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AS DEAN PAUL PATON'S ERA WINDS UP, HIS RENEWAL STRATEGIES LEAVE THE FACULTY OF LAW FLOURISHING. Paul Paton gave almost every aspect of UAlberta Law a vigorous overhaul during his term as dean that concludes this June. In tribute to his impact over five years, we salute five of Dean Paton's signature shakeups.

DEAN PATON'S FAREWELL MESSAGE



As I complete my term as dean on June 30, I'm so proud of what we've accomplished as a community over the past five years. I was recruited back to Canada in 2014 with a mandate from then-Provost Carl Amrhein to transform the Faculty, reconnect it to the profession and community, and move us forward at a time when the legal profession and legal education are at an inflection point.

For a report I commissioned in 2014-15 to set the stage, we consulted extensively with faculty, students, alumni and the community. The report concluded that the Faculty was "complacent, inward-looking and stuck," too often content to simply be what it was, not the best it could be. Years of underfunding, staff cuts and faculty attrition had left a challenge for leadership.

Since then, with the support of students, the profession, firms and the CBA, we secured approval for a tuition increase and then replacement funding that increased the Faculty's budget by more than 50 per cent.

That permitted us to engage in the most extensive faculty renewal in more than a generation. One of my proudest legacies is having hired 11 outstanding faculty members in the last three years—over a third of the entire faculty complement. It transformed the face of the faculty, broadened its scholarly focus and generated new concentrations of strengths. The future of a law school literally depends upon such work, and the foundation for our next generation of excellence in research and teaching is securely laid.

I'm also proud of what we've done for our students: offering a record \$1.4M in scholarships, bursaries and awards this year to ensure continued accessibility; quadrupling Career Services staffing; expanding search strategies that helped over 97 per cent of students seeking articles last year to secure them; launching new and innovative experiential learning opportunities.

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The latter include the first-of-its kind Gladue Report experiential learning initiative; a first-of-its-kind externship placement with the Judge Advocate General of Canada; and new externships with the Alberta Human Rights Commission and the Alberta Energy regulator, with others in business and technology still in the pipeline.

The revitalization of the competitive moot program is astounding. We tripled student participation (from under 35 students in 2014-15 to over 100 trying out this year) and won four national and one provincial championship last year. This year, we not only won the Gale Cup again, but also the Commonwealth Moot in Zambia. The support and engagement of the diaspora of judges, coaches, firm lawyers, donors and others has empowered a signature program for this Faculty that has rightly attracted national and international attention for our students.

After a seven-year drought, four students in three years have secured clerkships at the Supreme Court of Canada, and clerkships at all levels of court have increased. Student satisfaction rates have risen dramatically. Three of our professors were recognized with Distinguished Service Awards for Legal Scholarship, other professors and staff members received university-wide recognition for their service. Staff complement has increased by 25 per cent.

In the language of the CEO of Lego, my goal has been to get from “turnaround to transformation.” We’ve done that, and much more. No wonder, then, that

UAlberta Law broke into the Top 100 law schools worldwide in the Times Higher Education rankings in 2018 at #83, up an astounding 54 places in just two years.

Our new initiatives include the Legal Innovation Conference; the Dean’s Women in Law Speaker Series; pilot programs in support of student mental health and wellness; practical efforts to support equity, diversity and inclusion in hiring and in the classroom; work on religious lawyering and the role of faith in practice. Reconnecting to the profession and community has been critically important. As Madam Justice Paperny wrote in Pridgen in the Alberta Court of Appeal, “One can no longer maintain a pastoral view of university campuses as a community of scholars removed from the rest of society.” We opened our doors to an array of remarkable speakers. It’s been BUSY.

