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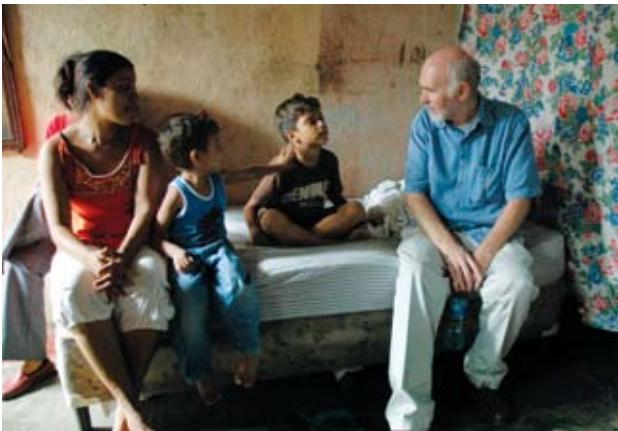
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80TH ANNIVERSARY



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Professor John Yogis and Maggie

Happy New Year. My co-editor Karen Kavanaugh and I wish you a happy, healthy and productive 2011. We also hope you will enjoy the latest issue of *Hearsay*, the Law School's principal alumni publication.

Sometimes serendipity seems to play a part in bringing about a thread that runs through a particular issue of *Hearsay*. Political service to the nation is a recurring theme in four of our features. Our cover story marks the 80th anniversary of the election of **R. B. Bennett (LL.B. 1893)** as Canada's 11th Prime Minister. By chance we included an interview with Canada's current Speaker of the House of Commons the **Honourable Peter M. Milliken ('71)** in which he relates some memories of his time at the Law School. Also featured is an article on four generations of the McInnes family. **Hector McInnes (1888)** was a candidate for the Progressive Conservative Party in the federal election of 1921. His grandson, **Stewart McInnes ('61)**, campaigned for the Progressive Conservatives in 1984, and became a member of the cabinet of former Prime Minister Brian Mulroney. **Brian Flemming ('62)**, this year's recipient of the Weldon Award, ran as a Liberal in two federal elections, and later accepted a position as Assistant Principal Secretary and Policy Advisor to Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau.

Public service is however not exclusively confined to the political arena. **Ed Dunsworth ('75)** underwent a

» FROM THE EDITOR

life-changing experience that led him to Nicaragua where today he and his wife, Barbara, oversee many projects to improve the lives of those who live in one of the poorest countries of Central and South America.

Service to an individual, the community, and the legal profession generally, is represented by our story on **Stephen Aronson ('73)** and his "lonely struggle" to have Donald Marshall Jr. freed from his 11 years in prison for a murder he did not commit.

Paula Taylor ('78) relates a sometimes harrowing tale resulting from a decision to climb Mount Kilimanjaro to raise funds for an organization assisting young adults facing serious mental illness.

An alumnus in far-off fields is **Daniel Laprès ('72)**. Daniel, who lives in Paris, has had a long connection with the legal profession and business community in China. We were delighted that Daniel agreed to share with us some of his personal experiences and impressions of China today.

Hearsay visits **Anne Bastedo ('81)**, **Pamela Callow ('91)** and **Mark Stebbins ('08)**, three alumni whose careers have taken them outside traditional roles of the legal profession.

Here at home the school and legal community had a major event to celebrate the deanship of **Phillip Saunders ('84)** and to honour law librarian, Ann Morrison, and long-serving staff member Gwen Verge.

These are but a few of the stories we hope you will find of interest. This is your magazine and we want to connect with you and hear your stories as well, what interests you, and what you would like to see in future issues. Please write to us with your thoughts and ideas, and keep us abreast of events in your lives that you would like to share with your classmates, the school, the university, and the alumni generally.

All the best,
John Yogis

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MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN



Buzzing. It is a word that appropriately describes the feel at the School. Let me give you a sense of the activities of our community over the last six months.

We have been engaged in a process of strategic planning: setting a course for the next five years. As we have been drafting our strategic plan we have met with alumni, members of the practising bar, friends of the School, judges, community members, and other leaders at the university. We have discussed our vision of curriculum, pedagogy, graduate studies, and community engagement. We have reviewed our commitment to sustainability, focused on the consequences of increased internationalization on legal education, and explored how technology might support a rich learning environment. We have worried about some of the consequences of the financial and work pressures faced by our students. We have reiterated our commitment to access to legal education and to justice. We hope to have a strategic plan in place by the end of this academic year and look forward to sharing it with you.

Two major new funds have been launched. The Innis Christie endowment honours the life and work of former dean and leading scholar, policy-maker and arbitrator, Innis Christie. The endowment will support a leading scholar in the area of labour and employment law to teach a course as a visiting professor and enable the School to offer a labour and employment law related symposium to members of the legal community.

The Purdy Crawford Fund for Global Financial Markets was established to honour the work of Purdy Crawford ('55) with the Investment Committee concerned with the Asset Backed Commercial Paper crisis. The fund will support initiatives in the area of business law.

Our annual F. B. Wickwire Memorial Lecture in Professional

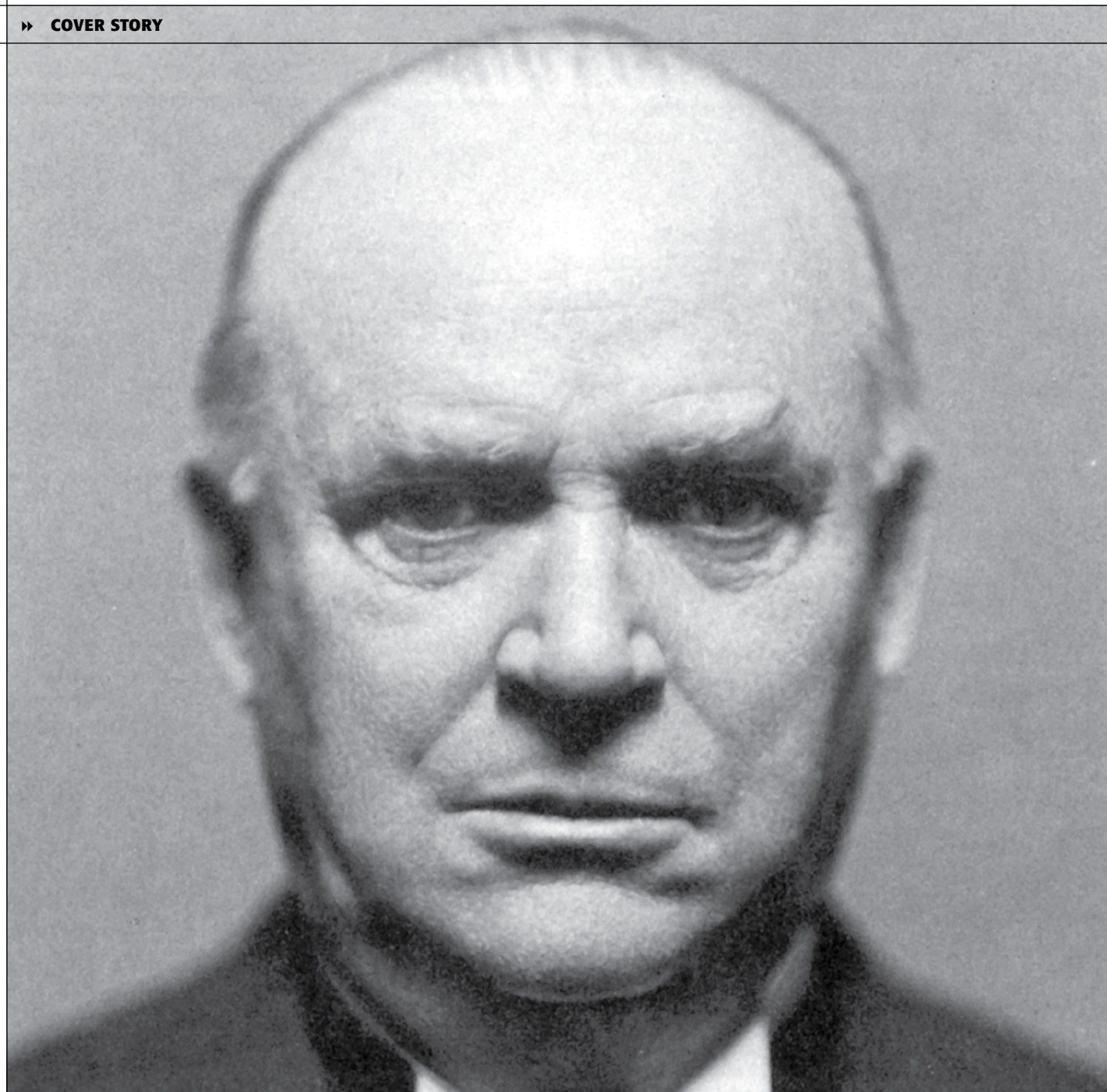
Responsibility and Legal Ethics, co-hosted with the Nova Scotia Barristers' Society, was a huge success. This year's topic was conflicts of interest and a panel discussion featured The Hon. Joel Fichaud of the Nova Scotia Court of Appeal, Ms. C. Kristin Dangerfield of the Law Society of Manitoba, and Prof. Paul Paton of the McGeorge School of Law at the University of the Pacific, with Ms. Marjorie Hickey, QC, President of the Nova Scotia Barristers' Society as the moderator. You can watch the proceedings on the Schulich School of Law's iTunes University site.

In other exciting news, our IB&M Initiative, which has been instrumental in shaping the law school, law students, and the legal community, was honoured by the Canadian Bar Association's prestigious Touchstone Award.

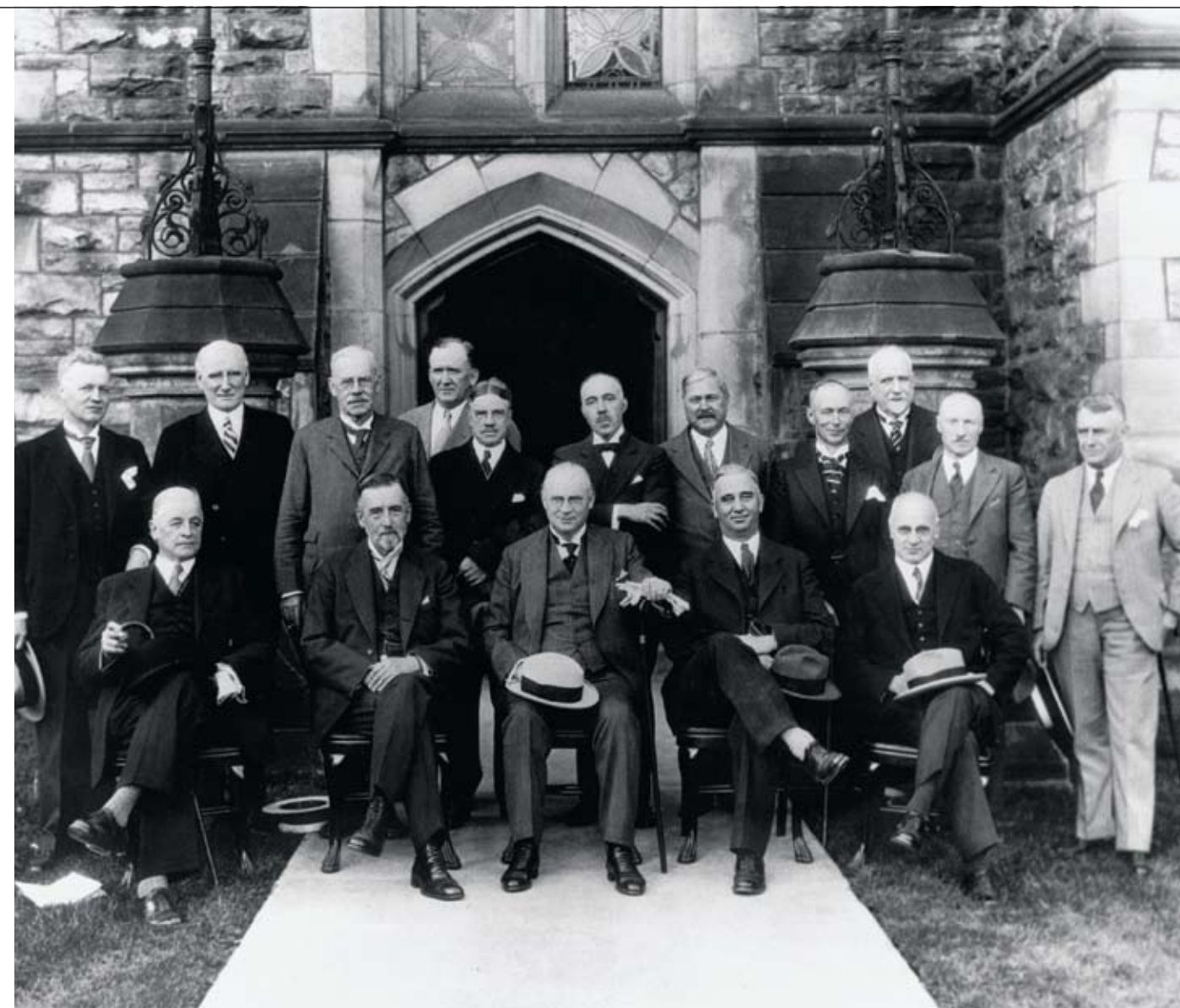
It has, in fact, been a year of honours at the School and for our alumni. Simply to illustrate, five of our alumni—Ryder Gilliland, Andrea Johnson, Suzanne Rix, Alan Ross, and Michael Statham—were recognized by *Lexpert* as rising stars in their Top 40 under 40 list; Howard Wetston was named the Chair of the Ontario Securities Commission; Rocky Jones was named to the Order of Nova Scotia; and a remarkable number of our alumni were appointed to the bench.

We remain ever proud of our graduates. You cover the globe and have made remarkable contributions in all aspects of public life. If we have not already met, I hope we do so soon.

Kim Brooks
Dean and Weldon Professor of Law



R. B. BENNETT (LL.B.1893)



Portrait of Richard Bedford Bennett's Cabinet after they were sworn in, taken in 1930. Bennett is seated, centre.

A PROGRESSIVE PRIME MINISTER

by Peter B. Waite

This year marks the 80th anniversary of the election of Richard Bedford (R.B.) Bennett (LL.B. 1893) as Canada's 11th prime minister. Bennett was one of the Law School's early major benefactors and he remained committed to his alma mater throughout his life. He felt a particular indebtedness to his dean, Richard Chapman Weldon. In A History of Dalhousie Law

School John Willis wrote that the dean influenced the young Bennett at critical stages in his early life. To supplement Bennett's meagre financial status as a student Weldon appointed him at a modest salary to oversee the Law School's small library collection. Later, when Bennett was in practice in Chatham, N.B., Weldon recommended him to Senator James



R. B. Bennett's birthplace in Hopewell Cape, N.B.



Bennett aged 10.



Bennett c.1912



Mrs. Hazel Colville, the widow who came into Bennett's life in 1932



Bennett with Robert Borden



Leaving for the World Economic Conference, 1933

Alexander Loughheed of Calgary, who was looking for a law partner. The move was to hasten the young lawyer on his path to a political career and national prominence.

Bennett has been the subject of an aroused sense of public awareness during the past year. Many writers and commentators have revisited his accomplishments during his five years as Canada's Depression prime minister (1930-35). Many of his advocates, including former Liberal prime minister John Turner, have argued that it is time a statue of R.B. Bennett joined the seven other Canadian prime ministers who are commemorated on Parliament Hill.

On June 12, 2010, renowned Canadian historian and Dalhousie professor emeritus P. B. (Peter Busby) Waite paid tribute to the Law School's distinguished alumnus with an address at the opening of the R.B. Bennett Commemorative Centre at Hopewell Cape, N.B. Waite, who is completing a biography of Bennett, has kindly permitted Hearsay to present a slightly edited print version of his remarks.

R.B. Bennett is an authentic New Brunswicker. The Bennett family were not United Empire Loyalists, they were older than that—they were pre-Loyalists, what historians now call Planters. The Bennetts came from Connecticut in the early 1760s. American migration westward, beyond the Alleghenies, had been stopped by the British government, who wanted to keep those western lands as Indian country. As a result, burgeoning American migration went eastward, east to the Acadian lands made vacant by

can, but give away all you can. It was an exacting discipline that R.B. Bennett learned at his mother's knee. She taught him everything: poetry, history and perhaps most surprisingly, the beauties of higher mathematics. He went to work at age 16 teaching school. He had to. By the 1870s his father's shipbuilding business had fallen on hard times and Henry Bennett had to become a country blacksmith. And a rather feckless one, inclined to spend money as if there were lots of it. Sometimes he would take

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the Acadian expulsion of 1755-60. By the 1840s Nathan Bennett, R.B.'s grandfather, had established a solid shipbuilding business at Hopewell Cape. R.B.'s father, Henry Bennett, was born and brought up in this prosperous shipbuilding family.

R.B.'s mother, Henrietta Stiles, the real power in his life, was a schoolteacher in Hopewell Village nine miles to the west, whither she went for the birth of her firstborn son, Richard Bedford Bennett, born July 3, 1870. Henrietta Bennett was a strong woman, her husband much more easy-going. Strong women can be attracted to such men. Her strength came from her mind and her religion—Wesleyan Methodist. John Wesley's rule for living was: work as hard as you can, save as much as you

more than a drink or two. Young "Dick" Bennett grew up learning to account for every cent, and to avoid liquor as if it were the plague.

R.B. always had an instinct for politics. Politics was where important things were decided and done, where destinies could be determined. In 1892-93 when he was a third-year law student at Dalhousie, he became premier of the student mock parliament. His "government" promptly united the three Maritime provinces into one. He followed that by bringing Newfoundland into confederation half a century early. However, he and his "government" were defeated giving women the vote.

Later, R.B. went into the real world of Canadian politics, believing he had

a duty to his country. Eighteen months after his arrival in Calgary in 1897 he was elected to the Assembly of the North-West Territories.

As prime minister of Canada 1930-1935 he was one of the most gifted intellectually of any of our prime ministers. That does not mean the most politically successful. His Conservative government was broadsided by the Great Depression. It was the judgment of Harold Innis, the great economic historian, writing personally to R.B. in 1938, "No one has ever been asked to carry the burdens of unprecedented depression such as you assumed and no one could have shouldered them with such ability."

It's a judgment to be weighed and pondered. Institutions R.B. left behind bear constant witness as to how well he had stood by his duty to his country. He put through the Bank of Canada despite the opposition of almost every chartered bank in Canada; he brought in the CBC (called the CRBC then) despite the opposition of most of the big private radio stations in the country; he began unemployment insurance despite legal uncertainties, believing it was needed. It was, but it took a later constitutional amendment to do it.

R.B.'s talent, energy, determination did not come unalloyed. Despite all he accomplished, he still inhabits a fairly rugged reputation. His brilliant mind and huge capacity for work were conjoined to a volatile and sometimes irascible temper.

If he set high standards for himself, he applied them to others. He tended to judge people by what he thought they should do, not so much what they were capable of doing. Generous to secretaries, he could be abrupt, bad-tempered and demanding with colleagues. He himself was a bear for work; the six days of R.B.'s week were laborious; Sundays he kept for church and reading.

He never married, but he was not a misogynist. Medical problems explain and complicate his early relations with

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women. In 1905, when he was 35, he told his friend Max Aitken, the future Lord Beaverbrook, that he might never marry. But 27 years later in 1932 he fell in love with a twice-widowed, handsome Montreal lady, Hazel Kemp Colville, some 20 years his junior.

Late love affairs can be dangerous. So it was with R.B. He probably would have married Hazel Colville had she been willing. But in the end, by the summer of 1933, she backed away from R.B. She was rich and comfortable. Why should she give up her cocktails, cigarettes and bridge for R.B., who thoroughly disliked all of those things? And he was never chary about saying so.

Hazel Colville really wanted a husband like Arthur Colville, her second,

who had died in 1931 of lung cancer. He smoked, drank wine, and had done things a wealthy man about town in Montreal would do.

That 1933 break-up hurt R.B., and badly. It was said in Ottawa that that failed romance with Hazel Colville quite broke his heart.

By 1933 R.B. knew his own political regime was not going well and that the Depression was gradually savaging him and his party in the country. Nevertheless, he would do whatever

he thought needed to be done to bring Canada's vessel through the storms that beset her. His achievements were considerable and long-lasting; he trusted that when elections came Canadians would appreciate what he had accomplished. In the general election of July 1935, a majority of Canadians didn't. That hurt, too.

Historians since have not been very kind, either. R.B. had little tact and less patience with academics or newspapermen. He felt academics were long-haired idealists out of touch with reality. As for newspapermen, they should report facts, not fantasies, publish truth, not exaggerations. Nor had he the slightest qualm in raking editors over the coals for what he conceived were



THE ONLY CANADIAN PRIME MINISTER BURIED ABROAD: While living in London, Bennett died quietly of a heart attack. Services were held at St. Michael's, his church in Mickleham, and at Westminster Abbey. He was buried in the church yard at St. Michael's.

misrepresentations or outright errors. So his press coverage was not always generous. He had a long feud with John Dafoe, editor of the *Winnipeg Free Press*. That affected his reputation too, not least from Arch Dale's clever, mocking cartoons.

R.B. was an intensely private man. His private life was his and no one else's. He covered up his tracks. His mother died in 1914; he destroyed his letters to her. Later, in the 1940s, he had the very home he had grown up in torn down. When in August 1930 he took over the Canadian

government from Mackenzie King, R.B. told King that he kept very little private correspondence. That was true. King replied that he kept almost everything. That was also true. The Bennett papers and the King papers are very different. So were Bennett and King.

After R.B.'s death in 1947, Lord Beaverbrook set researchers to work to collect whatever Bennett papers could be found, in New Brunswick, Ottawa, Hull and Calgary. He had them all shipped to the University of New Brunswick. The result was the massive collection of Bennett papers in Fredericton, some 627,000 items. They tend to be, however, heavily official, not less valuable for that perhaps, but often lacking the inner pulse of R.B. In Fredericton R.B.'s faithful secretary since 1914, Alice Millar, watched the papers as they came in with a jealous, reverential eye. She was devoted to R.B.'s memory. So much so that at the U.N.B. incinerator she would burn papers she deemed "unhistorical." One windy day in 1948 a colleague of mine at U.N.B., Professor A. G. Bailey, rescued a letter from Beaverbrook to R.B. floating among the trees behind the incinerator. Alice Millar was getting rid of some of those "unhistorical" letters. Bailey duly reported this outrage to Beaverbrook in London. Beaverbrook, himself an expert at collecting letters, wondered how much of the real R.B. Bennett would be left after Alice Millar had pitched out so many "unhistorical" ones.

On the other hand, there has been a lucky find. Pamela Miller, now the Sir William Osler Librarian at McGill University, found in their collections a bundle of letters and telegrams—the letters in R.B.'s handwriting. They had been deposited at the Royal Trust Montreal in November 1932 by Hazel Colville. They were R.B.'s love letters to her. They were to be destroyed unless Hazel's daughter wanted to keep them. Mercifully, Frances Ballantyne chose to keep them. Thus, did they end up at McGill. Those Colville letters, some 30 or so, are written by R.B. in his own hand (and not easy to read). They are a rare and vital glimpse of the inner man—an R.B. in love, perhaps for the first time at

age 62, unguarded and vulnerable.

It is this inner world that biographers find so difficult to find and measure.

Mark Twain said flatly that biography can't be done. Most biographies, he asserted, are "but the clothes and buttons" of the real person—that the real lives of men and women are in their heads and can never be known. Most biographies, he said, are like the 90-foot brontosaurus in museums, made up from nine old bones and 50 barrels of plaster. There's hard truth in that. We biographers simply try to get as close to the real person as we can. We burrow around and do the best with what we can find. The greatness of Boswell's 1791 book, *The Life of Johnson* is his uncanny knack for remembering Dr. Johnson's tavern talk.

It is difficult to record change. We all change, and all the time, but how can you catch people in the act of doing it? It's not made easier by the fact that people can be expert hypocrites.

R.B. was famous for bluntly speaking his mind. When he was defeated in July 1935, he told many of his correspondents that he was quite philosophical about it. It was to be expected that the Canadian people wanted to punish him and his government for the Depression. But beneath all that acceptance a layer of bitterness gradually surfaced. He had done his best, worked laborious days and nights, brought in excellent new institutions and here Canadians were handing him the sharpest defeat of any federal government since Confederation—40 seats in a 245-seat House of Commons. It was not as bad as it looked. The total Conservative popular vote was 30 per cent as against the Liberal 45 per cent—but it was bad enough.

Nevertheless, R.B. stayed on as Leader of the Opposition for three more years. And a very good opposition leader he was, helping to draft constructive legislation, bringing to bear on debates his wealth of knowledge and experience. But he had developed a heart condition, and in March 1938 he felt he would not be able to carry his party through the strain of another general election. So then he resigned.

At that point he could have had almost any position in Canada he had a fancy for, from president of a university to president of a bank. But he couldn't bear the unhappy echoes associated with his name and the Depression. It was symbolized by "Bennett buggies," a dead car hitched up to a horse, whose owner could afford neither gas nor repairs. Wherever R.B. went he could not escape those unhappy associations.

There was another reason he no longer felt wholly comfortable in Canada. He had already been attuned to the larger world across the Atlantic. Over the years London had become almost as familiar as Ottawa—2,000 years older, more civilized, and much more sophisticated. He was first in London in 1905 when he was 35 and had been there almost every year since. Furthermore, he was the only Canadian politician who knew something about the British Empire first hand. In 1936 he spent six months visiting New Zealand, Australia and South Africa, and very impressed he was, especially with Australia. He was an imperialist by thought and deed, truly a Canadian man of the British Commonwealth. Thus, in January 1939 when he moved to England he was moving into the centre of a comfortable world he knew well.

In the fall of 1938 R.B. had bought a 90-acre run-down estate, Juniper Hill, next door to Beaverbrook's, and proceeded to have it fixed up and with Canadian essentials—central heating, lots of hot water and generous bathrooms. Juniper Hill was in a beautiful setting in the Surrey Hills, near a village called Mickleham, a 40-minute drive south of London. He was tremendously pleased with it, and he was soon what one might call a country squire. He had a special pew in the local 9th-century Anglican church. He made a point of being accepted in its parish; he would invite the local villagers to his big house for Sunday night movies in the theatre he had installed.

