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**DEAN'S  
MESSAGE**  
*Spring 2016*

Welcome to the Spring 2016 issue of *Without Prejudice*, the University of Alberta Faculty of Law alumni magazine. As alumni, you are members of a community more than 100 years in the making; a community with a distinguished tradition of learning the law and engaging in public service – locally, nationally, and internationally. In this issue, we look back on the year that was to celebrate the many accomplishments of our faculty, staff, students, and alumni. Our cover story examines the challenges facing the energy industry, with commentary from professors David Percy, Q.C. and Dr. Cameron Jefferies, as well as from distinguished alumni providing counsel or leading change in an industry critical to Alberta and Canada.

The 2015-2016 academic year had many highlights – flip to the Year in Review section to see a selection of photos – including the swearing in to the Supreme Court of Canada of The Honourable Mr. Justice Russell Brown; the promotion to full Professor of Cameron Hutchison and Vice Dean Moin Yahya; the announcement of three new Assistant Professors to the Faculty and two Visiting Assistant Professors to increase our scholarly depth, strength, and diversity; and a tremendously successful competitive moot season for our students.

As my second year as Dean draws to a close, my focus remains change management and transformation, to preserve the best of our past and to prepare our students for a challenging future. This includes ensuring top quality curriculum for our students, attracting and retaining outstanding faculty, investing in frontline student services, fostering student mental health and wellness, and supporting inclusiveness and diversity. Each of these priorities is driven by a desire to ensure that our students receive a transformative law school experience at the University of Alberta, one that prepares them to make their mark – not only in the legal profession, but also in the community.

To that end, next year we are embarking on the development of a new strategic plan for the Faculty – which will align with the University's Institutional Strategic Plan for the coming decade – to ensure that we are well equipped to continue to respond to student needs. We will report on this in next year's magazine – and on the launch of our new Career Services Centre expected this fall – but in the meantime, I'd like to thank you, our alumni, for your continued support of our faculty and students, and for modelling the important traditions of professionalism and service that are critical to our mission.

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# YEAR IN REVIEW

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SEPTEMBER 2015



## Orientation Week

Opening ceremonies for the Class of 2018 featured a welcome from Dean Paton, ceremonial blessing from Eric Daniels, an Aboriginal Elder, remarks from Law Society of Alberta President James Eamon, Q.C., Court of Appeal Justice the Hon. Madam Justice Myra B. Bielby, and a keynote address from The Right Hon. Kim Campbell, PC, CC, OBC, Q.C.

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SEPTEMBER 2015



## Dean's BBQ

Dean Paton, Dino Bottos, Peter Sankoff and Eric Adams join Guba to welcome the Class of 2018.

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SEPTEMBER 2015



## Distinguished Alumni Awards

On September 24, 2015 the Faculty of Law welcomed Francis Saville (BA '62, LLB '65) and Alan Fielding (BA '65, LLB '69), recipients of the University of Alberta 2015 Distinguished Alumni Award and Honour Award respectively for a special luncheon in their honour.

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OCTOBER 2015



Dean Paton, former Deans Percy and Bryden, and a number of faculty members travelled to the Supreme Court for the welcoming ceremony for the newest member of the Court – the Hon. Mr. Justice Russell Brown – hosted by Chief Justice Beverley McLachlin (LLB '68). Justice Brown was a distinguished member of our faculty from 2004-2013.

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NOVEMBER 2015



The Faculty of Law hosted a number of Magna Carta-themed events during the historic document's visit to Edmonton. A highlight was student group Ms. Magna Carta's successful event attended by approximately 300 guests at the Legislative Assembly of Alberta Visitor Centre.

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DECEMBER 2015



**A Case for Claus**

A special visitor stopped by the Law Centre to distribute gifts to the children of our faculty and staff.

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FEBRUARY 2016



**Law Show: Ferris Buellaw's Day Off**

The 20th anniversary of the Law Show – a tribute to the 1980s classic *Ferris Bueller's Day Off* – took place at the Horowitz Performing Arts Theatre on February 5-6, 2016.

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APRIL 2016



**Farewell Celebration**

On April 19, the Faculty of Law hosted a farewell celebration for Professor Gerald Robertson, Q.C., and Professor Elaine Hughes, to honour their many years of dedicated service to the Faculty and to the broader legal community.

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JANUARY 2016



Dean Paton attended the Alberta Law Conference in Calgary where Professor Mitchell McInnes was presented with the *Distinguished Service Award for Scholarship* and Christine Pratt was presented with the *Distinguished Service Award in Pro Bono Legal Service* by the Canadian Bar Association – Alberta Branch and the Law Society of Alberta at their annual Distinguished Service Awards ceremony.

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MARCH 2016



The Faculty of Law and the Institute for Sexual Minority Studies and Services (ISMSS) hosted a UAlberta Pride Week event regarding human rights advocacy for same sex rights in the Caribbean. At this event we also had a chance to share some good news. Members of three of our student groups – OUTlaw, an advocacy group founded in 2008 to serve and aid LGBTI law students and their allies, the Golden Berristers rugby team, and the Tortfeasors hockey team – presented a cheque for \$1,500 to Dr. Kris Wells, a representative of You Can Play, an organization committed to ensuring equality, respect, and safety for all athletes, without regard to sexual orientation.

# DEAN'S UPDATE



The 2015-2016 academic year saw the seeds of transformation sown in 2014-2015 start to grow at an unrelenting pace. We've turned a corner and – with the help of our committed alumni – we will work with our students to continue building enhanced access to an outstanding faculty and a transformative law school experience. Here are some key milestones:

## **FACULTY HIRING**

After a period of dramatic reduction in faculty complement, I was extremely pleased to hire three outstanding tenure-track faculty



and two extremely promising visiting assistant professors. This renewal is critical for our ongoing success. Further details on these appointments can be found on page 27. I have an ambitious plan for hiring to continue over the next two years.

## **STUDENT SERVICES**

Investing in frontline services to support our students is one of the key priorities of my Deanship. This year, with support from ASSIST, we launched a successful pilot program

for student mental health counselling and referral services based at the Faculty. I am also hiring new staff to provide greater assistance with financial aid counselling, and have asked Vice Dean Moin Yahya to lead a committee to provide recommendations for Aboriginal and Indigenous academic and cultural supports which we will implement next year. This year we doubled our Career Services capacity, enhancing our ability to provide advice on career options and recruitment processes, and offer programming to prepare students for legal careers. Our Career Services Officers also liaise with the legal community throughout Canada to assist with the recruitment of our students for both traditional and non-traditional placements. I'm proud to report that last year, more than 95% of our graduating students secured articling positions.

Even in a tough economy, we're doing really well this year, pulling out the stops to help students find articling positions across Alberta, BC, and Ontario. In addition, we have repurposed space for a new Career Services Centre, scheduled to open this fall. We are seeking sponsorship for that project and appreciate your support.

## DEVELOPMENT

I'm pleased to report that for 2015-2016 the Faculty raised a total of **\$1.9M** – including new pledges, gifts, and planned gift expectancies – against a stretch target of \$1.5M. In comparison, for 2014-2015 we raised \$1.7M plus a planned gift of \$1M, for a total of \$2.7M, against a target of \$1.3M. This year's achievement is particularly remarkable given a challenging economy for individuals, firms, and other supporters. We – and especially our students – thank you for your generous contributions.

Going forward, we are working on a number of gift proposals, ranging from financial support for our unfunded moots, to renovation of the Career Services Centre and Gavel student lounge, to student research assistantships, scholarships, and bursaries. To assist in these endeavours, I have completed more than 100 visits this year working to lay the foundation for gifts to the Faculty. During these visits I have communicated a renewed emphasis on individual and legacy giving. While all forms of support are critical, individual alumni contributions can make a big difference, especially during challenging times. I have made a number of visits to law firms to make the case for individual giving to partners and associates. Your advocacy and financial support is essential to help ensure our students' continued success.

## FINANCE

We successfully advocated for a doubling of student support funding in areas of critical and immediate

## DEAN'S EXTERNAL ADVISORY BOARDS

In 2015 I reconfigured the Dean's External Advisory Board (EAB) into four separate, smaller, boards; one for Edmonton, Calgary, Vancouver, and Toronto.

I sought representation that would reflect a broader range of practice environments, years of experience, gender and racial diversity, and traditional / non-traditional perspectives and views. The feedback and advocacy we receive from the members of the EABs is essential to ensure that the Faculty moves forward as it should and that we're preparing our students to face whatever challenges come their way. I am personally grateful to the members of the EABs for contributing their time, enthusiasm, and expertise.

I meet with the EABs twice a year and look forward to our next series of meetings in June 2016.

need. This year I was also able to make much needed funds available for faculty research and an additional \$25,000 for summer research support. My goal is to announce a similar fund for the fall and to continue to enhance student research assistantships and other indirect supports through fundraising and development activities. An example of this is the generous \$100,000 gift we received this year from **Moody's Gartner LLP**: \$50,000 for a five-year sponsorship of the Bowman Tax Moot, and \$50,000 for five years of funding of student research assistantships in tax and related subjects.

A focus on funding continues to be essential for our success. Next year,

for example, we are not able to rely on traditional support of approximately \$300,000 annually from the Alberta Law Foundation for our bursary program, so I will be working to secure – and add to – these funds for student financial aid support from other sources.

## COMMUNICATIONS

In February, Jill Rutherford joined us to overhaul the Faculty's strategic communications portfolio. One of her key priorities is repositioning the Faculty's website to ensure that the content is current and accurately reflects the quality research and teaching being done by our professors. It also needs to better highlight faculty, staff, student, and alumni achievements. She will also explore new channels for communicating faculty and student activities and successes.

## STRATEGIC PLANNING

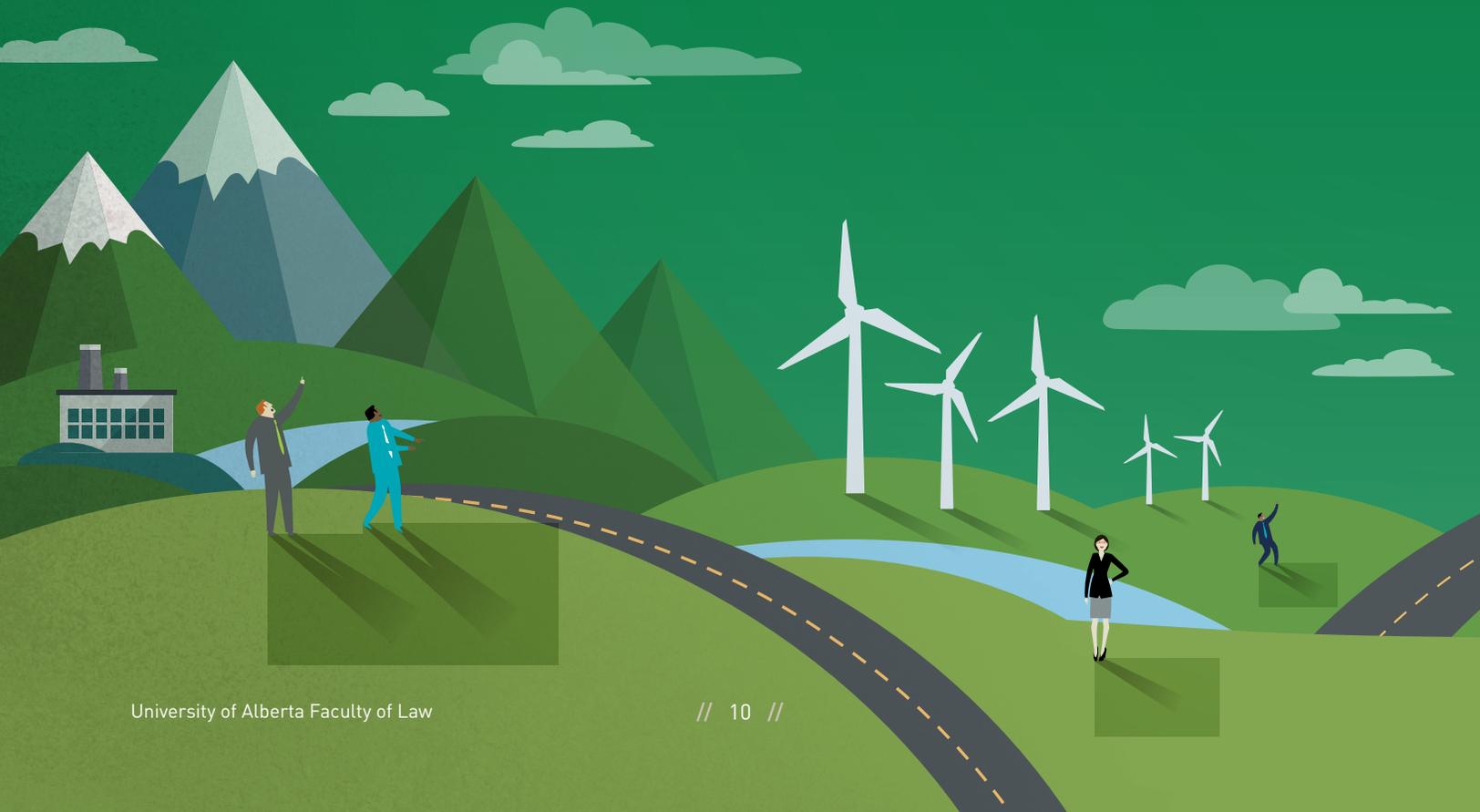
Next year we are embarking on a strategic planning process to guide the Faculty forward. My reconfigured External Advisory Boards emphasized the importance of this in our meetings last fall. The Faculty's strategic plan will align with the University's Institutional Strategic Plan for the next decade, which will be before the Board of Governors for approval in June 2016. I've been in extended consultations about how best to embark on a comprehensive and strategic planning process for the Faculty. To start, we have retained external experts to help us identify critical issues for focus and to undertake necessary preparatory research. They have conducted a series of stakeholder interviews to help gather this information: one-on-one interviews with faculty members, administrators, alumni in government, and alumni in firms or industry; online focus groups with students and alumni round out these initial consultations. We will update and engage a wide range of perspectives as we move forward. 2016-2017 promises to be an equally exciting year.