In many respects, our experience parallels challenges for the legal profession itself, which is facing transformation of an order of magnitude not seen previously, in directions that are still unknown. Like the Faculty, the university is also at an inflection point, with a new president to be selected in the coming year, and the impact of the Suzuki honorary degree still resonating. I challenge the new university and Faculty leadership to think boldly, to resist the pressure to settle into comfortable patterns, and to ensure that rhetoric about collegiality doesn’t stifle debate, change and progress.

I especially acknowledge support from an array of remarkable student

leaders; from Supreme Court Justice Russell Brown; Catherine Fraser, the Chief Justice of Alberta; Neil Wittmann, the former Chief Justice of the Court of Queen’s Bench of Alberta; current Chief Justice Mary Moreau; Associate Chief Justice John Rooke and members of all levels of court; CBA Alberta current and past presidents, executive members and staff; Law Society of Alberta benchers and staff; members of my external advisory boards in Vancouver, Edmonton, Calgary and Toronto; remarkable donors; fellow deans, Vice-Dean Moin Yahya and members of the executive team of associate deans; faculty, staff, alumni; and many others.

Next year, I’ll be a Visiting Scholar at the American Bar Foundation in Chicago to work on projects concerning alternative business structures and the delivery of legal services; a Visiting Scholar at UConn Law in relation to a project on redemption and faith in lawyer discipline; and a CodeX Fellow at Stanford for work on the ethical implications of predictive artificial intelligence in legal services delivery. Professor David Percy has been appointed interim dean, taking over July 1 while a search for a new dean is underway.

For those who have helped me lay the foundation for rebuilding a culture that is ambitious, outward-looking and visionary, thank you. We are privileged to serve the public good. We stand on the shoulders of those who came before us, and I sincerely hope that in paying tribute to their faith and confidence in the future — in Canada, in Alberta, and in the world — we’ve made a difference.

HIGHLIGHTS

CLASS OF 2021 ORIENTATION

The Honourable Justice Russell Brown of the Supreme Court of Canada welcomed the incoming class with a special keynote address. Students were given advice for law school and reminded of the importance of the profession they've chosen.



FALL 2018



LEGAL INNOVATION CONFERENCE

Lawyers, students, legal academics, computer science and artificial intelligence experts from across Canada discussed how technology is transforming the delivery of legal services and what the ethical consequences might be, during our 2019 Legal Innovation Conference, Pushing the Limits of Innovation.



28TH ANNUAL MERV LEITCH QC MEMORIAL LECTURE

Richard W. Painter, former chief ethics lawyer for President George W. Bush, presented his lecture, “Conflicts of Interest, Investigations and Ethics in the Age of Trump” to the Faculty of Law in March. The S. Walter Richey Professor of Corporate Law at the University of Minnesota Law School and noted CNN and MSNBC commentator spoke to what can be done to immediately address these issues, and how we can create stronger ethical boundaries for the future protection of our institutions.

WINTER 2019



THE HONOURABLE JEAN CÔTÉ SYMPOSIUM

The Honourable Jean E. L. Côté, '64 LLB, who retired from the Court of Appeal of Alberta in 2015, was feted in February by his colleagues, peers and those he's mentored and inspired, during a symposium hosted at his alma mater.

ORLANDO DA SILVA MENTAL HEALTH PRESENTATION

Orlando Da Silva, former president of the Ontario Bar Association, spoke frankly to students, staff, faculty and alumni about his struggles with mental health and strategies for managing them as part of a cross-Canada law school tour.

LEARNING FROM LEADERS

A PEEK AT THE JOURNEYS OF UALBERTA LAW ALUMNI WHO HAVE BECOME JUDGES

Scores of University of Alberta Faculty of Law graduates are members of the judiciary. While Beverley McLachlin, former Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Canada, first female Chief Justice of Alberta, Catherine Fraser, and Mary Moreau, the first female Chief Justice of the Court of Queen's Bench of Alberta, are among the best-known, many alumni who have become judges are leaders making lasting impacts on Canadian society.

From their positions on different courts across the country, this is how some of them have navigated their careers as esteemed judges.

