicing with Patterson Law's Halifax, NS office.



JAMES RUSSELL has joined the Truro, NS office of Burchell MacDougall as an Associate.



PERRY YUNG has joined BOYNECLARKE LLP as an Associate.

2021



RAFE DURSLEY-RADFORD is a Crown Attorney with the NL Department of Justice and Public Safety.

BENJAMIN FRENCH is practicing with Legal Aid NL.

ADRIENNE JANES is a Crown Attorney with the NL Department of Justice and Public Safety.



FOLAMI JONES is an Associate with McInnes Cooper's Halifax, NS office.

IN MEMORIAM

HENRY “HARRY” CUMMINGS, Q.C. (‘48)

died on April 3, 2022, at the age of 103. He graduated from Memorial College with a teacher’s certificate and then obtained a Bachelor of Arts and a Master of Arts in Economics from Dalhousie University. Harry later volunteered for the Royal Canadian Navy and served as a commissioned officer for the rest of World War II, mainly onboard HMCS WINNIPEG. After the war, he returned to Dalhousie University and earned a law degree. He articulated in Halifax, NS, and St. John’s, NL, and by the end of 1949, he was called to the Bar in Nova Scotia and Newfoundland. He then partnered with another young St. John’s lawyer, Tommy Williams, to form Williams and Cummings’s law firm. Harry and Tommy practiced law together for approximately 20 years until Harry was appointed the Registrar of the Supreme Court of Newfoundland in the early 1970s. In 1976 he was appointed to the Bench as a judge of the District Court of Newfoundland for the Judicial District of Grand Bank. He subsequently became a Justice of the Supreme Court of Newfoundland Trial Division when the District and Supreme Courts merged. After the merger, he continued to serve at the Judicial Centre of Grand Bank until 1991, when he returned to St. John’s as a supernumerary judge. He retired from the Judiciary in 1993.

KENNETH “NAT” JAMES

(‘50) died on November 28, 2021. Nat joined the army to seek overseas service but transferred to the RCAF in 1943, achieved his navigator’s wing and was classed as a reserve. After the war, Nat went to Dalhousie University

and obtained his Bachelor of Commerce and Bachelor of Laws degrees. In 1949 he established an insurance firm, later acquiring a branch in Yarmouth, NS. He was President of the VON (Valley Branch) and Ken-Wo Golf and Country Club and served as Registrar of Probate in Kings County, NS, until his retirement in 1988. Nat was always a strong promoter of Annapolis Valley businesses—especially vineyards, farms and restaurants, much to the benefit of his visitors. The Kentville Rotary Club gave him a 60-year service award in 2016, and in 2021 he was made an honorary member with 66 years in the Rotary.

EDWARD COLBOURNE

(‘51) died on October 8, 2021, at the age of 94. He graduated from Dalhousie University with a Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Laws degree. As a lawyer, he practiced law in Sydney, NS, working for MacNeil, MacNeil & Colborne and Khattar & Khattar. He was also employed with HB Nickerson and Sons Limited in North Sydney, NS, and Polymer Corporation Limited in Sarnia, ON. In his early years, he enjoyed bridge nights with friends, curling at the Sydney curling club and cross-country skiing. He would read the Chronicle Herald and Cape Breton Post word for word, and there were not too many crossword puzzles or crypto quotes he couldn’t finish. He loved spending summers at the cottage in Baddeck, NS, relaxing with family around the bonfire.

JOSEPH “CHISHOLM” LYONS, Q.C. (‘51)

died January 7, 2022, in Ajijic, Mexico. His maternal

grandfather, Sir Joseph Chisholm (LLB 1886), served as the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Nova Scotia from 1931 to 1950 and inspired Chisholm’s love for the law. He graduated from St. Francis Xavier University and Dalhousie Law School—while somehow working as a dishwasher on the passenger train running between Halifax and Montreal. After being called to the Bar, he obtained his Master of Business Administration from Harvard Business School and founded a firm in Toronto, ON, with a group of other young lawyers eventually known as Smith Lyons until it merged with Gowlings. He was committed to education and was gratified by his involvement in the Canadian International School in Hong Kong, leading their Board of Governors in a successful quest to build a new school on a new site—quite a feat in Hong Kong in the late 1990s. Chisholm and his wife, Julie, were renowned for hosting visitors on the Matilda; their small boat would motor around Hong Kong and the islands where guests could see the sights, dine on freshly caught seafood and enjoy great conversation. He was an avid reader with a particular passion for history. Every visitor from afar to the Lyons casa in Mexico left room in their suitcase for Chisholm’s latest book order. He could find a place that served cheese fondue in any city worldwide. Sundays included the New York Times, a strong cheese and a dry martini. But his great joy was ending each day sitting in the garden or by the fire with Julie.

DAVID ARTHUR NICHOLS, Q.C. (‘53)

died on July 4, 2021, at the age of 91.