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# DISPATCHES THE ENERGY



By: Jill Rutherford

# FROM INDUSTRY TRY

UAlberta Law professors and alumni on the challenges and opportunities facing the industry



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**D**avid Percy, Q.C. is no stranger to the boom-and-bust cycle in the oil and gas industry. Professor Percy, the Borden Ladner Gervais (BLG) Chair of Energy Law and Policy, has taught oil and gas law for almost 30 years at the University of Alberta Faculty of Law.



DAVID PERCY, Q.C.

“The current downturn has been deep and rapid and has caused more widespread job losses than its predecessors,” he says. “That is partly because the Alberta energy industry is so much bigger than in the past.”

While a challenging time for the industry, Percy reminds us that things are not as bad as in the 1980s, when the collapse of energy prices combined to cause huge economic dislocation for a decade. Like any cyclical industry, the present decline in investment will ultimately result in rising prices.

“World demand for oil is about 95 million barrels a day and still increasing, even in a sluggish international economy,” he says.

So how does a law school prepare students for a legal career in such a volatile industry? Percy says that understanding the history and international context of the oil and gas industry, and the role played by Alberta and Canada, is crucial.

“As the downturn shows, we are just one component in a worldwide industry that is shaped by politics as well as economics. Students need to understand the most reliable projections of future demand and the role that will be played both by carbon-based fuels and renewables, which will shape the future of the energy industry.”

The oil and gas curriculum at the Faculty of Law involves the application of principles from contracts, torts, property, and administrative law to a specialized environment with a specialized vocabulary.

“My objective is to ensure that students leave my Oil & Gas Law class with a firm understanding of this legal framework and a sufficient grasp of the terminology to understand what participants in the industry, regulators, and NGOs are talking about,” says Percy.

What do our alumni say about their education in this area of the law?

“The Oil & Gas Law and Advanced Oil & Gas courses I took provided exceptional grounding in the core legal principles governing energy,” says **Randall Block, Q.C. (LLB '84)**, a partner in the Commercial Litigation and Regulatory Law Group in BLG's



RANDALL BLOCK, Q.C.



Calgary office. "In addition, the U of A's focus on core legal principles provided the bedrock to be applied to different types of cases. BLG endowed the Chair of Energy Law and Policy in part to continually assess and comment on not only energy law, but the confluence of politics and policy that shape Albertans' energy future."

## ENVIRONMENT & SUSTAINABILITY

Block also adds that energy legal issues cannot be decoupled from environmental law, one of **Dr. Cameron Jefferies' (LLB '09)** specialties. Jefferies teaches environmental and sustainability law at the Faculty, where he has been appointed Assistant Professor, effective July 1, 2016.

"The development of our energy resources is necessary," says Jefferies, "but we need to ensure that we develop those resources in a way that helps us transition to a more sustainable society. Achieving that balance is the key."

Jefferies recently developed a sustainability law course for JD students examining theoretical perspectives and exploring how domestic laws can be used to achieve balance in the development of resources vis a vis protecting the environment. He is keen to communicate that sustainability is more than a buzzword.

"Sustainability as a legal term came out of the Rio Declaration in 1992, but the concept of sustainability in the context of natural resource management goes back to the 1500s," he says. "The use of forests for timber for the ship-building industry, for example, needed to be managed and controlled in many areas of the world."

Jefferies notes that sustainability as it was framed in the 1980s and 90s was about balancing economic, social,



DR. CAMERON JEFFERIES

and environmental priorities, but the environment side often came up short.

"It's the role of a regulatory or legislative body to make sure the environment piece of the puzzle is properly accounted for," he says.

Recent regulatory changes and the release of Alberta's Climate Leadership Plan have definitely altered the playing field for those in the energy industry. Jefferies argues that hopefully these changes will help the industry continue to innovate.

"We are already a leader in oil sands extraction techniques," he says, "and we are just scratching the surface of what can be achieved if we apply our brainpower and penchant for innovation to the renewable energy sector, because we need both renewable energy and fossil fuels to power our modern world."

Fortunately, University of Alberta Faculty of Law graduates are there to help the energy industry navigate current challenges and opportunities.

## CORPORATE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

**Roxanna Benoit (LLB '85)** has been Vice President, Public & Government Affairs for Enbridge since 2013. She is responsible for managing the company's relationships with



ROXANNA BENOIT

local, provincial/state and federal governments; developing strong relationships in the communities in which Enbridge operates and in which Enbridge is proposing and constructing new projects; and fostering relationships with Indigenous communities.

Enbridge is well known for its commitment to corporate social responsibility (CSR); the company has been named to multiple CSR rankings, including seven straight appearances on the Corporate Knights' *Global 100 Most Sustainable Corporations* list (2010 through 2016) and numerous inclusions on the Dow Jones Sustainability Indices over the past decade. What people may not know is that Enbridge is also one of Canada's largest renewable energy companies, with \$5 billion in renewable assets. One of these assets is Alberta's newest wind farm, the 300-megawatt (MW) Blackspring Ridge project, just outside the town of Carmangay.

"Enbridge takes our commitment to sustainability very seriously," says Benoit. "Because we deliver various forms of energy, including renewables, natural gas, and crude

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“A lot of brilliant people have to put in a lot of effort before these projects can be brought into operation in a safe, economic, and environmentally responsible way,” Ignasiak says.



MARTIN IGNASIAK

oil, we're uniquely positioned to help bridge society's transition to a lower-carbon future – playing a leadership role in climate change issues, while also meeting growing global energy demands. That includes reducing the environmental footprint of our pipeline business. We've taken steps to enhance the efficiency of our system, reduce emissions, and publicly disclose our progress. We are always reviewing and monitoring our programs to make sure we're getting the best results that we can.”

An important aspect of operating sustainably is also building and nurturing good relationships with the communities along the right-of-way.

“We are in regular communication with all the communities we operate in,” says Benoit. “At Enbridge, we take a shared values approach. We share the same values as our neighbours because many of our employees live in the same communities where they work. We have a vested interest in operating responsibly, and through ongoing community engagement, we can work through any issues together before they become a challenge.”

Enbridge also has a unique approach to working with Indigenous peoples living along its rights-of-way.

For the Northern Gateway pipeline, as an example, the company offered Indigenous communities equity ownership in the project.

“If we benefit from a project, so should communities,” says Benoit. “We work very closely with our communities along the right-of-way, with existing equity partners and with others, to develop a partnership and a good working relationship.”

How is Enbridge navigating the current challenges in the energy industry?

“We believe it's important to strike the right balance between society's collective need for energy and the importance of environmental protection,” she says. “We work to understand and reflect on our customers' challenges. There are a number of issues at play at the moment – broader, more public issues, such as confidence in the regulatory system and ongoing changes to project approval processes – and we're trying to address this unpredictability as best we can.”

### REGULATORY ENVIRONMENT & ABORIGINAL RELATIONS

A few downtown Calgary streets away, Randall Block and

**Martin Ignasiak (LLB '98)**, a partner at Osler and the national co-chair of the firm's Regulatory, Environmental, Aboriginal and Land Group, are also helping their clients navigate the current challenges.

“We actively look to partner with our clients to ride out the storm,” says Block. “This ranges from creative fee arrangements to manage legal costs, to helping with insolvency and work outs, to litigation to protect rights.”

The current regulatory environment poses complicated challenges, notes Ignasiak, especially regulatory regimes associated with major resource infrastructure projects.

Block adds: “Projects are now subject to much greater scrutiny and this leads to complexities in managing efficient litigated regulatory processes. Often, sustainability, Aboriginal relations, and social license issues underlay these disputes that must be resolved or adjudicated.”

On the subject of Aboriginal relations, how does Ignasiak counsel his clients?

“Aboriginal groups present both challenges and opportunities for project proponents,” he says. “The key to identifying opportunities is to engage in consultation early and at the appropriate levels.”

There's been a lot of talk lately about the challenge of getting large-scale industrial projects approved in Canada in a timely manner. Ignasiak's prescription is as follows.

"Consult early and often with everyone: Aboriginal groups, stakeholders, and regulators," he says. "Proponents need to listen to concerns. I've worked on major projects where proponents have made major changes to their projects to address a community's concern. This can involve moving a water intake, providing access to traditional land users, or changing the route of a water diversion. Consultation can often lead to a community's legitimate concerns being addressed."

And as for an overall game plan to guide clients through the regulatory process?

"We set out the most efficient plan while at the same time ensuring that the outcome at the end of the day is a set of approvals and permits that allow for the development of a project to proceed on an economic basis and in an acceptable timeframe," says Ignasiak.

He is quick to point out how Alberta and Canada benefit from resource development projects.

"A lot of brilliant people have to put in a lot of effort before these projects can be brought into operation in a safe, economic, and environmentally responsible way," he says. "Significant technical and engineering innovation was required to make the oil sands viable. These projects employ a lot of people and provide for a lot of families. Many of the social programs and government services provided in Alberta and across Canada are funded in part by the incredible wealth that these projects have created. I'm very proud to have been a part of that, if even just a small part."

## INTERNATIONAL LEADERSHIP

Faculty of Law graduates such as Block, Benoit, and Ignasiak are making their mark on the energy industry at home, but also abroad.

**Andrew Haynes (LLB '96)** is a partner at Norton Rose Fulbright, and the current co-head of the firm's Brazil office. Andrew embarked on a global journey in the oil & gas industry in 2000, moving overseas and going on to hold senior executive legal roles in BG Group plc (formerly British Gas) in London, Asia, and South America, and ultimately serving as the company's Deputy General Counsel overseeing all M&A and Treasury activities globally. When BP plc suffered the Macondo incident in the Gulf of Mexico, Andrew was recruited by BP to be their Associate General Counsel Corporate at the London head office overseeing all legal aspects of their US\$45 billion disposal program and M&A globally, as well as helping the Treasury department re-build BP's balance sheet. After completing the BP disposal program, Andrew moved back to Rio de Janeiro with his wife and children to open Norton Rose Fulbright's new office in the region focusing on the oil & gas industry in South America.

Since 2000, Andrew has seen a real evolution in the practice of law in the energy and natural resources sector.

"The key change I've witnessed is the increased diversity of players and financiers in the energy and natural resources sectors," he says. "When I first began working in the sector, large oil & gas or energy companies listed on a stock exchange would be the principal players in the sector and would generally raise finance for projects from the capital markets or banks using their own balance sheets. The oil & gas, energy and other natural resources sectors

Given the current challenges facing the Canadian energy industry, how does Brazil's energy industry compare?



ANDREW HAYNES

are now much more specialized among companies focused on each of exploration, developments, or production, with much of the required funding for exploration or production activities coming directly from private equity or pension funds. There has also been a tremendous increase in state-owned companies owning resources and undertaking major projects in countries, with giant companies from China, Russia, and Brazil taking on major projects globally, displacing many of the North American and European companies we would be familiar with."

Given the current challenges facing the Canadian energy industry, how does Brazil's energy industry compare?

"The Brazilian oil & gas industry is blessed with better geological opportunities in the offshore Pre-Salt Santos Basin than anywhere else in the world, save for perhaps the Persian Gulf," says Haynes. "The problems the

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sector faces result from a government pushing all development of the Pre-Salt Santos Basin onto Petrobras – the Brazilian state-owned oil company – and saddling it with a great deal of debt, all of which it is struggling to deal with, not to mention the serious corruption issues which arose under the current government.”

As for the Brazilian regulatory environment, Haynes says that it is more stringent and complex than in Canada, and also creates more obstacles to business. Regarding social license issues, there are similar considerations to those faced in Canada.

When asked about his insights into the energy industry in emerging markets, Haynes says that he sees Canadian mining companies, banks, and investors going abroad and succeeding globally in the mining sector, but much less so in the energy sector.

“I hope that more Canadian companies, banks, and investors will have the confidence to go abroad and seize opportunities in emerging markets that are currently being taken by others today.”

“Law school taught me to take complicated challenges, break them into the component parts, resolve the issues related to those parts and then put the whole back together,” Benoit says.

### ADVICE FOR THE NEXT GENERATION

What advice do UAlberta Law alumni have for the next generation of energy lawyers?

Andrew Haynes credits David Percy with helping give him a start in the oil business.

“I had a fantastic grounding in oil & gas and natural resources law from courses with David,” he says. “David remains to this day one of the most knowledgeable people about oil & gas law I have encountered; he really provided me with an excellent foundation for a career in the oil & gas industry.”

Martin Ignasiak echoes Haynes’ compliments about his legal education.

“The Faculty’s emphasis on certain critical first-year courses, such as administrative law, was of substantial benefit to me,” he says. “In addition, the student body was diverse in so many ways: politically, culturally, and demographically. I think experiencing such diversity can only benefit someone’s career. When I talk to young people I always tell them that even if they aren’t sure they want to practice law, they should seriously consider the U of A Faculty of Law.”

Roxanna Benoit says that law school taught her a way of thinking and of approaching problems.

“Law school taught me to take complicated challenges, break them into the component parts, resolve the issues related to those parts and then put the whole back together,” she says.

Randall Block emphasizes the importance of learning the business.

“Young lawyers starting out in the practice of energy law need to follow their clients’ business,” he says. “It’s a fascinating industry with constant technological innovation. It’s also populated with great people who can become lifelong friends.”



# UNIVERSITY UPDATE: 2015-2016 Academic Year

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The 2015-2016 academic year brought new leadership to the University of Alberta and the development of an institutional strategic plan for the next decade. On July 1, 2015, the university welcomed **David Turpin, CM, PhD, LL.D, FRSC** as its new president and vice-chancellor, and



DOUGLAS R. STOLLERY, Q.C.

**Steven Dew, PhD, P. Eng** as its new provost and vice-president (academic). On February 25, 2016, former Edmonton city councillor **Michael Phair, MEd, MA** was appointed chair of the Board of Governors for a three-year term and on May 6, **Douglas R. Stollery, Q.C. (LLB '76)** was elected chancellor for a four-year term beginning June 15, 2016.