As the war came on in September 1939 he began to be invited to make speeches around Britain. He was so good at it, praising in a vigorous Canadian accent the glories of Britain, its

PATHS THAT CROSS

"At the core of RB's being was a fundamental aloneness....He was not a lonely man, but he was what one might call a loner." A poem, "The Crossing Paths", that he set down in 1890, possibly written by himself, when he first came to Dalhousie Law School conveys this:

*Our far diverging lines of life,
Have for a moment crossed,
To touch and wind away again and be
In the dim distance lost.*

*As passing ships whose wide-flung sails
Are for an instant furled
We hail, and banter words of cheer,
Brought, from the other world,*

*With eager question, quick reply
Across the deck we lean,
Then part and put the silences
Of ocean wastes between.*

*We turn and watch the fading sail
Until our eyes grow dim
And the blue billows melt away
On the horizon's rim.*

*How sad it seems! A few brief words
A kiss, a handclasp given.
Then—paths that cross on land or sea
No more this side of heaven!*

history and its Empire, that soon he had more requests for speeches than he could handle. Some of them were made during the 1940 blitz. More than once he walked to a London rendezvous amid burning buildings and falling bombs.

In June 1941 Winston Churchill recommended him for a Viscounty, the highest rank in the nobility yet given to a Canadian. He loved the House of Lords. He attended regularly and was a highly respected member—one of the few who knew much about the British Commonwealth first hand.

When R.B. died in June 1947, there were services in his memory not only at St. Michael's—his church in Mickleham—but in Westminster Abbey. He is buried right in front of the churchyard at St. Michael's, the only Canadian prime minister buried abroad. It is right to note that in his will that is where he said he wanted to be. •

2010 Weldon Award for Unselfish Public Service



Brian Flemming '62

He is a nationally renowned policy advisor, teacher, consultant, writer and international lawyer who has generously volunteered his time, energy and personal resources to make extraordinary contributions to the legal profession and his community.

Born in Halifax, Brian Flemming received a Bachelor of Science from Saint Mary's University, a Bachelor of Laws from Dalhousie, a Master of Laws from University College London, England, and the coveted Hague Diploma in International Law from the Hague Academy of International Law.

In the 1960s and 1970s, while practising at Stewart MacKeen & Covert (now Stewart McKelvey), Flemming taught the first advanced course in public international law at Dalhousie Law School, wrote legal articles, advised the Canadian government at the Third United Nations Law of the Sea Conference and lectured in international law at universities, colleges and conferences in North America and Europe. He taught commercial law for 12 years at Saint Mary's University. In 2004, he was made an honorary fellow of

the Marine & Environmental Law Institute at Dalhousie University.

While a member of the Bar Council of the Nova Scotia Barristers' Society in the 1970s, Flemming founded the Nova Scotia Law News. He was also active in the Canadian Bar Association and chaired the Maritime Law Section. He was the founding president of the Dalhousie Law Alumni Association and, since 1985, has been the honorary national chair of the association. He has been a Governor of Dalhousie University, the first lay chair of the Board of Canada's oldest university, University of King's College, and a Trustee of Pearson College of the Pacific. He was national chair of the Bicentennial Campaign for King's that built and endowed the university library. King's awarded Flemming an honorary doctorate in 1991. He and his friends endowed an annual lecture at King's when he left the chair.

From 1976 to 1979, Flemming interrupted his law practice and became assistant principal secretary and policy advisor to Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau in Ottawa. He worked closely with Trudeau on patriation of the Canadian Constitution and advised him to appoint the Macdonald Royal Commission. That commission's report led to the negotiation of the free trade agreement with the United States.

In 2000, he was made chair of the Canada Transportation Act Review Panel, the statutorily-mandated decennial review of Canada's transport policies. His report earned Flemming the 2003 annual National Transportation Week's "Award of Achievement." After the tragedy of 9/11, the government of Canada appointed him founding CEO and chair of the Canadian Air Transport Security Authority (CATSA), Canada's principal governmental response to that event. In 2005, he was appointed a founding director of the federal Advisory Council on National Security.

Locally, Flemming has been a passionate supporter of the arts. He was the founding president of Symphony Nova Scotia and chair of the committee that established the Atlantic Symphony Orchestra. He was a founding director of the Scotia Festival of Music, a director of Neptune Theatre Foundation and chair of the Maritime Conservatory for the Performing Arts. In the early to mid 1970s, he was first a member, then vice chair and acting chair, of the Canada Council, now the Canada Council for the Arts and the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council. He has also been chair of several social welfare agencies in Halifax. His current passion is Halifax Humanities 101, which brings learning to low income and disadvantaged people in his community.

In 1989, Flemming was made a Member of the Order of Canada. In 1991, he was awarded the Canada 125 medal and, in 2002, the Queen's Golden Jubilee medal. The Weldon Award for Unselfish Public Service, sponsored by the Dalhousie Law Alumni Association, was established in 1983 to serve as a tribute to the ideals of the Law School's first dean, Richard Chapman Weldon. The award was presented to Flemming at the Dalhousie Law Annual Alumni Dinner in October. •



Changing China



OUR MAN ON CHINA

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has published some 20
articles on Chinese law*

and business in journals and magazines in North America, Europe and Asia. The Sir James Dunn Law Library was very appreciative to receive a version of his book Business Law in China which is now part of the library collection. His latest article entitled "The Role of Foreign Lawyers in Arbitration Proceedings in the PRC" was published by the International Business Law Review in its June 2010 issue. In 2005, he became the first foreign lawyer to integrate a Chinese firm as Special Counsel, and he was also the first French lawyer to be cited in the China section of the The Asia Pacific Legal 500. In 2008, he was appointed to the list of foreign arbitrators of the China International Economic and Trade Arbitration Commission (CIETAC). Currently he is "Of counsel" to Kunlun Law Firm which has offices in Beijing, Shanghai, Guangzhou and Shenzhen. Laprès kindly consented to speak to Hearsay and share some of his experiences and impressions of China today.

Hearsay: Daniel, perhaps we might begin if you give us a brief re-cap on your early involvement with China.

Daniel Laprès: My immersion in the Chinese environment began in 1975 when I moved to Hong Kong to join the first foreign law firm to open an office in Asia. In the People's Republic of China (PRC), the Cultural Revolution was just winding down and the country remained mired in autarchy and poverty despite the considerable progress since the Revolution in 1949. The legal profession was practically nonexistent in the PRC and foreign lawyers would only be issued visas to travel to the mainland for business reasons.

H: You left Hong Kong in 1976 to move to Paris. Why did you learn Chinese and continue your business and professional activities in the China region?

DL: Rubbing up against China at that time might be analogized to the ant scurrying up the elephant's leg: it's big, but you're not sure how big or even what the total form is but you're drawn

to investigate further. Even then Hong Kong was a major metropolis and all East Asia was booming. During the 1980s, I maintained a trading company in Hong Kong and sourced and wholesaled goods in Hong Kong.

In 1989, I became involved in assisting refugees from the Tiananmen Square movement establish themselves in France. Several of the leaders lived in my apartment for awhile and we had some interesting discussions. One point, which might surprise a lot of Western observers, was made systematically by those young people, and is still maintained by those with whom I am still in contact; they support the PRC Government rejection of Tibetan secession. Altogether, it was a very exciting time!

In 1995, after admission to the Paris Bar, I renewed my interest in Chinese law and two years later the International Chamber of Commerce published *Business Law in China*, a book which I co-edited and co-authored with Zhang Yuejiao, currently a member of the Appeal Board of the World Trade Organization (WTO). (A second, electronic edition was published in 2008.)

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H: Is it fair to say that your China connection also goes beyond the mere professional?

DL: Well, yes, it’s also a family affair. In 1990 I married Shen Suhua, a native of Beijing, in Paris. That’s where we have lived and raised our two daughters. The eldest, Mae, is 18 years old; she served as a volunteer during the Olympics in Beijing in 2008, and worked as a translator (French, English and Mandarin) for the media. This July she modeled for the inaugural issue of *Harpers’ Bazaar* in China. Our second daughter, Lena, is 15 years old. She also speaks the three languages and is in high school in Paris. This past summer she appeared as a dancer in a movie made for Chinese television.

H: On your website you have inter alia references about your pro bono work for Chinese Christians seeking asylum in France. Many in the West regard China’s record on human rights to be dismal, particularly with regard to freedom of religion and expression. Would you share that view?

DL: There is a lot of misunderstanding on the matter of thought control in China. In private one hears lots of criticism of the government. The idea that the PRC internet is protected by firewalls is belied by the actual possibility for any high school student to figure out a way around it. Some issues of great social consequence are regularly debated openly and on TV: environmental protection, protection against food and hygiene risks, transportation systems and catastrophes, to name a few. One indication of how China is evolving is that the local Chinese Catholic church in Paris nowadays encounters far fewer sincere underground Catholics who have suffered persecution on the mainland. So there does seem to be greater tolerance by the authorities of religious expression.



Daniel Laprès with associates of the Chinese law firm to which he is “Special Counsel.” To Laprès’ right is Lei Kai, a senior partner and a contributing editor to his book *Chinese Business Law*.

H: That sounds almost too good to be true.

DL: I am an inveterate optimist—but China’s recent history has shown that optimism is the right side of the trend.

H: Can you give us any examples from this recent history?

DL: The situation, as I see it, is constantly evolving and I think in the right direction overall, so there is good reason to be optimistic about the prospects for increased freedom of speech and of expression in the PRC. There are gay communities in Shanghai and Beijing and other major cities. There are faithful of all religions, and members of minority political parties, who have reached the highest posts in the PRC’s administration, including in its legal branches: the Judiciary and the Procuratorate—which is loosely the national agency for criminal investigation and prosecution. Believers in Buddhism can be encountered in every walk of life, including within the Communist Party, and the Christian religions are thriving in the rural communities. It’s worth remembering that in the Maoist tradition, religion is only a “minor contradiction” and in the Constitution religion is neither encouraged nor prohibited. The rush up the scale of values to reach moral discussion has been accomplished for large numbers of well-off Chinese who conclude that there is more to life than material gain.

H: Are you therefore predicting a liberal democratic future?

DL: Yes, globalization will continue to challenge both traditional Chinese values and the values of the Communist Party. The current dispersion of economic power, even if at the moment it mainly exists within an oligarchy constituted of the family and friends of the rulers, will only fuel and sustain ambitions for the exercise of political influence. Western style democracy is not much more distant than the first secession of any of the currents agitating the Communist Party.

H: Could you elaborate a bit more on that last point?

DL: If you mean my reference to a liberal democracy being no further away than the first secession of a splinter group within the Communist Party, I am going beyond a mere prediction of the instauration one day of a liberal democracy by imagining how it will come about. Perhaps it will be another mass movement of the youth as during the Tiananmen Square demonstration, a workers’ revolt as in Poland, or a dislocation of the Republic as in the Soviet Union. My own thought—reflecting those of at least some of my Chinese friends—is that the currents in the Communist Party will become more assertive, supported by contending factions within the widening economic oligarchy. Eventually one or more factions will officially secede from the Party. The PRC already has an elective system. What’s missing is a strong opposition party. My prediction is that such a strong opposition will arise gradually within the Party, and later without, at which point there would be a decent model of liberal democracy.

H: You paint a pretty rosy picture.

DL: Maybe, but at the same time I don’t deny that in China today the golden rules are to avoid threats to the unity of the Chinese State, and those to the dominance of the Communist Party.

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From my viewpoint, that is already too restrictive an environment. Also, as a lawyer I must decry the exercise of licensing powers to silence professionals who defend in the normal course of their practice controversial cases, such as those involving the defense of Christians before the Chinese courts.

But, I also find it bothersome when some people argue that China is endemically corrupt—when Westerners excuse their own predilection for corruption with the glib: “Everybody does it so we must keep up—when in Rome, etc. etc.” The much-commented case involving Rio Tinto and an Australian (ethnic Chinese) executive ought to serve notice that the Chinese authorities will fight corruption wherever they can find it—not every time, because no one could pretend the system to be perfect—but increasingly often.

H: What are the greatest risks facing today’s China?

DL: In economic terms, the greatest risks are posed by the national banking system’s exposure to the overbuilt real estate sector, which is vulnerable to interest rate increases. In political terms, the danger arises mostly from the Western frontier and the Muslim part of China as a part of the general movement of radical Islam.

H: To follow up on that last point, Daniel, are you saying that crackdowns we read about on Chinese Muslims are occurring out of a fear that they may have links with Al Qaeda, the Taliban and other groups connected to organized jihadist activities?

DL: The first observation I would make is that there needs to be a distinction drawn between Chinese Muslims and ethnic minority Muslims (such as the hui, wei - Uyghur - and the kazak minorities). Xinjiang in the northwestern region is China’s largest province-level territory and corresponds to one-sixth of the country’s total territory; but only some 20 million people live there (about 1.6 per cent of China’s total population).



Evidence of progress cascading to even the poorest regions is seen in solar-powered yurts in Western China.

Xinjiang has the country’s longest border which it shares with Mongolia, Russia, Kazakhstan, Kirghiziatan, Tajikistan, Afghanistan, Pakistan and India. The vast majority of China’s 20 million Muslims live in Xinjiang. The danger for dislocation of the PRC would, in my opinion, come even more from Xinjiang than from Tibet. In Xinjiang, the Chinese, including the Chinese Muslims, seem to enjoy better living conditions and have better prospects than the minority peoples. Based on my own personal observations, any resentment that people generally in Xinjiang might have manifested toward any neglect or disdain from the central authorities is greatly exacerbated among the ethnic minorities, almost all Muslims—often nomadic—and clearly disadvantaged socially.

H: You thus see any real danger to the PRC as coming from these ethnic minority groups?

DL: Yes, while hastening to add that I do believe the worst will be avoided because the Chinese economy is being managed in such a way as to draw even the poorest up—even if this results from a cascading down of what progress is afforded generally—better communications, education, housing and other social services. I see a tendency of the youth in the minority peoples to integrate the sedentary way of life, to become educated and to adopt the global styles of living.

H: This might lead us to ask about your own trip to Xinjiang this past August. Did you form any impressions that would have a bearing on this discussion?

DL: Well, the trip certainly brought home that globalization has penetrated throughout the territory even into its frontier hinterlands, including Xinjiang, where one can readily encounter a family of Mongolian nomads dancing to recordings of Straussian waltzes, or be invited to dine with them in their “yurt” under a glowing reprint of the Mona Lisa. In the capital city of Urumqi the principal Mosque juxtaposes a building of identical architectural inspiration, the ground floor of which is occupied by outlets of Kentucky Fried Chicken and a McDonald’s, and on the roof of which flies the flag of the PRC. In Xinjiang, one point I tried to verify was the local policy toward the wearing of veils and of bourkas (full body veils leaving only the eyes apparent) by local women. The issue evokes different treatments from one country to another, and a law in France that is to prohibit the wearing of bourkas in public places has drawn the ire of Muslims in numerous countries. But in Xinjiang, it seems that young Muslim girls can attend public school wearing veils, though one would not wear a veil while exercising a public function, such as teaching in school or working in a hospital. So the policy in Xinjiang is actually more liberal than that applied in France.

H: Based on your observations and experience over the last 35 years, what do you see as the long-term outlook for China ?

DL: Rising general wealth, further integration into the global economy, unrelented urbanization, at least partial solutions to the environmental challenges, gradual implementation of Western-style democracy, increased personal freedom, and peaceful international relations making possible an amicable solution to the Taiwan issue. •

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Erick is a nine-year-old boy from a community of extreme poverty in Managua, Nicaragua. He attends school at the Loyola Institute, a private-run Jesuit school in the heart of Managua. Erick's mother, Rosario, beams with pride as she speaks of Erick's academic success in coming third in his class with an average of 95 per cent. She says it is a "miracle from God" that Erick has been given the opportunity to receive a top-quality education that has already made a profound change in his life.

Erick is but one of 52 children ranging in age from six to 16 years attending four different private schools in Managua. The story of how these children have been given a chance to reach their full potential goes back to the late 1990s when Edward Dunsworth ('75) took a two-week trip to Nicaragua that changed his life.

Ed Dunsworth's ('75) pathway to change

Ed Dunsworth is a native Nova Scotian who grew up in the affluent area of south-end Halifax. He attended St. Francis School, St. Patrick's High School and Dalhousie, from which he received a Bachelor of Commerce ('70), and an MBA and law degree in 1975. He married, had four children and enjoyed a successful law practice. For 13 years he was an instructor in the Faculty of Commerce at Saint Mary's University where he taught a course in business law. Moreover, Dunsworth gave generously of his time and talents to several local organizations and causes. For many years he served on the board of the Nova Scotia Division of the Canadian Cancer Society and was one of its major fundraisers.

A chance occurrence in the fall of 1996 was to change both Dunsworth's life and that of his family. A friend mentioned that he had recently been involved with Habitat for Humanity in Guatemala. Habitat is a non-government organization that assists in building affordable housing for the poor in over 100 countries. Dunsworth was inspired to investigate the Habitat program. For two weeks in February 1997 Dunsworth and a few other volunteers helped build brick and tin houses in a small village in northern Nicaragua. The experience compelled him to consider making a dramatic change in his life. He later recalled, "When you are in Nova Scotia you think you know poverty. You see it on TV or read about it. But until you actually come face to face with it, and live in a community where there's abject poverty, you really don't know what it is."

Upon his return to Halifax Dunsworth's wife, Barbara,



became acutely aware of her husband's desire to make a long-term commitment to improving the lives of the most disadvantaged. She agreed to join her husband in a three-year stint with Habitat. Dunsworth took a leave of absence from his law firm, Leahey Nearing, intending to return to Halifax in 2001. Three of their four children Sally (age 15), Edward (10) and Jacqueline (7) accompanied their parents. Following a training session at Habitat's headquarters in Americus, Georgia, the Dunsworths were assigned to head up Habitat's house building efforts in the small Latin American country of Belize. The family took up residence in Belize City. The move was particularly hard on 15-year-old Sally. In the family newsletter she wrote:

"Last year I hated Habitat. I knew it was an organization that built houses for the poor and other than that I didn't care. The only thing that mattered was that Habitat was ruining my life. I had to leave all my friends and move to a third-world country. What worse thing can happen to the life of a 15-year-old? I had no idea. I hated the fact that I had to

leave everything that was familiar to me, but what I really couldn't understand was why my parents wanted to sell their lovely home and belongings and move to a place I had barely heard of to help people they had never met."

Although Sally was to become attached to her new school, life and surroundings, the Dunsworths had real fears at the beginning that she might run away.

Life was certainly very different for the Dunsworths in Belize. Although they lived in a comfortable house in a good part of the city, a short distance away were blocks of shacks and deteriorating houses. The smell of sewage and rotting garbage was everywhere. People dug through their garbage looking for food.

Dunsworth remembers, however, the excitement of the ground breaking ceremony for the first two lots upon which they would be building. The first Habitat homeowners of Belize were single mothers with three children each. Ruby lived in a house that flooded when it rained, was overrun with rats, and had glass missing from most of the windows. Anna shared a

dilapidated old house with nine other people: her mother, two sisters and their children. During the dry season the children slept on the floor. When it rained, the house flooded and the children had to crowd into Anna's bed. Dunsworth notes that these women were dedicated mothers, determined to make a better

life for their children. They had jobs, but would never make enough to qualify for any kind of housing loan.

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Dunsworth also recalls the challenge of encouraging the local people to join with the Habitat workers in their building projects.

"Too often in developing countries there is a tendency for the people to stand back and let foreigners do all the work. It's not because the people are lazy or indifferent. More often it is because their input is not sought or encouraged. Our aim is to motivate as many people in the community as possible to become involved in the process."

The Dunsworths' intention to return to Halifax after three years with Habitat was not to be. Their work with the



organization extended to Argentina and Chile, encompassing administration, recruitment, training, fund-raising and a myriad of other responsibilities instrumental to Habitat's growth in the Caribbean and Latin American regions. Dunsworth also served a seven-month stint on the island of Grenada with Habitat's Disaster Response Program in the aftermath of Hurricane Ivan.

Dunsworth's determination to improve the lives of the less fortunate was to shift emphasis in 2005. Friends had mentioned "Hand in Hand Ministries" (HHM), a charitable organization formed in 1999. Operating in Belize, Nicaragua, Costa Rica and Appalachia, HHM attempts to make a difference by providing food, shelter, clothing, medicine and education to the poorest of the poor. The Dunsworths' Spanish skills were now good enough and with the experience gained with Habitat they felt prepared to take on a new commitment with HHM.

Dunsworth says, "While we attempt to meet people's immediate needs, we seek systemic change. We like to work at the grass roots level, asking community leaders what they need most, and then helping provide the tools and skills to lift themselves and their communities out of extreme poverty."

The Dunsworths began their work with HHM in 2005. He states that one of the features that distinguish the organization is that it works very hard to keep administrative and fundraising costs at a minimum. "Over the previous eight years we averaged spending 85 cents out of every dollar in our programs. While we may not be the only organization that operates at that level, it certainly ranks us ahead of most." Dunsworth notes that while HHM considers itself faith-based it welcomes all people of good will—believers and non-believers. "It has always been vitally important that people of different beliefs, races, and all of the other factors that divide us, work together for the common good."

Fundraising is an important part of HHM's efforts to carry out its programs, and its donors are seen as major players

in a community dedicated to making life better for the children and families it serves. HHM also offers people in Canada and the U.S. an opportunity for hands-on experiences through immersion trips to the places it serves. It is believed that these volunteers will return home with a better understanding of themselves, and a compassion and desire to continue their lives with a component that includes service to others.

It is five years since the Dunsworths joined HHM. Dunsworth is now director of operations for HHM in Nicaragua and Barbara is associate director. They are based in Managua, Nicaragua, the poorest country in Central and South America after Haiti. Dunsworth's responsibilities, *inter alia*, include overseeing the staff of nine full- and part-time employees, meeting on a monthly basis with the sponsored children's families in group meetings, meeting with each family individually after each report card, managing the small loans portfolio, hosting immersion groups from out-of-country and organizing and managing the in-country projects, acting as agent for the new Canadian charity "Pathway to Progress Nicaragua," which was set up to encourage Canadian donors to involve themselves in the Nicaragua mission of HHM, and raising awareness and resources in the U.S., Canada and Nicaragua.

However, one project that is especially close to Dunsworth's heart is "Pathway to Change." The Dunsworths were struck by how poor the education system was in Nicaragua for a majority of children. Four years ago they started a pilot project to try and address in a small way the education problems they saw among families of scarce resources. It began with three children, and there are currently 52 children enrolled in the "Pathway to Change" program.

"The children we sponsor range in age from six to 11 and are enrolled in private schools such as the Loyola Institute, the Nicaragua Christian Academy-Nejapa, the Central Baptist School and Mother of the Divine Pastor School, which normally are attended by only the children of the wealthy and middle classes," Dunsworth

says. "We cover their education costs, pay for their school books, uniforms, transportation, and feed about 40 per cent of the children by providing nutritious breakfasts every morning. If they are sick and local clinics can't assist, we attend to their medical needs. We try to provide anything that is needed to improve their educational potential."

In keeping with HHM's objectives, the commitment of parents is essential to the success of the Pathway to Change program. Program facilitators make weekly visits to the homes of the sponsored children to encourage parents to play a greater role in every aspect of the lives of their children. Dunsworth admits that the challenge is great and it takes time to implement change. He states, "There is still much to do, but as a result of the program, and the commitment of the families of the sponsored children, on average 50 per cent of our students attain an average of 90 per cent or better. The future of these young girls and boys would be uncertain at best were it not for the help of this program. Education is the most powerful weapon against poverty. Our goal is to enable many more Nicaraguan children to take advantage of this wonderful opportunity."

William ("Bill") Leahey ('79),

Dunsworth's former law partner, is one of the local supporters of the Pathway to Change program. In a recent conversation with *Hearsay* Leahey remarked, "It has been a privilege to be able to call Ed and Barb my friends," he says. "Their decision in 1997 to fundamentally change their lives took enormous courage possessed by very few people. It was clearly the right decision for them, their children and the many people who have benefited from their selfless devotion to improving the lives of others in a practical way. The Schulich School of Law, can be very proud of its association with two people of such rare quality as Ed and Barbara Dunsworth." •

Ed invites any friends or interested alumni to contact him at ed@hhlministries.com. The Pathway to Progress website address is www.p2pnicaragua.org

Sir Nigel soars



Professor Sir Nigel Rodley got more than he asked for

earlier this year following a dinner in England where he delivered a talk on human rights to the British Army Legal Service. He mentioned that during The Second World War his father had been in a parachute unit of the British Forces and had died in 1944 at Arnhem, The Netherlands. Sir Nigel mentioned that he had always wondered what it would be like to jump out of a plane. This was a risky thing to say at a table of British Colonels, one of whom took him at his word and said this could easily be arranged. The photo shows Sir Nigel free-falling below his tandem

jumper, Ben. The event took place at the skydiving club of the British Army's Parachute Association Club, at Netheravon, Wiltshire, England.

Many alumni will remember Sir Nigel taught at the law school from 1965 until 1968. He became the first Legal Advisor of the International Secretariat of Amnesty International, and later returned to academia and served as Dean of Law at the University of Essex in Colchester, England. For his particular contributions to the cause of human rights, he was knighted by Her Majesty the Queen in 1999, and received the degree of Doctor of Laws, honoris causa, from Dalhousie University in May, 2000. •

IN MY DAY

An interview with The Honourable Peter Milliken



LEFT: Speaker Peter Milliken greets his Holiness, the Dalai Lama, on a Canadian visit.
RIGHT: Speaker Milliken presents U.S. President Barack Obama with a copy of *In Roosevelt's Bright Shadow* during his visit to Ottawa in 2009.