KENNETH CROWELL (‘54)

died on December 8, 2021. Ken graduated from Acadia University with a Bachelor of Arts in 1951, receiving “letters” in hockey, drama, track, band and soccer. He was the President of the Acadia Amateur Athletic Union, a member of the Student Union’s Council and a Life Officer of his class. He was one of the founding members of the Acadia radio station. In 1954, Ken graduated from Dalhousie University, Halifax, with his law degree. While at Dalhousie, he played hockey and rugby. He was called to the Nova Scotia Bar in 1954 and practiced law in Middleton with the firm of Crowell, Durland & Gillis until he was appointed a Provincial Court Judge in 1975. He served as Town of Middleton Solicitor for 14 years, President of the Middleton Rotary Club, the Board of Trade, Past Master of Ionic Lodge No. 73, A.F. & A.M., Middleton, a volunteer fireman and was the Mayor of Middleton. He also served as a member of the NS Provincial Planning Appeal Board and the first Honorary Colonel of 404 Squadron at Canadian Forces Base Greenwood. During his 29 years as a NS Provincial Court Judge, he served as President of the Provincial Judges Association, President of the Canadian Association of Provincial Court Judges and Council member of the Commonwealth Magistrates’ and Judges’ Association. Ken enjoyed playing cards and was a member of the Duplicate Bridge Club, enjoyed fishing and hunting at his camp on Big LaHave Lake and was an avid golfer. He was inducted into the Bridgetown Hall of Fame as a member of the Bridgetown Hawks, the Provincial

Championship Hockey team. He was a member of St. John's United Church, where he served as Chair of the Steward's Committee and a Trustee. Ken and Avis later joined the Emmanuel Congregational Christian Church, Middleton, where he served on several committees and as a Church Elder. In his later years, Ken decided to take up writing short stories. He was very proud when one of his stories was performed at the King's Theatre, Annapolis Royal.

FINTAN AYLWARD ('55) died on June 28, 2021. He graduated from St. Francis Xavier University and then Dalhousie University with a law degree. He had a long and distinguished law practice in St. John's, NL, and subsequently served as a Judge in the Supreme Court of Newfoundland and Labrador. In the early 1970s, he represented Placentia East in The Newfoundland and Labrador House of Assembly. Among his many contributions to the community, Fintan founded the Legal Aid Commission, led the Royal Commission into the fluorspar tragedy, was a member of the Ocean Ranger Royal Commission, State Deputy of the Knights of Columbus, and Chair of the board of the Marine Institute. Fintan was a man of deep faith and a devoted member of and lector for his parish of St. Pius X. He was also an avid swimmer.

GEORGE COOPER, Q.C. ('55) died on February 17, 2022, at the age of 93. George was a graduate of Mount Allison University, where he obtained his Bachelor of Science and Bachelor of Education degrees and taught school in Grand-Mère, QC. After receiving his law degree at Dalhousie University, he was called to the Bar in 1955 and began

practice with the Department of Justice in Ottawa, ON, specializing in tax law. He returned to Moncton, NB, in 1959 and practiced law until his retirement in 2014. Over his long career, he practiced in numerous areas of the law and had several appearances in the Supreme Court of Canada. Latterly, George served as counsel to Cox & Palmer.

LEONARD MARTIN, Q.C. ('55) died in May 2021. Leonard graduated from the University of Toronto and later Dalhousie Law School. After being admitted to the Bars of both Nova Scotia and Newfoundland and Labrador, he founded a general law practice in Corner Brook, NL. He was a corporate and trial lawyer for some 30 years, known for his in-depth preparation, knowledge of the applicable law and soft-spoken determination. From 1978 to 1985, Leonard's law practice was focused on special assignments as lead counsel to several marine investigations including the Federal-Provincial Royal Commission on the Ocean Ranger Marine Disaster and the Upper Churchill Water Rights Reversion Act reference to the Supreme Court of Canada. He was appointed to the Trial Division of the Federal Court of Canada in 1985 and moved to Ottawa. Following his retirement and living in Ottawa, Leonard enjoyed road trips, woodworking, cross-country skiing, riding his motorcycles, feeding the wildlife on the back deck and gardening.

JOHN "FUZZ" ELLIOT ('56) died on April 17, 2021. Fuzz was an avid tennis player into his 80s and a long-time member of the Brantford, Chicopee and Dorval tennis clubs.

JANE MACKAY SMITH (NEE CLOW) ('56) died on May 24, 2021. Jane charmed her associates and enlivened proceedings with her sense of humour and repartee. She was part of the team that established the Palliative Care unit at the Tom Baker Cancer Centre and was a long-standing supporter of the Clark H. Smith Brain Tumour Centre in the Charbonneau Cancer Institute.

DOUGLAS PITTE ('57) died on July 9, 2021, at the age of 89. One of Doug's first jobs was as a deckhand on an ocean freighter running between Quebec and South America. He later followed a friend, hopping on a train and attended St. Francis Xavier University and later Dalhousie Law School. He became a sub-lieutenant in the Royal Canadian Naval Reserve during his university years. Doug was interested in the world and knew Canadian history and politics inside out. He loved the local countryside, enjoyed sailing, kept bees and planted many trees during his life.