Prior to joining the U of A, Dr. Turpin was a professor of biology and president emeritus at the University of Victoria, where he served as president from 2000–2013. Dr. Turpin is a member of the Order of Canada and a fellow of the Royal Society of Canada. He was awarded the Steacie Memorial Fellowship in 1989, the Queen's Golden Jubilee medal in 2002, and the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Medal in 2012. In his role as president, Dr. Turpin provides the university with strategic leadership, oversees operational and change management processes, represents and upholds academic credibility, and leads the university's external relations.

Dr. Dew, a three-time recipient of the Faculty of Engineering Teaching Award, was previously Associate Dean (Research) for the Faculty of Engineering. In his role as provost, Dr. Dew is responsible for institutional planning and administration in all aspects of academic operations. He is also chief academic officer of the university and leads the development, implementation, and continuous improvement of academic programs and services.

In addition to his role as chair of the Board of Governors – the university's governing body – Mr. Phair is an adjunct professor in the Faculty of Education and a member of the Institute for Sexual Minority Studies & Services advisory committee. He is a recipient of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Medal, the Canada 125 Medal, and the Edmonton Journal Citizen of the Year.

The plan is designed to build a shared vision for the university; one that reflects its mission and values. It is also intended to coordinate efforts and maximize finite resources.

Mr. Stollery has strong ties to the Faculty of Law. He has taught as a sessional instructor, currently serves on the Dean's External Advisory Board, and sponsors the Faculty's Wilson Moot team, which honours the legacy of Madam Justice Bertha Wilson through an annual national constitutional law advocacy competition for law students. Mr. Stollery has also served as a director of the Alberta Law Reform Institute. He is the recipient of numerous awards, including the Canadian General Counsel Lifetime Achievement Award, the University of Alberta Distinguished Alumni Award, and the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal. In his role as chancellor, Mr. Stollery will serve as the honorary head of the university, chair the university Senate, and serve as a member of the board of governors, among other duties.

## INSTITUTIONAL STRATEGIC PLAN

*For the Public Good* is the university's institutional strategic plan; its roadmap for the next decade. The plan – available at [www.ualberta.ca](http://www.ualberta.ca) – is designed to build a shared vision for the university; one that reflects its mission and values. It is also intended to coordinate efforts and maximize finite resources. The plan was drafted with assistance from the Institutional Strategic Planning Advisory Committee and in consultation with numerous stakeholders. From November 2015 – February 2016, more than 30 meetings were held across all U of A campuses, including five forums and five roundtables. More than 860 people have been consulted in person, and feedback was also received online. In March 2016, the first draft of the plan was released for feedback, and the final draft was presented at General Faculties Council (GFC) on May 16. The plan will be presented to the Board of Governors for approval on June 17, 2016.

Faculty continue to be recognized for their expertise and accomplishments and are sought after by legal academic and non-academic communities around the world.

Here are a few examples of recent achievements:

SUPREME COURT  
of CANADA  
APPEARANCES



**PROFESSOR PETER SANKOFF**

NOVEMBER 9, 2015

Professor Sankoff appeared at the SCC on behalf of Animal Justice as an intervenor in *R v DLW*, a case that will determine the scope of section 160 of the Criminal Code – the prohibition against bestiality. He argued that protecting animals from exploitation and the risk of harm is a key objective of the bestiality offence.

SUPREME COURT of CANADA CITATIONS

**PROFESSOR CAMERON HUTCHISON**

DECEMBER 2015

Professor Hutchison's recent scholarship on technological neutrality in copyright law was quoted three times in Madam Justice Abella's dissenting judgment in *CBC v SODRAC*. The issue in that case was whether the CBC, which had obtained a license to broadcast a work (the performance right) also had to pay a fee for the making of incidental copies to facilitate the broadcast (the reproduction right). Justice Abella held that incidental copies made for the purpose of making a broadcast are not copies, for the purpose of copyright, and thus not compensable.



**PROFESSOR ROD WOOD**

NOVEMBER 2015

Professor Rod Wood's *Bankruptcy and Insolvency Law* (Irwin Law, 2009) was cited extensively in two recent SCC decisions.

In *Alberta (Attorney General) v Moloney*, the Court held that a provision in the Traffic Safety Act that allowed the suspension of a driver's licence of a driver who failed to pay compensation in respect of an uninsured car accident frustrated the fresh start policy of bankruptcy law.

In *Saskatchewan (Attorney General) v Lemare Lake Logging Ltd*, the Court held that Saskatchewan farm protection legislation did not conflict with the national receivership provisions in the Bankruptcy and Insolvency Act.

**PROFESSOR PETER SANKOFF**

JUNE 2015

In *R v Tatton*, the SCC revised its approach to defining the offences for which intoxication will be available as a defence, based in part on Professor Sankoff's co-authored text *Manning, Mewett & Sankoff, Criminal Law*, 4<sup>th</sup> ed.

**Presentations**

**LOCAL**



**PROFESSOR TAMARA BUCKWOLD** speaks to CBA Creditor-Debtor Law Section  
SEPTEMBER 2015

Professor Buckwold presented to the CBA Creditor-Debtor Law Section on "Distributing a Surplus in Mortgage Foreclosure Proceedings: The Rights of Writ Holders and the Status of the Principal Residence Exemption."

**NATIONAL**



**ASSISTANT PROFESSOR GAIL HENDERSON and DR. ANNA LUND** present at the Canadian Law & Society Association Annual Conference

JUNE 2015

Assistant Professor Henderson and incoming Assistant Professor Lund presented "Banking on the Public Interest" as part of a panel at the Canadian Law & Society Association annual conference in Ottawa. Presenters on the panel explored the public interests served by mainstream banks in Canadian society and the social issues that arise when they fail to fulfill their social responsibilities. The panel also examined ways in which the law could encourage banks to fulfill these responsibilities.

**INTERNATIONAL**



**PROFESSOR LINDA REIF** National Human Rights Institutions in Providing Access to Justice  
SEPTEMBER 2015

Professor Reif participated in an experts meeting on "The Role of National Human Rights Institutions in Providing Access to Justice" at the University of Essex in the U.K.

**Awards and Appointments**



**PROFESSOR JOANNA HARRINGTON** Fulbright Award  
SEPTEMBER 2015

Professor Harrington was selected for the prestigious Fulbright Canada Visiting Research Chair in Policy Studies at The University of Texas at Austin. Harrington's research project focuses on the procedural and remedial aspects of international human rights litigation, particularly in urgent situations of grave human rights violations.

**China Fellowship**

JUNE 2015

Professor Harrington was selected by the Shanghai Municipal Education Commission to spend time in China as part of a recruitment program run by the State Administration of Foreign Experts Affairs to attract foreign academics and entrepreneurs to China on a short-term basis. The visiting fellowship allowed Harrington to spend time in Shanghai as a visiting professor, where she taught a course on international dispute settlement and built collaborative links with her host institution, the Shanghai University of Political Science and Law.



**PROFESSOR PETER CARVER** Sproul Research Fellowship (Berkeley)  
JUNE 2015

Professor Carver was awarded the John A. Sproul Research Fellowship by the Canadian Studies Program of the University of California at Berkeley for the Winter 2016 term. Professor Carver used the fellowship to engage in a comparative study of the uses of executive discretion in each country's immigration system.

**PROFESSOR ROD WOOD** Completes Year as Estey Chair of Business Law  
JUNE 2015

Professor Wood returned to Edmonton in June 2015 after completing his responsibilities as the inaugural Estey Chair of Business Law at the College of Law, University of Saskatchewan during the 2014-15 academic year. While in Saskatoon, Professor Wood taught courses in bankruptcy law and in corporate restructuring law, and gave presentations to the CBA Saskatchewan Bankruptcy Section and the Business Law North Section on recent developments in bankruptcy law and secured transactions law. He also delivered a presentation to the bankruptcy panel at the Saskatchewan Court of Queen's Education Seminar.



**PROFESSOR BRUCE ZIFF** Appointed Associate Director of folkwaysAlive!  
JUNE 2015

Professor Ziff accepted a three-year appointment as the Associate Director of folkwaysAlive!, a unit within the Faculty of Arts, starting on July 1, 2015. He will remain with the Faculty of Law while undertaking these new responsibilities.

# IN THE MEDIA

Our faculty frequently provide legal analysis and commentary to a wide variety of local, national, and international media outlets. The following is a selection from the past year; for a comprehensive list and links, visit the *In the Media* section of our website.

### **The Globe & Mail: Constitutional Jurisdiction over the Métis**

APRIL 15, 2016

Professor Eric Adams pens an opinion piece on what's next after Daniels v Canada.

### **Edmonton Journal: Questions at heart of high-priced ethics review could have been answered on the cheap**

APRIL 13, 2016

Professor Cameron Hutchison pens an opinion piece about an ethics review involving former premier Redford.

### **CBC Radio: The Current**

APRIL 5, 2016

Professor Peter Sankoff participates in a panel discussion about the aftermath of the Ghomeshi trial.

### **National Post: Should naturopaths be restricted from treating children after tragic death of Alberta toddler?**

APRIL 4, 2016

Professor Timothy Caulfield says the tragic death is exposing the sharp and dangerous limits of naturopathic medicine.

### **The Lawyers Weekly: The Insufficiency of Diplomatic Assurances to Protect Human Rights**

MARCH 29, 2016

Professor Joanna Harrington is quoted extensively in an article concerning a recent BC Court of Appeal extradition decision, highlighting the need to give practical effect to fundamental human rights protection in cross-border crime.

### **Edmonton Journal: Panel at University of Alberta grapples with doctor-assisted death**

MARCH 18, 2016

Professor Ubaka Ogbogu says the provincial government has to get moving on policies

surrounding assisted suicide or be happy with what the federal government decides. Story also appears in the Ottawa Citizen (online), 630 CHED Radio, NewsTalk 770 Radio, Dinner TV and Metro News Edmonton.

### **Canadian Press: When 'death isn't staring you in the face:' Murder cases in court without bodies**

MARCH 14, 2016

Professor Steven Penney comments on the Travis Vader murder trial in the story, which ran on CTV News, 630 CHED's website, the Thompson Citizen, CityNews Toronto, and the Toronto Star.

### **Canadian Lawyer: Law Dean Challenge**

FEBRUARY 1, 2016

Dean Paton is quoted in an article about leadership challenges in Canada's law schools.

### **Salon: 2015 was a banner year for nonfiction — here are 10 books you don't want to miss**

JANUARY 4, 2016

Professor Timothy Caulfield's book, "Is Gwyneth Paltrow Wrong About Everything?" is named among the ten top notable books of 2015.

### **Edmonton Journal: Edmonton judge's ruling exposes disturbing flaws in Vader case**

DECEMBER 16, 2015

Professor Steven Penney comments about how RCMP handled the Vader case in the disappearance of a St. Albert couple.

### **Lexpert: Uber for Lawyers**

NOVEMBER 20, 2015

Dean Paton's column on how legal professionals think they control the pace of change, but innovators aren't waiting around.

### **The Lawyers Weekly: LSUC takes most controversial ABS idea off the table**

OCTOBER 5, 2015

Dean Paton is quoted extensively in an article on alternative business structures and the possible tremendous dissonance non-lawyer ownership of firms could introduce across Canada.

### **Financial Post: Court rulings are threatening resource investment in Yukon, study warns**

SEPTEMBER 24, 2015

Visiting Assistant Professor Malcolm Lavoie is quoted in a story about how Canadian courts are undermining modern land claim agreements and threatening investment in the country's resource sector.

### **Globe and Mail: Minority governments: the constitutional rules of the game**

SEPTEMBER 18, 2015

Professor Eric Adams explains the constitutional conventions that govern a minority parliament in Canada.

### **Alberta Primetime: Immunizing our children**

SEPTEMBER 2, 2015

Professor Ubaka Ogbogu is interviewed about vaccinating children as the school year begins.

### **Edmonton Journal: Opinion: Should the law require bystanders to help?**

SEPTEMBER 1, 2015

Professor Mitchell McInnes pens opinion piece discussing whether bystanders should be required to help people in distress.

# PUBLICATIONS

## Books

### Canadian Press: Five things to know before Nigel Wright testifies at Mike Duffy trial

AUGUST 19, 2015

Professor Peter Sankoff says the three charges faced by Duffy will be very difficult for the Crown to substantiate.

### The Lawyers Weekly: But whose privilege is it?

AUGUST 10, 2015

Dean Paton is quoted in an opinion piece about solicitor-client privilege.

### Edmonton Journal: Opinion: NIN infringement claims on shaky ground

JULY 8, 2015

Professor Cameron Hutchison writes on the law and limitations of trademark infringement.

### 630 CHED: Alberta NDP may allow health lab monopoly in Edmonton

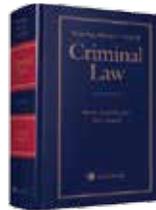
JULY 8, 2015

Professor Tamara Buckwold comments on the RFP process for medical lab services privatization in the Edmonton area.

### The Lawyers Weekly: CSA proposes to give target boards more time

MAY 27, 2015

Professor Gail Henderson comments that extending the bid period to 120 days will help besieged companies better manage hostile takeovers.



### MANNING, MEWITT AND SANKOFF: CRIMINAL LAW 5<sup>TH</sup> EDITION (LEXISNEXIS, 2015)

Peter Sankoff, Co-author

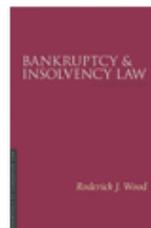
Co-authored with Morris Manning, Q.C., the 5<sup>th</sup> edition of this text provides an updated, detailed and critical examination of the criminal law of Canada, exploring both the governing principles and providing comprehensive analysis of every offence in the *Criminal Code* and the *Controlled Drugs and Substances Act*, as well as common law and statutory defences. Professor Sankoff also co-authored the 4th edition, released in 2009.