He was elected as a Liberal Member of Parliament for Kingston & the Islands in 1988 and since then has been successful in six consecutive campaigns. Amongst several parliamentary roles he has been Speaker of the House of Commons since 2001. His four-time selection by his colleagues to this position gives him the distinction of being Canada's longest-serving speaker. His reputation for impartiality and master of House procedure and rules was put to a critical test earlier this year when he was asked by the opposition parties to find the Conservative government in contempt of Parliament for failing to release uncensored documents regarding the Canadian military's handing over of Afghan detainees to Afghan authorities. The Honourable Peter Milliken's ruling that the government does not have an unconditional right to refuse the request of Parliament while recognizing the desirability for a process to ensure the confidentiality of sensitive information was praised by most academics and the media. In an editorial (April 28, 2010), *The Globe and Mail* called the ruling "scrupulously fair and non-partisan." In June 2010 Milliken announced that he would not seek re-election in the next federal election.

On the occasion of the 125th anniversary of the Law School Milliken ('71) agreed to be interviewed as part of a commemoration video produced through the generosity of William A. ("Bill") Rand ('66). The following is a slightly edited version of that interview in which Milliken relates some of his personal recollections of his time at the Law School, and the significance of the school's anniversary.

H: Why did you decide to become a lawyer?

PM: I think it was just something I had been interested in for a long time.

H. Why did you decide to come to Dalhousie Law School?

PM: I didn't come to Dalhousie first. I went to Oxford and did a degree in law there. When I returned to Canada I applied to a few law schools. However, Dalhousie offered two years' credit for my time at Oxford so that I could receive the Dalhousie degree after one year. I don't believe that program exists today. I knew Dalhousie was a good law school. That's how I got there, and I had a great time.

H: And you spent one year at the school?

PM: Yes. One of my friends who had been at Cambridge applied to Dalhousie as well and was accepted. The two of us got an apartment, ended up as roommates and spent the year in Halifax. It was fun.

H: If you cast your mind back, do any memories come back about your first day on campus, or entering the law building?

PM: Well, I first remember my parents drove me down from Kingston. I think I came back from Oxford in late July or early August. After locating an apartment we had heard about, we went over to the law school. I can remember walking in. I was accustomed to university buildings, so in that sense it wasn't out of this world, but it was quite attractive; a nice building. Moreover, it was quite convenient as it was only about a 20-minute walk from the apartment. Everything seemed great, and it was.

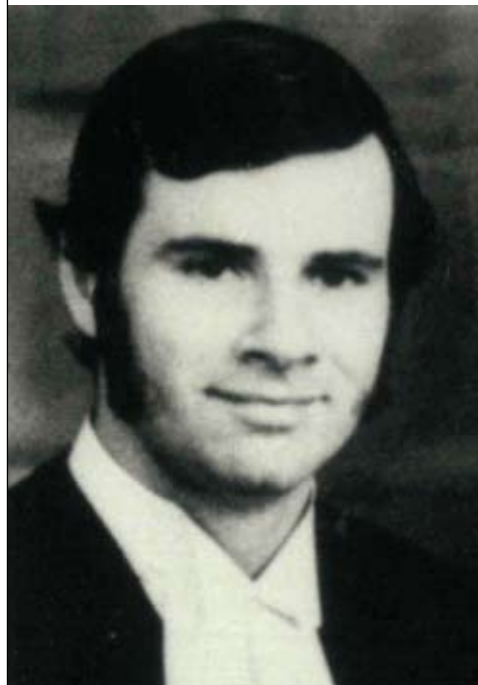
H: How, then, would you describe the Dalhousie law experience as compared to Oxford?

PM: Big time. At Oxford there was a tutorial system so I was in class only once or twice a week with one other student and a tutor. You had to prepare an essay alternately for each of these classes—either he did or I did—and then have a discussion with the tutor about it. You were given a reading list in order to prepare the essay and to be able to answer questions....The discipline was quite strict in terms of being on top of what was required. You

could go to lectures if you wanted to. You would choose a good lecturer and go to a series of lectures. There would be one or two a week in a particular subject....From my point of view the lecture circuit wasn't particularly heavy. I would go to the odd one or two, but most of my time was spent going to the library to read the cases and books necessary to prepare for the tutorials.

Dalhousie was quite different. The classes were much larger, and the professor would call out names and say to a particular student, "Now you answer this question." I must say that I was surprised how many times someone would say, "I haven't read that case, sir." At Oxford you just didn't say that. For me this was quite a dramatic change. I was so accustomed to being prepared I was on top of the readings most of the time.

On the other hand, I had to do a variety of courses. For example it was mandatory that I take the first-year Criminal Law class. Unlike Canada, England didn't have a code.... The subject matter was different and so was the [first-year] class setting with a large number of students I didn't know.



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LEFT: Peter Milliken graduates from Dalhousie Law in 1971. **RIGHT:** The Speaker's interest in canoeing has taken him on long trips to Canada's Far North.

Of course, that was also true with the classes I selected in third and second year. But, I spent more time with them, and some classes were smaller so I got to know them better.

H: What about your instructors? Do you remember any teachers in particular?

PM: I recall Professor Adrian Bradbrook who taught Wills and Estates. I had many discussions with him after class. I also recall Professor Donald, who, if I'm not mistaken, was the Dean of the Law School while I was at Dal.

H: Do you recall particular "haunts" you and your friends would frequent?

PM: I used to attend Domus. Since it was located close to the Law School, I would head over there after class with some classmates for a few drinks on our way home.

H: Looking back, then, how would you describe your overall experience at Dal?

PM: It was excellent. I enjoyed my time. I had fun. I liked the subjects I took and I enjoyed all the other students I met. I made a number of friends over all three of the years, but mostly in third and second year.

H: Would you say that your Dal Law experience was a contributing factor to your later political career?

PM: That's hard to say. It certainly made it easier. But, I had maintained an interest in politics since my high school days. I don't think there was an election when I was at Dal so I don't recall being particularly politically involved. When I returned to Kingston I was admitted to the bar and went straight into practice. Then I got back into party work and the type of political activity that I had been involved with in high school and while I was at Queen's.

H: Does the fact that Dal Law has celebrated its 125th anniversary have any meaning for you?

PM: Absolutely. Dalhousie has one of Canada's oldest law schools. It is not surprising that it enjoys the great reputation it has—partly because of its age. Obviously, it has provided a sound education to so many people; and so many of its graduates have moved all across the country. On a regular basis I meet alumni in Ottawa, and in British Columbia, Newfoundland, and wherever I may happen to be in Canada. Dalhousie has a great reputation.

H: Would you have anything to say to today's Dalhousie law students?

PM: I would imagine that in some respects legal education has changed dramatically from the time I was at Dalhousie, [as well as] in my early days in practice. At least from a research aspect computers enable students to locate cases and other material more readily than we could have imagined.

However, when I think about the study of law the thing that I found most important at Dalhousie and Oxford was the necessity to read as much as one is able and from as wide a variety of sources as possible. I believe the more you read and the more thoroughly you are exposed to a variety of opinions, the more you will be able to appreciate human differences. To me the ability to understand and accommodate different viewpoints is one of the most important aspects of the study of law. •

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It is most likely to happen in what Stephen Aronson colloquially calls "Indian country." Those are the circles where the slight, soft-spoken Jewish lawyer is still remembered as the man who got Donald Marshall Jr. out of prison after Marshall served 11 years for a murder he did not commit.

Aronson generally finds any attention for his part in what remains one of Canada's highest-profile wrongful conviction cases "a bit embarrassing," he says quietly. "Sometimes it's more important to other people than it is to me."

In 1971, Marshall was convicted of murdering his friend, Sandy Seale, in a park in Sydney, N.S. He was 17 years old when he was sentenced to life in prison. He was released in 1982 after the case was reviewed, thanks to what **Judge Anne Derrick ('80)** says was Aronson's "lonely struggle" to have the Mi'kmaq man's name cleared.

Now a Halifax provincial court judge, Derrick was one of the lawyers who represented Marshall before the Royal Commission into his wrongful prosecution. She also represented him at the Royal Commission that reviewed his compensation, and acted for Marshall at the Canadian Judicial Council's Inquiry into remarks made by the Nova Scotia Court of Appeal at the time of Marshall's 1983 acquittal.

She is frequently, mistakenly, referred to as the lawyer who helped Marshall walk free.

"He's an unsung hero, for sure," she says. "But for Mr. Aronson, I don't know how Mr. Marshall ever would've got out of prison. There was nobody else to step up to the plate for him. He had been buried alive."

"Can you imagine if Donald Marshall had cold called some lawyer and said, 'I'm an aboriginal man, I'm locked up in prison and I've been wrongfully accused of murder, I want you to help me get out'? There wouldn't have been a whole lot of lawyers who would do this."

Aronson is originally from Montreal but grew up in Halifax. He was working in Halifax for the Union of Nova Scotia

Stephen Aronson ('73): Marshall's unsung hero

by Becky Rynor

Indians when Marshall's case came to him in 1981, "as a lawyer of last resort." He was 31 when the native advocacy group asked him to review Marshall's preliminary hearing, trial transcripts and an appeal decision.

He was also asked to look into a confession by another inmate who claimed to have committed the stabbing.

"That took an incredible amount of work, frustrating work, difficult work," Derrick says. "So for someone in a very small practice with on-going overhead, this must have been a very great burden."

Aronson acknowledges there were months where he didn't see a penny for the hours he poured into Marshall's case. At the

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time he and his wife had an infant and a toddler, and "mostly lived off my wife's salary. I think I paid for the groceries," he says.

While there were "definitely" times when he thought he was in over his head, he says he never considered dropping the case, though he had no idea of the legal proportions it would take on.

In 1982, Ron Fainstein was a senior general counsel in the federal Justice Department when Aronson brought him the submission requesting the Marshall case be re-examined.

"I had never seen a more complete submission," Fainstein recalls of the material Aronson put before him. "It was all there. Obviously he had put in an extraordinary amount of work."

He says he was equally impressed by the lawyer in front of him.

"He wasn't there to do a job of advocacy. He wasn't just arguing a position for someone he was hired to represent. He truly believed in what he was doing, and that really shone

through in the way he conducted himself. It was a very infectious thing.”

Marshall was acquitted of the murder in May, 1983. But Derrick says the victory was “tainted” by comments made by the Court of Appeal basically blaming Marshall for being the cause of his own misfortune.

“This was just a very inappropriate exoneration of the system, she says. “It would have been a very bitter taste in (Aronson’s) mouth at the end of it all to have his innocent client who had 11 years of his life taken away from him, still saddled with responsibility for having got himself convicted in the first place.”

But Aronson’s work paved the way to two Royal Commissions and a Judicial Inquiry into the Nova Scotia Court of Appeal’s statements.

“I think that to me in a lot of ways that was the best part of the whole thing,” Aronson says. “It opened the system of justice to public scrutiny. I think it’s important for the public to have a better understanding of how the administration of justice does work.”

“The Royal Commission said those remarks from the Court of Appeal were wrong and Mr. Marshall was not responsible for what happened,” Derrick says. “It was the system that failed him, and it failed him in part because he was an Aboriginal. So racism contributed to his wrongful conviction. That was hugely significant.”

By the time Marshall was declared innocent, Aronson had been offered a job with the Department of Indian Affairs in Ottawa. And he took it.

“I was just tired. Tired physically and mentally and I just needed a change,” he says. He also needed to make some money.

Aronson recalls he got paid about \$74,000 in 1984, which he agrees was “probably” a drop in the bucket. “At the time it probably mattered more than it does today.”

But he says he was ready to move on. “I felt I’d done my part. He had been acquitted. I also felt it was just one part of a longer process which also included compensation and a commission of inquiry.”

Aronson still lives in Ottawa, now running a private practice dealing exclusively in aboriginal law. He so obviously shrinks under the eye of any attention that one can only wonder how he survived being at the centre of a landmark legal case as well as the financial and emotional wounds it inflicted.

Today, when he recalls the Marshall case, he says the word that springs to mind is “tragedy.”

“The fact that it happened in the first place is tragic. There were other victims, not just Junior. The witnesses were victims.”

And he says a lot of people walked away with scars, including him.

“It was a pretty traumatic experience to go through. High stress, high pressure.”

When Donald Marshall Jr. died in Aug., 2009, accolades for the native man flowed.

“His name should go down in history as a sympathetic individual who had the rights of the Mi’kmaq people close to his heart,” Chief Lawrence Paul of the Millbrook First Nation said at the time.

Many feel the same tribute could be said of Stephen Aronson.

“He conducted himself to the absolute highest standards of the legal profession,” Derrick says. “He was prepared to take on a really hard case. It wasn’t like there was a whole bunch of support around of any kind at all. He did it and he did it to a very high standard. And Mr. Marshall walked out of prison a free man because Stephen Aronson did the work it took to make that happen.”

In the years following the Marshall case, Derrick says she received a “cold call” from an Aboriginal man in prison, claiming he had been wrongfully convicted of murder. And she took it.

“I took that call because I thought, ‘Stephen Aronson would take the call.’ Stephen Aronson’s example was a very concrete reference point to say, yeah, one does have this professional responsibility.” •

The Donald Marshall Jr. Award established

Jarvis Googoo (’09) had the idea to create the award the day after his cousin Donald Marshall Jr. died. Marshall, the long-time hero of the Mi’kmaq, Maliseet and Passamaquoddy, passed away on August 6, 2009. A few days later Googoo approached Marshall’s family. “I wanted to get their permission and their blessing,” says Googoo. “I was pleased when they said yes.”

Marshall’s legacy will endure in the Donald Marshall Jr. Memorial Award. The Law School partnered with the Indigenous Black and Mi’kmaq (IB&M) Initiative to create the award in honour of Marshall. The award will be given to a third-year student who demonstrates a commitment to Aboriginal justice. “We want to recognize those who support the Aboriginal community,” says Googoo. “Junior had many sources of help throughout his life. We want to acknowledge the work of students involved in Aboriginal law.”



Marshall was wrongfully convicted of murder in 1971 and spent 11 years in prison before his name was cleared.

The IB&M Initiative was created to ensure a greater representation of visible minorities in the justice system. All of these changes came as a result of Marshall’s drive to reform the justice system.

Marshall faced new challenges in 1993 in Aboriginal law. He was arrested and prosecuted for selling the eels that he caught at Pomquet Harbour, Nova Scotia. His case was successfully argued in the Supreme Court of Canada. Through the 1999 landmark case, treaty rights between the Mi’kmaq people and the Crown were affirmed. The court ruled the Mi’kmaq people had the right to “a moderate livelihood for individual Mi’kmaq families at present day standards” through the fishing industry. The decision helped form the basis for Aboriginal fishing rights in Canada. “No one person made such an impact on so many areas of law as Donald Marshall Jr.,” says **Naiomi Metallic (’05)**, a lawyer at Burchell Hayman Parish. “He helped shape modern Aboriginal law, criminal and social justice.” **—Julie Sobowale**

the road less travelled

Anne Bastedo ’81: lawyer turned artist

Anne Bastedo was looking for a change.

After working drafting legislation and in investment compliance for 20 years, she decided to step away from the law in 2004 to do something new: photography. One year later, she was running her business Serenity Images. “It’s a great adventure,” says Bastedo. “It’s nice to do something creative.”

Lawyers can be an original bunch. Bastedo’s love for words and art led her through an unconventional career from working for the government to starting a small business. Now her next challenge is giving back to the Dalhousie community.

Bastedo grew up in a family of lawyers. Her grandfather Frank Lindsay Bastedo was the Lieutenant Governor of Saskatchewan and her father, Edgar Bastedo, had his own practice as a solicitor in Ontario. “When I was young, he would come home and tell me he had been making money on his money tree,” she says. “I didn’t really know what he did, but I was proud of him.”

After completing her master’s degree in philosophy at Dalhousie University, Bastedo headed to Dalhousie Law School in 1978. As a philosopher, she was drawn to legal theory. “I’ve always enjoyed words and analyzing ideas,” she says. “I wanted to study the meaning of words in the law.”

She kept close ties to Dalhousie after graduation.

After working as a land use planner in the Department of Municipal Affairs in Nova Scotia, Bastedo also taught land use planning at Dalhousie Law School. Her interest in legislation led her to the University of Ottawa where she received a diploma in legislative drafting. She returned to her position in Municipal Affairs until a chance encounter led to working in the Office of the Legislative Counsel of Nova Scotia.

During her 13-year tenure with the Counsel, Bastedo was seconded to be lead drafter for a team of engineers, lawyers, administrators and miners in modifying the Occupational Health and Safety Act and the Underground Mining Regulations. The reforms were in response to the 1992 Westray Mine explosion, which killed 26 mine workers in Pictou County, Nova Scotia. “I didn’t know anything about mining,” she says. “When you are in that kind of situation, you rely on the knowledge of other people who are experts in the field.”

After 20 years in government service, Bastedo decided to take on the challenge of developing an investment compliance department for Maritime Life Assurance Co. Five years later, she took a year-long break to find her next adventure.

Bastedo’s business began through her interest in photography. She began selling her prints at the Harris and Co. gallery in 2004 and ventured into the farmer’s

markets in Dartmouth and Halifax. Bastedo joined the Nova Scotia Designer Crafts Council in 2007 and shows her work in ViewPoint Gallery in Halifax. “It’s so different to go from the analytical to the creative,” she says. “I’m still using the skills I gained in law school and my previous career. You need to be organized and know how to market to be a photographer.”

The recent death of her father prompted Bastedo to solidify her will and give back to Dalhousie University. The plan is simple: Bastedo will purchase a life insurance policy in which Dalhousie owns the principal. The premiums are paid off within 10 years and the policy reverts to the university. Bastedo will get the tax benefit and the school has a guarantee on receiving the proceeds of the policy. Currently Bastedo and the university are in negotiations on allocating the funds. “The benefit is in knowing that the funds are secure and we both agree on what will be done with them,” she says. “I’m excited to think about how the funds will be spent.”

Bastedo wants to put her father’s inheritance from the “money tree” to good use. “I wish my dad could know about this,” she says. “I know he would be proud.” • **— Julie-Ann Sobowale**

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Day 2. In our rain forest camp “Big Tree,” ready to start the day’s climb. (l to r): Dani Sue Himmelman, Paula Taylor, Hans Himmelman, David Kirkpatrick, Rena Demone, Henry Demone

Paula Taylor (’78): Scaling Kilimanjaro

If I had known in advance the nature of the “adventure” I was signing on for, I’m not sure I would have done it. I am a sensible person who doesn’t seek out risk. Yet somehow I found myself going to a doctor’s office every Saturday morning for many weeks being injected with one tropical disease after another in preparation for climbing the tallest free-standing mountain in the world, the legendary Mount Kilimanjaro.

We were doing the climb to raise funds for Laing House, an organization founded by Keith and Rosemary Hamilton to assist young adults dealing with serious mental illness challenges. My husband David Kirkpatrick and I, and our friends Hans and Dani Sue Himmelman, and Henry and Rena Demone, had proposed to raise a total

of \$60,000 to assist Laing House, using the climb as the vehicle. We paid all our own expenses, and through the generous support of many friends, family, and even total strangers, we ultimately raised more than \$118,000 for Laing House: that remains the greatest satisfaction of the entire adventure.

And what an adventure it was! We gathered in a small, walled hotel complex in Moshi, Tanzania a day or so before the climb. The hotel is a gathering spot for climbers coming and going. At any given time you will see returning climbers at various stages: some jubilant and exhausted, having reached the summit, others dejected and disappointed, having failed in their ambition. All of them had one thing in common: they were unbelievably dirty and bedraggled.

For every returning climber there are arriving hopefuls—just like we were—fresh from the airport. One thing we learned quickly was not to listen to the sad tales of those who didn’t make it to the top. At this point we had no option but optimism—even with evidence all around that success was far from certain, and that the dangers were real. Every year many people die on Kilimanjaro. Others become very ill from severe mountain altitude sickness.

We were climbing with an outstanding organization called “Tusker Trails.” Each of the guides and porters who helped us reach the summit was admirable and courageous and had tremendous capacity for hard work, without complaint. It was not difficult to place great confidence in these experts.

Our leader was Kombi—a quiet, dignified man from the region and a true leader. When we made a mistake—and we did make quite a few the first couple of days—he would say, “Do not do that again.” You knew he was to be taken seriously. We were a small community whose lives and health were inter-dependant. Hygiene and mutual respect became paramount to avoiding illness and injury. We were certainly a liability to the experts even when we did everything right; if we didn’t, it was unforgivably careless.

We took a long, circuitous route to base camp which took us seven days. We climbed through rainforest to an upland plateau, then descended into a magical valley with plants that were so enormous and bizarre as to make you think you were in a science fiction movie about another planet. Then eventually we found ourselves camping in the shadow of the peak of Kilimanjaro—which even at night presented a white outline that was so enormous it was almost overwhelming. Each night it was colder and windier, and the placement of our tents seemingly more precarious.

The gradual ascent allowed our bodies to acclimate to the altitude. My husband and I had an additional challenge: our suitcases, with all of our specialized climbing gear for extreme cold, had not arrived with us on our plane. We had worn our hiking boots on the plane and had worn and carried one layer of climbing clothing, and that was all we had. A year of preparation for this climb and we were left, in the end, with only a minimum of gear.

Our guides and friends gave us what they could spare, and we made a personal vow to climb as far as it would

take us. When anyone asked how we were going to do it, we would just say, “Oh we’re Canadians. We know about cold.”

But the truth is that we knew we would be in big trouble if we got wet. Unless we absolutely had to, we made a point of not wearing our jackets, gloves, and borrowed hats, as the temperature plummeted. Surprisingly our bodies adjusted as we climbed over the days, and we were no more troubled by the

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cold than those who had many layers and changes of clothing. (I make no comment about how we smelled...and our friends were too polite to do so, too!)

The food was fantastic. It was prepared by the cook and his assistants in a tiny tent over a single burner. I remain in awe of the ingenuity and talent of these men. Needless to say, we were cold and hungry every night and enjoyed wonderful evenings huddled in our tiny mess tent, telling stories and comparing notes from the day’s hiking while sipping hot chocolate and tea or coffee.

The higher we climbed, the less welcome our sleeping tents became. Even our water froze—inside the sleeping tent! One night I accidentally left the hose to my waterline under my sleeping bag and was truly horrified to feel that my sleeping bag was damp in the morning. I knew this could be the end of my climb if we had rain the next day.

Luckily it was dry and the sleeping bag dried before night, but there is little room for such carelessness at high altitude.

The summit day arrived and we were awoken in the middle of the night to start the climb in the cold and dark. Base camp is a crazy patchwork quilt of camps and tents and outdoor toilets. It is not beautiful in any way and, in fact, has changed my previously romanticized idea of “base camp.” We slept in all of our gear and it was cold and dark but clear, and there was no wind. We made a push for the summit.

It was 9-1/2 hours of upward climbing in the most spectacular terrain I have ever seen. There is purity to such austere landscape that I find difficult to describe and the air is so clear it doesn’t seem possible. In the past I have looked at photographs and found this terrain to be ugly. In fact, it is spectacular when you are there. We knew we had to eat and drink at every stop but what I really wanted to do was collapse against a rock and just breathe. Our guides insisted that we eat a pink, powdered sugar that stuck in our mouths like cement. But, it was amazing how the energy from this pure glucose seemed to go straight to your legs. What seemed impossible before the break became possible again.

There is no way to avoid the fact that this final day is gruelling. Every breath required a huge effort. Our pace seemed punishing, but was very slow and deliberate. I felt that our kindly guides of the past week had suddenly become almost unreasonable in the pace they were setting. In retrospect, this is where you either make it to the top or don’t. You don’t have a lot of time to play with. Our guides were not giving us the chance to fail. We simply had to keep going.



TOP: Two of our guides, Gaudance and Kombi, at the summit.
MIDDLE: Moments after reaching the peak (19,340 feet/5,895 metres) with Laing House banner, carried to the summit by Henry Demone.
BOTTOM: Camp Karanga at 12,500 feet, with the top of Kilimanjaro in the background, and a long climb to base camp still ahead.

WE SLID, JUMPED AND HALF-SKIED DOWN STEEP BANKS OF VOLCANIC ASH AT AN ALARMING RATE. THE STORM WAS SCARY IN A DIFFERENT WAY THAN ANYTHING WE HAD ENCOUNTERED UP TO THIS POINT BECAUSE IT WAS ENTIRELY BEYOND OUR CONTROL.

They did regular checks of our oxygen levels and knew that we were healthy, so success was within our reach.

Oddly, the top is a gift because it levels out and the final half-hour of the climb is along a gradually rising ridge to the marker. We were beyond lucky that day because the clouds parted and we could see far into Kenya and the surrounding Tanzania from the peak. Kombi told us to take our time and stay as long as we wanted. It was a very emotional experience for everyone. We had dedicated the climb to the memory of Dani and Hans' daughter. While she was never far from our thoughts on the ascent, her presence affected us deeply when we reached the summit and allowed ourselves to think of her and of our friends' loss.

One by one, three of the young porters came to me and embraced me, saying, "You are my sister." I don't know exactly what prompted this, but I know that in doing so they had paid me the highest compliment. It was so unexpected that I was trying to keep my composure. Then Kombi noticed the clouds moving in again and suddenly it was snowing. He urged us to start moving.

The descent was as quick as the storm would allow. We slid, jumped and half-skied down steep banks of volcanic ash at an alarming rate. The storm was scary in a different way than anything we had encountered up to this point because it was entirely beyond our control. Also, we had no choice but to descend. We could not stay long at this altitude and with night upon us.

We pushed on and after many hours saw a tiny figure in the distance. One of the cooks had braved the cold and snow to meet us with hot, steaming drinks. Without our guides we could not have found the base camp in the blizzard. We later learned that only the year before a Korean man had simply wandered off course and his body was never recovered. His guide had left him at the edge of base camp with his tent in sight!

It took a couple of days to descend, and on our final night in camp our guides talked to us about the climb. They told us that they had never seen three women get along so well—that it was as if we were sisters. It is true. We talked and laughed for 10 days. The only times we weren't having fun were when we were struggling just to put one foot in front of the other and to breathe at the same time. It was a privilege to share this experience with my friends and husband.

Laing House needs another team to take on this type of adventure. I cannot recommend it highly enough, and if any of you are interested we would be pleased to share more of our experiences. •

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This year we will host the Law School's Annual Law Alumni Reunion Weekend in concert with the Canadian Bar Association's Annual General Meeting in Halifax in August 2011 - two very good reasons to join us this summer.