ALEXANDER WEIR ('59) died on March 5, 2021, at the age of 86. After graduating from Dalhousie University with a hard-earned law degree, Alex and his lifelong best friend, Stu Campbell ('59), took the plunge and headed west by train to start work in Alberta as lawyers. Alex worked as a solicitor to the Alberta Ombudsman for 17 years, followed by work with the Catholic Reporter in Edmonton, AB, until he moved to Prince Rupert, BC, in 1998. During his time in Prince Rupert, he was employed by the Kitkatla Band as Band manager and then as a consultant for the Metlakatla Band. Sailing was a lifelong passion for Alex and a place where he found great happiness and peace. Alex also loved motorboats and fishing on the

ocean. He did his best never to miss a college basketball game, the Toronto Blue Jays or tennis tournaments.

DONALD HAMILTON ('60) died on June 3, 2021. He received a certificate in mechanical engineering from Mount Allison University and his law degree from Dalhousie University. He practiced law in Tatamagouche, NS, for many years before taking the helm of the Colchester Food Bank Association. He later joined Kairos as a social-justice activist. Don loved books; he always had one open and a stack on the coffee table. He loved to read about geography, history and politics and never forgot anything. He loved the land and water, spending countless hours at his camp in East New Annan with family members and their friends. An avid fisherman, he was always the last one off the water. Don was also an inventor. Sometimes his inventions were practical and straightforward; sometimes, they were dangerous and hilarious, but it was always worth stopping by his shop to see what he was working on.

DONALD MURPHY ('60) died on May 22, 2021, at the age of 84. He graduated from St. Mary's University and Dalhousie Law School and was a Partner of the former law firm Daley, Black, Moreira and Piercey, Halifax, NS. He was Former Counsel at Canadian Pacific Railway Law Department, Calgary, AB, and spent 19 years as Senior Railway Counsel, Canadian Transport Commission, Ottawa, ON. He then was Senior Counsel with the Department of Justice, Ottawa, ON, until his retirement in 2004. He was a Parishioner of Holy Cross Parish and St. Theresa Church in Ottawa, ON. He was elected

and served for 21 years as a Trustee with the former Ottawa Roman Catholic Separate School Board and as Chair and Vice-Chair of this Board.

HELENANNE CAREY ('62) died on October 7, 2021. She graduated from Robinson College in Moncton, NB, and received her law degree from Dalhousie University before going on to practice law in Halifax, NS. Helenanne had a lifelong affection for her Siamese cats. Her philanthropic interests were charities helping animals and children and those supporting equality for women, all of which she generously supported.

DONALD MACKINNON ('63) died on December 31, 2021. He attended Dalhousie University, graduating with a Bachelor of Commerce degree and a Bachelor of Laws. He practiced with the Department of Justice in Ottawa, ON, and later moved to Vancouver, BC, where he practiced with Boughton and Company until his retirement. He often mentored younger lawyers in his years of practice and loved sharing law cases over lunches in Chinatown with them. Donald had a quick wit and a great sense of humour; he had a fantastic mind for trivia and a great love of history. Donald was also a member of the Vancouver Rotary, where he spent many hours volunteering. He loved the outdoors, sailing his Bluenose, B1 in Nova Scotia and continued to sail offshore, racing on the West Coast. He loved skiing and going with his family for walks, especially at Lighthouse Park, on the North Shore mountains and Ambleside Beach. He was always accompanied by one of his faithful Duck Tollers. He loved to entertain and cook dinners for family and friends at home. He will also be

remembered for his homemade beer and wine.

DAVID MORRIS ('64) died in May 2021. After graduating with his law degree from Dalhousie University, he became Alberta's first Director of Legal Aid and championed debt protection for those trade practices victimized. After moving to BC, he was legal counsel for the Attorney General's office in Consumer Affairs, overhauling the consumer protection industry and trade practices act. His courage and resilience enabled him to stand up for those having trouble standing up for themselves.

JOHN YOGIS ('64) died on November 23, 2021, at the age of 81. He received his Bachelor of Arts degree from St. Mary's University and his Bachelor of Laws and Masters of Law degrees from Dalhousie University. Following his call to the Nova Scotia Bar, he received a second Masters of Law from the University of Michigan. He was invited to join the Faculty of Law at Dalhousie as the school's first postgraduate teaching fellow. During his law school tenure, John taught a wide range of subjects as editor of the *Dalhousie Law Journal* and editor of the law school's alumni magazine, *Hearsay*. He was the author, co-author and editor of several legal works, including the first Canadian law dictionary. He served as Associate Dean of Law from 1993 to 2000. In 2011, he was appointed Professor Emeritus at the Schulich School of Law, and in 2012 was inducted into the Bertha Wilson Honour Society. In addition to his career as an academic, John was a public servant in the broadest sense. He was a founding member of the Commonwealth Judicial Education Institute, which delivers training and education

to judges. He chaired boards of inquiry for the Nova Scotia Human Rights Commission and served on the Nova Scotia Barristers' Society committees. John's passions included music, theatre and cinema. He actively supported several local arts and volunteer organizations, including service on the Boards of the Nova Scotia Film Development Corporation, Opera East, L'Arche Halifax, the Monarchist League and the Friends of the Public Gardens. He was awarded both the Queen Elizabeth II Golden and Diamond Jubilee Medals. In 2015, he was presented to her Majesty the Queen at a reception in St. James Palace that recognized the work of Commonwealth organizations. John enjoyed current affairs, reading, travelling, collecting art and the company of his beloved canine companions.