### THE CIVIL LITIGATION PROCESS: CASES AND MATERIALS 8<sup>TH</sup> EDITION (EMOND MONTGOMERY, 2016)

Barbara Billingsley, Co-editor

The 8<sup>th</sup> edition of this leading casebook on civil procedure provides nation-wide coverage of both fundamental principles and recent developments in civil litigation processes in Canada's common law provinces. It is co-edited by a team of accomplished civil process professors from across Canada, including Janet Walker (general editor), Jane Bailey, Barbara Billingsley, David A. Crerar, and Erik S. Knutsen.



### BANKRUPTCY & INSOLVENCY LAW 2<sup>ND</sup> EDITION (IRWIN LAW, 2015)

Rod Wood

The second edition of *Bankruptcy & Insolvency Law* published by Irwin Law examines the legal framework that governs bankruptcy and insolvency law in Canada. It is organized in a way that illuminates the structure of insolvency law, its aims and objectives, and its foundational principles. This edition takes into account the recent case law on the extensive 2009 amendments to the federal insolvency statutes, and examines several new Supreme Court of Canada decisions. Additionally, new topics, such as the anti-deprivation principle in bankruptcy law and the use of arrangements by insolvent corporations, are introduced.



### ADMINISTRATIVE LAW AND JUDICIAL DEFERENCE (BLOOMSBURY, 2016)

Matthew Lewans

In recent years, the question of whether judges should defer to administrative decisions has attracted considerable interest amongst public lawyers throughout the common law world. This book examines how the common law of judicial review has responded to the development of the administrative state in three different common law jurisdictions – the United Kingdom, the United States of America and Canada – over the past 100 years. This comparison demonstrates that the idea of judicial deference is a valuable feature of modern administrative law, because it gives lawyers and judges practical guidance on how to negotiate the constitutional tension between the democratic legitimacy of the administrative state and the judicial role in maintaining the rule of law.

# HONOURING TEACHING EXCELLENCE

On September 23, 2015 the Faculty celebrated teaching excellence with the presentation of the Hon. Tevie H. Miller Teaching Excellence Award to Professor Mitchell McInnes and the Pringle/Royal Sessional Teaching Excellence Award to Karen Hewitt, Q.C. at a ceremony in CN Alumni Hall. Prior to the awards presentation, a memorial was held to honour Alex Pringle, Q.C., for whom the Pringle/Royal Sessional Teaching Excellence Award is named.

## PROFESSOR MITCHELL MCINNES

*Recipient of the 2015 Hon. Tevie H. Miller Teaching Excellence Award*



The Hon. Tevie H. Miller Teaching Excellence Award, the Faculty of Law's highest teaching award, is so named for The Honourable Tevie H. Miller, Associate Chief

Justice of the Court of Queen's Bench (1984-1993) and a former Chancellor of the University of Alberta. Professor McInnes earned the award in 2008 and has been honoured again this year. Prior to joining the Faculty of Law in 2005, he taught at Western University in London, Ontario, and at the University of Melbourne and Deakin University in Australia. Professor McInnes' research focuses on unjust enrichment, restitution, trusts, torts, contracts, and remedies. He is the author of several books, including *The Canadian Law of Unjust Enrichment and Restitution* (2014) and more than 100 articles, comments, and reviews in leading journals. His work has been relied upon by a number of courts, including the Supreme Court of Canada, the Supreme Court of the United Kingdom, the High Court of Australia, and the Supreme Court of New Zealand. Professor McInnes clerked at the Supreme Court of Canada and served as a Legal Research Officer with the Alberta Court of Appeal.

## KAREN HEWITT, Q.C.

*Recipient of the 2015 Pringle/Royal Sessional Teaching Excellence Award*



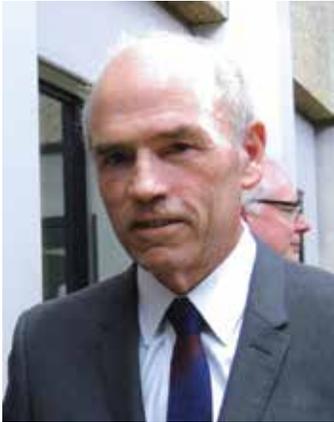
The Pringle/Royal Sessional Teaching Excellence Award is bestowed annually to recognize excellence in teaching by a sessional instructor at the Faculty of Law. Karen Hewitt, Q.C.

is the 2015 recipient of the award. She teaches Advanced Criminal Trial Advocacy and Sentencing at the Faculty and is a proponent of experiential learning and ethical practice. Ms. Hewitt was called to the Alberta Bar in 1990 and practiced in the private sector until she joined the Alberta Crown in 1992. She has held designations of both Agent of the Attorney General of Alberta and Agent of the Attorney General of Canada. Throughout the course of her career, she has prosecuted a wide range of interesting and unusual criminal cases. In her current role at the Specialized Prosecutions Branch of Alberta Justice, she prosecutes serious, complex, and high profile cases, while also providing advice and assistance to police departments on investigational issues.

## In Memoriam: ALEXANDER PRINGLE, Q.C.

AUGUST 6, 1947 - JUNE 20, 2015

The Faculty of Law lost a much valued alumnus and friend in 2015 with the passing of Alex Pringle, Q.C., one of Canada's most respected criminal defence lawyers. A distinguished sessional instructor at the Faculty for more than 30 years, Pringle passed away on June 20, 2015, after a lengthy battle with stomach cancer. He is deeply missed by many, notably his partner, Madam Justice Sheila Greckol, and their three children, Thomas, Anna, and Sarah.



Pringle served the legal community in Edmonton and beyond for more than three decades, as a senior member of criminal law boutique Pringle Chivers Sparks Teskey, and as one of the Faculty of Law's most respected and beloved teachers. He taught principally in criminal law, but also in Criminal Trial Procedure, Advanced Criminal Law, and Advocacy. The Faculty's Sessional Teaching Excellence Award was renamed the *Pringle/Royal Sessional Teaching Excellence Award* in 2013 to honour his contributions and those of Peter Royal, Q.C., both of whom were previous winners of the award.

A native Edmontonian, Pringle earned his Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Alberta in 1968 and his law degree from the University of Toronto in 1971.

He was called to the Alberta Bar in 1972, the Northwest Territories Bar and Yukon Bar in 1977, and finally the Saskatchewan Bar in 1980. Pringle appeared before all levels of court, including the Supreme Court of Canada on many occasions.

Pringle's loss is felt throughout the Edmonton legal community. "We lost a giant," said Dino Bottos, a criminal defence lawyer with DePoe & Bottos. "Ask anyone who knew him or saw him in court, or listened to him in his class, and you would know there was a universal high regard for him both as a person and as a lawyer. His virtues included a high ethical standard, integrity, honesty, empathy, humility, and pursuit of excellence."

Added Dane Bullerwell, a criminal defence lawyer with Pringle Chivers Sparks Teskey: "He knew that real mentorship required teaching more than just the nuts and bolts of the law, but also how to practice with integrity and compassion. Anyone lucky enough to observe him providing advice to a client came away awed by his respectful, straightforward, and down-to-earth style. He combined his deep knowledge of the law with a strong instinct for justice, and served as a role model for a generation of lawyers. He will be missed."

Donations in Pringle's memory may be sent to the Edmonton Community Foundation, Alexander Pringle QC Trust. Proceeds will be directed to iHuman Youth Society, a project for homeless youth that Pringle supported for many years.

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# AWARDS



## CANADIAN BAR ASSOCIATION – ALBERTA BRANCH AND LAW SOCIETY OF ALBERTA

### Distinguished Service Awards

Professor Mitchell McInnes, '88, was recognized with the *Distinguished Service Award for Legal Scholarship* by the CBA Alberta and the Law Society of Alberta at the Distinguished Service Awards ceremony, which took place during the annual CBA Alberta Law Conference in Calgary on January 29, 2016.



## CONFEDERATION OF ALBERTA FACULTY ASSOCIATIONS

### Distinguished Academic Awards

Assistant Professor Ubaka Ogbogu – cross-appointed to the Faculty of Law and the Faculty of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences – was honoured with the 2015 CAFA Distinguished Academic Early Career Award at the ninth annual CAFA Distinguished Academic Awards banquet, held in Edmonton on September 17, 2015.



## ROCKY MOUNTAIN MINERAL LAW FOUNDATION

### 2015 Clyde O. Martz Teaching Award

Professor David Percy's contributions to legal scholarship and teaching, and his service to the University of Alberta and the broader legal community, have been honoured with numerous accolades and awards throughout his career, including the W.P.M. Kennedy Award for outstanding merit in Canadian law teaching, the Rutherford Award for excellence in undergraduate teaching, the Hon. Tevie H. Miller Award for teaching at the Faculty of Law, and the 2013 University Cup, the University of Alberta's highest honour for academic and community service. Professor Percy's most recent award is the *2015 Clyde O. Martz Teaching Award* from the Rocky Mountain Mineral Law Foundation based in Colorado. This award – established in 1993 and named in honour of Clyde Martz, the eighth president of the Rocky Mountain Mineral Law Foundation – recognizes excellence in teaching natural resources law and considers the degree to which the professor fosters a broad understanding of the law, mentors students, and teaches with an innovative style.

## From Law Professor to Canada's Highest Court

*Former associate dean Russell Brown ascends to the Supreme Court of Canada*



The Honourable Russell S. Brown, former associate dean at the Faculty of Law, was officially welcomed to the Supreme Court of Canada in a ceremony in Ottawa on October 6, 2015. The Main Courtroom of the Supreme Court was filled with Justice Brown's family, friends, and former colleagues from the Faculty of Law, including Dean Paton;

former dean and current Deputy Minister, Justice and Solicitor General Philip Bryden; Vice Dean Moin Yahya; Associate Dean of Research & Graduate Studies Barbara Billingsley; Professor David Percy, Q.C.; Professor Steven Penney; Associate Professor Eric Adams; and Associate Professor Eran Kaplinsky.

Justice Brown, who was sworn in as a judge of the Supreme Court before Chief Justice Beverley McLachlin and the judges of the Court in a private ceremony on September 2, 2015, replaced Justice Marshall Rothstein, who retired on August 31, 2015.

Justice Brown was a member of the Faculty of Law between 2004 and 2013, both as a professor and for the last two years as an associate dean. His main areas of practice were commercial law, medical negligence, personal injury, insurance law, and trusts and estates. While at the Faculty, Justice Brown earned the Hon. Tevie H. Miller Teaching Excellence Award in 2007, and the student-awarded Ron Hopp Q.C. Most Involved Professor Award in 2006 and 2010.

Justice Brown was well-liked and respected by both his colleagues and students. "He was always an outstanding teacher from the get-go," said Vice Dean Moin Yahya. "His students loved him, although it was understood that he was a tough professor."

Justice Brown left the Faculty of Law in February 2013 when he was appointed to the Court of Queen's Bench in Alberta. He was appointed to the Court of Appeal of Alberta in March 2014. As a Court of Appeal judge in Edmonton, Justice Brown also served as a Judge of the Court of Appeal for the Northwest Territories and a Judge of the Court of Appeal of Nunavut.

Justice Brown is a graduate of the University of British Columbia (BA), the University of Victoria (LLB) and the University of Toronto (LLM, JSD). He was admitted to the Bar of British Columbia in 1995 and to the Bar of Alberta in 2008. Prior to joining the Faculty of Law, he was an associate at DLA Piper LLP in Vancouver and Carfra Lawton LLP in Victoria.

The Faculty of Law offers our sincere congratulations and best wishes to Justice Brown on his appointment and we thank him for his years of dedicated service to his students and the Alberta legal community.

# TOP 25

Dean Paton and Peter Sankoff Nominated for Canadian Lawyer's Top 25 Most Influential 2015

For six years, *Canadian Lawyer* has compiled a list of Canada's Top 25 Most Influential lawyers. The magazine polled readers for votes and selected the final list of 25 based on the vote count and final word from the magazine's editorial panel. We are proud that **Dean Paul Paton** (The World Stage category) and **Professor Peter Sankoff** (Criminal / Human Rights Law category) were among the nominees. Congratulations!

### From Classroom to Courtroom

#### *Long-time sessional instructor sworn in as Tax Court of Canada judge*

On August 24, 2015, the Honourable Don R. Sommerfeldt (LLB '77), long-time sessional instructor at the Faculty of Law and former counsel with Dentons LLP, was sworn in as a judge of the Tax Court of Canada in a special sitting of the Court at a ceremony held at the Edmonton Law Courts.



The ceremony was presided over by the Chief Justice of the Tax Court, the Honourable Eugene P. Rossiter, five members of the Tax Court of Canada, Chief Justice Catherine Fraser and Justices of the Alberta Court of Appeal, and Justices of the Alberta Court of Queen's Bench. The courtroom was filled with Justice Sommerfeldt's family and friends, including sons Matt (B. Ed '01) and David (JD '15), and many colleagues from across the province. Representing the Faculty of Law were Dean Paton and Associate Dean Sprysak. Also in attendance were former Vice Dean and Justice of the Court of Queen's Bench Wayne Renke and Justice Russell Brown, at that time awaiting his own swearing in to the Supreme Court of Canada.

During the ceremony, Matt Sommerfeldt, now Legal Counsel to the Court of Queen's Bench in Edmonton, formally introduced his father in a touching address to the Justices and the court. He spoke highly of his father's love for education, the importance of fairness, and his father's dedication and loyalty to his family, profession, colleagues, and community.

The Faculty of Law offers our sincere congratulations to Justice Sommerfeldt on his appointment, and thanks him for his many years of dedicated service to the Faculty.



### Former Dean Philip Bryden Appointed Deputy Minister of Justice and Deputy Solicitor General of Alberta

#### *Celebration held in September 2015 for Mr. Bryden's portrait unveiling at the Law Centre*

Faculty, staff, family, and friends joined former Dean Philip Bryden for a gathering in CN Alumni Hall on September 16, 2015 to celebrate his portrait unveiling at the Law Centre. The event was also an opportunity to congratulate Mr. Bryden, who was appointed Deputy Minister of Justice and Deputy Solicitor General of Alberta in July 2015.

"Dean Bryden's appointment is a tribute both to his individual experience as a legal academic, administrator and public servant, and to the broader depth of knowledge and experience within the University of Alberta Faculty of Law," said Dean Paul Paton.