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The McInnes Family • by Julie Sobowale

Four generations



Hector McInnes graduated in 1888, in the fourth graduating class of Dalhousie Law School. He was the first family member to earn a law degree.



Hector's son Donald ('26) became a well-known litigator and corporate lawyer with a keen interest in Maritime law.



Hector McInnes ('56), with his brother Stewart, represented the third generation of the McInnes family to attend Dalhousie Law. He practised corporate and commercial law with the family firm.



Stewart McInnes ('61) entered politics in 1983. In 1984 he campaigned for the Progressive Conservatives and was elected Minister of Public Works, and served in the cabinet for four years.

Stewart McInnes was at a crossroads in his career. He had a few options: become an engineer, study medicine or become a lawyer. He chose the legal field. "I went into law by default," he says. "I found out that I love being a lawyer."

Family traditions run deep. The McInnes' are a family of lawyers. Four generations of the family studied at Dalhousie's law school. Their lineage is the longest run of graduates in the school's history.

The legal tradition began in 1859 when the firm that would later become McInnes Cooper was established in Halifax. The firm was founded by Jonathon McCully, one of the Fathers of Canadian Confederation and a former Nova Scotia Supreme Court judge. Hector McInnes graduated from Dalhousie Law School in 1888. As the first family member to have a law degree, he was involved in some of the most famous cases in Nova Scotia. His tenure included representing the White Star Line in the Titanic sinking in 1912 and the owners of the French munitions ship Mont Blanc in the 1917 Halifax explosion.

Hector's love for law greatly influenced his family. Donald McInnes followed his father into the legal profession. He graduated from Dalhousie law in 1926 and became a well-

known litigator and corporate lawyer. Donald's sister Carolyn graduated four years later.

"My father was very busy," says Stewart McInnes of Donald. "I remember him when armadas gathered in the Bedford Basin during the Second World War. I remember him boarding ships to take statements from witnesses when there were so many collisions. He was really interested in maritime law."

Another generation of McInnes members studied law.

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Stewart finished at Dal Law in 1961, five years after his brother Hector ('56) graduated. Both began their legal careers at the McInnes firm. Stewart joined 10 other lawyers at McInnes and worked in a variety of practices. "I learned a little about a lot of different things," he says.

The McInnes roots run deep in Dalhousie University. The family has held a position at the Dalhousie Board of Governors



The new guard. Stewart McInnes' daughter, Sarah, now attends the Schulich School of Law. She intends to graduate in 2012.

Scotia. A year later, Stewart was elected and became the Minister of Public Works. He served in the cabinet for four years.

"I couldn't find a candidate, so they said I should run," he says. "I thought the campaign would just be a learning experience. I was surprised when I won."

McInnes returned to the family firm in 1988 and recently engaged as an arbitrator and mediator.

Stewart's daughter Sarah was well aware of the family business. After studying psychology at St. Francis Xavier University, she faced the same problem as her father: choosing the next step in her career. After taking a year off to travel and work, Sarah started her first year at the Schulich School of Law in 2009. She got a taste of legal practice this year as a summer student at McInnes Cooper. "Law school has always been at the back of my mind," says Sarah. "I had close friends who loved it and urged me to follow."

And so the family tradition continues. While Stewart was surprised by Sarah's decision, he didn't want to pressure his daughter to pursue law. "It was her desire to go," he says. "I'm delighted that she's enjoyed learning about the law." •

for many years with senior Hector and Donald serving as chair of the board for more than 40 years in total.

Politics accidentally entered Stewart's life. Former prime minister Brian Mulroney, one of Stewart's former classmates, asked Stewart in 1983 to look over the federal campaign for the Progressive Conservatives. Mulroney wanted a strong candidate in Halifax to challenge **Gerald Regan ('52)**, the former Premier of Nova



Mark with his RBC Canadian Painting Competition winner "Data Centres."

Mark Stebbins ('08) has a banner year

Mark Stebbins was recently selected from over 600 applicants nationwide as an Honourable Mention in the 2010 RBC Canadian Painting Competition, adding to a growing list of art awards that includes 11 awards in the past year and a half since graduating from the Schulich School of Law at Dalhousie.

Now in its 12th year, the RBC competition has established itself as a showcase of the talent of emerging artists and the future of Canadian painting. Stebbins was awarded a \$15,000 prize, and his winning piece, "Data Centres," has been acquired by the Royal Bank for its art collection. The collection spans 100 years of Canadian art and includes over 4,000 works.

Stebbins' other recent awards include Best of Show at two art fairs in Toronto, including the Toronto Outdoor Art Exhibition in July, where he also won Best in Drawing Category. In 2009 he was named Emerging Artist of the Year by Visual Arts Nova Scotia and also won the Halifax Mayor's Award of Distinction in Contemporary Visual Arts, a \$10,000 prize. His work was recently featured in the National Post.

The focus of Stebbins' art is on the intersection between traditional craft practices and contemporary digital imaging technologies. See more of his art by visiting his website at markstebbins.ca. •

“Part medical mystery, part bloody thriller...a debut that had me flicking pages until the wee hours of the morning.” James Rollins, New York Times bestselling author, praises Pamela Callow’s novel, *Damaged*. “Pamela Callow is Halifax’s answer to John Grisham and Tess Gerritson.” Linwood Barclay, bestselling author of *No Time for Goodbye*.

Pamela Callow ’91

Debut thriller introduces a feisty legal heroine

Hearsay: Perhaps we could start by having you tell us a little about the journey that led you to becoming a published author.
Pamela Callow: I was an avid reader when I was five years old. The first novel I remember was *The Secret Garden* and I was very proud to have read it all by myself. When I was eight I told my brother I would write a book. He said I couldn’t; so I wrote one that was two pages long. I always had a passion to write and was very frustrated in elementary school because I couldn’t write things the way I wanted to. In junior high I had a fabulous English teacher who introduced me to creative writing. I would lock myself away in my bedroom and write because the spark had been lit. I did the Foundation Year Program at King’s College, and an undergraduate degree in English Literature, before going on to law school.

H: What were your favourite subjects at law school?
PC: I liked constitutional law, and family law obviously had an influence upon me as may be apparent from *Damaged*. However, I regret not doing more criminal law as I now write so much about it. I guess I am lucky that my brother-in-law and sister-in-law are Crown Attorneys.

H: How would you describe *Damaged* in the sense of its genre?
PC: It’s a thriller.

H: Can you describe the genesis of *Damaged* and how you went about developing it?
PC: I had written one other novel, which was a time travel historical with a lawyer set during the Napoleonic Wars. It was called *Carpe Diem* and it was 780 pages long. I started writing it six years ago. It was difficult to write every day with young children still at home along with all the research required. I also realized I would never sell a 780-page novel. That forced me to really adopt structure, to deconstruct and put it back together again. It actually did well and won some contests. I got an agent and came “this close” to selling. I was even going to write a sequel, but decided to try to write a murder mystery and incorporate some of my professional experiences.



H: How long did it take you to write *Damaged*?
PC: It took about a year.

H: So, some of your own personal experiences and background are reflected in the book?
PC: Yes, one of the reasons I wanted to write a thriller was to share some of my own experiences working in a blue chip corporate environment, and particularly a consulting firm where a lot of politics were involved. I transposed this to a legal setting which I thought might be more interesting.

H: Is the plot based on any real incident?
PC: Yes, it is based on a U.S. criminal case I had read about it in the newspaper. As I had been planning to write a suspense novel I began researching this case.

H: Was your own legal training an important factor in the development of the novel?
PC: Yes, it was. It was a great help in doing the research. Because it was a U.S. case, the research was somewhat of a challenge.

H: Tell us something about Kate, your protagonist.
PC: Kate is a struggling, 30-something lawyer. She’s a survivor. She has had to overcome a tragic past. Things haven’t been easy for her and what she thinks may make her happy may not be what makes her happy.

H: An inevitable question is whether anything of yourself is revealed in your character.
PC: Some of my life experiences are revealed in Kate although we have very different family backgrounds.

H: Does she have qualities you admire?
PC: Yes, Kate is something of an “everywoman.” She’s struggling to find her place in life and that’s what she’s about.

H: Do you sketch all the characters at the beginning so you know where you are going?
PC: I found that it was important to explore a back story for every single character. In *Damaged* there had to be intense plotting up front due to the fact that there are five different points of view in the book. For every step forward in the plot I had to go two steps or more backward to the character’s back story, as this was necessary to help drive all the motivations.

H: Are there any writer’s “tricks” or devices that you would care to divulge?
PC: The challenge I found with writing a thriller is that it has to be organic with your characters’ motivations structured in a way that doesn’t appear to be contrived or forced so that the characters are actually propelling the story forward. You may have a plot, and know where the turning points are and what the ending needs to be, but knowing where your characters have to be is a challenge.

H: Was the locale important to the plot?
PC: It was a conscious decision and I had a lot of fun setting it in Halifax, but it was also quite a gamble as the market is U.S.-driven and

highly commercial for this type of genre.

H: Did the setting pose any problems for your publisher?
PC: Being successful in the genre means you have to be successful across North America. I did have to wonder if middle America would be interested in the east coast of Canada. I had at least one rejection from a publisher who said their books set in Canada didn’t do well. I was therefore gratified when *Damaged* was picked by MIRA books and put in Targets and Wal-Mart in the U.S. I have received a lot of email from readers who have picked it up there and read it even though they don’t necessarily know Nova Scotia. On the other hand, I have found that locally people are really enjoying the setting.

H: Did you make a deliberate decision not to call the law school in the book “Dalhousie” or “Schulich”?
PC: Yes, and you will know why when you read the book. There is a reason and it won’t be hard to figure it out.

H: You have had good reviews. Did any comments have a particular significance?
PC: All readers have different comments and I really get a kick out of that. However, James Rollins’ endorsement was a thrill. Not only is he a bestselling author in the genre, but he is a vet with a science background and includes a lot of biomedical stuff in his works. My book is biomedical-legal and I was very nervous when the manuscript was sent to him. He emailed my editor and told her he really enjoyed the book and read it in two days. That was a great boost and helped carry me forward.

H: Some current mystery writers like Elizabeth George, Ian Rankin, and particularly the Swedish authors like Henning Mankell and Stieg Larsson seem to set their plots against a certain social backdrop. Is there anything like this in your writing?
PC: Perhaps certain elements with regards to occupation and background of the characters. I think I am more interested in public policy and how it trickles down to the individual experience.

H: Has the success of the book impacted on your family life?
PC: Unfortunately, yes, because the publisher is eager to get the next books out close to the last. The deadline for the new books has had an impact and I am working very hard.

H: Is much expected of you personally in promoting and marketing?
PC: Because I am new to the industry, I think there’s a lot more expected now than there used to be. A lot of it is based on social networking – blogging. There are also signings, making appearances, attending conferences. The publisher showcased *Damaged* at Book Expo America where I did three book signings. I went to Bloody Words, which is Canada’s national mystery conference where I did a reading, a signing and a brief workshop. I also attended Thrillerfest, which is the international thriller writers’ mystery conference in New York. As a debut author I did a signing and breakfast. About 500 to 700 people were in attendance.

H: What do you do for relaxation? Do you have any guilty pleasures?
PC: In the little spare time I have I enjoy a few TV programs such as HBOs “True Blood.” As a writer I also enjoy different forms of artistic expression like dance.

H: And books?
PC: You know, reading isn’t as relaxing as it used to be. I also don’t find it as inspiring because I find myself doing a lot of analysis. But, when I find a book I really enjoy, it is a treasure.

H: Can you give us any examples?
PC: Well, I do enjoy Ken Follet. And, I think Donna Tartt’s *A Secret History* is an incredible murder mystery. John Irving’s *A Prayer for Owen Meany* is probably one of the funniest books I have ever read.

H: So more books are already scheduled?
PC: Yes. *Indefensible* is to come out in late December 2010. *Tattooed* is scheduled for summer 2011, and a fourth book is planned for June 2012. I am currently working on the plot outline for *Tattooed*. The fourth book is more in the gestational state of development at this point.

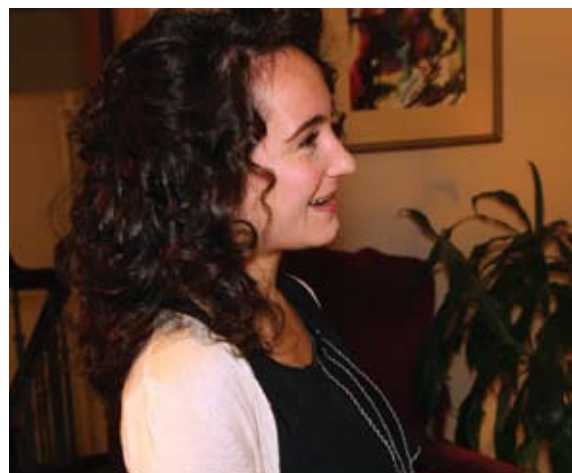
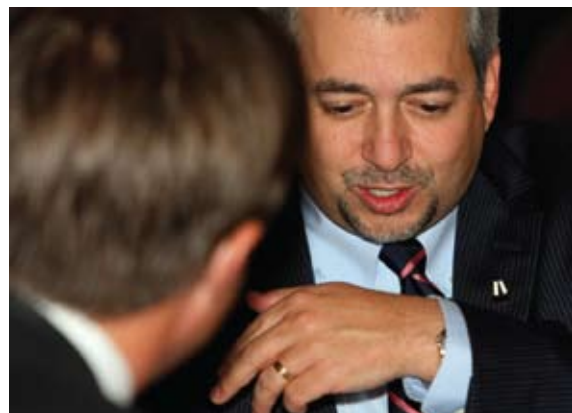
H: It seems you have long term aspirations as a writer.
PC: I have lots of ideas. I have a young adult mystery synopsis written up and one chapter completed, but when *Damaged* was sold it was put on the back burner. I would also like to get back into the historical genre.

H: Thank you very much for speaking with us, Pamela. Every best wish for future success wherever your writing may take you.
PC: Thank you also. I have really enjoyed this. •



Fall Reunion 2010

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In October the law school welcomed the reunion classes of '85, '90 and '00. Alumni came back to their alma mater to relive good times. As part of the reunion weekend Dean Kim Brooks hosted the annual law alumni dinner. Guest speaker Professor Stephen Coughlan ('85) entertained a crowd of close to 200 with stories of his experiences as both a teacher and a student: "I tell my students they will look back on this experience as the best in their lives," Professor Coughlan said. "They don't believe me, but we know it's true."

As part of the festivities Brian Flemming, a long-time international lawyer and academic, was awarded the 2010 Weldon Award for Unselfish Public Service during the Annual Law Alumni dinner. The award honours an alumni member for service to their community and profession. •





INAUGURAL LECTURE (l to r): Professor David VanderZwaag, Professor Phillip Saunders, Caroline Johnston, Professor John Norton Moore, Professor Aldo Chircop

Launching of the Douglas M. Johnston lecture and book presentation



The Future of Ocean Regime-Building: Essays in Tribute to Douglas M. Johnston

In October 2009 the Marine & Environmental Law Institute launched a memorial lecture to recognize and remember the late **Douglas M. Johnston**, a former professor of law at Dalhousie. Among his numerous contributions, Professor Johnston played a key role in the establishment of the Marine & Environmental Law Programme and the Doctorate in the Science of Law (JSD) degree at the School. Professor Johnston was widely considered a leading teacher, scholar, writer and internationalist in the field of public international law, and especially in the international law of the sea and international environmental law.

The inaugural lecture was entitled “Toward More Effective Counter Piracy Policy” and was delivered by Professor John Norton Moore. Currently Walter L. Brown Professor of Law and Director of the Center for Oceans Law and Policy and Center for National Security Law, University of Virginia School of Law, Professor Moore was Ambassador of the United States to the Third United Nations Conference on the Law of the Sea and Chairman of the Board of the United States Institute of Peace.

The evening event included formal launching of a book tribute prepared by the Institute entitled *The Future of Ocean Regime-Building: Essays in Tribute to Douglas M. Johnston*, a copy of which was presented to Professor Moore. Thirty-four authors contributed to the book and **Sir Graham Day ('56)** wrote the foreword.

The event was chaired by **Professor David VanderZwaag**, and in addition to Professor Moore the speakers included **Professor Aldo Chircop**, former **Dean Phillip Saunders** and **Brian Flemming ('62)**. Professor Johnston’s daughter, Caroline, was also in attendance. The event was followed by a reception in the Atrium. •



Sharon Avery '06 of Cox and Palmer, Halifax presented the 2010 Touchstone Award to Prof. Michelle Williams-Lorde, Director of the Indigenous Blacks & Mi'kmaq Initiative at a reception in October.

IB&M wins Touchstone Award

The Indigenous Blacks & Mi'kmaq Initiative was the recipient of the Canadian Bar Association’s 2010 Touchstone Award, recognizing outstanding achievements in promoting equality in the legal community in Canada.

The IB&M Initiative Advisory Chair, George Ash, attended the CBA national conference to accept the award. The award was later celebrated at the Law School in September 2010. Says Beth Bilson, QC, Chair of the CBA’s Equity Committee: “The commemoration of the 20th anniversary of the IB&M Initiative makes this a fitting time to recognize those important efforts.”

This is the first time that the Touchstone Award has been granted to an organization rather than an individual. Nominations for both organizations and individuals are now accepted for the award, recognizing that both can promote equality in the legal community. The IB&M Initiative was established in response to the historic virtual absence of blacks and Aboriginal Peoples from Nova Scotia’s legal profession. More than 100 individuals have gone through this program and have secured positions with private firms.

The Touchstone Award celebrates the accomplishments of an individual or an organization that has excelled in promoting equality in the legal profession, the judiciary, or the legal community in Canada. The award recognizes significant national initiatives to advance equality and /or contribution relating to race, disability, sexual orientation or other diversity issues in the community.

The award was presented at the Touchstone reception in August in Niagara, held in conjunction with the CBA 2010 Canadian Legal Conference and Expo. The Canadian Bar Association is dedicated to support for the rule of law, and improvement in the law and the administration of justice. A thank you to all who nominated the Initiative for this award. •

Rosemary Gill Award goes to Cherilyn MacIntosh



Former VP Academic Alan Shaver and Cherilyn MacIntosh

For the past 15 years Dalhousie has honoured the spirit of Rosemary Gill, past director of University Health Services, through the presentation of awards to university staff who work in a non-teaching role. In June of this year Cherilyn MacIntosh, the administrative secretary with the IB&M Initiative, was presented the award as she exemplified the values and characteristics of Dr. Gill: Passion, dedication, and a willingness to go above and beyond the call of duty for students.

Cherilyn is remembered for her warm and encouraging nature. One student spoke of learning that their law school application had not been received and how Cherilyn went out of her way to track it down. “At the time I had been accepted to a few other law schools, but it occurred to me that for a person who knew absolutely nothing about me, to take the time to track down my application and ensure that I had an opportunity to apply, then this would be the type of school and environment that I would want to be in.”

But like so many other Rosemary Gill Award winners, Cherilyn is modest: “This comes from the students. It’s heartwarming, humbling, and I am thankful. I work with the greatest bunch of students this university has ever had.” Congratulations, Cherilyn. •

Law community pays tribute to Phillip Saunders’ deanship and honours Ann Morrison and Gwen Verge on their retirements

BY PROFESSOR JOHN YOGIS



Clockwise from top left: Professor Dawn Russell, former dean Phillip Saunders, Professor Michael Deturbide and Dr. Alan Shaver

In June 2010 the faculty and staff of the law school, members of the bench and bar, and family and friends came together at a reception and dinner at the ballroom of a Halifax hotel to congratulate and pay tribute to Phillip Saunders ('84) for his service as Dean of Law over a five-year period commencing July 2005. The evening had added significance in that it also served as an occasion to honour and mark the retirements of Professor Ann Morrison, Chief Law Librarian, and Gwen Verge, Administrative Secretary.

Master of ceremonies, Associate Dean Michael Deturbide ('89), kept the proceedings running smoothly and often with a deft touch of humour. **Dean Phillip Saunders'** moustache, he said, is a defining aspect of his persona. With the technical help of **Geordie Lounsbury**, and PhotoShop, Michael was able to illustrate what Phillip would look like without his moustache, and with the elegant whisker styles of such famous people as Salvador Dali and Albert Einstein.

Professor Dawn Russell ('81), Phillip

Saunders' predecessor as dean, spoke of the numerous projects and initiatives they had worked on over a period of 18 years and their common areas of teaching and research interest including international law, law of the sea and maritime boundaries. She noted that during her own period as dean, Phillip had provided her with wise counsel and support on a variety of issues of major importance to the school. She added that such collaboration provided her with a great opportunity to become aware of Phillip's fine character traits, talents

TOP PHOTO (l to r) Four deans: Phillip Saunders, Dawn Russell, Bill Charles, Andy MacKay
MIDDLE PHOTO (l to r) Retired faculty members: Profs. Christian Wiktor, Hugh Kindred, John Yogis, Brian Flemming, Bill Charles, Candace Malcolm, Ed Harris, Peter Darby, Dick Evans, Ann Morrison
BOTTOM PHOTO (l to r) Chief Justice and former Chief Justices: Constance Glube, Michael MacDonald, Lorne O. Clarke

and personal qualities. Dawn spoke of Phillip's devotion first and foremost to his family, but also his compassion and kindness which extends to all those with whom he comes in contact.

Dawn went on to say that Phillip not only likes and cares about faculty, staff and students, he also cares deeply about the law school; he knows and cares about the school's history, tradition and reputation. During his deanship he carefully guarded all three. He believes in and lives the Weldon tradition of public service and during his tenure as dean, despite ongoing financial challenges, he sought to maintain and enhance funding for the IB&M Initiative, the Dalhousie Legal Aid Service, and other initiatives that reflect our commitment to serve and support the community.

She concluded by commenting on Phillip's capacity to make hard decisions. As an example she spoke of the challenge and the opportunity that presented itself when the prospect of the Schulich multi-million-dollar gift proposal presented itself last year. What might not at first seem a difficult decision was a cause of considerable stress for one who cared deeply about the history of the school, and who understood the attachment of many in the law school community to its roots and traditions. This was an opportunity that called for skillful negotiation and careful consideration.

Dawn stated that at the end of the process Phillip was able to achieve a result that protected the name of the building—the Weldon Law Building—and that ensured the school would have the best scholarship and bursary program in the country, with enough left over to improve the building and to support and enhance its scholarly research and teaching missions.



On behalf of the university **Dr. Alan Shaver**, Vice-President Academic and Provost, paid tribute to Phillip's deanship. Dr. Shaver commented on his concern and commitment to the Law School and expressed his personal pleasure in having had the experience of working with him. Dr. Shaver read a letter from university **President and Vice-Chancellor Tom Traves**, who was unable to be present. President Traves extended his congratulations and best wishes to all the evening's honorees and said that all three had contributed much over the years to the Law School's development. With regard to Phillip he noted that they had worked together closely over the years and he had done a great job as dean. He stated:

"Throughout your term I have always been impressed by your commitment to intellectual excellence—amongst our students and our faculty and staff. Every one of the changes and improvements you pursued seemed to flow from this vantage point. The result is clear to all, namely a great law school with the potential embodied in Mr. Schulich's gift to become even better. This is a great legacy to leave behind and you should feel great pride in the achievements of the Law School during your term of leadership."

Nova Scotia **Chief Justice Michael MacDonald ('79)** congratulated **Ann Morrison** and **Gwen Verge** on their retirements and highlighted the outstanding leadership of Phillip Saunders in promoting a very positive and productive association between the Law School and the Nova Scotia judiciary. The chief justice gave several examples of the on-going growth of this association—much of which occurred as a result of Phillip's insight and support. In his closing comments he stated:

"Phillip, you have enriched the intellectual and emotional lives of many. You have not just maintained, but enhanced this school's long and proud tradition of excellence. For this we are all very much indebted and appreciative."



Mark Lewis and Ann Morrison

Ann Morrison joined the law faculty in October 1998 when she took over the helm as the law library's chief librarian. Ann previously had held the post of Associate Law Librarian at the Bora Laskin Law Library at the University of Toronto. She also served as president of the Canadian Association of Law Libraries and is a member of the Executive Board of the International Association of Law Librarians. At Dalhousie she assumed responsibility for the first year Legal Research and Writing Program, and developed an advanced course in legal research for second- and third-year students. **Mark Lewis**, Information and Technology Librarian, spoke of Ann's career and, particularly, the pleasure he had in working with her for the better part of a decade.

Mark stated that in her 12 years Ann achieved a transformative effect on the Sir James Dunn Law Library and its place within the faculty and the university as a whole. He said that it is no small trick to guide an academic library in this information age when many think everything is online. Also, because changes are often incremental he doubted if even Ann was cognizant of the extent of the impact she has had. He noted, "It is safe to say that owing largely to Ann's leadership the Sir James Dunn Law Library is one of, if not the finest, in Canada."

Amongst the many extending best wishes to Ann were the **Honourable Frank Iacobucci**, former Justice of the Supreme Court of Canada and **Robert Prichard**, former Dean of Law and currently President of the University of Toronto. President Prichard stated:

"It was inevitable that we would lose

Ann to a higher calling. She is a natural leader and we knew some smart place would snap her up and put her in the top job. Dalhousie, now Schulich, was that lucky place. It is no surprise that her run as chief has been marked by success upon success."



Elizabeth Hughes and Gwen Verge

Gwen Verge, after almost a three-decade career at the Law School, was praised on the occasion of her retirement.

Elizabeth Hughes ('01) Assistant Dean (Academic) noted that Gwen had been hired as an administrative assistant in the associate dean's office in January 1981. As coincidence would have it, a young first-year student named Phillip Saunders started at the school that very year. Over her career Gwen worked for no fewer than six deans and nine associate deans. She dealt with approximately 4,500 students, many of whom went on to become lawyers, professors, judges, government employees and members of the worlds of politics and business.

Gwen was praised as a loyal and valued employee of the Law School and university. Her position required her to be an expert at multi-tasking on a daily basis. Elizabeth noted that Gwen had processed thousands of examination booklets, reviewed countless wait lists, dealt with endless inquiries about course registration, answered untold telephone and email inquiries and all the while kept track of deadlines, dates, policies and events. Through all of this Gwen was cheerful, matter-of-fact and demonstrated grace under pressure.