ROY LOGAN ('66) died on March 13, 2021, at the age of 79. He attended Dalhousie University, graduating with a Bachelor of Commerce degree and a Bachelor of Laws degree. Roy completed his articles following law school with Macleod, Dixon, Burns, Love, Leitch, Lomas, Charters & Montgomery in Calgary, AB. Upon returning to Nova Scotia in 1969, he practiced with MacKeigan, Cox, Downie & Mitchell. In 1971, Roy and his family moved to an acreage near Scotch Village, Hants County, where he realized his boyhood dream of owning horses. He learned much about farming, animal husbandry and heritage breeds from his neighbours and friends and tireless research. While living in Hants County, another dream was realized when he began flight training at Greenwood and became a private pilot. He was an active member of the Truro Flying Club for many years.

Roy established a private law practice in Windsor, NS, before moving to Halifax in 1979, when he returned to Dalhousie University to earn a Master of Business Administration degree and then taught at Mount Allison University in the Commerce Department before returning to private practice in Oxford, NS. He was appointed Queen's Counsel in 1985. Due to ill health, Roy retired in 2000. He was a member of Fidelity Lodge No. 119 for 46 years, was appointed Worshipful Master of his lodge in 1973 and held the position of Grand Superintendent of Works, Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, from 1977 to 1978. He was also a member of the Scottish Rite and Philae Temple Shrine.

PETER MCDONOUGH ('67) died on November 17, 2021. In preparation for the next ice age, Peter also left behind 875 rolls of toilet paper, 400 boxes of Kleenex and 300 bars of soap, all stashed in the basement in his favourite place on earth—Fox Harb'r. Proud of his Irish heritage, Peter somehow lacked both dancing and music skills but made up for that by inheriting an affinity for Irish whisky and Guinness. Peter would top the list if there were a Hall of Fame for trash talkers. Nobody knew this better than his golfing buddies. Peter's family home hosted dozens of children from all over the city for sleepovers, basketball games in the driveway and NFL in the living room. Peter was a terrific athletic supporter. He loved Dalhousie sports and boxing matches, especially when he wasn't directly involved. Peter single-handedly kept both the local Canadian Tire and Costco stores in business through his fascination with deal hunting. He was a storyteller and a jokester like no other. He loved talking with everybody. Peter's

dashing looks, youthful energy and magnanimous personality allowed him to deflect any label of 'old man.' One bartender in Lahinch thought of him as "Halifax's oldest living teenager." Nevertheless, he served the board of Halifax International Airport with distinction. As his colleagues at McInnes Cooper, where he practiced law for half a century will say, only the unwise lawyer would ever under-rate his wisdom or wit. He loved golfing with his buddies, salmon fishing on the Upsalquitch and, more than anything, family meals and a Saturday visit with his kids and grandkids. Peter thoroughly enjoyed spending time at the YMCA. The only thing Peter loved more than his jokes were his nine grandkids, each with a nickname that Peter bestowed. When Peter asked, 'How are you doing?' he meant it. He genuinely wanted to know. He listened because he wanted to understand, not just to respond. The one feeling Peter wore on his sleeve was his love for his family, especially for Suzanne, his wife of 30 years.

CARL HOLM ('68) died on December 29, 2021, at the age of 76. Carl graduated from Dalhousie Law School and carried on obtaining his Masters of Law degree from Harvard University. He accomplished much throughout his career but was always humble about his successes, notably his advocacy in a Supreme Court of Canada decision (*Saulnier v. Royal Bank of Canada*, 2008). He was identified as Nova Scotia Lawyer of the Year in 2012 and 2019 and by Lexmark as one of the best lawyers in Canada. He was known for his mentorship and encouragement of others to challenge themselves and pursue their goals. He was also the biggest supporter of the firm's baseball team, known to him as "the Holm Team."

Carl gave his time to many throughout his life, serving as Chair of the Business Law Subsection of the CBA's Nova Scotia Branch, President of the Nova Scotia Drama League, President of the Scouts Canada Nova Scotia Provincial Council, Vice President of the Halifax Chamber of Commerce, member of the Mount Saint Vincent Board of Governors, Director and Chair of the Fundraising Committee of Alzheimer's Society Nova Scotia, the Chancellor of the Anglican Diocese of Nova Scotia and a member of State Capital Group. He was always ready with a joke or story, late-night email, text or phone call; he was a source of constant support and wisdom to all of those around him. He was a unique man with varied interests, including an annual canoe trip, blues music, ballroom dancing, all things related to politics, the Old Guys book club, the Toronto Raptors, mastering stir-fries and Christmas gravlax, tomato growing and Costco delivering.