Mr. Bryden was Dean of Law at the University of Alberta from 2009-2014, and Dean of Law at the University of New Brunswick from 2004-2009. Prior to his two deanships, he was a member of the University of British Columbia Faculty of Law from 1985-2004, and practiced law part-time as Associate Counsel to Heenan Blaikie in Vancouver from 1993-2004. Throughout the course of his career, Mr. Bryden served on the boards of a number of voluntary organizations, including the Canadian Institute for the Administration of Justice, the Council of Canadian Administrative Tribunals, the Council of Canadian Law Deans, the Alberta Law Reform Institute, and the British Columbia Civil Liberties Association.

## New Assistant Professor and Visiting Assistant Professor Appointments

The Faculty of Law will add three assistant professors and two visiting assistant professors to its roster of award-winning teachers and scholars; a new generation of depth, strength, and diversity. **Dr. Anna Lund** and **Dr. Cameron Jefferies** have been appointed Assistant Professor effective July 1, 2016, and **Malcolm Lavoie** has been appointed Assistant Professor effective July 1, 2017. In addition, **Dr. Hadley Friedland** and **Dr. Irehobhude (Ireh) Iyioha** are joining the Faculty as Visiting Assistant Professors for a two-year term effective July 1, 2016.

“These appointments – identified as a priority by students during the 2014/2015 market modifier consultations – are the first in what’s expected to be a remarkable period of growth and renewal at the Faculty of Law, supported by new provincial government funding,” said Dean Paul Paton. “The addition of Anna, Cam, and Malcolm as tenure-track faculty members, and of Hadley and Ireh as Visiting Assistant Professors, builds upon the tradition of academic excellence, innovative teaching, and a commitment to public service that has been a hallmark of the University of Alberta Faculty of Law. Each of these scholars has outstanding credentials and potential, and we look forward to their contributions as valued members of our community.”



**DR. ANNA LUND** is currently a Postdoctoral Fellow at the University of Alberta Faculty of Law and holds a \$100,000 Post-Doctoral Fellowship Award from the Alberta Gambling Research Institute for a project entitled “When Problem Gamblers Go Bankrupt: Towards A Better Model of Rehabilitation.”

She completed her doctorate at the University of British Columbia Faculty of Law in 2015 on Canadian personal bankruptcy law, with the support of a \$135,000 grant from the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada. Her research focuses on debtor-creditor law and combines doctrinal legal research with empirical methods to better understand how individuals interpret and apply commercial law in their work and personal lives. She has

published articles in the Osgoode Hall Law Journal and the Annual Review of Insolvency Law, amongst others, and has taught at Western University in London, Ontario, Osgoode Hall Law School at York University in Toronto, and Simon Fraser University in Vancouver. Before entering the academy, Dr. Lund was an associate at Field LLP in Edmonton and a law clerk at the Alberta Court of Queen’s Bench in Calgary. She received the Viscount Bennett Scholarship from the Law Society of Alberta in 2010-11. A member of the Bar of Alberta, she continues to practice on a pro bono basis through the Edmonton Community Legal Centre and Pro Bono Law Alberta. Dr. Lund holds degrees from the University of Alberta (BA Hons., LLB with Distinction), the University of California (Berkeley, LLM) and the University of British Columbia (PhD).



**DR. CAMERON JEFFERIES** is currently the Borden Ladner Gervais Fellow at the University of Alberta Faculty of Law. He researches in the areas of international and domestic environmental law, oceans law, natural resource law, and animal law and has presented his work

nationally and internationally. Dr. Jefferies teaches in these areas, as well as professional responsibility, and recently developed a new JD course in sustainability law. Prior to joining the Faculty of Law, he articulated at Field LLP in Edmonton and was called to the Bar of Alberta in 2010. Thereafter he worked as a Research Associate at the Health Law Institute. He has published articles in the Fordham Journal of International Law, and the Journal of Environmental Law and Practice, amongst others, and is co-author (with Professor Lewis Klar, Q.C.) of the 6th edition of Tort Law (Carswell) to be published in 2017. Dr. Jefferies holds degrees from the University of Alberta (BSc, LLB, both with Distinction) and the University of Virginia (LLM, SJD), where he studied as a Fulbright Scholar. His book Marine Mammal Conservation and the Law of the Sea will be published by Oxford University Press later this year.



**MALCOLM LAVOIE** is currently a Visiting Assistant Professor at the University of Alberta Faculty of Law. His research deals primarily with property law and private law theory. He has published articles on constructive expropriation, remedies in contracts for the sale of land, Aboriginal land rights, and

other topics in publications such as the Oxford University Commonwealth Law Journal, the UBC Law Review, the Ottawa Law Review, and the University of Toronto Faculty of Law Review. Professor Lavoie was called to the Bar of Alberta in 2013. From 2013 to 2014, he served as a law clerk to the Hon. Justice Rosalie Abella of the Supreme Court of Canada. From 2014 to 2015, he studied at Harvard Law School as a Frank Knox Memorial Fellow and a Fulbright Scholar where his research was awarded the 2015 Harvard Project on the Foundations of Private Law Writing Prize. Professor Lavoie holds degrees from the University of British Columbia (BA Hons.), the London School of Economics (MSc with Distinction), McGill University (BCL, LLB), and Harvard Law School (LLM).



**DR. HADLEY FRIEDLAND** has been Research Director of the Indigenous Law Research Unit at the University of Victoria since 2012 and was previously Research Coordinator for the Indigenous Bar Association’s “Accessing Justice and Reconciliation Project.” She articulated with Justice Canada and was called to the

Alberta bar in 2010. She has worked extensively with Indigenous communities across Canada, and spoken and published in the area of Indigenous legal traditions, as well as Aboriginal law, legal theory, criminal justice, family law, child welfare, restorative justice, and therapeutic jurisprudence. Prior to law school she worked with children, youth, and families for a decade, and currently serves on the board of the Chimo Youth Retreat Centre in Edmonton and the Aseniwuche Winewak Nation’s justice and reconciliation committee. Dr. Friedland has won numerous awards for her graduate work, including a Vanier Scholarship (2011-2014) and the prestigious SSHRC Impact Talent Award (2013). Her LLM thesis, *The Wetiko Legal Principles*, exploring how Cree legal principles might apply today to issues of child

victimization and intimate violence, is used widely in law schools across North America. Her PhD dissertation, *Reclaiming the Language of Law: The Contemporary Articulation and Application of Cree Legal Principles in Canada*, is nominated for a Governor General’s Gold Medal. She holds degrees from the University of Victoria (LLB) and the University of Alberta (LLM, PhD).



**DR. IREHOBHUDE (IREH) IYIOHA**

is currently Assistant Adjunct Professor of Health Law, Ethics and Policy at the John Dossetor Health Ethics Centre in the Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry at the University of Alberta. She researches and writes in the field of health law and policy. Dr. Iyioha is co-editor

of the book *Comparative Health Law and Policy: Critical Perspectives on Nigerian and Global Health Law* (Ashgate, 2015) and has published in various Canadian and international journals. Her work has been cited in a Submission before the Joint Standing Committee on Migration (*Inquiry into the Treatment of Disability*) in Australia and she has an entry in the *Encyclopedia of Immigrant Health*. Prior to joining the University of Alberta in 2011 as a Visiting Academic, she was Assistant Professor and holder of an Ontario Ministry of Research and Innovation Postdoctoral Research Award at Western University and a Lecturer-in-Law at the University of British Columbia. Outside the academy, Dr. Iyioha has served in various policy capacities with both Alberta Health Services and the Ontario Ministry of Health and Long Term Care, and served as a reviewer on the Government of Alberta’s Results Based Budgeting initiative. She is the recipient of numerous awards, including the World Congress on Medical Law Award from the World Association for Medical Law, and most recently, the 2016 Canadian Immigrant of Distinction Award for outstanding achievements in professional and service capacities. Dr. Iyioha has been a Fellow of the Canadian Institutes of Health Research Training Program in Health Law and Policy, a Liu Scholar at the UBC Liu Institute for Global Issues, and a member of the Clinical Ethics Committee of the University of Alberta and Stollery Children’s Hospitals and the Mazankowski Alberta Heart Institute. She holds degrees from the University of Benin (LLB with Highest Honours), the University of Toronto (LLM), and the University of British Columbia (PhD).

## STUDENTS ON THE MOVE

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### Law Students' Association's Mental Health and Wellness Committee Recognized

The Law Students' Association's Mental Health and Wellness Committee was created in the summer of 2014 to change the dialogue around mental health issues both for students in law school and for graduates entering the legal profession. Dean Paton nominated the committee for a 2015 True Award from the Lieutenant Governor's Circle on Mental Health and Addiction.

The True Awards honour the efforts of Albertans to reduce stigma, encourage recovery, and strengthen programs and services in the area of mental health and addiction.

On September 24, 2015, Dean Paton and Mental Health and Wellness Committee members Sasha Lallouz and Asha Fritz attended the True Awards ceremony as nominees. The committee's efforts to improve access to and knowledge about mental health services and counter stigma has been instrumental in our collective efforts as a Faculty to encourage improved mental health for those entering – or in – the legal profession. In November 2015, the committee was awarded with the Most Promising New Student Group Award at the 2014-2015 University of Alberta Students' Union Awards ceremony.



### Student Legal Services Increases Access to Justice

Student Legal Services (SLS) is a non-profit, student-managed society that has been helping low-income individuals in the Edmonton area access justice since 1969. With two offices and nearly 300 Faculty of Law student volunteers, it is the largest student-run legal clinic in Canada.

"With the support of the faculty, bar, and bench we're able to do the great work that we do with the low-income community," said 2L student Sarah Sager, SLS Executive Coordinator.

SLS is divided into four different projects – Civil and Family Law, Criminal Law, the Legal Education and Reform Project, and Pro Bono Students of Canada – and students can choose to volunteer from their first year of law school. Work is done through mentorship; each volunteer is assigned a leader that is usually a 3L student.

This year, volunteers assisted with more than 769 files, meaning that 769 individuals – who might otherwise have had to navigate the justice system on their own – were helped by law students, free of charge.

## STUDENTS ON THE MOVE



# MAGNA CARTA VISITS EDMONTON

Faculty of Law students – and bloggers – Ms. Magna Carta organized reception to celebrate visit of historic document

On November 27, 2015, the Faculty of Law hosted an once-in-a-lifetime event at the Legislative Assembly of Alberta Visitor Centre to celebrate the 800<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Magna Carta and allow guests the opportunity to view an original copy of the Great Charter. The event was organized by five law students – collectively known under their blog “pen” name Ms. Magna Carta – enrolled in a Law & Social Media course developed by Vice Dean Moin Yahya. The Ms. Magna Carta students worked in conjunction with Magna Carta Canada, the group that spent five years organizing the Canadian tour of the historic document.

The event – attended by more than 200 guests – began with a vocal performance by a group of law students known as the *Magna Carta Minstrels*, accompanied by Professor Bruce Ziff. The keynote speaker, Dr. Carolyn Harris, author of *Magna Carta and Its Gifts to Canada*, took the crowd through 800 years of history in only eight minutes, informing guests that Magna Carta was “the first example of a king of England being forced to accept limits on his power by his subjects.”

Following Dr. Harris’ presentation, Ms. Magna Carta and Law & Social Media class member Venessa Korzan discussed the Law & Social Media course, one which had no syllabus, textbook, or scheduled

class time. Throughout the course, the students “learned to connect a historic document to modern day legislation using creative arguments and innovative ideas,” including backyard chickens in Edmonton and its connection to Magna Carta’s removal of “evil customs” restricting the use of forests. As part of the Law & Social Media course, the Ms. Magna Carta students blogged and tweeted (@MsMagnaCarta) about all things Magna Carta.

In addition to financial support from the Faculty of Law for the Magna Carta event, thanks go to sponsors Miller Thomson LLP, the Legislative Assembly of Alberta, and many others who supported the Ms. Magna Carta blog over the year.

# LAW SHOW 2016

## FERRIS BUELLAW'S DAY OFF

The 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Law Show – following in the footsteps of the inaugural 1996 show put on by Steven Blackman ('97) – took place at the Horowitz Performing Arts Theatre on February 5-6, 2016.

This year's show – "Ferris Buellaw's Day Off" – was a take on the 1986 classic movie "Ferris Bueller's Day Off" and starred students Alex Camenzind (3L), Shayla Hardy (1L), Conor Holash (2L), and Tyler McDonough (2L). In traditional Law Show fashion, the performance was filled with great music and jokes for both law and non-law students alike. Bronwhyn Simmons, the show's executive producer, said that the best thing about preparing for the show is "spending time with other law students – the camaraderie developed is unparalleled."

The show also continues an important Faculty of Law tradition – supporting the community. In 2015, the Law Show began a new, three-year partnership with Youth Empowerment and Support Services (YESS), an Edmonton non-profit organization, which, since 1981, has worked with youth in crisis to provide emergency shelter and social support services. Proceeds from Law Show tickets and the silent auction go to support YESS' important work in the Edmonton community.

Thank you to the more than 200 law students involved in the production, and the show's platinum sponsors: Allstar Industries, Bennett Jones LLP, Brownlee LLP, Field Law, and Miller Thomson LLP.



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SILENT AUCTION – FEBRUARY 6

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IN SUPPORT OF YOUTH EMPOWERMENT & SUPPORT SERVICES

FIELD LAW



## Aboriginal Law Students' Association Hosts 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Aboriginal Law Speaker Series

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During the first week of March, faculty, staff, and students had the opportunity to learn from prominent members of the Aboriginal community and judiciary on the work of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission. Hosted by the Aboriginal Law Students' Association (ALSA), the Aboriginal Law Speaker Series is an important annual event for the law school community that provides an opportunity to learn about Aboriginal and Indigenous issues through a legal lens.

This year's roster of distinguished speakers – four out of five of whom are University of Alberta Faculty of Law alumni – featured Justice Beverley Browne, lawyer Eleanor Sunchild, lawyer and public speaker Beverley Jacobs, Chief of the Commission and Tribunals of the Alberta Human Rights Commission Robert Philp, Q.C., and Justice Leonard S. Mandamin.