Elizabeth wished Gwen much joy in her retirement with her husband, Graham, and thanked her for her years of service, hard work, patience and helpfulness. •

The 14th World Conference of the
International Institute for Restorative Practices
in collaboration with Nova Scotia Restorative Justice
Community University Research Alliance (NSRJ-CURA)

Institutionalizing Restorative Practices: Building Alliances Among Practitioners, Policy-Makers & Scholars

Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada • June 15–17, 2011 • Pre-conference June 13–14

ADVANCE NOTICE



Featuring World-Renowned Scholar John Braithwaite

The conference will feature a variety of speakers, including world-renowned scholar John Braithwaite, perhaps best known for his book *Crime, Shame and Reintegration* and his work on responsive regulation and restorative justice. Over a decade ago, John gave a lecture in Nova Scotia that inspired founders of the Nova Scotia Restorative Justice Program (NSRJ). He will be back to share his insights and current research.

NSRJ is among the most comprehensive restorative justice programs in the world. Delegates will learn about NSRJ and the research of the NSRJ-CURA from its founders, partners and researchers:

Danny Graham, Q.C., an NSRJ founder, will tell the story of the program's establishment and the collaboration effort by government and community stakeholders.

Patricia Gorham, NSRJ provincial coordinator, will share the work of the program and recent developments in the area of crime prevention.

A peer-led school program that encourages and promotes youth leadership by training them to act as facilitators in restorative justice circles will be presented by the Tri-Country Restorative Justice Agency.

Donald Clairmont, Professor Emeritus at the Atlantic Centre for Criminology, Diane Crocker, Professor of Criminology at Saint Mary's University, and Bruce Archibald, Schulich School of Law, will share what they have learned from examining the program data about how we should and can measure the success of restorative justice.

Jennifer Llewellyn, NSRJ-CURA director, will share the experiences and successes of the NSRJ-CURA and her work developing a relational theory of restorative justice that helps make the connections between restorative justice and restorative practices.

Educators, social welfare and criminal justice professionals, and scholars from many countries will share their experiences with restorative practices during plenary sessions and small breakout sessions.

The conference will screen films showing the potential of restorative practices in a variety of settings. Left Foot First Productions will perform the world premiere of a play for young audiences about restorative justice, written by internationally acclaimed playwright David Craig.

Join the IIRP's Restorative Practices eForum at www.iirp.org/eforum to receive email notification about the Call for Presenters.

Who should attend. Social workers, teachers, school administrators, probation officers, police, researchers, community volunteers, criminologists, counselors, peacemakers, academicians, judges, public planners, corrections officers and others.

In the long run: Jim Janson’s trek to law

It’s been a journey for Jim Janson — from Bill Lynch carnival worker to 2010 law graduate.

Mr. Janson’s return to Dalhousie to pursue a long-standing passion for law came decades after his first Dal sojourn. During his first degree (BA Economics, ’83), he worked a number of jobs at the fairgrounds. He ended up spending 25 years in the carnival business before turning his attention back to school. “I have always been interested in words and language,” he says. “Law is a profession where words are the basic tools.”

It wasn’t easy. It took multiple tries to enter the program—and to make the case that the workload was manageable after 20 years out of the classroom. After shining in courses like intro to law, and criminology, he was accepted into the program and hasn’t looked back.

His life has been full, to say the least. Janson and his wife Elaine are busy raising six children, ages two to 16. The demands of family life along with work and school have meant little time for anything else.

“I treated school as a nine-to-five job with lots of overtime to prepare for exams and papers,” he says. “So, when I wasn’t working I was doing something family-oriented. For example, (on a recent) weekend I attended four midget girls basketball games, two playgrounds, Bayers Lake Chapters and Putting



Edge; and then worked on a paper at the law library for most of Saturday.”

He notes that Elaine’s support has made this latest stage of his journey possible. He is now articling with Evans, MacIsaac, MacMillan in Port Hawkesbury, and looks forward to a new challenging career. His time at Dal wasn’t always easy, but it was rewarding. He credits his professors with their accessibility and their clear desire to see him do well. Asked to sum up his time at Dalhousie, he is succinct: “It was extremely positive. Challenging. Stimulating. It was exactly what I hoped it would be.” — **Charles Crosby**

Puthucherril awarded Vanier

This year student Tony George Puthucherril was awarded the Vanier Canada Graduate Scholarship while pursuing his JSD. Puthucherril earned his initial law degrees from Kerala University, India. After a few years of legal practice, his academic pursuits brought him to the University of Juridical Sciences in India, where he served as a faculty member and research scholar pursuing an M. Phil degree specializing in water law. In 2004, Puthucherril joined the National Judicial Academy, under the Supreme Court of India as a research fellow. In 2006, he was appointed Assistant Professor of Law. During this period he developed an interest in ship breaking which brought him to Dalhousie to pursue a Master of Laws degree. He is now a JSD candidate researching climate change, sea level rise and integrated coastal zone management.

“I am fortunate to be the first Indian national to be awarded the Vanier Scholarship for the discipline of law,” Puthucherril says. “Being a Vanier scholar has increased my responsibility to help the less fortunate coastal inhabitants in South Asia, who are going to be severely impacted because of sea level rise, through my research.”

Puthucherril thanked the people who helped him along the way: “I’d like to express my profound gratitude and indebtedness to Judge Sandra Oxner, Chairperson of the Commonwealth Judicial Education Institute, for introducing me to



CELEBRATING THE NEWS (l to r): Lekshmi Vijayabalan (Puthucherril’s wife), Tony George Puthucherril, Judge Sandra Oxner and Professor John Yogis

Dalhousie University and for always being there as a pillar of strength and support. I am also fortunate to have had strong faculty support from all my professors at the law school.”

Dalhousie University awarded Puthucherril the President’s Award for his exemplary academic achievements. He was also awarded the SSHRC Joseph-Armand Bombardier Canada Graduate Doctoral Scholarship 2010, but had to decline it for the Vanier Scholarship. •

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3. Sandra McCulloch, Dillon Trider

4. Patricia McIver

5. Nora Ciurysek

6. Danielle Boyd

7. Michelle McBride

8. Yee Htun

9. Maren Zimmer

10. Ian Sinclair

11. Lia Bruschetta

12. David Rodgers

13. Jude Hall, Andrew Law

14. Benjamin Heller

15. Jessica Upshaw

16. Jose Rodriquez

17. Ramanjit Khabra

Robert E. Bamford Memorial Prize

Eunice Beeson Memorial Prize

The A. William Cox Memorial Award

The Donald Marshall Junior Memorial award

Muriel Duckworth Award

G. O. Forsyth Prize

William Johnston Grant Q.C. Memorial Award

David M. Jones Memorial Award

Elizabeth May Award for Environmental Service

NSBS Presidents’ Leadership Award

Judge Fran Potts Award

The Honourable H. G. Puddester Prize

The Dawn Russell Community Commitment Award

George Isaac Smith Memorial Award

Judge Corrine E. Sparks Award in Law for Excellence and Service

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Erin Tolfo

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Students pitch in to help rebuild New Orleans

Most law students devote their reading week to catching up on studies or sleep, but for Dan Pink the break from school was a chance to help those less fortunate. Along with a few other law students, Pink organized a bus load of volunteers to drive down to New Orleans and help rebuild homes in the city’s devastated Lower Ninth Ward.

The project had its origins in 2006, when Pink visited New Orleans in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina. While working on a Habitat for Humanity project, he encountered a local building supervisor. The resident was grateful for their help, but lamented the fact that “slowly but surely, New Orleans is being forgotten about.”

And so, in 2009, Pink decided to organize another humanitarian mission, and recruited 35 students from various faculties to join him for the 42-hour bus drive down to “Camp Hope,” a Habitat for Humanity volunteer retreat in New Orleans.

On arrival, the group set to work refurbishing a house for a young single mother of two. The students also worked to repair Louisiana’s devastated swamplands by planting over 20,000 trees.

In addition to the humanitarian work, the group got a chance to explore the city’s unique southern charms, sampling some tasty Cajun cooking, as well as taking in a Hornets game and a Jay-Z concert.

Pink described the trip as a huge success, and expressed heartfelt thanks to the student-executive that helped him organize it, consisting of Erin Fowler, Joanna Weiss, Jonathan Hughes, Loretha Boehner, Erin Matthews, Jessica Reed and Kim Wilton. The trip was also made possible through the generous sponsorship of Dalhousie University and the Schulich School of Law, Joel E Pink Law Inc., McInnis Cooper, and the LSS. For students or sponsors who are interested in pitching in, there are plans for a repeat trip next year, with Brandon Hillis, Fraser Thomson and Brian Gibb taking over leadership from Pink. — **Michael Karanicolas**



A student farewell to a beloved dean

It should come as no surprise that an event marking the end of Dean Phillip Saunders’ term attracted a huge turnout. It is a testament to the Dean’s affability and accessibility that, rather than holding a black-tie dinner, the Schulich community honoured his contributions with a Thursday night roast at the Lower Deck.

Co-hosted by Domus Legis and the Law Students’ Society, the Dean Saunders Appreciation Extravaganza featured students giving heartfelt and hilarious odes to the school’s outgoing head. The Schulich donation and the proposed JD-switch provided rich fodder for the participants, as did the Dean’s reluctance to do the traditional portrait sitting and his reputed prowess as a scuba diver. The evening was highlighted by student Patrick MacDonald’s “discovery” of the Dean’s unpublished harlequin novel, whose racy law-themed romance scenes left the crowd in stitches.

Not to be outdone, Dean Saunders responded with pointed barbs of his own. Following a skit by several professors, Saunders questioned how Professor Graham Reynolds had managed to enter the 19+ establishment, while noting that Professor Stephen Coughlan had been behind him in law school, “a trend which continues to the present day.” Responding to the nostalgic tone in many of the speeches, the Dean felt the need to remind students that he was not actually retiring and that, in his words, “I’m not that old!”

When the speeches were over, the event turned into a karaoke party, beginning with Professor Dianne Pothier giving a rousing rendition of Jefferson Airplane’s “White Rabbit.” The evening marked a fun and festive end to Dean Saunders’ tenure, a night that, joking aside, reminded the students how lucky they had been to attend law school under his leadership. — **Mike Karanicolas**

MOOTS



L TO R: The Honourable Judge Jamie S. Campbell, Marjorie Hickey, Q.C., Teresa-Anne Martin, Patrick Quilty, Amber Penney, Jose Rodriguez and the Honourable Justice Joel E. Fichaud

This year’s Smith Shield moot saw a diverse audience of students, teachers, and members of the legal community pack into Room 105 of the Weldon Law building to hear a spirited series of arguments centred around the health law concept of mature minors. The mooters, **Jose Rodriguez**, **Amber Penney**, **Patrick Quilty** and **Teresa-Anne Martin**, held their own against a tough panel of judges. After the competition was over, Dean Kim Brooks applauded their performance, commenting that

she thought an appearance before the Supreme Court would be far less challenging than the rapid-fire questioning that the students faced.

Ultimately, Patrick Quilty and Amber Penney were declared the winners, though the contest was close. In announcing the court’s decision, Justice Joel Fichaud stressed that all four had performed exceptionally, and pointed out that, as a student, he too had once argued on the second-place team. •

Laskin Memorial



L TO R: Greg Gilhooly, Brian Kuchar, Tipper McEwan and Prof. Philip Girard

The Laskin Moot team participated in the 25th annual competition in March 2010 in Montreal. Schulich team members **Greg Gilhooly**, **Brian Kuchar**, **Tipper McEwan** and **Frederic Perron-Welch** performed extremely well and came away with two prizes: third prize for best team and fourth prize for best oralist, which went to Brian Kuchar. The Laskin Moot is a national competition in Canadian administrative and constitutional law, founded in 1985-86 named in honour of former Chief Justice Bora Laskin. •

Kawaskimhon

Marc Matras and **Alex Keenan** represented us at the 2010 Kawaskimhon National Aboriginal Rights Moot this year, where they attempted to negotiate a resolution to *Peavine Métis Settlement v Alberta*. This case raises issues about relationships between sections 15 and 25 of the Charter, s.35 of the Constitution (1985), and s.91(24) of the Constitution Act (1867), all of which had to be determined in the context of provincial statutes which recognize a Tribunal as having authority to exercise Metis Indigenous law. The strength of our team’s performance was commented upon by the facilitators and other faculty coaches. They noted our team stood out for their effectiveness in directly and persuasively conveying complex positions, for demonstrating acute responsiveness to the positions of other parties, and for their analysis on how to substantively reconcile the various systems of law at play. They were particularly commended for several interventions that effectively re-shaped the dialogue when parties were re-trenching into their positions and tensions and frustration were running high. Their coach, Constance MacIntosh, was very proud of their performance. •



JESSUP MOOTING TEAM Back Row (l to r): Mike Madden, Professor Rob Currie Front Row (l to r): Alison Hopkins, Jackie Porter and Leigh Hudson

Canadian Corporate/Securities

Lia Bruschetta, Rob DuMerton, Ben Heller and Breann Kirinchich competed at the 2010 Annual Davies Ward Phillips Vineberg Canadian Corporate Securities Moot in Toronto against teams from 10 other common law schools from across Canada, and placed second overall in the preliminary rounds of the competition. They had the honour of arguing in the final round before Justices Feldman and Blair of the Ontario Court of Appeal and Vice-Chair Turner of the Ontario Securities Commission. They performed impressively in the final against the team from Osgoode, delivering outstanding arguments and

Jessup

Alison Hopkins, Leigh Hudson, Mike Madden and Jackie Porter competed at the national round of the Phillip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition in Toronto in March 2010. The team displayed an excellent command of the law and facts, and in each round they successfully engaged the judges with that conversational mode of appellate advocacy that is so easy to talk about but so difficult to do.

Despite their valiant mooting the team did not advance to the final rounds. This was in no small part due to the matches they drew—of the six teams that advanced, Dalhousie faced five of them in the preliminary rounds. Significantly, Dalhousie mooted against the team that ultimately won the competition (University of Ottawa, Civil) and handed them the only defeat they encountered in the preliminaries. It was a heartbreaker of a result, but does not detract from their wonderful performance. •

an exceptional rebuttal and ultimately placed second overall in the competition. Additional honours went to Kirinchich and Bruschetta who were the second and third placed oralists, respectively, out of the 44 competitors.

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

University Medal in Law



Leigh Hudson of Edmonton, Alta. was awarded the University Medal in Law at convocation in May 2010. As well as the first place medal, while attending law school she received the Hon. W.A. Henry Prize, the Carswell Prize and the McMillan Binch Mendelsohn LLP Prize. She was a recipient of a Law Foundation of Nova Scotia scholarship in second and third year. She also competed on the Jessup Moot team, and did a clerkship placement with the Nova Scotia Court of Appeal. Currently she's clerking with the Federal Court of Canada and hopes to pursue a career in public international law, and possibly an LL.M. in international law as well. Congratulations, Leigh!

Criminal Law Clinic



Since the late 1970s the Criminal Law Clinic has been a vital part of the Law School's curriculum. With this three-month program students work shoulder to shoulder with a practitioner and benefit from the critiques of participating judges and instructors. Volunteers Judge Barbara Beach ('77), Jim Gumpert ('75) and Stan MacDonald ('87) are committed volunteers of the program; Beach and Gumpert have been principals and co-instructors since the early 1980s and MacDonald since 1990. Pictured above are students and instructors from the 2010 spring semester (l to r): Judge Barbara Beach, Yee Htun, Beverly Cormier, Brian Cox, Jim Gumpert, Christie Gilmour, Stan MacDonald, Erin Toflo, Adam Crane and Cory Roberts.



Dean Kim Brooks, Professor Harry Arthurs and Jeanne Christie

The inaugural Innis Christie Symposium takes shape

The generosity of Professor Innis Christie's friends from across Canada has created an endowment in his memory, which funded the Inaugural Innis Christie Symposium on Labour and Employment Law held at the Schulich School of Law on Oct. 22 and 23, 2010. The symposium, entitled "Navigating the Labour and Employment Law Regimes: New Course Headings from Canadian Courts and Law Makers," was preceded by a half-day workshop on pension law and policy called "Surviving the Pension Storm." Nearly a hundred labour and employment lawyers, union and management representatives, pension experts, law professors and students were in attendance, many of whom were former students or colleagues of Innis. Everyone appreciated the fact that Innis' wife, Jeanne, and his brothers Garth and Fred were also in the audience.

Professor Harry Arthurs, President Emeritus of York University and Canada's most prominent labour and employment law scholar, was invited as the first Innis Christie Visiting Professor. He presided over the pension workshop as recent chair of the Ontario Pension Review Commission and gave the keynote address at the symposium: "Charting the Boundaries of Labour Law: Innis Christie and the Search for an Integrated Law of Labour Market Regulation." It was a tour de force.

Innis' son **Michael Christie ('94)** who practises labour law in Halifax Regional Municipality, chaired the opening symposium session on the Charter and new developments in labour and employment law, where a paper was given by **Professor Michael MacNeil ('79)** of Carleton University, with commentary by **Susan**

Coen and John MacPherson ('76).

Professor Bernie Adell, Innis' former colleague from Queen's University, chaired the second panel on human rights, collective bargaining and individual employment contracts, where **Professor Michael Lynk ('81)**, now associate dean at Western University Law School, presented a paper commented upon by **Larry Steinberg ('75)** and **Terry Roane ('79).**

Schulich professor **Lorraine Lafferty ('83)** chaired the third session, in which her colleague **Professor Dianne Pothier ('82)** gave a paper on recent cases from the Supreme Court of Canada dealing with discrimination and wrongful termination, with commentary from **Joseph Liberman** and **Ronald Pizzo ('86).**

The symposium ended with a session, chaired by Schulich professor **Bruce Archibald ('74)**, on the future of labour and employment law with presentations by **Raymond Larkin ('75)** and **Peter McLellan (LLB '73)**, and remarks from **Brian Langille ('75)**, now teaching at University of Toronto. The session closed with final observations from Harry Arthurs.

Innis' legacy in the field was well and truly honoured during the weekend, with testimonials from virtually all concerning the wonderful impact he had on their lives. He would have enjoyed the intellectual cut and thrust, and had a good time at the social events!

The symposium will be a regular event in the future, and plans are now in the works for a short course and public lecture to be given in the next academic year by the second Innis Christie Visiting Professor in Labour and Employment Law. Watch for announcements! — **Professor Bruce Archibald ('74)**



Bill Charles joins Bruce Hilchey in pond cleanup

In October, **Professor Bill Charles ('58)**, who had been a member of the joint Federal/Provincial Review Panel assigned to conduct an Environmental Assessment of the Sydney Tar Ponds in 2006, visited the site to see how the remediation work on the project had progressed. While on the tour of the project, arranged by The Tar Ponds Agency and the Nova Scotia

Department of Environment, Professor Charles was joined by former student **Bruce Hilchey ('75)**.

Hilchey is the federal government representative employed by Public Works and Government Services, Canada, which is the lead federal department in The Tar Ponds Project. The P.W.G.S.C. manages the project with the Nova Scotia Department of

Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal. Together they are responsible for project governance, the implementation of financial and environmental controls, risk management initiatives and project quality assurance for the \$400-million project which is scheduled for completion in 2014. •



Kudos to Jocelyn Downie

In May, Professor Jocelyn Downie of the faculties of law and medicine was informed that she had been elected a Fellow of the Canadian Academy of Health Sciences (CAHS). This was soon followed in July by a notification of her election to the Division of Social Sciences of the Academy of Social Sciences of the Royal Society of Canada (RSC).

Fellows of the Canadian Academy are elected on the basis of their demonstrated leadership, creativity, distinctive competencies and commitment to advance health sciences. The Royal Society of Canada is the senior national body of distinguished Canadian scholars, artists and scientists. The society consists of nearly 2,000 fellows—men and women who are selected by their peers for outstanding contributions to the natural and social sciences, in the arts and in the humanities.

Professor Downie also holds the Canada Research Chair in Health Law and Policy. Among her many past awards and honours are the Canadian Association of Law Teachers Award, the Royal Society of Canada's Abbyann D. Lynch Medal in Bioethics, and the Dalhousie Medical Research Foundation Award of Excellence. From 1996 to 2006 she was Director of Dalhousie's Health Law Institute.

Professor Downie was inducted into the CAHS in September, and the RSC in November, 2010. •

Teaching excellence recognized



Elaine Craig honoured with alumni teaching award

Professor Elaine Craig adopted a proactive approach to teaching Constitutional Law, and was honoured with the Dalhousie Law Student's Society and Alumni Association Award for Excellence in Teaching for her efforts.

Presenting the award at the annual Spring Reception, students **Victoria Foster** and **Melissa Grover** described the "modified Socratic method" that Professor Craig employed. Having memorized everybody's name, she kept the class on their toes with direct questioning, demanding to know students' opinions on tricky legal issues. Although the tactic created some unease at first, before long the students caught on to their professor's enthusiasm, engaging in heated debates over Canada's constitution.

Accepting the award, Professor Craig marveled at how "something that takes so much work is so much fun." She credited the students for contributing their enthusiasm to the class dynamic, and attributed her own abilities to the wonderful teaching of her colleagues, speaking of Schulich's "well-deserved reputation for collegiality." •



First-year teaching award goes to Richard Devlin

In her presentation of the Hannah and Harold Barnett Award for Teaching in First Year, student **Lucy Howard** related that, as part of his recent donation, Seymour Schulich expressed interest in setting up a teaching award that included a significant cash prize. In response, Dalhousie's law professors told Mr. Schulich that the cash was not necessary. Her presentation went on to praise Richard Devlin, this year's recipient, for his "inspirational commitment to teaching."

Accepting the award, Prof. Devlin offered an alternative theory for why he was being honoured. With a gleam in his eye, he postulated that his advancing senility had garnered him a strong sympathy vote, and that students had figured that if he didn't receive the award this year it might be too late.

Joking aside, Professor Devlin expressed profound thanks to his fellow teachers and the law school's excellent librarians, noting that effective teaching is a collaborative process. Describing his job as "a blessing," he thanked the students for their energy and the law school as a whole for giving him the opportunity to grow within this larger community. •



Anne Matthewman joins the library

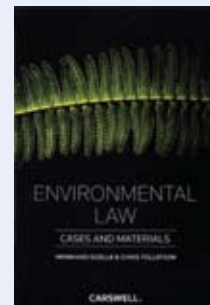
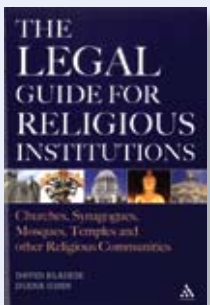
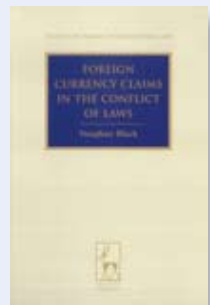
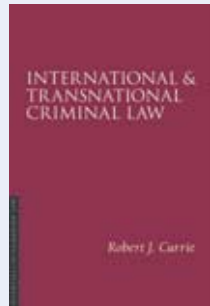
The summer of 2010 was one of transition as former law librarian Ann Morrison retired, and Anne Matthewman was appointed law librarian and professor of law.

Professor Matthewman comes to Dalhousie from Toronto, where she held the position of library manager and executive director of the Toronto Lawyers Association (TLA). She brings with her extensive experience in legal librarianship as well as administrative and managerial skills. Specifically, Matthewman has managed library budgets, implemented automated systems, coordinated educational programs for the TLA and provided many other support services for the board and its members.

During Matthewman's tenure at the association's library, she also participated in many professional associations. She is currently the past-president of the Canadian Association of Law Libraries (after a two-year term as its president) and chairs the American Association of Law Libraries Special Interest Sections Council. In addition to her attendance at annual CALL and AALL conferences, she was this year's planning committee chair for the Joint Study Institute held in Montreal this past June. She also holds a membership in the Special Libraries Association.

Matthewman was raised and educated in Ontario. She attended the University of Windsor (BA, MA) and the University of Western Ontario (MLS). She looks forward to beginning this new chapter in her professional career, and we are happy to welcome her to the school. •

FACULTY IN PRINT



INTERNATIONAL AND TRANSNATIONAL CRIMINAL LAW In International and Transnational Criminal Law, **Professor Rob Currie** offers an overview of those branches of international law commonly referred to as “international criminal law” and “transnational criminal law.” He surveys the history and major developments behind a major legal and philosophical force of the twentieth century: that individuals can be liable for horrendous crimes that are committed, not just against the criminal laws of a single state, but against international law and thus the entire world community. The book examines genocide, war crimes, narcotics trafficking, terrorism, organized crime etc. and explores the interface of Canadian and international law in these areas.

HALSBURY'S LAWS OF CANADA The “Religious Institutions” title of Halsbury’s Laws of Canada (first edition) **Professor Diana Ginn** provides a comprehensive summary of all aspects of Canadian law relevant to religious institutions, including such topics as constitutional law, administrative law, liability of religious institutions, employment law, human rights, property, consent to medical treatment, faith-based arbitration, criminal law and taxation. It is intended as a complete reference for those interested in how religious institutions in Canada are affected, regulated, and protected by the secular law.

DENTAL LAW IN CANADA Dental Law in Canada is a comprehensive survey of dental-legal issues. It provides a solid grounding in the legal and healthcare systems, delves into the fundamentals of dental law and then explores the most critical matters facing Canadian dental professionals today. The new edition has been fully updated to cover the latest legal and practice developments, including a substantially revised chapter on the Regulation of Dental Research and a brand new chapter on Business Law and Dentistry. Authors include Dalhousie faculty members (Professors **Fiona Bergin**, **Steve Coughlan**, **Rob Currie**, **Diana Ginn**, **Elaine Gibson**, **William Lahey**, and **Jennifer Llewellyn**) and alumni (**Corinne Boudreau**, **Dale Darling**, **Kate Dewhirst**, **Marjorie Hickey**, and **Fiona McDonald**).”

THE LEGAL GUIDE FOR RELIGIOUS INSTITUTIONS The Legal Guide for Religious Institutions, by **Professors David Blaikie** and **Diana Ginn**, provides an overview of the legal landscape for religious institutions in the United States, and includes discussion and analysis of issues relating to governance and decision-making, civil liability, civil rights, employment and property. One reviewer, a Massachusetts superior court judge, recommended it as “the standard text for clergy, board members and administrators of every religious organization in America.”