DEREK BROWN ('69) died on November 9, 2021. He graduated with a Bachelor of Laws degree from Dalhousie University, where he excelled in academics, enjoyed athletics, particularly football and spent time with his Phi Delta Theta brothers. His contributions to Dalhousie were ultimately recognized with an Honorary Doctor of Laws in 2006. While at school, he was an enthusiastic participant in the Royal Canadian Navy Reserve, and he remained a steadfast supporter of our armed forces his entire life. Fresh from law school, Derek landed a job as Executive Assistant to the Canadian Television Network (CTV) CEO but soon found his career passion in the investment business, ultimately

enjoying a highly successful 25-year career. He started at Pitfield Mackay Ross and was quickly promoted up the ranks, eventually becoming Managing Director. In the early 1980's he was transferred to Calgary, where he started and built the firm's investment banking operation. Pitfield merged with Dominion Securities in 1985, where he remained on the Executive Committee of the newly combined firm. He retired from the investment business in 1998. After his business career, Derek became a Professor of Finance at The Rotman School of Management at the University of Toronto. His unrivalled skills in storytelling, investment banking and corporate advisory enriched the learning experience of many students. While at Rotman, Derek served as a Commissioner on the Ontario Securities Commission. His legal training and corporate finance expertise were helpful in policy and securities law enforcement issues facing the Commission. Derek had many interests, none more than reading history and biography. His photographic memory allowed him to recall the most obscure facts on virtually any topic. He could tell stories (many at great length), make people laugh and relate to everyone from all stages of life.

ERIC DURNFORD ('70) died in September 2021 at the age of 75. While attending Dalhousie University, Eric became the Captain of the Dalhousie University Tigers basketball team, a member of the Sigma Chi Fraternity and received the Balfour Award. He remained connected to his Sigma Chi brothers until the last week of his life when he had the opportunity to participate in (and win) a golf tournament at their reunion in Kelowna, BC. Eric was called to the Nova

Scotia Bar in 1970 and practiced labour and employment law until his retirement in 2018. He received several awards and accolades throughout his legal career and received his Queen's Counsel designation in 1985. In 1996, Eric became a Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers. His work was respected by his peers and appreciated by his many loyal clients over the years. He was an avid golfer, and his competitive instincts carried over to any ping-pong or foosball table, basketball hoop or squash court. He was even talked into running (and finishing) the 1985 New York Marathon despite only completing a maximum of 17km in his training runs. This achievement exemplified his tenacity and will. A loyal and long-suffering fan of the Boston Red Sox, Eric was also a voracious reader and a gifted writer with a keen sense of humour. He loved to laugh and make others laugh along with him. He often spent more time selecting the proper joke when speaking in public than he did on the speech itself.

PIERRE HEBERT ('70) died on September 22, 2021, at the age of 74. A graduate of McGill University Law School and later Dalhousie Law School, Pierre began his career at Ogilvy Renault (Norton Rose Fulbright) in 1973, where he remained until recently. Integrity, determination, courtesy and compassion for others defined him throughout his long career and personal life. Very involved in his community, Pierre was a member of many boards of directors, including the Montreal Symphony Orchestra, the Pointe-à-Callière Foundation and the Santé Urbaine Foundation. A family man with a huge heart, he cherished spending time in Magog by the lake,

sitting on his dock enjoying a glass of wine, engaged in many memorable discussions while in the company of those he loved. All who spent time with him will cherish his infectious laugh and jovial manner.

JAMES PHILIP “PHIL” WAMBOLT (’70) died on April 20, 2022. After obtaining his law degree, Phil joined the Horsman Law office in Medicine Hat, AB, and eventually became a partner with the firm. A few years later, he opened his practice. He filled the role of City Solicitor in Medicine Hat and was accredited to the Queen’s Counsel. In the ensuing years, Phil was encouraged to put his name forward for the role of Provincial Court Judge. This resulted in a very successful career in that role for 20 years. Phil was a member of the Medicine Hat Community Association, served as a member and President of the Rotary Club and member of the Cypress Club and Shriners.

CHARLES LORWAY (’71) died on June 8, 2021, at the age of 79. Charles practiced law at Lorway MacEachern law firm with Duncan MacEachern (’84). He moved to Halifax in 2011 after his retirement and was a volunteer with St. George’s Round Church soup kitchen in North End Halifax.

GRANT SULLIVAN (’71) died on April 6, 2022, at the age of 75. A graduate of Dalhousie Law School, he practiced law in Sydney, NS, for several years. He was an active community volunteer, especially with the Riverview Y’s Men Club, First United Church and later United Heritage Church. He served as a volunteer manager of the Riverview Y’s Men Centre in Westmount for many years. He was recently awarded a Lifetime

Honorary Membership from Y’s Men International.