## ALSA Presents Aboriginal Justice Award to Beverley Jacobs

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The ALSA speaker series in March also played host to a special award presentation. At the conclusion of the March 2 lecture, ALSA executive member Jenna Broomfield presented Beverley Jacobs with the organization's annual Aboriginal Justice Award, in recognition of her service to the community and outstanding contributions to Aboriginal justice initiatives. These many contributions include a term as president of the Native Women's Association of Canada (2004-2009), authorship of the Stolen Sisters Report with Amnesty International, support of those affected by the loss of loved ones to racialized and gendered violence, and advising the Government of Canada on the National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls.

## Faculty Celebrates UAlberta Pride Week 2016

On March 10, as part of UAlberta Pride Week 2016, the Faculty of Law was proud to host a screening and discussion of *The Abominable Crime*, an award-winning documentary examining the effects of anti-gay laws and culture in Jamaica. The event was co-sponsored by the Institute for Sexual Minority Studies and Services (iSMSS) and the Pulitzer Center on Crisis Reporting. The screening drew a capacity crowd to the Law Centre, and after the film, the audience participated in a Q&A moderated by Dean Paton with one of the subjects of the documentary, human rights lawyer and LGBTI activist Maurice Tomlinson.

Mr. Tomlinson, once a corporate lawyer, switched his focus to human rights law to advocate for the LGBTI community in Jamaica. After he was

outed by a local newspaper, Mr. Tomlinson fled to Canada, but soon returned to Jamaica on a weekly basis – risking his own personal safety – to continue with his teaching and activism. Mr. Tomlinson is currently a Senior Policy Analyst for the Canadian HIV/AIDS Legal Network in the Caribbean and provides sensitivity training to government workers, conducts visibility campaigns, supports homeless LGBTI youth, and works with faith leaders to develop more inclusive messages. He also participates in litigation, as both claimant and counsel, in order to overturn anti-gay laws in the Caribbean.

The film screening also played host to a display of enthusiasm, teamwork, and generosity from three Faculty of Law student groups: OUTlaw (an advocacy group founded in 2008 to serve and aid

**Film Screening & Talk-Back**  
Maurice Tomlinson

# PRIDE WEEK

The University of Alberta Faculty of Law and the Pulitzer Center is pleased to announce a free public screening of *The Abominable Crime* by The Common Good Productions.

**Event details:**  
Thursday, March 10, 2016  
Room 197, Law Centre (111 St. and 89 Ave.)  
University of Alberta Faculty of Law  
5 - 7:00 p.m.

**\*\*Pizza & refreshments will be served\*\***

Maurice Tomlinson is a Jamaican attorney and human rights activist currently with the Canadian HIV/AIDS Legal Network. He is counsel and/or claimant in cases challenging anti-gay laws before the most senior tribunals in the Caribbean. In 2012, Maurice received the inaugural David Kato Vision and Voice Award for defending human rights of LGBTI people.

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For more information about the film: [abominablecrimefilms.com](http://abominablecrimefilms.com)

LGBTI law students and their allies), the Tortfeasors hockey team, and the Golden Bearristers rugby team. The groups came together to raise money for You Can Play, an organization committed to ensuring equality, respect, and safety for all athletes, without regard to sexual orientation. The groups

channelled their collective creativity, organizational, and performance skills into a drag show on February 25. Ticket sales from the show raised \$1,500 for You Can Play and representatives from the groups were on hand at the film screening to present the cheque to You Can Play representative Dr. Kris Wells.

## Alberta Law Review Hosts Spring Reception Honouring Professor LEWIS KLAR, Q.C.



On March 1, the Alberta Law Review hosted its annual spring reception, including an address from Dean Paul Paton, at the University of Alberta Faculty Club. Faculty, students, practitioners, and judges gathered to celebrate another successful year of the Alberta Law Review, and to honour the evening’s keynote speaker, Prof. Lewis Klar, Q.C., who provided an interesting retrospective on the development of tort law over the past 40 years.

During his time as Dean of the Faculty of Law, Prof. Klar was one of the Law Review’s strongest supporters. Instrumental in helping the Law Review secure Stevenson House – named in honour of The Honourable W.A. Stevenson, former Justice of the Supreme Court of Canada – as its headquarters in 1999, Prof. Klar has consistently promoted the Law Review to students as an invaluable experience.

The Alberta Law Review will be publishing a Special Issue on Recent Developments in Tort Law in honour of Prof. Klar this summer. The issue will include contributions from some of Canada’s top tort law scholars, including Prof. Klar, and international contributions from eminent legal scholars at Oxford and the University of California, Berkeley. The Alberta Law Review thanks Prof. Klar for his strong support over the course of his distinguished career.

In addition to honouring Prof. Klar, the reception served as an opportunity to look ahead to the future of the Alberta Law Review. Starting in the fall, issues of the Alberta Law Review will be available for free online. This marks the transition from a printed journal to an online edition, which will help the Law Review better achieve its mandate to reach a wide audience for its scholarship.



Many thanks to the reception sponsors: Miller Thomson LLP, the Alberta Workers’ Compensation Board, Bennett Jones LLP, and Reynolds Mirth Richards & Farmer LLP. Thanks also go to the Law Society of Alberta, the Canadian Energy Law Foundation, the University of Alberta Faculty of Law, and the University of Calgary for their continued financial support.



# MOOT COURT PROGRAM

## 2015-2016

Mooting – whether at a local, regional, or national competition – is a unique part of the law school experience and a significant source of pride for any law school. Our 2015-2016 moot court program was a tremendous success – 80 students tried out this year, up from 35 the previous year – and included victories at the Sopinka Cup in Ottawa (Canada’s national trial advocacy competition), the Bennett Jones Cup in Health Law Advocacy in Calgary, and the Alberta Court of Appeal Moot here at home.

Why moot? Mooting helps students build confidence in their lawyering skills: research, advocacy, writing, communication, negotiation, and consensus building. The practice of oral and written advocacy – with the help of coaching by teams of peers, faculty, and senior lawyers – is a tremendous opportunity for students to “perfect the practice of law” as they prepare and present opposing sides of a legal argument to a panel of judges. These simulated court proceedings also provide students with the opportunity to network with faculty and senior members of the bar and bench. Some moots involve client consultation and non-litigation dispute resolution; skills that are essential to a well-rounded legal education.



Jonathon Austin and Fraser Genuis’ victory at the **Sopinka Cup** in Ottawa on March 11 was a significant achievement for our mooting program and a source of tremendous pride. 2016 was the first year that a University of Alberta Faculty of Law moot team made it to the finals of the Sopinka Cup, so to win in our first visit to the finals was very special. As an added bonus, after their victory, Jon and Fraser attended a reception at the Supreme Court of Canada with Justices Côté, Moldaver, and Brown.

“The passion Jon and Fraser bring to mooting is an inspiration to our 1Ls and I am delighted to see them enjoy their well-earned success,” said Stella Varvis, Director, Legal Research and Writing Program, and Coordinator, Competitive Moot Program.



Another moot success this year was our victory at the **Bennett Jones Cup in Health Law Advocacy** in Calgary, also in March. Congratulations to 2L students Deirdre Fleming, Sarah Harvey, Conor Holash, and Tyler McDonough for their win; the first for UAlberta in the six-year history of the competition. The moot problem this year for this competition was a



particularly complex one involving an appeal and cross-appeal of an Ontario Court of Appeal decision on the issue of whether a duty of care is owed to children for injuries caused by a physician's negligence prior to their conception. Conor Holash earned the top oralist prize for the UAlberta team at this competition.



We also had success at the **Alberta Court of Appeal Moot**, which we hosted on March 11-12 at the Law Centre. The "Alberta Challenge Cup", as it is known, is an annual battle versus the University of Calgary; a three-round event of civil, criminal, and constitutional moots. The UAlberta team won this competition with a 2-1 record. Congratulations to Grayson Bateyko, Sarah Denholm, Mark Keohane, John Minkley, Joey Redman, and Randell Trombley.

These are just three of the many moots our students participated in this year; a comprehensive list is included below. Many thank yous are owed for making this year's moot program such a success. First, to the students, who took on the extra work to compete for the honour of our law school; second, to the sponsors, whose commitment of both time and financial resources helped our teams be the best they could be; third, to the coaches, for sharing their time and expertise; and fourth, to the judges and other mentors, who volunteered their time to hear practice rounds, review facta, and provide strategic advice. We look forward to another successful year in 2016-2017.

## Other 2015-2016 Moot Competitions:

### BOWMAN TAXATION MOOT

Patrick Smith & Kayla Thompson  
*(Best Factum Award)*

### CANADIAN CLIENT CONSULTATION COMPETITION

*2nd place*  
Brendan Downey & Paul Kolida

### WILSON MOOT (Constitutional and human rights issues)

Adam Cembrowski *(Top Oralist)*  
& Jason Harley *(3rd place oralist)*

### DAVIES CANADIAN CORPORATE SECURITIES MOOT

*3rd place*  
Matthew Dolan, Alexandra Dunn,  
Daniel van den Berg, Ashton Menuz

### HAROLD G. FOX MOOT (Intellectual property)

Jae Morris & James McTague  
(Honourable Mention for Best Respondent Factum)

### KAWASKIMHON NATIONAL ABORIGINAL MOOT (Non-competitive)

Andrea Bailer, Jenna Broomfield,  
Lauren Chalaturnyk, Melanie Webber

### GALE CUP

*4th place*  
(Problem to be mooted drawn from a recently decided SCC case)  
Sam Alzaman & Matthew Summers

### JESSUP INTERNATIONAL LAW MOOT COURT COMPETITION

Danielle Chu, Rana Ghanem,  
Joshua Samac, Filippo Titi



### CLINTON J. FORD MOOT (Our annual in-house competition for 3L students)

Marianne Dunn & Robert LaValley  
*(2 judges to 1 victory)*

### LASKIN MOOT (Bilingual competition; each school must present in both English and French)

Kaila Eadie, Jamie Fitzel, Adam Lowe,  
Mark Moore

### MATHEWS DINSDALE & CLARK NATIONAL LABOUR ARBITRATION COMPETITION

Lerina Koornhof & Anny Wang

## THANK YOU to our 2015-2016 moot sponsors

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BENNETT JONES – Bennett Jones Cup in Health Law Advocacy

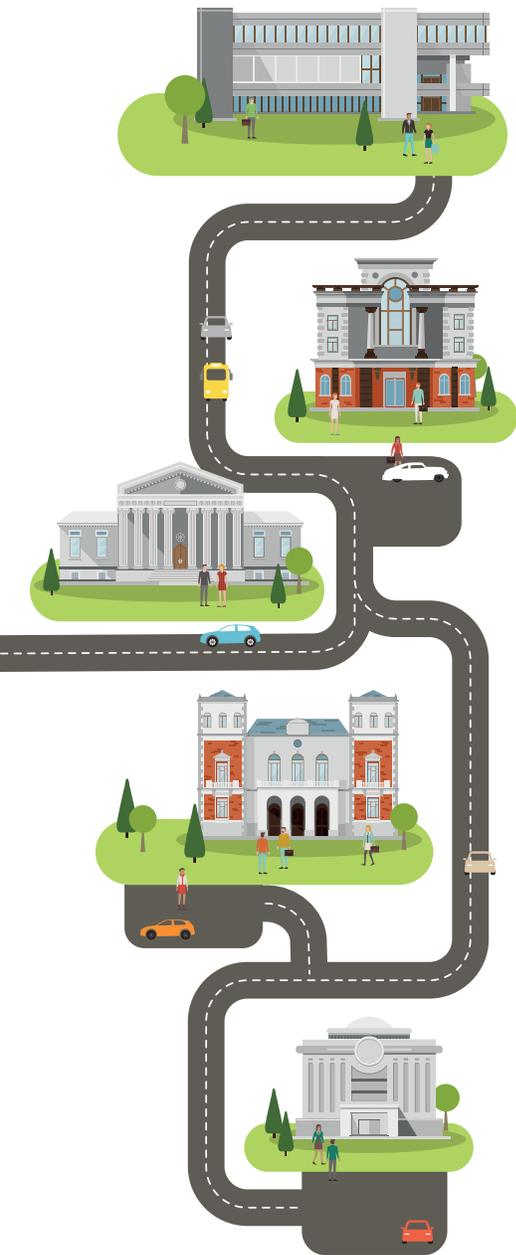
MOODYS GARTNER – Bowman National Taxation Moot

STIKEMAN ELLIOTT – Davies Canadian Corporate Securities Moot

BRIAN BERESH, Q.C. and LIBERTY LAW – Gale Cup Moot

CHIVERS CARPENTER LAWYERS – Mathews Dinsdale & Clark National Labour Arbitration Competition

DOUG STOLLERY, Q.C. – Wilson Moot



## Students Earn Prestigious Clerkships

Each year, Faculty of Law students earn clerkships at both the trial and appeal level. Congratulations to this year’s cohort of 2L and 3L students – see below for a partial list – who will begin their clerkships in 2016 and 2017.

Clerkships are an alternative to the traditional and composite 12-month articling term that all law students undertake before they apply to gain admission to the Law Society of Alberta. A Federal Court clerkship consists of 12 months in Ottawa and fulfills the articling requirements for the Law Society of Upper Canada in Ontario. Clerkships located in Alberta are for 10 months and then students complete another five months under the supervision of a lawyer at a firm, government body, or organization to complete their articles.

During a clerkship, the student-at-law is assigned to a justice or judge who acts as the student’s principal throughout their term. A clerk’s duties include research and writing, attending court proceedings, filing and organizing evidence, and reviewing and analyzing materials submitted by the Crown and defence counsel. Clerks may also review, edit, or discuss draft judgments with justices and judges.

Clerkships provide students-at-law with a tremendous opportunity to reinforce their understanding of court procedures, civil procedure rules, sentencing principles, statutory interpretation rules, and, where applicable, appellate review standards. These positions enable the students-at-law to further strengthen their legal research, writing, reasoning, and advocacy skills, while witnessing the judicial process first-hand.