FOREIGN CURRENCY CLAIMS IN THE CONFLICT OF LAWS With this book **Professor Vaughan Black** takes a comparative look at how common law courts have addressed damages claims when foreign currencies are involved, and at statutory and international responses to that question. It describes the practices of UK, Commonwealth and American courts in this field and draws on principles of private international law and damages assessment to critique current thinking and suggest improvements.

THE NOVA SCOTIA COMPANIES ACT & COMMENTARY The Nova Scotia Companies Act is one of the oldest and most unique general incorporation statutes in Canada, offering incorporators flexibility and features not found in other jurisdictions. For many years, these features have made Nova Scotia a jurisdiction of choice for corporations involved in inter-provincial and cross-border transactions, but the ancient provenance of the Act and its anachronistic elements have often proven challenging and counter-intuitive to non-specialist advisors. **Professor Sarah Bradley’s**, comprehensive guide to corporate law in Nova Scotia offers an introduction to the Companies Act and a discussion of the history and modern practice of corporate law in Nova Scotia.

ENVIRONMENTAL LAW CASES AND MATERIALS Climate change, pollution, and biodiversity loss are fundamentally altering our global environment, and driving associated changes in domestic and international law and policy. Environmental and biodiversity protection, mitigating and responding to climate change and “carbon law” are now more than ever key concerns for law students and the legal profession. Co-authored by **Professor Meinhard Doelle** of Dalhousie and Chris Tollefson, Environmental Law Cases and Materials provides students and practitioners alike with an understanding of the breadth and nuance of the key issues that animate Canadian environmental law, and with theoretical and practical tools necessary to engage with these issues.

UNDERSTANDING AND STRENGTHENING EUROPEAN UNION-CANADA RELATIONS IN LAW OF THE SEA AND OCEAN GOVERNANCE Co-edited by **Professors Aldo Chircop**, **David Vanderzwaag** of Dalhousie and Timo Koivurova, Erik Franck and Erik J. Molenaar, this book explores the ocean governance practices of Canada’s “ocean” policy and the European Commission’s “maritime” policy, focusing on selected themes. It explores key marine sectors and issues and their projection in the international area from a comparative perspective.

FACULTY PROFILES

Professor Bruce Archibald visited Guangxi University Law School in Nanning, southwest China, in June where he spoke to LLM students, prosecutors and student prosecutors on the subject of Canadian criminal law and restorative justice. This found resonance with Chinese counterparts who are working under a new slogan, “Balancing Leniency and Severity in a Harmonious Society,” in their criminal law studies and work.

Professor Archibald’s remarks were rooted not only in his comparative law training but also in his experience with Nova Scotia’s internationally known restorative justice system, which is the focus of the Nova Scotia Restorative Justice Community University Research Alliance (NSRJ-CURA). Professors Jennifer Llewellyn and Archibald are principal investigators in this five-year research program funded by SSHRCC. In November of 2009, NSRJ-CURA partners, including Professor Archibald, helped host a delegation of legal professionals from Jordan who spent a week in Halifax learning about the Nova Scotia Restorative Justice Program.

Professor Archibald continues to teach labour and employment law, and act as a neutral in the resolution of labour disputes as a grievance arbitrator, vice-chair of the Nova Scotia Labour Relations Board and chair of the Civil Service Employee Relations Board. He also chairs the Nova Scotia Minister of Labour and Workforce Development’s Advisory Committee on Arbitration.

Professor Carol Aylward teaches criminal law and general jurisprudence. She has written the only Canadian book on critical race theory, *Canadian Critical Race Theory: Racism and the Law*, and is the author of articles on affirmative action: “Adding Colour – A Critique of: An Essay on Institutional Responsibility: The Indigenous Blacks and Micmac Programme at Dalhousie Law School” and “Race at the Supreme Court of Canada R. v. R.D.S.”

Professor Aylward was the recipient of the Harry Jerome Award for Professional Excellence, a national award given by the Black Business and Professional Association of Ontario to honour “outstanding members of the African Canadian Community” (1998) as well as the Canadian Association of Black Lawyers Award – Recognizing Black Women’s Contribution to the Law. She has also served as a commissioner of the Nova Scotia Human Rights Commission and as a commissioner of the Nova Scotia Police Commission. She is the past director and the longest serving director of the Dalhousie Indigenous Blacks and Mi’kmaq Initiative

(serving in that capacity from 1991-2000).

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

Professor Vaughan Black taught first-year torts, animals and the law and conflicts of law. He published a book on assessment of damages in foreign currencies and articles on judicial jurisdiction, and the effect of culture on assessment of damages for personal injury and death. Professor Black also chaired Dalhousie’s Senate Discipline Committee.

Professor David Blaikie taught civil procedure, professional responsibility and torts this year. He was delighted to be the recipient of the Class Ring from the graduating Class of 2010. A book he co-wrote with Professor Diana Ginn, *The Legal Guide for Religious Institutions*, a primer on the law for religious institutions in the United States, was published in June by Continuum Books in New York. He is writing a volume of Halsbury’s Laws of Canada on the law of damages (Lexis Nexis).

Professor Blaikie is also co-editing a book with Darrel Pink (’78), the executive director of the Nova Scotia Barristers’ Society, and Justice Thomas A. Cromwell of the Supreme Court of Canada. The book, to be published by Irwin Law, will be a collection of essays that present a balanced discussion and critique of lawyers and lawyering in Canada. Over the past year, Professor Blaikie has been involved in the start of a new international publication, *The Journal of Arbitration and Mediation*, a joint initiative of the Schulich School of Law, Sherbrooke University Law School and the Canadian Arbitration Congress. He is the journal’s co-editor with Dr. Marie-Claude Rigaud of the Université de Montréal.

Professor Sarah Bradley is among the newer members of the faculty, having joined in July of 2007. Her research interests are in the business law, particularly corporate finance and corporate governance. This year she taught courses in business associations, corporate finance, mergers and acquisitions. She also served as coach for the Corporate Securities Moot team, which placed second out of 11 teams from common law schools across Canada this year.

Professor Bradley’s publications for the year included a commentary on the BCE case entitled *BCE Inc. v. 1976 Debentureholders: The New Fiduciary Duties of Fair Treatment, Statutory Compliance and Good Corporate Citizenship?* and a report to the Yukon government relating to the corporate opportunities doctrine under the Yukon Business Corporations Act.

Professor Bradley attended the annual workshop on consumer and commercial law hosted by the Université de Montréal. She is currently pursuing a research project relating to the governance of unincorporated business entities in Canada.

Professor Aldo Chircop returned from sabbatical to a full teaching schedule and as Graduate Studies Coordinator. He continued to teach contracts and judicial rule-making, maritime law and practice, and ocean law and policy. He supervised or advised several doctoral candidates and master’s students at Dalhousie and at overseas universities. In July he stepped down as Graduate Studies Coordinator and took over the directorship of the Marine and Environmental Law Institute.

Professor Chircop published articles on topics including the law of the sea, maritime law, Arctic shipping and marine protected areas, including *Ocean Yearbook* (with Professor Moira McConnell and Scott Coffin Smout). Major new projects include a \$77,000 SSHRCC standard research grant to study best practices in coastal zone management legislation and a \$300,000 CIDA-funded, multi-university project in Cuba concerning local integrated coastal zone management.

Professor Chircop also completed a ground breaking study for the International Seabed Authority concerning a new international royalty established by the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea on offshore mineral resource development on extended continental shelves. He presented at several conferences and workshops in Halifax, Vancouver, Seward (Alaska), Santiago de Cuba, Brussels, Beijing and Taipei, and he gave a Jean Monnet lecture at the University of Macau.



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ROB CURRIE



MICHAEL DETURBIDE



RICHARD DEVLIN



MEINHARD DOELLE



JOCELYN DOWNIE

Professor Steve Coughlan The second annual Chocolate Lake hockey game took place this winter, with a few second-year students joining the first-year criminal law class in a pick-up game, followed by hot chocolate and Rock Band on the Wii. In addition, Professor Steve Coughlan auctioned off a game night for four as part of the Pith and Substance professors' auction, which due to some bidding confusion transformed into two separate enjoyable evening sessions of board and card games.

In the Law School's annual Insert Firm Name Here squash tournament, Professor Coughlan had his best results to date, making it to the final for the first time but losing to Mitch LeBlanc in the 2009 tournament, and making it to the final again for the 2010 tournament; that match will be played in the fall.

Professor Coughlan also published a number of articles and one book, completed the manuscript for another, taught his usual selection of courses and enjoyed working with Elaine Craig, as she successfully defended her JSD thesis, and supervising Carol Fleischaker as she began working on her JSD.

Professor Rob Currie is pleased to announce that his book, *International & Transnational Criminal Law*, was published by Irwin Law in March. The book explores the international law regimes surrounding crimes as genocide, war crimes, terrorism, money laundering, narcotics trafficking and cyber-crime, and examines how they play out in Canadian law. While offers to purchase the movie rights have not been pouring in, Professor Currie continues to live in hope.

Otherwise Professor Currie had a busy year of teaching, starting with a berth on the faculty of the Federation of Law Societies' National Criminal Law Program in Victoria, B.C., in July of 2009. He had a great year teaching evidence, civil procedure and international criminal law, as well as coaching an incredibly talented Jessup team. In January he travelled to Fredericton, N.B., to give two presentations: a paper on extradition to the International Humanitarian Law Conference held by the Red Cross at UNB Law School; and a lecture/performance to students and faculty of STU's anthropology and music programs, entitled "Tradition and Identity in Maritime Folk Music: Confessions of a Working Folksinger."

In 2010/11 Professor Currie will be in Ottawa on sabbatical, while his wife, Donna (LL.B. 2010), clerks at the Federal Court.

Professor Michael Deturbide continued to serve as Associate Dean, Academic. He oversees the academic administration of the Law School, including academic regulations and policies, examinations, grades and student issues. Last year he undertook a feasibility study to examine student use of computers in the writing of examinations. The Law School plans to offer this opportunity to all first-year students and for selected upper-year courses in 2010-11.

Professor Deturbide also taught taxation law and served as Associate Director of the Law and Technology Institute. He is co-editor-in-chief of the *Canadian Journal of Law and Technology* and served on IT.Can's national student-paper award committee. He has been working on a second edition of *Electronic Commerce and Internet Law in Canada*, co-authored by Teresa Scassa. He is technology law counsel to the law firm McInnes Cooper. He also sat on the Credentials Committee of the Nova Scotia Barristers' Society, and the boards of the Commonwealth Judicial Education Institute and the Dalhousie Law Alumni Association.

Professor Deturbide was a member of the Tenure and Promotions Committee and the Admissions Committee and he chaired the latter committee for the second half of the academic year. He gave admissions seminars to the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, the Department of Psychology and the Halifax community. He also helped select the Schulich scholarships and Law Foundation of Nova Scotia entrance scholarships.

At the university level, Professor Deturbide served on ad hoc committees dealing with the re-implementation of the MBA/LLB program and the establishment of a new master of journalism program.

Professor Richard Devlin has had another busy year. In 2009/10 he continued to teach contracts, professional responsibility and the graduate seminar. On the research side, he was invited to give the J. Donald Mawhinney Lectures on Legal Ethics at UBC entitled "Hope, Hype and Hysteria: The Past, Present and Future of Self-Regulation in Canada" and "Envisioning a Role Morality for Trial Level Judges."

Professor Devlin was also invited by the NJI to participate in its new sophomore program and delivered a paper entitled *The Art and Craft of Judging: From Archetypes to Architects*. He also delivered several other papers: <all paper titles in italics>*Reconstructing Judicial Ethics in Canada*, at McGeorge University, Sacramento, California; *Reactive Self-Regulation*, Institute for Advanced Legal Studies, London; and *Beyond Continuing Legal Education to Lifelong Learning*, Stanford Law School, California.

Professor Devlin's teaching and research were acknowledged when he received the Hanna and Harold Barnett Award for teaching first-year law, and by the renewal of his university research professorship for the five-year term of 2010 to 2015.

Professor Meinhard Doelle is an Associate Professor at Dalhousie Law School, where he specializes in environmental law. He is the Associate Director of the Marine and Environmental Law Institute and the Director of the Marine and Environmental Law Program. Starting in the fall of 2010, he began teaching a course at the Sustainability College on Humanity in the Natural World.

From 2000 to 2006, Professor Doelle served as a non-governmental member of the Canadian delegation to the UN climate change negotiations. He continues to follow the negotiations closely, including the negotiations in Copenhagen in December of 2009. Doelle is currently collaborating on an international book project on the climate regime's compliance system.

Since January of 2009, Professor Doelle has served on the federal-provincial environmental assessment panel for the Lower Churchill hydroelectric project in Labrador. Over the past year, he has been collaborating with researchers from five countries on an interdisciplinary research project on forest governance.

Professor Doelle has written about a variety of environmental law topics, including climate change, energy, invasive species, environmental assessments and public participation in environmental decision-making. His most recent books are *Environmental Law: Cases and Materials* and *The Federal Environmental Assessment Process: A Guide and Critique*.

Professor Jocelyn Downie finished her tenure as principal investigator of the CIHR Training Program in Health Law and Policy in 2009/10. During this program, 60 LL.Ms or SJ.Ds were awarded, and many individuals interested in health law and policy were brought together for curriculum network meetings, national health law conferences and annual colloquia. This grant provided a wonderful opportunity to build capacity and community in the field of health law and policy across Canada and abroad.

This year also brought the completion of theses by three of Professor Downie's doctoral students and three of her LL.M students. These talented students reflect the range of possible careers in health law and policy, as they are now thriving in private practice, government and academia.

Finally, in 2009 Professor Downie was named to the Expert Panel on End-of-Life Decision Making by the Royal Society of Canada. The challenge was to contribute

to stimulating and advancing the public debate on various aspects of assisted death; most notably, assisted suicide and euthanasia. The Panel's report will be released in the fall of 2010.

Professor Elaine Gibson spent much of the year preparing a report on information sharing between Canadian Blood Services and provincial public health authorities. She reviewed statutes dealing with public health and privacy for each of the 13 jurisdictions and made recommendations for legislative and policy changes.

Professor Gibson taught Advanced Negligence: Medical Malpractice and Tort Law and Damage Compensation. She supervised the completion of theses by two graduate students and mentored a third. She guest lectured in the faculties of medicine and health professions. She also organized and co-ordinated the health law and policy seminar series, now in its 13th year.

Professor Gibson presented to the Atlantic region judges on powers of the state in a public health emergency. In June she travelled to Barbados to give two presentations, one on pelvic exams by medical trainees on anaesthetized women and the other on duty of care in tort law owed by physician to fetus. Professor Gibson was successful as co-principal investigator on a multidisciplinary grant application on "Facilitating Access to Health Data for Research and Planning in Light of Laws and Ethical Norms." The project was awarded \$642,116 over four years by the Canadian Institutes of Health Research. Under its auspices, she is examining the role of consent in the uses of health information.

Professor Diana Ginn was on sabbatical this year. Her sabbatical research and writing projects have focused on the judicial review of administrative decision-making, aboriginal self-government, law and religion, and conflict resolution in Asia. With Professor David Blaikie, she co-taught a law course for students at the Atlantic School of Theology in Halifax.

In 2009/10 Professor Ginn had two books published: *The Legal Guide for Religious Institutions*, co-authored with Professor Blaikie (New York: Continuum, 2010), and *Religious Institutions, Halsbury's Laws of Canada* (LexisNexus Canada Inc. 2009).

Over the past year, she has continued to be active in the community; her volunteer work includes serving on the board of Pine Hill Divinity Hall and on various committees within the United Church of Canada, and volunteering with the Brunswick Street Breakfast Program and the Out of the Cold emergency shelter in Halifax.

Professor Philip Girard taught property in its historical context and Canadian legal history and coached the Laskin Moot. He was proud to see two of his doctoral students, Bill Laurence and Pamela Palmater, graduate at the fall 2009 convocation and LL.M student David Steeves graduate the previous spring.

Professor Girard's main scholarly accomplishment this year was completing revisions to his own doctoral thesis. Entitled *Lawyers and Legal Culture in British North America: Beamish Murdoch of Halifax*, the draft book uses the career of Halifax lawyer Beamish Murdoch to explore various themes in the history of 19th-century lawyers, such as professionalization, governance, law and politics, the nature of legal practice and the various roles played by lawyers in their communities. Professor Girard attended conferences in Toronto, Montreal and Edmonton, and gave a talk on Bora Laskin at a conference on judicial biography held at the University of Texas at Austin Law School.

For the past year, Professor Girard has been vice-chair of the board of directors of the Farmers' Market Investment Cooperative. This non-profit entity has raised money to support the construction of the new Halifax Seaport Farmers' Market, which opened in August.

Professor Michael Hadskis taught the first-year tort law course for the first time this year. He thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to explore this interesting area of the law with such a bright and energetic group of students. As well, he enjoyed teaching the core health law course and serving as the faculty supervisor for the health law placement course.

Professor Hadskis was also involved in health law teaching outside the Law School. Specifically, he oversaw and delivered health law education in the Faculty of Medicine at the MD and post-graduate levels, and he oversaw the health law curricula in the Faculties of Dentistry and Health Professions. This summer he developed an online course entitled Health Care Law for Master of Health Administration students.

Professor Hadskis pursued his research interests in the areas of neuroimaging ethics and regulating biomedical research. The second edition of the text *Dental Law in Canada*, which he co-edited, was published in June, and his chapter, "Paediatric Neuroimaging," will soon appear in the *Oxford Handbook of Neuroethics*. In September, he delivered a talk entitled "Giving Voice to Research Participants: Should IRBs Hear from Research Participant Representatives?" at the Society of Clinical Research Associates 19th annual conference in Dallas, Texas.

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

Professor Hughes continues to teach youth and the law, a seminar course that focuses primarily on child protection, adoption, youth criminal justice and issues relating to youth and media. She serves as faculty supervisor for the Nova Scotia Supreme Court and Court of Appeal student clerkship programs and supervises the Judge's Weekly Clerkship program.

Professor Hughes was delighted to be able to attend, with several of her students, the Fifth World Congress on Family Law and Children's Rights, held in Halifax in August of 2009. She serves on several faculty committees and is the law school representative on the University's Academic Continuity Planning Group. Her volunteer activities include serving on the Armbrae Academy board of governors and working with various animal rescue organizations.

Professor H. Archibald (Archie) Kaiser taught criminal law, criminal procedure and mental disability law, as well as legal issues in the Psychiatry Residency Training Program. He published shorter articles *Should a Person Be Allowed to Refuse Psychiatric Treatment?* and *Expanding the Boundaries of Research Involving Death and Near Death* When Liberty is Attenuated and longer ones *Nasogaluaq: Foregone Opportunities in an Unduly Restrained Sentencing Decision* and *Canadian Mental Health Law: The Slow Process of Redirecting the Ship of State*, and a French version in two installments.

Professor Kaiser's special lectures included the Canadian Criminal Justice Association, the Mental Health Commission of Canada, the Osgoode Hall National Symposium on Mental Health Law, various Dalhousie departments and continuing legal education events for the Nova Scotia Bar and the CBA. He still works with the Mental Health Commission of Canada and the Canadian Mental Health Association.

Professor Kaiser's family keeps him on his toes, with his partner, Judge Anne Derrick, busy in provincial court and the Hyde Fatality Inquiry. Daughter Elspeth, 26, is now a member of the B.C. Bar and pursuing her LL.M. at UBC; Catriona, 21, recently graduated from McGill and is doing her M.Sc. at the University of Edinburgh; and Freya, 17, is about to complete her I.B. at the Halifax Grammar School.



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Professor Hugh Kindred, a faculty associate of the Marine and Environmental Law Institute and a part-time faculty member at the Law School, taught a course on the Law of International Trade and Shipping and guest lectured in international law and the graduate seminar. He also acted as a LL.M. thesis examiner, a book-proposal reviewer and a board member of the Canadian Council on International Law.

Professor Kindred is the coordinator of Canadian contributors to the Oxford University Press' online reports on international law in domestic courts. He continues his research, together with three colleagues, under an SSHRC award into the need for and problems of asserting extraterritorial jurisdiction brought to the fore by the pressures of globalization.

Professor William Lahey taught administrative law, health law and policy: current issues and the second half of public law. He guest lectured in Management and Health Professions. He presented at the National Health Law Conference in Montreal on regulation as governance in health care.

For the National Judicial Institute, Professor Lahey presented to Atlantic Canada judges on national governance challenges in pandemic planning and management. For the Nova Scotia Health Professions Regulatory Network, he developed an inter-professional collaborative model of health professions' regulation with valuable assistance from students Alison Hopkins and Tracy Hobson. This model is being developed with further funding from the Nova Scotia Department of Health.

Thanks to a partnership with Dr. Sonia Chehil of the Department of Psychiatry, the Health Law Institute team, which included exceptional research associates Leah Hutt, Cheluchi Onyemelukwe and Alana Lancaster, had the wonderful opportunity of working on the reform of Guyana's mental health legislation. Other learning experiences included service on the Governance Task Force of the Canadian Nurses Association; participating in a dialogue on regulation and the future of Health Canada; and presenting on professional regulation to a number of health professions regulatory bodies and national meetings of nursing regulators.

Professor Jennifer Llewellyn continued as director of the Nova Scotia Restorative Justice Community University Research Alliance (NSRJ-CURA). In conjunction with this, she is currently planning the international conference on restorative justice to be held in Halifax in June of 2011. The NSRJ-CURA also hosted several workshops this year, including one on measuring success with Public Safety Canada, a workshop with Dan Van Ness and a provincial workshop on restorative justice and education.

The first reading of the play *Tough Case*, commissioned by the NSRJ-CURA and written by leading playwright David Craig, was held in June. It will tour junior and senior high schools throughout Nova Scotia in the spring. Professor Llewellyn also worked on a number of other projects this year. Together with Professor Jocelyn Downie, she convened two workshops and produced an edited collection called *Being Relational: Reflections on Relational Theory and Health Law and Policy*. She is currently leading a project with the Kroc Institute for Peace on Restorative Justice, Reconciliation and Peacebuilding.

Professor Llewellyn continued her work on Indian residential schools abuse, co-teaching an intensive course on the settlement process last fall with Mike DeGagne, executive director of the Aboriginal Healing Foundation, and advising the Truth and Reconciliation Commission. She presented at a number of conferences and was the keynote for the National Restorative Justice Symposium in Newfoundland.

Professor Geoffrey Loomer's first year at Dalhousie was eventful and rewarding. Most of his time was devoted to preparing lectures and materials for his courses in taxation, corporate taxation and secured transactions. He was impressed by the superior calibre of the law students at Dalhousie, of which he saw further evidence as a member of the Admissions Committee.

Professor Loomer also joined the Faculty of Graduate Studies and looks forward to supervising graduate students working in the international tax area. His own research in international taxation continues; he presented papers early in the academic year at tax law and policy conferences held in Toronto, Washington, D.C., and Oxford, England. He and his spouse, Lindsay, were delighted to welcome their first baby, a boy, in October of 2009.

Professor Constance MacIntosh had the pleasure of working on the Law School's Dean Selection Committee this year. This allowed her to work closely with the alumni, the law society, her faculty colleagues and the students. She found the conversations engaging, the dinners filling and the legal community to be dynamic and committed.

Professor MacIntosh continued her work on the relationship between Aboriginal living standards and environmental and constitutional law. Key dissemination points this year included conferences, guest lectures and several publications. She completed her project on how Aboriginal rights with a legislated basis, such as taxation, are sometimes racialized by the judiciary, and published on this work in the *Osgoode Hall Law Journal*.

Professor MacIntosh was honoured by receiving one of the first grants from the National Association of Women and the Law's Policy Research Program. This grant was to study how gender-based persecution claims are assessed by refugee adjudicators, with a focus on domestic violence. She accepted a cross-appointment with the School of Resource and Environmental Management, supervised graduate students and thoroughly enjoyed working with students in her courses in contracts, aboriginal law, immigration and refugee law, as well as the aboriginal rights moot.

Professor Wayne MacKay, in addition to a full teaching load encompassing constitutional law, education law and public law, served on the Dean's Search Committee as well as other administrative duties. In late November of 2009, he travelled to Hong Kong to deliver a paper entitled *Inclusive Education and the Canadian Experience: The Long and Winding Road*. This conference was in recognition of China's signature to the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, and his presentation will be published in the forthcoming *Hong Kong Law Journal*.

On May 4, Professor MacKay was Dalhousie's only presenter at the University of Moncton Symposium on the Legacy of Justice Bastarache. His topic was "Justice Bastarache, the Charter and Judging: The Centrality of Equality and Principled Pragmatism." This too, will be published as part of a book.

Professor MacKay was actively involved in the Intensive Seminar Program for Judges offered by the Commonwealth Judicial Education Institute, held at the Law School in June. He delivered sessions on judicial independence and the balancing of human rights and national security.

Professor Anne Matthewman is settling into her new role as Chief Law Librarian at Dalhousie and is pleased to be working with the excellent staff in the Sir James Dunn Law Library. Staff members remain dedicated to providing top-notch library services for both students and faculty. Anne and David Michels will be involved in teaching both legal research and writing and advanced legal research in the upcoming year. Additionally, staff will provide instructional sessions on electronic legal resources such as WestlaweCarswell and LexisNexis Canada.

Anne is continuing her involvement with Law Library associations, serving as the past president of the Canadian Association of Law Libraries, as Special Interest Section Council Chair of the American Association of Law Libraries and as a member of the 2011 Program Committee for the AALL Annual Conference, which will be held in Philadelphia. She has been appointed the Canadian representative on a joint committee of the Center for Research Libraries and the Law Library Microform Commission. The two organizations have formed a partnership to identify, preserve and provide digital access to important at-risk primary sources in the fields of international law, government and politics.

Professor Ronalda Murphy is on a two-year leave of absence to work for the Attorney General of Ontario. She acts as an Advisory Counsel in the civil law branch of the Attorney's office, working on a wide range of civil law issues with a focus on aboriginal law. She wanted to do this so she could figure out, from the inside, how contemporary governments operate in Canada and to gain an appreciation of the role of lawyers in government.