WILLIAM “BILL” SUTHERLAND (’71) died on July 24, 2021. While working at Maritime Telegraph and Telephone Company, Bill earned a Bachelor of Commerce degree at night from St. Mary’s University and then graduated from Dalhousie University with a Bachelor of Laws degree. After completing his articles with MacKeigan, Cox, Downie & Mitchell and being admitted to the Nova Scotia Bar, Bill practiced law in Halifax, NS, for several years with John Buchanan & Associates and later his private practice. From 1993 to 1994, Bill studied International Law at the University of Detroit Mercy, graduating with a Juris Doctor degree. He moved to Florida, became a member of the Florida State Bar, and practiced law there for two years. Retaining his membership in both the Florida Bar and the Nova Scotia Bar, Bill returned to Nova Scotia, working as a Nova Scotia Legislative Counsel Office member for two years. He then established a private law practice in Halifax, retiring in 2016.

WILLIAM HEELIS (’72) died on August 8, 2021. He co-founded the Heelis Williams Law Firm in 1974, which is now known as Heelis, Little, Almas, and Murray. He had a dedicated and thriving practice and loved solving problems and helping his clients, even navigating through the challenges of COVID-19. He was a strong advocate for community resources, sitting on many boards, including Niagara College, St. Catharines Business Club, Lookout Point Golf and Country Club, CAA Niagara, St. Catharines Club and the United Way, helping initiate the annual golf tournament.

Bill was an avid sportsman, playing hockey, coaching juniors’ hockey, squash, skiing, portaging and camping in Algonquin Park and was an indoor and outdoor cyclist.

JOHN ARNOLD (’73) died on March 2, 2022, at 74. He graduated from Dalhousie University with a Bachelor of Science degree. Before deciding to return to Nova Scotia, he completed coursework for a PhD in Astrophysics at Queen’s University in Kingston, ON. John graduated from Dalhousie Law School, second in his class, and clerked for the Supreme Court of Canada the following year. He worked for the rest of his career at Cox, Downie, Nunn, and Goodfellow (now Cox & Palmer), specializing in Wills and Estates and Corporate Law. He was a widely respected authority on Estate Law, active on the Law Reform Commission, with a deeply-held conviction that the law should be accessible to all people. A passionate advocate of the Plain Language Movement, he worked to make legal documents simpler and clearer and make it possible for people to craft their wills. He was also instrumental in the privatization of the Nova Scotia Power Corporation. John served the Anglican Church of Canada in many volunteer capacities: as legal counsel and then Chancellor of the Diocese of Nova Scotia for 27 years and as legal advisor to the Anglican Province of Canada. He sat for many years on the Committee of Consultation and Advice and was a long-time parishioner and usher at All Saints’ Cathedral. He also lent his time and talents to numerous community organizations, including the endowment fund of the IWK Hospital, the board of the Waegwoltic Club and as Chair of the Board of the Halifax

Grammar School. Always an adventurer, he and his best friend Bobbie Huggins bicycled from Windsor to Halifax at age 10 (without telling their parents!). John loved sailing, canoeing, rowing, cycling, motorcycling and hiking. He spent a summer living and working in Germany during college and even snuck across the border for a bit of tent camping in East Germany. Until he developed Parkinson’s Disease in his final years, there was never a day when he was not walking around Halifax or enjoying the beauty of Nova Scotia in the woods or on the water. From his days in Astrophysics, he kept a lifelong love of the wonders of the night sky.

JOHN CAMERON (’73) died on September 28, 2021, at the age of 73. While still a law student, John was recruited to work on a Royal Commission to improve and enhance provincial government laws and policies. Soon after obtaining his Bachelor of Laws degree, he was Director of Research at the Nova Scotia Department of Municipal Affairs. John then moved to Bridgetown, NS, where he set up a general law practice. He continued to assist many local government areas in developing significant public policy and legislation. He loved being part of the community and volunteered with the Bridgetown and Area Historical Society for many years. John also acted as town solicitor, stepping in to preside over most town business during its dissolution in 2011. John gave advice and support to many, believing firmly in an ethical obligation to provide pro bono services whenever he was able. Friends and acquaintances described him as “the smartest guy I’ve ever met.” He was

known for his love of books and reading and his interest in trains, including an impressive model train set that eventually took up most of his attic.

J. RONALD CREIGHTON

(74) died on August 7, 2021. Ron wore many hats but was most proud of being a husband, father and grandfather. He loved his community of Tatamagouche, NS, and played many roles in its development and growth. He was also a dedicated Liberal, Ford-lover and Nova Scotia's No. 1 Green Bay Packer fan.

PAUL GREGORY "GREG"

MACISAAC (74) died on May 26, 2021, at the age of 75. Greg enjoyed hunting, fishing, swimming in Blacketts Lake and summers on the Mira as a young man. He worked on the family farm, Sydney Steel Mill coke ovens, was a social worker, the MLA for Richmond County, a teacher and a lawyer during his life. Greg had a lifelong passion for cars, races, motorcycles, boats and the great outdoors, including scuba diving, boating, water skiing and camping. Never one for idle time, he could always be found fixing a car or something around the house.