### Court of Appeal of Alberta, Edmonton

- Brandyn Rodgerson (2L)
- Caitlyn Field (2L)
- Emily Chick (3L)
- Nicholas Willis (3L)

### Court of Appeal of Alberta, Calgary

- Sunny (Jeevanjot) Mann (2L)
- Ashton Menuz (2L)
- Elsbeth Cochrane (3L)

### Court of Queen’s Bench of Alberta, Edmonton

- Adam Cembrowski (2L)
- Allison Purdon (2L)
- Lauren Chalaturnyk (2L)
- Allison Boutillier (3L)
- Fraser Genuis (3L)
- Tania Shapka (3L)
- Michael Swanberg (3L)

### Court of Queen’s Bench of Alberta, Calgary

- Matthew Summers (2L)
- Matthew Schneider (2L)

### Provincial Court of Alberta, Edmonton

- Sarah Sager (2L)
- Caitlin McKall (3L)

### Provincial Court of Alberta, Calgary

- George Wong (3L)

### Federal Court of Canada

- Robley Goff (2L)

## In Conversation With...

**TERRY ADIDO – PhD candidate and MasterChef Canada finalist – on his passion for the law and cuisine**



For many, watching programs like MasterChef Canada make us believe that we too can become home chefs serving up delicious entrées for our family and friends. Terry Adido is that home chef; someone who inspires the purchase of fresh ingredients and the discovery of a secret love for cooking. At least that was the case for me. In February 2016, I had the pleasure of sitting down with Mr. Adido for a Q&A about his involvement with MasterChef Canada Season 3 and his love for the law. Here's what he had to say.

**Gillian Reid is the Faculty of Law's Events & Alumni Relations Coordinator. She can be reached at [lawalum@ualberta.ca](mailto:lawalum@ualberta.ca).**

**Q: Can you tell us a little bit about yourself?**

My name is Terry Adido and I am a PhD candidate at the University of Alberta Faculty of Law. I own a food blog called [www.gratednutmeg.com](http://www.gratednutmeg.com) and am currently a finalist on the third season of MasterChef Canada.

**Q: What was the first dish you ever prepared?**

It must have been pancakes. Growing up, we had pancakes for breakfast on Saturday mornings. I always loved mine shaped like crepes and since no one would make them to my specifications, I had to start making my own. I must have been 7 or 8 years old at the time.

**Q: Who taught you how to cook?**

I learned to cook by watching my mother. She happens to be an adventurous cook and loved nothing more than to have us help out in the kitchen. She also had bookshelves stocked with cookbooks which I would read over and over again.

**Q: What made you audition for MasterChef Canada?**

My friends and blog fans kept asking me to audition for a cooking or baking show. Since MasterChef Canada is a show for home cooks, I decided to give it a try and jokingly applied for the third season. I got a call the next day.

**Q: What's the best part about being a participant on MasterChef Canada?**

It's hard to choose just one thing. I got to meet a lot of amazing home cooks and have remained very close friends with a couple of them. I also got to see behind

the "fourth wall" of show business and reality TV, which answered a number of questions I had. Finally, it validated the fact that I am a good home cook.

**Q: What do your family and friends think about your decision to compete on MasterChef Canada?**

They are extremely excited to see me on TV doing what I love doing best, which is cooking. I think they are more excited about me being on the show than I am.

**Q: What made you go into the legal profession?**

I had always wanted to read law – even as a kid – because I viewed it as a noble profession, one that equips you with the skills to reason fairly and bring about change in whatever society you live in.

**Q: What do you enjoy most about the law?**

I enjoy legal reasoning and research and the ability to look beyond words and actions to motives. I also love that the law is not abstract, but deals with social issues.

**Q: What are you currently researching?**

I am researching the regulation of transplant tourism by both international and national legal systems. I intend to build a legal model for the prohibition of the practice based on the use of extraterritorial criminal laws.

**Q: What are your plans for after the show?**

My ultimate plan is to own my own cake-making studio. For now, I keep doing the things which bring me happiness – legal research and food blogging. Very few people have the privilege of a career and still being able to pursue their passion. I'm glad I can do both.

## VISITING SPEAKERS

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**DEAN PATON in  
Conversation With...  
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FISCHER**

Deputy Head of Mission,  
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March 9, 2016



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Passion from Within*

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University of Toronto

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to Canada: Democracy,  
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November 26, 2015

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COMMANDER  
MIKE MADDEN**

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Careers with the Office  
of the Judge Advocate  
General of the  
Canadian Forces*

October 15, 2015



**DR. JOHN ROBSON**

*Magna Carta: Our Shared  
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October 6, 2015



**JOHN PECMAN**

Commissioner of Competition

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June 23, 2015



**DR. REMUS VALSAN**

Lecturer in Corporate Law,  
Edinburgh University, Scotland

*Gender Diversity and the  
Relational Theory of the  
Board of Directors*

June 9, 2015

## IN GRATITUDE



The Faculty of Law would like to thank our Sessional Instructors for their many contributions throughout the 2015-2016 academic year. This dedicated group of legal professionals provide our students with valuable expertise on a wide range of legal subjects, and offer wisdom, feedback, and encouragement, on top of the many hours they spend in the classroom and outside the classroom grading assignments. We are grateful for their continued commitment to the success of our students – the next generation of our legal community.

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### DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARDS CHRISTINE PRATT

Christine Pratt, '92, President of Alumni & Friends, sessional instructor, and partner at Field Law in Edmonton, was recognized by the CBA Alberta and the Law Society of Alberta with the *Distinguished Service Award in Pro Bono Legal Service* at the Distinguished Service Awards ceremony which took place during the CBA Alberta Law Conference on January 29.

# Message From The President

Alumni & Friends Association of the Faculty of Law, University of Alberta



On behalf of Alumni & Friends, I wish to congratulate the Faculty on the Spring 2016 issue of *Without Prejudice*. The magazine, re-imagined in recent years by the Faculty, has long provided alumni with news out of the Faculty of Law, and an ongoing connection to our law school and each other. Our U of A degrees are a large part of what defines us, and it is important for all of us that the law school continue to provide excellence in legal education to upcoming generations. As Dean Paton guides the law school through these challenging economic times, Alumni & Friends wishes to provide as much support and assistance as possible. We welcome any of our members who have an interest or ideas to contribute to the development of a strong alumni community, so that we can effectively assist and engage each other, the law school, and current and future students. We hope to see you all at the Spring Reception in May 2016.

**Christine Pratt**

## REUNIONS 2015

**Reunions allow for alumni to reconnect and reminisce with former classmates.**

The Faculty of Law Class of 1985 held their 30-year reunion in Edmonton on September 26, 2015 in a private room at Ampersand 27 restaurant.



The Faculty of Law Class of 1990 held their 25-year reunion in Calgary on May 23-24, 2015; a dinner on May 23, followed by an informal brunch at the home of Glenn Solomon on May 24. Many thanks to Sabri Shawa, Glenn Solomon, Carsten Jensen, Jamie Floyd, and Joan Bilsland for organizing the reunion!

For assistance organizing a class reunion, please contact Gillian Reid at [lawalum@ualberta.ca](mailto:lawalum@ualberta.ca).



# ALUMNI WEEKEND

*September 24-27, 2015*

Each year in September, you can feel the anticipation of Alumni Weekend start to build in the air at the University of Alberta. This year's festivities took place from Thursday to Sunday, September 24-27, and saw more than 4,000 alumni take part.

On Thursday, the Faculty of Law welcomed **Francis Saville, '62 BA, '65 LLB** and **Alan Fielding, '65 BA, '69 LLB**, recipients of the University of Alberta 2015 Distinguished Alumni Award and Honour Award to a special luncheon held in CN Alumni Hall at the Law Centre.

On Friday, we joined in the Green and Gold Day festivities in the Quad, which saw **Dean Paton** and several other Deans roll up their sleeves for a BBQ in support of the U of A's United Way campaign. The second annual sock fight also took place during the noon hour, with more than 2,015 pairs of socks donated to Boyle Street Community Services and the Salvation Army.

On Saturday, the Faculty of Law held an open house, Dean Paton hosted lunch, and Alumni & Friends of the Faculty of Law held their annual AGM. In the evening, the Class of 1985 held their reunion at Ampersand 27 in a private portion of the restaurant.

It was a busy weekend and we look forward to seeing familiar faces at the Faculty of Law during the 2016 celebrations.

*Alumni Weekend 2016: September 22 - 25*



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- > James Andrew Wachowich

Calling the law the Wachowich / Wachowicz family business is like calling politics the Kennedy family business. **It's more than an understatement.** Many members of the Wachowich / Wachowicz family have practiced law in Alberta since the 1950s. Readers will be most familiar with the distinguished careers of brothers Edward (1929-2012, LLB '54) and Allan (LLB '58) Wachowich, who rose to become Chief Judge of the Provincial Court of Alberta and Chief Justice of the Court of Queen's Bench of Alberta, respectively. **Here's the next chapter of the story.**

## A COMMITMENT TO THE LAW AND COMMUNITY:

### The Wachowich / Wachowicz Family in Alberta

**W**ith 30 years' experience practicing law and more than 20 advocating for consumers as counsel for the Consumers' Coalition of Alberta, often appearing in front of the Alberta Utilities Commission to intervene in utility rate-setting decisions, **Jim Wachowich, Q.C. (LLB '85)** – son of Edward – believes that the law is a profession that actively helps others.

"Watching my father and uncle, I saw the satisfaction helping people can bring," said Jim. "Now, when I experience it, I get a strong sense of connection to them, on top of the good feeling I get helping someone else. Being able to represent a client like the coalition has been a unique and positive experience. The area of consumer advocacy is a bit off the beaten path, but the challenges have been outweighed by the rewards of doing something I think is very necessary."

Jim and his brother **Robert Wachowich (LLB '89)** practice law together at Wachowich & Co. in

Edmonton. Seventy per cent of Rob's practice is criminal defence – "it is always an honour to assist those conflicted," he said – with the balance taken up by civil litigation, estates, and administrative tribunal work.

Rob credits his mother Lucy – "she's my guardian angel" – and the late Harvey Bodner, Q.C. for his success, including getting into law school. ("Harvey helped get our father [Edward] through law school," he added.)

Jim and Rob's commitment to community is shared by their cousins **Jane Wachowich (LLB '90)** and **David Wachowich, Q.C. (LLB '83)**, children of Allan.

Jane Wachowich practiced corporate commercial law in Edmonton in the 1990s at what was then Lucas Bowker and White before moving to Chicago, where she worked with youth in the inner city projects. Jane had four children of her own, and upon her return to Canada, settled in Calgary and returned to

the law, practicing in-house corporate and litigation management for four mid-sized companies she co-owned, while also focusing on philanthropic activities. She divested of her business interests in 2011 and is now the full-time executive director of Calgary's Cornerstone Youth Centre, a non-profit "home" for vulnerable and at-risk youth. Jane also works with the Red Cross and the Law Society of Alberta, doing pro bono non-profit and humanitarian work.

"I'm lucky to have the opportunity to work in the non-profit sector," she said. "Our family has a real vehemence for social injustice. Always drawn to business, later to the business of non-profit, creating opportunity for vulnerable kids – I get to apply all that I learned in law and business at a grassroots level. The transition from law was the natural next step for me, where I can help level the playing field a bit, one kid at time."

David Wachowich, Q.C. is a partner at Rose LLP in Calgary who has represented insurers and others in civil actions since the mid-1980s across Canada and the western United States. His practice focuses primarily on insurance litigation, and more recently on corporate litigation, general aviation, contracts, and international disputes. In 2006, he spent six months assisting with the Clark Inspection investigating electoral irregularities in the 2005 Calgary municipal elections. In 2012, David received the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal for service to Canada. His contributions to the community include a term as director of the Alberta Ballet, and many years coaching hockey, baseball, soccer, and basketball. But despite his own distinguished career, David's family name follows him.

"In my law practice, I have met Polish people who have commented skeptically about how I spell and say my surname," said David. "What kind of lawyer can't even spell, or properly pronounce, his own last name?" he joked.

According to family history – possibly apocryphal – the postmaster in the town near the Wachowich / Wachowicz homestead northeast of Edmonton took it upon himself to change the names of some of the family members, in order to distinguish them and make his job easier.



JIM WACHOWICH, Q.C.



DAVID WACHOWICH, Q.C.



IAN WACHOWICZ

"Apparently, my great-grandfather [Thomas Wachowicz] didn't get any mail, so his last name remained unchanged," said **Ian Wachowicz (LLB '96)**, a partner at Dentons in Edmonton.

Ian's practice focuses on civil litigation, where he acts for developers, municipalities, and

adjacent landowners in development disputes, landowners in expropriation claims, vendors and purchasers in real estate litigation, and corporations and shareholders in oppression actions and other shareholder disputes.

What drew him to the law? "My parents told me that I had to be either a doctor or a lawyer," he said. "And I was afraid of needles."

In addition to his practice, Ian has taught as a sessional instructor at the Faculty of Law in civil trial advocacy and professional responsibility. He was recently recognized by *The Legal 500 Canada* in the area of Dispute Resolution (2016). Ian's service to the community includes serving as chair of Edmonton's Subdivision and Development Appeal Board, teaching for both the Canadian Centre for Professional Legal Education and the Legal Education Society of Alberta, and coaching soccer.

Success means different things to different people. What does it mean to the Wachowich / Wachowicz family? According to Jim, it's "doing your best with what you have, and if what you have is enhanced by training or education, your success should be that much better. And if you can share that success with family, friends, clients, and the greater community, you get to pay it back, which is its own reward."

Fortunately for many in Alberta, no matter how you spell it, the Wachowich / Wachowicz name means a commitment to the law and the community.