Professor Murphy reports that she is learning lots (you are never too old!) and loves the work, but she misses her students and colleagues and will be back teaching at the Law School in July of 2011. She also notes the pleasure of running into many former students and her own Class of '87 friends, and especially having weekly reunions with William Bromm, '87, Senior Counsel to the Deputy Minister of Justice.

Professor Chidi Oguamanam continued to teach IP, technology and contract law while he remained the director of the Law and Technology Institute. He was invited to speak at the New York University Colloquium on Innovation Policy on March 4, where he spoke about "IP in Global Governance: Issues and Tensions." He also participated in the Annual IP Scholars' Roundtable at the Drake University IP Law Center in Des Moines, Iowa, on March 26, where he spoke about "The ABS Politics and the Marine Genetic Resources Dimension: A Critical Canadian Perspective." In May Professor Oguamanam was a participant with Professor Jeremy de Beer of the University of Ottawa at an IDRC initiative on open development, where the pair shared their ongoing joint research project on the Developmental Perspectives on Technical Assistance and Intellectual Property Education. The IDRC workshop united researchers from developing countries and their Canadian counterparts to deliberate on research designs around open access and open development model. Also in May, Professor Oguamanam was a keynote speaker at an International Conference on Globalization and the Amazon at the University of Haifa in Mt. Carmel, Israel. He has accepted a faculty position at the University of Ottawa's Faculty of Law (Common Law Section) effective July of 2011.

Professor Dianne Pothier, in 2009/10, continued on a reduced teaching load, teaching only constitutional law. Scholarly endeavours included: *Not So Simple After All: A Comment on Ravndahl v. Saskatchewan* (2009–2010) 41(1) Ottawa L. Rev. 139–160; *Tackling Disability Discrimination at Work: Towards a Systemic Approach*, forthcoming, *McGill Journal of Law and Health*; and a critical review of Alex Cameron's book, *Power Without Law: The Supreme Court of Canada, the Marshall Decisions, and the Failure of Judicial Activism*, submitted to the *Dalhousie Law Journal*.

Professor Pothier was counsel for the Women's Legal Education and Action Fund intervention in the Federal Court of Appeal in *Micmac Nation of Gespeg v. Canada (Minister of Indian and Northern Affairs)*. The case concerned the implications for s. 15 of the Charter of the Supreme Court of Canada's 2008 decision in *R. v. Kapp*, where two of Professor Pothier's published articles were cited.

Professor Graham Reynolds taught property law and intellectual property law this past year. In the upcoming year, he will also be teaching a seminar course on copyright law. His research this past year has focused on copyright law issues; specifically, on the question of the extent to which individuals should have the right to engage with existing copyright-protected expression in the creation of new expression.

To this end, Professor Reynolds has researched and written papers on parody, mashups (songs created by combining two or more existing sound recordings), machinima (movies made within video games) and fan fiction, among other topics. This past year, he presented his research at conferences in both Mexico City and Toronto, and at various speaking engagements around Halifax. His work was published or accepted for publication in journals across Canada and in the United Kingdom, and in several edited collections.

Professor Reynolds recently spoke with the All-Party Parliamentary Arts Caucus, a group of members of Parliament and senators who meet to discuss issues regarding Canadian arts and culture, on the topics of digital copyright and copyright reform.

Professor Rollie Thompson started and ended the past year in the same place—in London, England, talking about relocation by parents with children, not a bad gig. In August of 2009, he attended the International Family Justice Judicial Conference for Common Law and Commonwealth Jurisdictions, a group of judges focused on international child abduction and relocation issues.

This past July, Professor Thompson attended another international conference in London on the same topics, organized by the Centre for Family Law and Practice at London Metropolitan University. In between, back home he taught family law, evidence and civil procedure, and co-supervised students clerking at the Supreme Court's Family Division.

Professor Thompson also spoke at seven other education programs for judges and lawyers, in Nova Scotia and elsewhere in Canada, on a range of topics, including spousal support, divorce jurisdiction, civil procedure reform, civil rules governing expert evidence, child protection evidence, hearsay and opinion evidence, international relocation, and evidence in family law. He is the editor of the *Canadian Family Law Quarterly* and the *Nova Scotia Civil Procedure Rules* (published by LexisNexis).



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Professor Esmeralda Thornhill Despite being on leave from her regular teaching duties for a good part of 2009/10, in the Fall, Professor Esmeralda Thornhill not only delivered the Orientation to Law Lecture on “The Implications of Race and Culture for Legal Education and the Legal Profession”, but she also taught International Human Rights Law: Facing ‘Race’ as a Factor, and in the Spring she taught the Prelaw Module, An Introduction to Property: A Critical Approach.

Professor Thornhill maintained her commitment to academic, professional, university and public service: on SHRCC Committees; on the Nova Scotia Barristers’ Society Race and Law Essay Competition Sub-Committee; on the *Journal of Black Studies* editorial board; on the Senate and Senate Steering Committee; on the National Human Genome Centre Advisory Panel; and on the Kidney Foundation of Canada (Nova Scotia). In July of 2009, while in Paris, Professor Thornhill was honoured with a customized tour of the Château de Monte Cristo and Château d’Ife, the private residence and estate of the renowned African-descended writer, Alexandre Dumas. She participated in the Halifax and Montreal Fall 2009 launching of *Tribute*, an African Canadian poetry collection commemorating the inauguration of the 44th president of the United States of America, Barack Hussein Obama.

Professor David VanderZwaag, after having his Canada Research Chair in Ocean Law and Governance renewed for a further seven years, had a busy speaking year with presentations given at various venues, including: the MARE People and the Sea Conference (Amsterdam); IUCN Protected Areas Legislative Guidelines Review Workshop (Bonn); Canada-Japan-U.S. Trilateral Conference (Vancouver); Colloquium of the IUCN Academy of Environmental Law (Wuhan, China); Maritime Boundary Delimitation Symposium (Maine); Antarctic Treaty Summit (Washington, D.C.); Arctic Frontiers Conference (Norway); Sino-Canadian Workshop on the Arctic (Beijing); and the Global Forum on Oceans, Coasts and Islands (Paris).

Professor VanderZwaag gave the eighth annual *Houston Journal of International Law* lecture in Houston, Texas, on the topic “The Precautionary Approach and the International Control of Toxic Chemicals.”

He agreed to participate in a Royal Society of Canada Expert Panel on Marine Biodiversity and Climate Change.

Among other publications, Professor VanderZwaag contributed a chapter, “Law of the Sea and Governance of Shipping in the Arctic and Antarctic,” to a new *Polar Law Textbook* published by the Nordic Council of Ministers. He co-authored

“American-Canadian Ocean Boundary Disputes and Cooperation” in the *Max Planck Encyclopedia of Public International Law* and an article on “Canada, the EU and Arctic Ocean Governance” in the *Journal of Transnational Law & Policy*.

Professor Sheila Wildeman, in 2009/10, taught public law, administrative law and critical perspectives on law. She introduced an occupational therapy class at Dalhousie to the principles of consent and capacity law and made public presentations in relation to newborn screening in Nova Scotia and to Nova Scotia Labour and Employment adjudicators on access to adjudicative processes on the part of persons with mental health conditions.

Professor Wildeman continues to do research on the assessment of decisional capacity at law, both in connection with her doctoral thesis, which relates to psychiatric treatment capacity disputes, and in furtherance of three grants in which she participates. She is currently working on papers arising out of a multi-provincial survey canvassing Canadians’ understandings of divergent provincial laws on substitute decision-making about health care and research participation.

Professor Wildeman is pleased to be serving on the Nova Scotia Barristers’ Society Continuing Professional Development Working Group, which is examining the prospect of mandatory continuing professional development for NSBS members. She also sits on the board of the Canadian Mental Health Association.

Professor Michelle Williams-Lorde This year the Indigenous Blacks & Mi’kmaq (IB&M) Initiative celebrated its 20th anniversary with a series of workshops and a gala dinner, which included a keynote address by the Hon. Justice Murray Sindair, chair of the Indian Residential Schools Truth and Reconciliation Commission; the awarding of the Judge Corrine Sparks Award in Law to student Jessica Upshaw; and the launch of the Donald Marshall Jr. Commemorative Award, presented to student Patricia MacIver. A special thank you to alumnus Jarvis Googoo, who led the creation of this award.

The IB&M Initiative and its staff received two awards this year. First, IB&M secretary Cheryl MacIntosh received Dalhousie University’s Rosemary Gill Award for outstanding service to students. Second, the Initiative itself is the recipient of the Canadian Bar Association’s 2010 Touchstone Award, celebrating the accomplishments of an individual or organization that has excelled at promoting equity in the legal profession, the judiciary or the legal community in Canada.

Professor Michelle Williams-Lorde taught criminal law and continued

her involvement with the Nova Scotia Restorative Justice Community-University Research Alliance, presenting her preliminary research findings as part of the 32nd Canadian Congress on Criminal Justice.

By far the greatest event of 2010 for Professor Williams-Lorde was celebrating the birth of her second child, Ariel Grace Williams Lorde, in February.

Professor Faye Woodman continues her examination of pension plans in Canada with an article published in the *Canadian Journal of Women and the Law* on the effect on women of possible changes in federal and provincial pension legislation. Recently, she assumed the position of chair of the Pension Advisory Committee of the Dalhousie Pension Plan.

This winter, the Law School presented a course on elder law for the first time. Professor Woodman led the seminar but was supported by a number of practitioners and members of the Nova Scotia section of the Elder Law Section of the Canadian Bar Association. Topics included age discrimination, competency, health care, long-term care, elder abuse, adult protection and powers of attorney. There were also sections on public and private pensions and on financial planning. An expert on the use of robotics and other technologies to assist elders has already been invited for next year, and the legal implications of this new care model will be explored.

At the end of the academic year, Professor Woodman was delighted to be able to reunite in Provence, France, with four of the other five women graduates of Queen’s Law ’72. There was much camaraderie and laughter.



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1944 Dr. H. Reuben Cohen, CC, QC was awarded the Order of New Brunswick in March 2010. Dr. Cohen is already a companion of the Order of Canada and a member of the New Brunswick Business Hall of Fame, as well as chancellor emeritus of Dalhousie University and recipient of numerous honorary degrees from universities in Atlantic Canada.

1948 William G. Chipman, QC was recognized for 60 years of service as a member of the Law Society of Alberta at a dinner held in Dec. 2009.



1955 Purdy Crawford, CC, QC was recognized in the August 2010 *Canadian Lawyer* magazine as one of Canada's Top 25 Most Influential in the justice system and legal profession.



1956 Sir Graham Day was recognized in the August 2010 *Canadian*

Lawyer magazine as one of Canada's Top 25 Most Influential in the justice system and legal profession.



1958 Pat McDonald was the guest speaker at the Canadian Institute of Forestry Annual General Meeting & Conference held in Sept. 2010 in Jasper, Alta. He has always been a teacher of history and since his retirement as a high school administrator has written extensively on the fur trade, Voyageurs, David Thompson, First Nations and Pioneer Life.

1961 George A. Caines, QC, a partner in the Halifax office of Stewart McKelvey, was appointed to the Board of Directors of Emera Inc. in Sept, 2009.

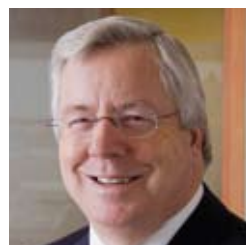


1965 Senator James S. Cowan, QC received an Honorary Doctor of Laws from Dalhousie University during the fall convocation in October 2009. Since 1972, he has been actively engaged in the life of Dalhousie University, where he has been a member and chair of a wide array of committees. From 2000 to 2008, he was Chair of the University's Board of Governors.

1968 Judge Bill MacDonald retired from the Nova Scotia Provincial Court at the end of June 2010. After a short time in private practice, his legal career was spent in the public service, including almost 10 years as Deputy Attorney General and Deputy Minister. Most recently, Judge MacDonald was instrumental in setting up Nova Scotia's first Mental Health Court in Dartmouth.



1969 Morris J. Haug, QC During three years of semi-retirement Morris Haug has completed of his memoirs—a story of an 18-year-old farm labourer immigrant from Bavaria, who returns to school and obtains a law degree. Morris resides in Amherst and Tidnish.



1970 Eric Durnford, QC was named as Halifax's Labour and Employment Lawyer of the year for 2010 by Best Lawyers.

Gerald J. McConnell, QC was appointed Chairman of the Board for Nova Gold. He has been a Director of Nova Gold since 1984.

1971 William L. (Mick) Ryan, QC, partner at Stewart McKelvey, was

elected as president of the Canadian College of Construction Lawyers in August 2009. Mr. Ryan was a founding Fellow of the College and has been recognized in the International Who's Who of Business Lawyers, *Lexpert*, and the Annual Directory of the Best Lawyers in Canada for his work in Commercial and Construction Law.



1972 Daniel M. Campbell, QC will be the Nova Scotia Barristers' Society Council's first vice-president for 2010-2011. He is a partner in Cox & Palmer's Halifax office and practises corporate and commercial law.

The Honourable R. John Harper, a Judge of the Superior Court of Justice of Ontario (London), was appointed Senior Judge of the Family Court Branch (Toronto) in October 2010.

Daniel A. Laprès had an article published by DC Insight, the Trade Finance Quarterly of the International Chamber of Commerce (Paris) in the May 2010 issue.



1973 Chief Judge John Comeau resigned his position on September

2010. After more than 10 years as Chief Judge of the Nova Scotia Family court, he has resigned to devote more time to his private life. He will, however, continue to sit as a judge of the court in the Yarmouth courthouse.

Associate Chief Judge Robert Gibson retired from the Provincial Court at the end of June, 2010. He was first appointed to the Bench in 1990 after 17 years of practising law in Nova Scotia. He was appointed as the Provincial Court's Associate Chief Judge in 1999 and held that position ever since.

Peter McLellan, QC partner at Stewart McKelvey, was elected President of the Canadian Association of Counsel to Employers in October 2009. Mr. McLellan was a founding director of CACE and is its sixth president, the first from Atlantic Canada. Peter has also been recognized in *Lexpert*, in Lawday's Leading Lawyers and in the *Annual Directory of the Best Lawyers in Canada* for his work in Labour and Employment Law.



The Honourable Justice Jamie Saunders received the Law Day Award in April 2010 on behalf of the CSCJA in recognition of his work on Try Judging™. He created a multi-media educational resource to be used by high school teachers and students that puts students in the shoes of judges.

The Honourable Nicolli (Nick) Scaravelli of the Nova Scotia Supreme Court transferred from Halifax to the Pictou-Antigonish-Guysborough Court District in November 2009. Justice Scaravelli was appointed to the Bench in December of 2006.



1974 Dr. Fred Fountain, CM, LLB, LL.D, OC received the Canadian Red Cross's 2009 humanitarian award for Nova Scotia. He takes great pride in his family's life-long support to the Red Cross dating back to wartime relief work by his parents in the 1930s and 40s. Dr. Fountain was installed in May 2008 as Chancellor of Dalhousie University.

The Honourable Howard Wetston, QC was appointed chairman of the Ontario Securities Commission in October 2010.

1975 Anne Malick, QC of Nova Scotia Legal Aid in Truro was presented with the Nova Scotia Barristers' Society 2010 Distinguished Service Award in June 2010.



Wylie Spicer, QC was appointed as Independent Adjudicator of the Marine Stewardship Council, the world's leading organization in certifying and eco-labeling for sustainable fisheries in February 2009.

In addition he has been elected to the Board of Directors of Offshore/Onshore Technologies Association of Nova Scotia (OTANS), the industry association for companies that provide supply and services to the upstream energy industry. Wylie also has been named as Halifax Maritime Lawyer of the Year by Best Lawyers 2010. He is a counsel in the Halifax office of McInnes Cooper.



1976 Raymond Larkin, QC has become a Fellow of the American college of Trial Lawyers, one of the premier legal associations in North America. The induction ceremony took place in October 2009 at the annual meeting of the College in Boston, Mass. Mr. Larkin is a partner in the firm of Pink Larkin.



Richard MacKinnon was appointed a provincial court judge in November 2009 by Attorney General and Justice Minister Ross Landry. He has been a practising member of the bar for 32 years and was a senior Crown Counsel with the Nova Scotia Public Prosecution Service in Port Hawkesbury. He will be sitting in Bridgewater, NS.



Rodney Snow of Whitehorse and partner in the Davis LLP Yukon Office became the new president of the Canadian Bar Association in August 2010. He is the first CBA President to hail from North of 60.



Hon. Brian Tobin was appointed to the Board of Directors of Uranium Star Corporation in July 2009. Mr. Tobin is Senior Business Advisor with Fraser Milner Casgrain LLP in Toronto.



1977 Hon. Justice Nancy Bateman retired from the Nova Scotia Court of Appeal in August 2010.



Alison Manzer was awarded the *Lexpert* Zenith Award in Oct. 2009. The Zenith Awards were established in 2009 to honour a select group of senior women lawyers who

have made outstanding contributions to the practice and business of law.

Justice Jim Williams of the Supreme Court of Nova Scotia was presented with the Paragon Award in Nov. 2009 at Destination Halifax's Ambassador Program reception. The Paragon Award is awarded to an individual whose achievements stand out, and whose event has brought significant social and/or economic impact to the community. Justice Williams led the charge on bringing the World Congress on Family Law & Children's Rights to Halifax.



1978 Michael F. Donovan, QC joined the Halifax Office of Cox & Palmer as counsel in October 2010.

1979 Helen Foote has been appointed President of The Nova Scotia Branch of the Canadian Bar Association for the 2009-2010 year. Ms. Foote has been active with the CBA since 1980, including as a member of CBA Council, chair of the Family Law Section, member of the Professional Development Committee, and recently as Treasurer (2008) and Vice-President (2008-2009). Foote is a partner at Heritage House Law Office in Dartmouth.

Paul Gale Pharo, QC was appointed to Provincial Court, Lethbridge, AB in December 2010. He has practiced general law, including family, criminal, civil litigation, real estate and wills and estates with the Stringam Denecky Law Firm in Lethbridge since 1980.



Terry Roane, QC was awarded the Lexpert Zenith Award in October 2009. *Lexpert* honoured a select group of leading women lawyers in business law or who have led in the business of law.



1980 Michael Baker of Lunenburg was honoured posthumously with the Order of Nova Scotia in October 2009 after a two-decade career as a politician and provincial cabinet minister. The late Finance Minister became a very public face of cancer during the last three years of his life.

Robert G. Grant, QC became a Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers, one of the premier legal associations in America. The induction ceremony took place in November 2009 during the Annual Meeting of the College in Boston, Mass. Mr. Grant, a partner at Stewart McKelvey, has been practising law for the past 28 years in Nova Scotia as an advocate before courts and administrative tribunals.



Margaret MacDonald was appointed the

deputy minister for the Department of Finance in November 2010. In addition to her appointment as Deputy Minister of Finance, MacDonald will also sit on the board of directors of the Nova Scotia Liquor Corporation.



Hon. Jim Prentice, PC, QC will become the Vice Chairman of CIBC and a member of CIBC's Senior Executive Team in January 2011. Mr. Prentice most recently served as Canada's Minister of the Environment.

1981 Hon. Peter M.S. Bryson, a Judge of the Supreme Court of Nova Scotia in Halifax, was appointed Judge of the Court of Appeal in August 2010. Justice Bryson was appointed to the Supreme Court of Nova Scotia in 2009. He has been a part-time lecturer at the law school (1983-1993).



Marjorie Hickey, QC received one of the Lexpert Zenith Awards in Oct. 2009. *Lexpert* honoured a select group of leading women lawyers in business law or who have led in the business of law. She practises as a partner with McInnes Cooper with a focus on regulatory and liability issues for professions.

Patrick J. Murray, QC was appointed to Nova Scotia's Supreme Court in August 2010. He began his legal career at the Dalhousie Legal Aid Clinic in 1981 and was also a past director of the Nova Scotia Legal Aid Commission. Mr. Murray will sit in Sydney, NS.



Clifford J. Shaw, QC is teaching business law in the Bissett School of Business at Mount Royal University. He continues to practise banking and insolvency law with Faber Bickman Leon in Calgary.



1982 William Crosbie was appointed Ambassador to Afghanistan in June 2009 and will become Canada's fifth head of mission in Kabul since Canada re-established diplomatic relations with Afghanistan in 2002. Mr. Crosbie has held a number of senior management positions within government.

Timothy Gabriel, QC was appointed judge to the Nova Scotia Family and Provincial Court in September 2010. He was twice elected to the Nova Scotia Barristers' Society Bar Council and was appointed to Queen's Counsel in January.



Janice Stairs became a board member of Nova Scotia Business Inc. in November 2009. Ms. Stairs is vice president and general counsel to Etruscan Resources Inc. a mining exploration and development company with operations throughout Africa. A past partner with the law firm Patterson Palmer (now McInnes Cooper), Ms. Stairs continues as counsel to the Halifax office of McInnes Cooper.

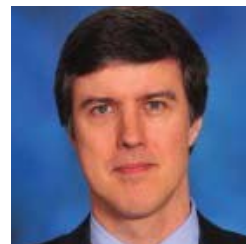


1983 Del Atwood of New Glasgow was appointed a provincial court judge in November 2009. He was a senior Crown attorney with the Public Prosecution Service. He will be sitting in Truro, NS.

Dr. Gordon Hook has completed his fourth successful year as the executive secretary of the Asia/Pacific Group on Money Laundering (APG), a multi-lateral organization consisting of 40 member countries (including Canada, China, India, Japan and the United States) and five observer countries (including the Russian Federation, UK and France), based in Sydney, Australia.



John Rogers, Chief Executive Officer at Stewart McKelvey, was appointed to the board of governors at Acadia University in Wolfville in November 2009.



1984 Bernard Hibbits is publisher and editor-in-chief of *Jurist*, the Webby award-winning legal news service he created at the Pittsburgh Law School in 1996 which now draws over 100,000 readers a week worldwide. His scholarship and teaching focus on how the Internet and other media have historically shaped legal thought and practice.

Ronald J. MacDonald, QC was elected president of the Federation of Law Societies of Canada. He is a Criminal Law Policy Advisor with the Nova Scotia Department of Justice.



1985 Jean M. Dewolfe of Wolfville was appointed a provincial court judge in November 2009. She has been a partner in the firm Muttart Tufts Dewolfe and Coyle since 1990 with a primary focus in family law. She will be sitting in Amherst, NS.



C. Gavin Giles, QC was elected 2010 Atlantic Zone President of the Canadian Red Cross and appointed to the organization's national board of governors. A litigation partner in the Halifax office of McInnes Cooper, Mr. Giles work with the Red Cross spans more than a decade.

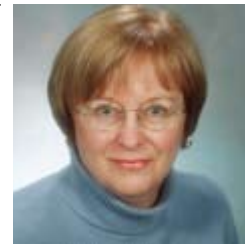
Gregory E. Lenehan of Dartmouth was appointed as judge of the provincial and family courts in Nova Scotia in October 2010. He has served as a Crown attorney with Nova Scotia Public Prosecution Service for the past 21 years.



1987 Barb Howard published a young adult novel titled *The Dewpoint Show* in 2010. This is in addition to the novella she published last year called *Notes for Monday* about a retiring old-school lawyer and her first novel, *Whipstock*, which was published in 2001. She currently resides in Bragg Creek, Alberta.

James Kenney recently published a book entitled *Canadian Victims of Crime: Critical Insights*. It is published by CSP/Women's Press (Toronto).

1988 Philip J. Jenkins has been appointed vice-president of RBC Dominion Securities. Prior to his appointment, he served as an investment advisor, also with RBC Dominion Securities.



1989 Anne Emery was invited to speak and read from her work at the 2010 International Festival of Authors in Toronto. She is the author of five published books in the Collins-Burke mystery series, the most recent being *Children in the Morning*. She is at work on the sixth book in the series.



1991 Cindy Ann Bourgeois was sworn in as the new Nova Scotia Supreme Court judge for Cape Breton in September 2009.



Tim Daley was elected as 2nd Vice President of the Nova Scotia Barristers' Society for 2010-2011. He is a partner with GPMD Law in New Glasgow.



Douglas Downey was named to *Lexpert's* prestigious list of "Rising Stars – Leading Lawyers Under 40" in November

2009. Mr. Downey is a partner at Lewis Downey Tornosky Lassaline & Timpano in Orillia, Ontario.

1992 Burnley (Rocky) Jones received the Order of Nova Scotia. Mr. Jones heads his own Halifax law firm devoted to human rights, labour and criminal law.

Geoffrey Litherland was recently appointed managing partner of Harris & Company. In addition, in 2009 he was retained by the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East to advise on their labour relations, and has travelled to the West Bank, Gaza, Israel, Jordan and Lebanon as part of this work.



Melanie McGrath is the new Director for the Lawyers' Insurance Association of Nova Scotia.

1993 Eric Bremermann joined Stikeman Elliott LLP as a Partner in the Toronto office in October 2010. His practice focuses on corporate and commercial law.

Carmen Diges, a partner at McMillan LLP was named to *Lexpert's* prestigious list of "Rising Stars – Leading Lawyers Under 40" in November 2009. Ms. Diges' practice is focused on international corporate finance, mergers and acquisitions and natural resources.



Zhiguo Gao is putting his Dalhousie doctorate in science of law to good use as a judge on the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea. Based in Beijing, he is also the director of the legal arm of the China Institute of Marine Affairs.



Laura Stewart was named to *Lexpert's* prestigious list of "Rising Stars – Leading Lawyers Under 40" in November 2009. Ms. Stewart is a partner in Gowlings' Ottawa office and works in the areas of professional defense and administrative law.

1994 Shawna Hoyte of Dalhousie Legal Aid received the inaugural Honourable Lorne Clarke QC Access to Justice Award, presented in March 2010 by the Legal information Society of Nova Scotia. She was honoured for her commitment to making justice accessible to everyone.



Alan L. Ross was awarded the Zenith Award in 2010 as a rising star among *Lexpert's* "Rising Stars – Leading Lawyers Under 40." Mr. Ross is a partner

in the Calgary office of Borden Ladner Gervais. His practice focuses on administrative law and regulatory matters.