ALVIN "JULIEN" LANDRY

(76) died on January 12, 2021. He was admitted to the Alberta Law Society in 1977 and appointed to the Court of Queen's Bench in 1996. He golfed every weekend at the Glencoe Golf and Country Club with his friends "The Circus." He loved music and volunteered on the Board of Directors with the Calgary Folk Music Festival.

PAULA MCPHERSON

(76) died on March 14, 2022. After obtaining her Bachelor of Laws degree from Dalhousie University and her Masters of

Law degree from Osgoode Hall, she practiced law in Toronto. She then moved to St. Catharines, where she was later appointed a Deputy Judge in Small Claims Court. Paula was competitive, whether playing golf or scrabble and displayed incredible grit and tenacity throughout her life. She was warm-hearted, outgoing and inquisitive. She cherished her friends and family and loved the cottage life and the beautiful sunsets on Ten Mile Bay in Lake of Bays.

JOHN BLACK (78)

died on June 10, 2021. He graduated from St. Mary's University and then Dalhousie University with a Bachelor of Laws degree. Following his retirement from law practice, John patiently explored the mysteries of golf, snooker and plants.

PETER GREENE (78)

died on November 30, 2021. As a teenager, Pete worked in the Arctic to pay for his studies in History and Law at Dalhousie University. After moving to Toronto in 1979, Peter quickly became a partner at Fasken and soon after co-founded the law firm Kelly Affleck Greene, which he continued to manage until 2019. Peter loved lawyering, travelling, boating and gardening.

DAVID RICHEY (78)

died on February 5, 2022, at the age of 68. He was a graduate of the University of King's College and Dalhousie Law School. He dedicated his career to practicing law in Dartmouth, NS, until his retirement in 2016. When not in the office, David spent time as Chairman of the Board of Directors for the Nova Scotia Hospital. He was a proud member of the Cole Harbour Kiwanis Club, where he served a term as president and Lieutenant Governor of Eastern Canada and the Caribbean.

David was passionate about environmental preservation, which was expanded through his involvement with Solar Nova Scotia. He also enjoyed helping at the North Grove Community Food Centre. In retirement, David enjoyed the outdoors and was often seen pole-walking in nearby neighbourhoods and parks and would meet with other members of the Canadian Association of Retired Persons (CARP) Halifax Walking Club.

NANCY RIPLEY-HOOD

(81) died on July 1, 2021. Nancy graduated from Saint Mary's University and then Dalhousie University with a Bachelor of Laws degree. In her 40s, she went on to earn a fine arts degree from NSCAD. She was passionate about her work as a lawyer and professor, always taking countless students under her wing, many of whom became part of her family. She was also very passionate about her art. She loved animals and her garden and would always root for the underdog lifting those who couldn't lift themselves.

ROBERT SMITH (83)

died on February 3, 2022. Robert attended St. Mary's University, graduating with a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science. He contributed to university life both academically and through his extensive volunteer work, including The Christian Action Movement (served as President), Student Judicial Council, Halifax School for the Blind, all while tutoring Math and English in the Halifax area. Robert was awarded the Silver "M" for his outstanding contributions to the university and community. Robert went on to earn a Bachelor of Education from Memorial University of Newfoundland. He taught English in Corner Brook at Herdman Collegiate

from 1969 to 1975, where he also served as the Adult Education Continuation Coordinator and coach of the debate team. He then obtained his Bachelor of Laws degree from Dalhousie University and was later appointed to the Provincial Court Bench of Newfoundland and Labrador. He served 33 full-time years in three different Newfoundland communities (Port aux Basques, Stephenville and St. John's), plus five years as a "part-time Judge." While in Stephenville, his commitment to volunteering was honoured with the Citizen of the Year Award in 1990. He was also successfully trained and certified in Mediation levels I, II and III. Over the years, Robert served on many boards, committees, and service groups, including Winter Carnival, Rotary, organizing debating and public speaking programs, The John Howard Society, YM-YWCA, Big Brothers Big Sisters and was a member of the Knights of Columbus for over 40 years. He was selected as Knight of the Year and served as a Lay Reader in several different parishes throughout his life. Following retirement from the Provincial Court, Robert continued his lifelong volunteer work with many organizations, including teaching the Canadian Law course at St. Bonaventure's College while dedicating countless hours to the 7th Step Society of NL and the Citizens Advisory Committee for Corrections Canada NL. Robert also co-authored a book, *The Newfoundland Rangers*. He retained his Commissioner of Oaths and Notary Public and took immense pride and tremendous pleasure in officiating over 2,000 wedding ceremonies. Robert's life can be defined through his unrelenting acts of kindness rooted in his faith, belief in the process of law and contributions to community

and family. The often-overused phrase “he would give the shirt off his back” simply captured the true essence of Robert. He was a champion of the underdog and always sought to help those less fortunate in life.

HEATHER BOYD-KINNIE (’85) died on March 16, 2021. A graduate of Dalhousie University Law School, she worked as Funding Manager/ Program Coordinator of the Pond-Deshpande Centre at the University of New Brunswick until her death. She loved to garden and liked nothing better than spending a summer afternoon on the back patio with tea and a good book.