*[For genealogy enthusiasts, members of the Wachowich / Wachowicz family interviewed for this article are descendants of Jan and Katherine Wachowicz, who moved to Alberta in 1897 from a village near Lvov, in present day Ukraine. That two of Jan and Katherine's sons – Philip and Peter – shared the same first initial prompted a third spelling of the name, Wacowich, held today by Master Rod Wacowich, Q.C. Thomas Wachowicz was the uncle of Chief Justice Allan Wachowich and the late Chief Judge Edward Wachowich.]*

## CLASS NOTES

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### 1960s

**Ted Carruthers (BA '61) (LLB '66):**

I retired after 19 years of service to the Family and Youth Courts in Calgary. I served as Assistant Chief Judge and was the Chair of the Provincial Court committee in the development of the Calgary Courts Centre. My wife Marly and I continue to reside in Calgary.

### 1970s

**Kenneth F. Cleall, Q.C., (LLB '70):**

On January 1, 2015, I joined DLA Piper (Canada) LLP in Edmonton after 42 years with my previous firm. My daughter Jennifer Cleall is a partner at DLA Piper and the main reason I moved.

**Ron Liteplo (LLB '74):** I recently retired as General Counsel to EPCOR Utilities Inc. and now devote my time to family, investment consulting, wine, and travel writing.

### 1980s

**Allan Hoyano (LLB '81):** I retired from practice as a solicitor in a patent and trademarks firm in Bristol, England and am now working freelance as a legal copy editor for Oxford University Press.

**Laura Hoyano (LLB '82):** I am called to the Bar of England & Wales, and am an academic Fellow of Middle Temple, one of the ancient Inns of Court. I practice from 18 Red Lion Court Chambers in London (a criminal and human rights set of barristers). In addition, I continue my full-time academic teaching and research posts at the Faculty of Law, University of Oxford, and at Wadham College, University of Oxford.



**Shawna K. Vogel (BA '81, LLB '84):**

In March 2016 I was appointed one of five new global Vice Chairpersons for the Dentons law firm. As part of these duties – the position is for a one-year term – I will be travelling every two months to regions where Dentons operates to attend Global Board meetings and meet with clients. I visited Australia in January and China in April. In December 2015 I was appointed the presiding member (Chair) of the Dentons Canada Region Board.

**K.G. (Kim) Stephens (LLB '85):**

I am currently enrolled in an LLM program called the European Master of Law and Economics (EMLE). I have completed terms at the Erasmus University of Rotterdam (The Netherlands) and the University of Ghent (Belgium), and head next to the University of Haifa (Israel).

**Carol Winston (LLB '88):**

I left Suncor Energy in February 2016 after working 11 ½ years in the Natural Gas, Renewable Energy and East Coast Canada Offshore departments for Suncor's Exploration & Development Business Unit. I'm currently contemplating a part-time encore career as a writer and also plan to travel, volunteer, and explore my creative side in semi-retirement.

**Robert Chambers (LLB '88):**

I am now a Professor of Private Law at King's College London, having moving here last year from University College London.

### 1990s

**Rhonda Johnson (LLB/MBA '90):**

I now split my time between Alberta and BC, having joined Duncan Craig LLP in Edmonton. My practice continues to focus on estate planning and administration, particularly for clients with assets in BC and Alberta. When not working with clients on their estate planning needs, I can be found helping out with my family's fully guided sea kayak tours business on Vancouver Island's west coast.

## CLASS NOTES

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**Stephen Leach (LLB '91):** After leading the Canadian International Trade Tribunal in Ottawa for nearly five years, I resigned effective May 1, 2016, to lead a governance project in Jakarta, Indonesia. As Country Director, I will lead local and expatriate staff in working with the Indonesian national government on a number of initiatives funded by Canada, the European Union, and the United States. Fellow alumni travelling or living in the region are encouraged to contact me at my personal e-mail: sleach@rogers.com.



**Olumide K. Obayemi (LLM '99):** I work at the largest commercial law firm in Lagos, Nigeria and am also a Senior Lecturer with Faculty of Law at Lagos State University. My two most recent academic works include articles for *The Gravitas Review of Business & Property Law* (March and December 2015).

## 2000s

**Kyla Sandwith (LLB '00):** I earned a Master of Professional Studies in Law Firm Management in 2014 from George Washington University. In 2015 I started a consulting company, De Novo Inc., working with lawyers to rethink how they work and deliver legal services to achieve greater efficiency, value, and profitability. In September 2016, I will be teaching a course in Leadership for Lawyers at the University of Calgary Faculty of Law.

**Ritchie Po (LLB '03):** On June 2, 2016, I will once again chair the CBA's Privacy Law Conference. I am now the co-chair of the CBA's Privacy Law subsection and headed the legislative working group to update the BC Freedom of Information & Protection of Privacy Act. When not busy practicing cybersecurity and data privacy law, I'm a Contributing Editor to Retail Insider for Craig Patterson (LLB '01), and occasional style columnist.

**Roman Kotovych (LLB '06):** I was appointed as a quasi-judicial member of the Refugee Protection Division of the Immigration and Refugee Board of Canada. I will be conducting hearings and adjudicating refugee claims made in Canada. I relocated to Toronto where I am happily avoiding tropical diseases for the time being.



**Nitin Bhatia (LLB '07):** Following my graduation I articulated at a boutique litigation firm and continued to practice there until 2010. In 2010 I founded Shourie Bhatia LLP where I currently primarily practice in Corporate & Commercial Law. I have also been teaching at the University of Alberta Faculty of Law and the Faculty of Business as a sessional instructor. Outside of my career as a lawyer and instructor, I'm involved in commercial and residential construction across Alberta. My volunteer activities include work for the Valley Zoo Development Society and the Maanaw Seva Association.

**Editor's Note:** All content submitted for publication is subject to editing. In some cases, personal pronouns in Class Notes have been changed to first person.

**Submissions:** We're always interested in what our alumni have to say. Please inform us of your news and/or submissions at: greid1@ualberta.ca

# Faculty Celebrates Grand Re-Opening of McLennan Ross Hall

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Founded more than 100 years ago, McLennan Ross LLP has a long tradition of supporting the University of Alberta Faculty of Law, including the establishment of various awards and endowments, the renovation of the Moot Courtroom, and the 1996 update of McLennan Ross Hall that resulted in its naming. Most recently, the firm contributed \$100,000 to enable improvements to McLennan Ross Hall; improvements that included increasing the convertibility of the space, eliminating hazardous materials used in the original construction, and modernizing the architectural design.



On October 27, 2015 Dean Paton hosted a reception to celebrate the re-opening of the lecture hall. To mark the occasion, a ceremonial ribbon was cut by Dean Paton, McLennan Ross senior partner Rod McLennan, Q.C., former deans Philip Bryden, Q.C. and David Percy, Q.C., Law Students' Association president Dharam Dhillon, and third-year law student Ryan Bencic. Dean Paton provided remarks and Mr. McLennan spoke on behalf of the firm. Following the ribbon cutting, Professor Peter Sankoff gave a public lecture on the Mike Duffy trial.

The Faculty of Law would like to thank McLennan Ross for its continued generosity and commitment to the Faculty, the services it delivers, and to students.



**T**im Young does not suffer from acrophobia. On November 8, 2015, the Faculty of Law employee competed in the 103-storey *Willis Tower Skyrise Chicago* race, as well as the *Climb for Life* stair race in the 58-storey 300 North LaSalle tower. With more than 3,000 competitors, it was one of the largest tower racing events in North America. Although Tim has been running stairs at an elite level for more than 22 years, this was his first time competing in two such high-profile races. He came in seventh place at the *Willis Tower* race, but was victorious at the *Climb for Life* race, beating his nearest competitor by four seconds. Congratulations Tim!

### INTERVIEW WITH TIM YOUNG

#### **Q: Why did you start running stairs?**

Originally it was to complement my figure skating and dancing; stair running was the best activity for training purposes. Then I realized that stairs let you do almost any sport or physical activity well.

# CLIMBING TO NEW HEIGHTS

## Faculty of Law employee and competitive stair runner Tim Young on his unique passion

#### **Q: Do the long hours of training ever become boring?**

I run 16,000 stairs a day, which is unusual even among top racers. My brain never slows down though, and when I run, my brain is running faster, thinking about a million things. So really, I'm just running while mentally working on other things, so no, I don't get bored.

#### **Q: What keeps you motivated?**

A lot of positive thinking and strategic psychology, minimizing my perception of the difficulties, focusing on the easy aspects, and on what I'll be getting out of it.

#### **Q: Isn't running stairs hard on your knees?**

It's actually the opposite; climbing stairs is a no-impact activity. If anything hurts, it's most often due to bad technique and/or a muscle imbalance. Even descending the stairs – I'm one of the few who "trains on the down" – can be almost no impact with proper technique.

#### **Q: How do you know you're not pushing too hard?**

You get to know your body after a great deal of time and training. Gentle but daily persistence makes stair climbing sustainable, and consistency is key. With proper technique, your limits – how fast you can metabolize oxygen, for example – change.

#### **Q: You wear rather unusual footwear. What can you tell us about this?**

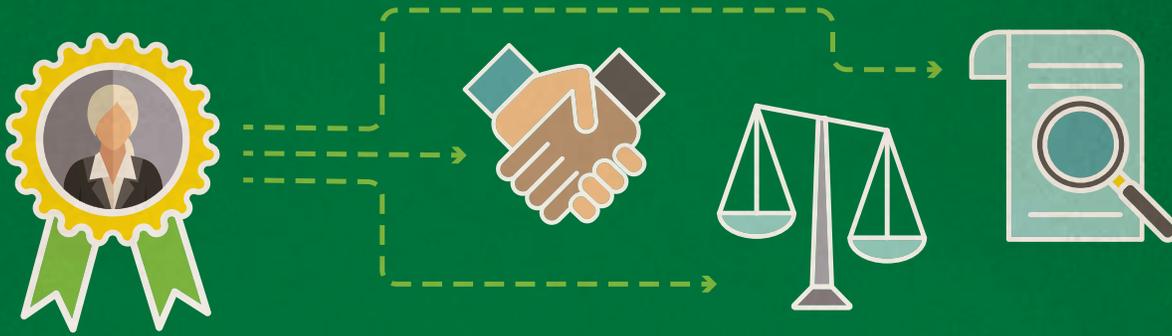
I wear Vibram FiveFingers "Signas" shoes because I love the way they feel. With proper toe separation and no support, it's much easier to zero in on proper technique. The shoes allow all the small muscles to work in the lower legs, making physical development more well-rounded and technically sound, leading to better performance and less chance of injury.

#### **Q: When did you start competing?**

I've been running stairs at an elite level for more than 22 years, but I'm a private time trialer. The Chicago double-header actually constituted my first two official races; the president of the US Tower Racing Association described me as "definitely the darkest horse of the races." They've been trying to get me to compete for a long time, but the schedule just hadn't worked out. I'm focused more on being my best than on competing, especially considering race expenses.

#### **Q: What's next?**

I've joined the International Towerrunning Association, and I have one more race to do to be "ranked" in the US system, so most likely it will be a race in the US. However, I've also been told I may be invited to the world championships, so that race could be the next!



## The Odishaw Family Philosophy: Education as Opportunity

Born to Maude Lazar and Mike Odishaw in North Battleford, Saskatchewan, **Jim Odishaw (BA '66, LLB '71)** is the child of Assyrian immigrants whose families fled a village in northern Iran after having been persecuted for their Christian faith. His parents married in 1933 and raised seven children on the family farm. Although his father and mother obtained only a Grade 7 and 8 education respectively, the importance of education was strongly impressed upon the Odishaw offspring. Of the family's six children who lived to adulthood, three became lawyers.

"Education affords many opportunities," says Jim. As a retired lawyer, having practiced law in Alberta for more than 40 years, Jim keeps busy with real estate and other business ventures, in addition to volunteer work, travelling, and spending time with family. His ties to the University of Alberta are strong.

After leaving North Battleford to pursue his university education, Jim married his high school sweetheart, Esther Wylie, a registered nurse. Jim and Esther had three daughters – Michelle Odishaw, BA; Carla Odishaw, LLB; Janine Odishaw, BEd, MEd, and PhD – all of whom obtained at least one of their degrees from the University of Alberta. But the U of A connection doesn't end there. The Odishaw daughters' spouses are all U of A alumni, including Ben Guido (LLB). Jim's sister Margaret Odishaw earned two degrees at the U of A (BA, LLB), as did her son Matthew Charlton (JD 2015). It is perhaps not surprising, then, that the University of Alberta – and especially the Faculty of Law – has a special place in the Odishaw family's collective heart.

"The education acquired through the Faculty of Law has afforded my family opportunities that will continue to benefit us for generations to come," says Jim.

**It was this sentiment that prompted the Odishaw Family Annuity at the Faculty of Law. On June 8, 2015 a legacy gift of \$100,000 was provided to the Faculty of Law in Esther Odishaw's memory to establish three Odishaw Family Prizes for students in the areas of dispute resolution, mediation advocacy, and techniques in negotiation.**

Why these three fields? Jim says that throughout the course of his general law practice, it became clear that many of his clients did not understand the courtroom process as a method of resolving disputes. He recalls fondly his own first Judicial Dispute Resolution (JDR) before the late Honourable Tevie H. Miller, former Associate Chief Justice of the Court of Queen's Bench of Alberta. Years later, JDR, mediation, and arbitration processes have become common practice and many of Jim's clients who have been involved in these processes have expressed how grateful they are to have presented their cases in this type of controlled environment, on a without prejudice basis. In view of this, the Odishaw annuity is intended to assist and encourage students to excel in these areas of the law, with the ultimate aim that they become better equipped to serve their clients' needs.

**The Faculty of Law would like to thank the Odishaw family for their generous gift and support of our students.**

For more information on how you can make a difference, please contact Della Paradis, Acting Assistant Dean, Advancement, at 780-492-5953 or [lawdev@ualberta.ca](mailto:lawdev@ualberta.ca).

# GIFT REPORT

For more than a century, the University of Alberta Faculty of Law has prepared students for dynamic careers in the legal profession. This year, with the support of our donors and community partners, we raised close to \$2M for scholarships, prizes, and bursaries to help ensure that financial barriers to a legal education are lowered for those most in need; for faculty research and student assistantships; and to support important programming such as mootng. By working together, we are responding to the needs of our outstanding students as they learn not only the law, but important traditions of professionalism and service. Thank you for your continuing support.

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