1995 Amy Bradbury joined the firm of Ritch Durnford in November 2009. Ms. Bradbury has a decade of experience in labour and employment, human rights and administrative law and has co-authored several papers on employment law.



Tara Erskin and her husband Brent Culligan are thrilled to announce the birth of their twin girls, Anya and Maeve Culligan, on St. Patrick's Day, March 17, 2009. Ms. Erskin is a partner in the Labour & Employment Law Group of McInnes Cooper in Halifax.

Hon. Judge Pierre Leon Muise was appointed a member of the Nova Scotia Supreme Court in August 2010. He moved up to the Supreme Court after a period as a provincial judge when he was hailed as Nova Scotia's first Metis Judge, who is able to conduct trials in both English and French.



1996 Deanne MacLeod, a partner in Stewart McKelvey's Halifax office, was named to *Lexpert's* prestigious list of "Rising Stars – Leading Lawyers Under 40" in November 2009. Ms. MacLeod's area of practice is corporate commercial law.



Michael Statham was named in *Lexpert's* list of "Rising Stars – Leading Lawyers Under 49." Mr. Statham is a partner at WeirFoulds LLP in Toronto. His forte is complex business litigation.



1997 Andrea Johnson was named in *Lexpert's* list of "Rising Stars – Leading Lawyers Under 49." Ms. Johnson is a partner at Fraser Milner Casgrain in Ottawa.



Suzanne Rix was honoured in November 2010 as a rising star among *Lexpert's* top

Canadian lawyers under 40. Ms. Rix is a partner with Cox & Palmer's Halifax office and practises in the area of immigration law.

1999 David Fraser was named to *Lexpert's* prestigious list of "Rising Stars – Leading Lawyers Under 40" November 2009. Mr. Fraser, an associate in McInnes Cooper's Halifax office, is widely recognized as one of the country's leading privacy and technology lawyers. In February 2010, McInnes Cooper announced the appointment of Mr. Fraser as a partner, working in their Halifax office.



Mary Hamblin was named one of "The Top 10 New Food and Beverage Innovators" in the May 2010 issue of *Food in Canada* magazine.

Sarah Kirby joined the Ritch Durnford law firm in January 2010 and practises with the Maritime Law Group. She was named in the Maritime Law Section of the publication "The Best Lawyers in Canada" for 2008 and 2009.



Candy Palmater is a recovered lawyer who turned from the courts to the comedy stage. She is the creator, producer and star of *The Candy Show* which is currently in its first season of production for APTN.

2000 Ben Durnford received the Lawyer of the Decade Award, presented by reachAbility in June 2010. Mr. Durnford was honoured for his outstanding commitment to the organization, which provides services and programs to individuals with disabilities. He previously was named Volunteer Lawyer of the Year by the same organization.

Basia Dzierzanowska became a partner with McInnes Cooper in February 2010 and serves clients in the Halifax office.



Ryder Gilliland was named to *Lexpert's* prestigious list of "Rising Stars – Leading Lawyers Under 40" November 2010. Mr. Gilliland is a partner in the Toronto Office of Blake, Cassels & Graydon.



Jason Kohn and his wife Carol are thrilled with the new addition, and sister for Samantha, and are enjoying raising their lovely daughters in Richmond Hill, Ontario. The older one is Samantha Brooke Kohn (born Dec. 7, 2005) and the baby is Chloe Hannah Kohn (born Sept. 9, 2009). He is teaching at a college in Toronto.



2001 Joseph Burke became a partner in the Halifax office of Cox & Palmer in January 2010. Mr. Burke practices insurance and general litigation.



Bobbi-Jo Dow Baker currently of Stratford, PEI, joined the law firm of Carr, Stevenson & MacKay, in Charlottetown in 2008. She was married to William Baker, of Lakeville, PEI in October 2009. They currently live in Stratford, PEI. Her current practice focus is corporate/commercial, wills and estates, property transactions, and property/corporate/estate related litigation.



Elias Metlej joined McInnes Cooper as a partner in the firm's Halifax office in September 2010. His practice focuses in the areas of commercial and residential real estate transactions.



Michael P. Simms recently returned to McInnes Cooper's Halifax office as a partner, having served several years as senior counsel at a major oil and gas company.

Jamie Van Wart was appointed a youth court crown attorney in the Halifax office of the Public Prosecution Service in December 2009.

2002 Tonya (Flood) Fleming joined Birchcliff Energy as general counsel. Ms. Fleming was previously at the Calgary office of Osler, Hosking & Harcourt LLP, having been with the firm since she first joined as a summer student in 2001.

Jillian Ryan was appointed a Crown attorney in Truro, the Public Prosecution Service announced in August 2009. In 2006, she joined Blackburn English in Enfield, where she maintained a general practice and also did per diem work as a Crown attorney.

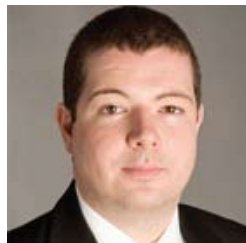
Angela Vivolo became a partner at Borden Ladner Gervais in March 2010. Her area of practice is commercial litigation.

2003 Mala Joshi and her husband Mark Lomaga announce the arrival of their beautiful daughter Jaya Alexandra Lomaga born on July 19, 2010. The family lives in Toronto where Ms. Joshi is an intellectual property litigator with Ridout & Maybee LLP and Mr. Lomaga is practising both academic and community dermatology.



Tandiwe Nyajeka and Stephane Gauthier were married on August 15, 2009 at her parents' home in Halifax. In attendance, on this sunny day were Professors Phillip Girard and Archie Kaiser; the outdoor ceremony was officiated by Nova Scotia Justice Corrine Sparks ('79). The couple resides in Montreal, QC, where Ms. Nyajeka has recently returned to school to pursue graduate studies at McGill in Public Relations Management.

Jonathan Shapiro and his wife, Valerie, welcomed a baby girl on August 13, 2009. Samantha weighed in at 6 lbs., 12 oz.



2004 David R. Melvin was appointed by the Government of Canada to the Payments in Lieu of Taxes Dispute Advisory Panel for a three-year term commencing June 2010. David continues to practise in the areas of litigation, corporate-commercial, estate and real estate law with his colleagues at Livingstone & Company in Dartmouth, Nova Scotia.



Kyle Peterson and his wife welcomed their son Kolton Joshua on Christmas Day 2009, weighing in at 7 lbs. 4 oz. Mr. Peterson joined Fasken Martineau DuMoulin LLP in September 2009 and is practising in the Government Relations Group.

2006 Adam Church is currently working in Ottawa as the Senior Policy Advisor to the Minister of International Trade. In spring 2010, Mr. Church was named by Embassy, Canada's foreign policy newsweekly, as one of the "60 Most Influential in Canadian Foreign Policy."



Isabelle French joined Ritch Durnford as an associate in November 2009. Ms. French is working on her Master of Laws at Dalhousie University.

Michelle MacDonald was appointed a Crown attorney in the Port Hawkesbury office of the Public Prosecution Service in August 2010.



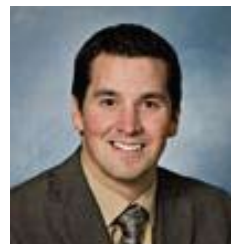
Krista Smith joined the firm of Ritch Durnford in November 2009. Ms. Smith served as a clerk at the Nova Scotia Court of Appeal and articulated at a major Toronto firm before joining Ritch Durnford.



2007 Satpal (Tony) Bhurjee joined Miller Thomson in Edmonton as an associate in October 2009 after completing his articles at a major Calgary law firm.



2008 Roula Athanasiou joined Burchell Hayman Parish as an associate in July 2009 and practises in the litigation group.



Scott Barry joined Stewart McKelvey in their Charlottetown office in November 2009.



Megan Blaikie joined the firm of Burchell MacDougall in Truro as an Associate in November 2009.



J. Gregory Clooney joined Stewart McKelvey as an associate in the Halifax office in November 2009.



Jarvis Googoo carried the 2010 Olympic Torch through the community of Whycocomagh, Nova Scotia, right next to his home community of We'koqma'q.



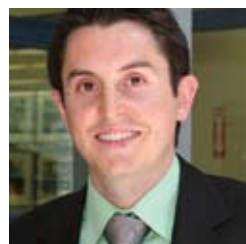
Paul Thorne joined Burchell Hayman Parish as an associate in the commercial practice group.



2009 Nicholas Caughey joined the litigation group at WeirFoulds LLP, Toronto in 2010.



Michelle McCann joined the Halifax office of Stewart McKelvey in November 2010.



Gordon McGuire was awarded a scholarship by the Harold G. Fox Education Fund in Canada. Starting in September 2010, he will spend a year in pupillage under barristers at the Inns of Court in London, England.



Nasha Nijhawan joined Paliare Roland Rosenberg Rothstein LLP as an associate in 2010 after summering and articling with the firm.



Todd Schindeler joined Stewart McKelvey in the Halifax office in November 2010.

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Alexa McDonough, former provincial and federal New Democratic Party leader, received an Honorary Doctor of Law Degree from Dalhousie University during its fall convocation on October 17, 2009.

Muriel Duckworth, LLD was recognized posthumously with the Order of Nova Scotia, in October 2009, for being a longtime crusader against war and an advocate for social justice.

IN MEMORIAM

1934 WILLIAM HARRY JOST, 98, of Annapolis Royal, peacefully passed away on Sept. 26, 2009. He was born in Sydney, educated at Sydney Academy and Dalhousie University; he practised law first in Halifax then Ottawa, Ont. and Moncton, N.B., returning to Halifax for private practice for the majority of his career. He was predeceased by his wife, Frances Elizabeth, and their son Peter.

1935 CHARLES READ LORWAY, SR., 97, passed away July 15, 2009 in Sydney, N.S. Born in Sydney, he was the son of the late C. Richard Lorway of Sydney and Louise Lorne Read of Halifax. Survived by his wife, the former Wayne McKie and four children. He was predeceased by his son, Jim.

1939 HARVEY A. VENIOT, QC, 93, passed away on Oct. 2, 2009. Stevedore, scholar, entrepreneur, lawyer, politician, RCMP officer, and judge (retired). After graduating from law school and a short stint with the RCMP, he returned home to Pictou to start his legal practice. He entered politics in 1953 and was first elected as a PC candidate in 1956, serving Pictou West for the next 18 years as MLA. He was appointed Speaker of the Nova Scotia House of Assembly from 1961-1968. He retired from the practice of law and in 1978 he was appointed to the Magisterial Bench. He retired for the second time in 1986.

1941 DONALD DEBLOIS ANDERSON, QC, 93, passed away on Jan. 12, 2010 in Halifax, N.S. After law school, he went on active service as an officer in Royal Canadian Navy Volunteer Reserve. After, he spent two years in Sydney, Cape Breton in the shipping and coal mining businesses. Don then moved to New York City where he practised admiralty law and did post-graduate studies at the New York Graduate School of Law. When he returned to Halifax, Don established his own law office and also Elland Agencies. He subsequently joined the Dartmouth law firm Drury, Heustis, Anderson, Dickie & Kimball, where he was a senior partner until his retirement. Don is survived by his wife, Helen (Read), and their five children.

1948 HON. GORDON LEAVITT SHAW HART, 85, died on Sept. 28, 2010. After a brief stint in the navy, he graduated from law school, married his sweetheart, Catherine (Katie) MacKinnon, and they moved to Dartmouth, where they raised six children. In 1967 Gordon was appointed to the Trial Division of the N.S. Supreme Court, and in 1978 was elevated to the Court of Appeal, where he served until his retirement in 2000. In 1973, Gordon led an early environmental Royal Commission, investigating the pollution of Chedabucto Bay by the grounded tanker, *Arroto*. In 1994 he served on the NAFTA softwood lumber tribunal.

1949 JOHN BISHOP BALLEM, QC, 84, passed away on Jan. 9, 2010. After his law degree he obtained his Master of Laws degree at Harvard University. John was a counsel in Gowlings’ Calgary, specializing in oil and gas law. Throughout the course of his career, he appeared frequently as counsel before regulatory tribunals and courts on matters pertaining to energy law and the oil industry. In 2009, the Law Society of Alberta and the Canadian Bar Association of Alberta awarded John the Distinguished Service Award for Legal Scholarship. He is survived by his wife, Grace, and their four children.

JOHN (JACK) EDMUND HARRIS, QC, 89, passed away on Feb. 27, 2010, in Oakville, Ont. Jack practised law for more than 60 years. He attended his 60th Law School Reunion Dinner in October 2009 at Dalhousie University as a guest of Dean Phillip Saunders. Jack had been a flight lieutenant in the RCAF as well a dedicated volunteer to the city of Mississauga. He is survived by his wife, Leta, and two children. Jack is predeceased by his first wife of 48 years, Muriel Grace.

DONALD ARCHIBALD MERCER, QC passed away on Oct. 27, 2010. Don spent most of his life in St. John’s, Newfoundland where he raised his family, practised law and was actively involved in the community. During his career he served as president of the Law Society of Newfoundland, president of the Federation of Law Societies of Canada, president of the Newfoundland Branch of the Canadian Bar Association, and was an executive of the Canadian Bar Association. In 1986 Don was awarded Citizen of the Year in St. John’s.

EDWARD (TED) R. RETTIE of Seabright, died March 2, 2010. During the Second World War, he trained at ROTC. He served with the Canadian Intelligence Corp and NISEL, rising to the rank of captain. After his law degree he pursued a career as a diplomat. From 1971 - 1974 he held the dual position of High Commissioner to Malaysia and Ambassador to Burma. In 1975, he lectured on foreign affairs at Queen’s University before retiring to Seabright with his wife, the late Lois Adele (Angus) Rettie.

ARTHUR MARTELL TOWNSEND, 93, passed away on May 8, 2010. Born in Louisbourg, N.S., he graduated from the Sydney Academy High School, Acadia University with his Bachelor of Education degree and later his law degree. Arthur served in the Royal Canadian Air Force during WWII and after law school practised law in Calgary, Alta. from 1949 until his retirement in 1988.

MICHAEL GEORGE WHALLEY, QC, 86, died on Sept. 1, 2009. He joined the RCAF and was posted overseas and served as flight lieutenant during the Second World War. He was shot down over Hamlin, Germany in Sept. 1942. He was captured and held as prisoner of war until 1945. He returned to Nova Scotia and went on to study and practise law in general practice for five years; Supernumerary Magistrate for five years and City Solicitor for the City of Sydney from 1959 - 1987. He was appointed Q.C. in 1974 and continued practising law well into his 80s. He is survived by his wife, Meryl (Patterson) and their three children.

1951 JUSTICE CHARLES DENNE BURCHELL, 82, died on June 17, 2010. During his law career he served in many public services such as attorney for the Cape Breton Development Corporation and was founding board chairman of Cape Breton University, the Graham Bell Institute and New Dawn Enterprises. In 1989, he retired from the Supreme Court of Nova Scotia. The recipient of an honorary Doctorate of Law from Cape Breton University, his special avocation was music.

RONALD CHARLES CALDWELL, 84, passed away in London, Ont. on Nov. 5, 2009. He is survived by his wife of 56 years, Janet (Scott) Caldwell and their two children.

JOHN C. MCNAIR, QC died on Jan. 28, 2010. John practised law in Fredericton for 32 years and was appointed to the Federal Court of Canada, Trial Division in Ottawa in 1983. He retired from the Federal Court in 1990. He was an avid enthusiast of the outdoors and devoted to his family.

1952 LOWELL A. ALLEN, 83, born on Prince Edward Island in April, 1926, died in Kingston, Ont. on Sept. 25, 2009. Educated at Acadia University and Dalhousie Law School, he was a retired vice-president of Brascan Corporation (now Brookfield Asset Management).

DANIEL ALLAN SOBERMAN, 80, passed away on July 17, 2010 in Kingston, Ont. He graduated from Dalhousie University with his history and law degrees and then went on to receive his Master of Laws degree at Harvard University. He co-founded the Faculty of Law at Queen’s University in 1957, was appointed Dean from 1967 to 1977 and taught there until his retirement in 2001. In recognition of his many contributions to Queen’s University and the Faculty of Law there, he received an Honorary Doctorate in 2008. He was a renowned legal scholar and published author.

CARL H. YOUNG passed away Aug. 17, 2010. He grew up in Dartmouth, NS and entered the Canadian Armed Forces in the Second World War and served both in Canada and overseas. After graduating from law school, Carl moved his family west to Alberta to begin the next phase of his life at Chevron. He held many positions in his 30 years with Chevron, finishing his career as a vice-president. One of his most significant accomplishments was his crucial role in The Hibernia offshore oil field.

1953 WELSFORD GRAHAM MACARTHUR, QC passed away on Feb. 22, 2010, in Halifax, N.S. During his university years, he spent summers with the Canadian Army in the Canadian Officer Training Corps where he became a lieutenant. He worked with the military’s legal department in Ottawa and provided training in military law. Welsford articulated with what was then McInnes, MacQuarrie, Cooper in Halifax. Shortly after he was lured to Montreal by the insurance industry. By 1968, he moved to the Toronto head office of the Insurance Bureau of Canada as general counsel. In the late 1970s Wels returned to Halifax where he worked with the firms McInnes Cooper Robertson and Armsworthy Lynch. In 1980, he was appointed Queen’s Counsel.

1955 JOHN THOMAS WARD DYKE, 79, passed away in Thunder Bay, Ont. on Oct. 23, 2008. He obtained his Bachelor of Arts degree at Victoria College in Toronto and at graduation he was awarded a scholarship to Oxford College in London, England for a year. Upon his return to Canada he enrolled in Dalhousie University after which he returned to Thunder Bay.

GEORGE MACGREGOR MITCHELL, QC passed away Aug. 5, 2010. He began his law career with Rutledge, MacKeigan, Cragg and Downie, becoming a partner with MacKeigan, Cox, Downie and Mitchell in 1965. In 1970, he entered politics and from 1971-73 he was the Speaker of the House, Nova Scotia House of Assembly; from 1973-76 he was the Minister of Development, Province of Nova Scotia; from 1976-78 George was Attorney General and Minister of Education, Province of Nova Scotia. He returned to a legal career in 1979 as a partner with Cox Downie, until his retirement in 2001.

1957 WILLIAM PATRICK MACISAAC, 76, passed away on May 27, 2010. He established a private practice in Saskatchewan. In 1980, he left private practice to begin working as a criminal defense lawyer with Legal Aid Saskatchewan. In 1997, he was made Queen’s Counsel and in 2004, received a special certificate and a lifetime membership in the Law Society in recognition of his 35-plus years as a practising lawyer. After retiring as a legal aid lawyer in 1998 he returned to private practice with Andrews Benko Rondeau Hawkins Pyle Evanchuk and MacIsaac.

1959 CHARLES BARRY SULLIVAN, 86 passed away in Burlington, Ont. on Nov. 25, 2009. He

was in the Air Force during the Second World War and after graduating from law school became a member of the Nova Scotia and Ontario bar associations. He is survived by his wife, Sheila Ann (McCarthy), and their four children.

1962 JOHN HEDLEY MACINTOSH, QC died in Brockville, Ont. on June 28, 2010. He obtained his bachelor of laws degree from Dalhousie University in 1962 and went on to practise law for 48 years. He is survived by his wife of 47 years, Jean Stewart MacIntosh, and his two children.

1964 JOHN BASIL BLANCHARD, 72, passed away Feb. 9, 2010, in Halifax, N.S. After high school graduation he attended St. FX University where he met his first wife, Elinor MacAllister and then Dalhousie University where he completed a law degree, following in the footsteps of his father and many generations of Blanchards. John went on to practise law in Montreal as legal counsel for Petrofina/Petro Canada. Following retirement in 1984, John travelled the world for two years with his second wife, Janet Cowperthwaite. He is survived by two sons.

1969 THOMAS J. BURCHELL, QC passed away on Aug. 8, 2010. After law school Tom articulated with Burchells. In 1985, Tom was appointed Queen’s Counsel. Tom was elected president of the Nova Scotia Barristers’ Society for the 1997-98 term, and served on the executive committee of the Nova Scotia Barristers’ Society for a number of years. He has acted as Chair of the Trust Accounts Committee, Chair of the Discipline Committee, Chair of the Discipline Policies and Procedures Committee, and Chair of the Discipline Hearing Subcommittee. He is survived by his wife, Sonja Burchell (Meisner, Andersen), two sons and two stepsons.

LOUIS EDWARD MOIR passed away on Dec. 5, 2009. During the Second World War he was stationed with the Medical Corps in Labrador; later he became an air gunner. After the war, he studied at Acadia and Dalhousie universities. He worked with Eli Lily, and then joined the insurance agency Jack & Co. He returned to Dalhousie at 43 to earn his law degree. He set up his own law practice, Moir, Thompson and Ashley. In 1975, he was appointed a judge of the Family Court for the Province of Nova Scotia. He was elected to the Halifax City Council in 1964 and served as deputy mayor and on many municipal committees. He is survived by his wife, Mildred (Bishop), and 10 children.

1972 RANDALL ROBERT DUPLACK, QC “RANDY”, 62, died on Dec. 11, 2009 in Halifax. Following a brief career in private practice, Randy joined the Nova Scotia Department of Justice. He held a decade-long tenure as a lawyer for the Nova Scotia Human Rights Commission. He was also a certified mediator, teacher; and public lecturer. Randy maintained a lifelong commitment to human rights issues

and was co-author of Sexual Orientation and Canadian Law (1996). He is survived by his partner, Thane Ehler.

1973 MARY ELIZABETH KOSKIE, 77, (nee McInnes) passed away in Toronto, Ont. on Aug. 24, 2009. She was a former educator and lawyer during her life in Edmonton, Halifax and her native Toronto. She is survived by her daughter and son.

1979 DARA L. GORDON, QC passed away on Dec. 27, 2009. Ms. Gordon was a member of McInnes Cooper’s Board of Directors and partner in the Halifax office. She represented the government of Nova Scotia in its negotiations with Canada on the sharing of offshore resource revenues. She was also Lead Counsel for the Government of Canada relating to the financing and construction of the Confederation Bridge. Ms. Gordon was a director of the Atlantic Lottery Corporation and chair of the Nova Scotia Gaming Corporation from 1995 until 2000. She also helped her husband, Gerry McConnell, set up the Halifax-based junior mining company Etruscan Resources Inc., and Benjamin Bridge Vineyards in the Gaspereau Valley.

1984 JOHN KENNETH POIRIER, 53, passed away suddenly on Jan. 15, 2010, in Halifax. N.S. He joined the legal department at the Nova Scotia Power Corporation upon completing his articles. He worked extensively on the team tasked with implementing the privatization of the Power Corporation. He then moved to the Nova Scotia Association of Health Organizations, where he worked for the past 13 years as a consultant specializing in labour negotiations in the health care sector. John is survived by his wife, Louise Walsh Poirier, Q.C. and his two sons.

1986 GREGORY CHARLES NEARING, 48, passed away on Nov. 15, 2009 in Lethbridge, Alta. Gregory was called to the bar of the Northwest Territories in 1987 and to the bar of Nunavut in 1999. He practised criminal law and worked as a Crown prosecutor and defence attorney. He also held the position of executive director of the Legal Services Board of the Northwest Territories for a number of years. He served as treasurer and president of the Northwest Territories’ Law Society prior to the Territories separation, president of the Nunavut Law Society and various positions with the Canadian Bar Association. Gregory is survived by his wife, Diane Buckland, and three children.

1988 JOHN DAVID CRAWFORD, 58, of Sheldrake Lake, died on Feb. 16, 2010. Originally from Brantford, Ont., he moved to Halifax in 1976. He was an active member of the Nova Scotia Flying Wheels for several years. He worked for the Bank of Commerce, Casino Nova Scotia and most recently for the Nova Scotia Department of Labour Standards. He is survived by his wife, Teri, and his son, Kyle.

1989 SCOTT ANDREW GILLIS, 45, passed away on May 2, 2010 in Kentville, N.S. After graduating from law school he joined the firm Waterbury Newton of Kentville and became partner in 1999. A member of the Canadian Bar Association and Atlantic Provinces Trial Lawyers Association, he was a standing agent for the Department of Justice Federal Prosecution Service from 2001 until his death. He was a past member of the Regional Assessment Appeal Court for Kings, Annapolis and Digby counties. He was a member of the Board of Directors and past chair of the Valley Disability Partnership Society and chair of the Client Services Committee for the Multiple Sclerosis Society of Canada, and received several awards for his contributions as a person with Multiple Sclerosis. In 1999, he was the recipient of a Certificate of Appreciation from the Town of Kentville. He is survived by his parents, extended family members and close friends.

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MURIEL H. DUCKWORTH, LLD '87, died on August 22, 2009. Duckworth never wavered in her support for peace. Duckworth's many achievements include helping to found the N.S. branch of Voice of Women and also the Canadian Council for International Co-operation. She was given many awards, among them the Order of Canada, the Pearson Medal of Peace and at least 10 honorary doctorates.

D. ANDREW EISENHAUER, LLD '09, passed away on Oct. 28, 2010. Born in Lunenburg in 1923, he graduated from the Nova Scotia Technical College. Andrew had been honoured with a Doctor of Divinity by the Atlantic School of Theology in 1994 and a Doctor of Laws by Dalhousie University in 2009. He is survived by his wife, Josephine, and five children.

ALAN HUGH MACDONALD, 67, passed away on Jan. 28, 2010. He earned a BA from Dalhousie and a BLS from Toronto. He began his illustrious library career at Dalhousie Law School in 1964, moving to become the University of Calgary's Director of Libraries in 1979 and its Director of Information Services in 1992. He was the son of Vincent MacDonald, who was dean of Dalhousie Law School from 1934 to 1950. He is survived by his wife, Minnie Joldersma, and two sons.

DR. PATRICIA ANNE MONTURE passed away on Nov. 17, 2010. Dr. Monture, a former professor at Dalhousie Law School, played a significant role in moving the program for indigneous blacks and Mi'kmaq forward in its beginnings. She was the first aboriginal female professor to teach in the faculty.

ISABEL SWAYSLAND-DIMOCK, 68, passed away peacefully on Sept. 19, 2010. She is survived by her husband, John Dimock; his four children, their spouses and families; as well as her nieces. Isabel worked at Dalhousie Law School for 17 years.



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