KENNETH MARTIN (’87) died July 12, 2021, at the age of 58. He received a scholarship to Acadia University in Wolfville, NS, where he studied business and then pursued his law degree at Dalhousie University. Ken practiced law for many years in Moncton, NB, until he could no longer work due to poor health. A voracious reader, he was never without a book in his hand, and his house was lined with books on every surface. Ken enjoyed soccer and walking with his beloved Kerry Blue terrier, Pippa. He looked forward to summer vacations in Ocean Park, Maine, where he stopped in little bookshops on the drive down the coast. He was always the first on the beach in the morning, delighted to have claimed a good spot on the surf’s edge, with a daily pipe of newspapers tucked under the beach umbrella.

JAMIE SMITH (’87) died on January 9, 2022. After obtaining his law degree at Dalhousie University, Jamie practiced law in St. John’s, NL, for 34 years.

MICHAEL LAURENCE “LARRY” COHEN (’88) died on March 2, 2022, at the age of 58. Born in South Africa, Larry came to Canada with his family in 1964. He was a well-respected criminal lawyer and loved what he did. Larry was always passionate about hockey, whether it was cheering on his children at the rink, driving to away games or cheering on the Toronto Maple Leafs. His sense of humour, storytelling and charisma always lit up the room. Anyone who knew him would describe him as the most selfless and caring person who made everyone feel welcome and loved.

KATHRYN LEIGHT (NEE AITKENHEAD) (’95) died on August 13, 2021. Kathryn had a brilliant mind and received her Bachelor of Laws degree from the University of Western Ontario and her Masters of Law from Dalhousie University before enjoying a successful career with the Royal Bank of Canada.

CANDY PALMATER (’99) died on December 25, 2021, at the age of 53. A member of the Eel River Bar First Nation in NB, Candy obtained a Bachelor of Laws degree from Dalhousie University and practiced labour and Aboriginal law. She then spent a decade as director of Mi’kmaq Education with the Nova Scotia Department of Education before shifting to entertainment. She created, wrote and starred in her award-winning comedy variety show “The Candy Show” on APTN. Her acting credits also included “Trailer Park Boys,” “Big Pride,” “Sex & Violence,” and “Forgive Me.” Candy was also a regular co-host on CTV’s weekday talk show “The Social” and hosted “The Candy Palmater Show” on CBC Radio One. She received

several awards, including a 2015 Indigenous music award for “The Candy Show” and a 2017 Bonham Centre Award from the University of Toronto, honouring distinguished contributions to the public understanding of sexual diversity in Canada. She was also a Bertha Wilson Honour Society inductee.

GRAEME MELCHER (’17) died on July 10, 2021. Graeme obtained a Bachelor of Arts degree from Queen’s University, A Master of Arts degree from York University and a Juris Doctor from Dalhousie University.

FRIENDS OF THE LAW SCHOOL

EMMANUEL “MANNY” RIVERA died on April 13, 2022, at the age of 59. Manny was born in Manila, Philippines. He attended the Technical University of the Philippines, pursuing a degree in Engineering, then spent time working in the Philippines and abroad in Japan. In 2005, Manny emigrated to Canada, where he helped raise his nieces in Nova Scotia and continued to work tirelessly to support his family in the Philippines. Manny was known for his tireless work ethic and dedication to provide for his family and give them the life he felt they deserved. His family meant more to him than anything, and he was unendingly proud of his children. Even at a young age, his generosity was a defining trait, as he would spend what he earned in part-time jobs on his sisters, nieces, and nephews. Manny enjoyed fishing and spent most of his free time during the warmer months enjoying the peace and tranquility it brought him. Manny also enjoyed playing

guitar and singing and was a consummate storyteller, finding humour in any situation. Manny joined the Schulich School of Law family as a custodian at the start of the pandemic. He always had a smile and a cheerful greeting for everyone. He will be missed.

CHRISTIAN WIKTOR, Professor Emeritus of Law, died on April 3, 2022, at the age of 88. Christian dreamed of being a pilot, but a chance to write a law essay competition changed the course of his life. He won the competition, and the prize was a trip to Copenhagen, where he met the love of his life, Bodil. He then attended the Sorbonne in France, where he received his law degree. Moving with his family to New York, NY, he attended Columbia University and worked at the New York Public Library. He then worked at the Buffalo Law School and subsequently moved to Halifax, NS, where he was a Professor of Law and Chief Law Librarian at Dalhousie University. One of his many accomplishments was tirelessly rebuilding and restoring the Weldon Law Library after a terrible fire destroyed it in 1985. His life’s work in research included bibliographies of multilateral treaties, constitutions of Canada, marine affairs and ocean law. He continued with this work until recently with the help and support of his colleague, Alford Duncan, Professor of Law at the University of South Carolina. Christian had a great love of travel, nature, arts, literature, music, history and especially photography. He took joy in so many simple things in life and could surprise you by fixing anything. He had great wit and an ability to debate on any topic.



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