*By Helen Metella and (p 13) Sarah Pratt
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SUPREME COURT OF CANADA

SUPREME COURT JUSTICE SHEILAH MARTIN'S COMPELLING CAREER

A LIFELONG COMMITMENT TO FAIRNESS FOR ALL

By age seven or eight, Supreme Court of Canada Justice Sheilah Martin, '83 LL.M., already had a deep and abiding sense of what was right and fair.

"All around me I saw people being bullied or marginalized or discriminated against because of a characteristic that they didn't choose, and I didn't think that was an appropriate way to treat people," said Martin, who grew up in Montreal in the 1960s and 1970s.

"Why wasn't I allowed to play football with the boys? Why couldn't English students attend French school? Why were there separations based on people's religion, language, race?"

Her desire to ensure fairness and justice for all has propelled Martin through a high-profile career that included prominent involvement in David Milgaard's precedent-setting

wrongful conviction compensation award, and as a judge, granting Canada's first court approval for physician-assisted death, two of many significant cases.

Yet even before being appointed to the Court of Queen's Bench of Alberta in 2005, the Supreme Court of Yukon in 2009, the Courts of Appeal of Alberta, the Northwest Territories and Nunavut in 2016 and the Supreme Court in 2017, Martin spent almost 20 years in academia.

After earning her LL.B. from McGill University and her master's at UAlberta Law, she was a law professor at the University of Calgary until 1986. She went on to receive her doctorate of Juridical Science from the University of Toronto in 1991 and was acting dean and then dean of the University of Calgary's Faculty of Law from 1991 to 1996.

As a criminal and constitutional lawyer in Calgary from 1996 to 2005, that immersion in legal scholarship benefited her greatly, Martin says.

"As an academic, your goal is to master a topic. I really liked being 10 questions deep on a subject. I liked that I knew everything that existed about a topic, so that I felt I had legitimacy behind my opinions."

Among her most persuasive opinions was the brief she wrote to help support the \$10-million dollar settlement for Milgaard, Canada's longest-serving prisoner before he was released after 23 years in prison for a rape and murder he did not commit. After poring over his prison records and interviewing him and his family, she highlighted that he could have likely been freed after seven years if he had admitted to the crime. Despite difficult prison conditions, he refused, and as she later wrote,

“with this strength of character who could this young man have been if his life had not been interrupted by his wrongful conviction?”

Martin also did foundational work on the 2005 Indian Residential Schools Settlement Agreement, which ended the need for each Indigenous survivor seeking compensation to prove personal victimization and instead acknowledged familial, community and inter-generational harms.

She made numerous other socially and legally significant decisions while on the Court of Queen’s Bench, to which she was appointed in 2005.

In 2016, she issued Canada’s first judicial approval for physician-assisted death, and then several subsequent ones, cases she calls the most intense and meaningful of her career.

In the 2012 trial of Dustin Paxton, who was convicted of torturing his roommate, Martin declared him a dangerous

offender in a complex case marked by several rare events. These included permitting accredited media to use instant messaging technology within the courtroom, one of the first such rulings in Canada. At the end of the trial, Paxton’s counsel became witnesses in an (ultimately unsuccessful) application to stay proceedings. Managing that unusual situation, Martin made a notable decision that disputed a call for her recusal.

“I think the thing you learn from all your cases is, you have to work really hard on each individual case,” says Martin. “Each has its own facts and issues and you really have to dig down on each matter.”

She credits UAlberta Law incoming interim dean David Percy for teaching her the rudiments of how to do that during her master’s studies. “I didn’t know how to construct a big argument and write very well. He, the school, the program made sure I learned how to ask the deeper questions.”

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— Justice Sheilah L. Martin, Supreme Court of Canada

MANY ROADS LEAD TO JUSTICE APPOINTMENT

Before being appointed to the Court of Queen’s Bench of Alberta in 2018, **Marta Burns, ‘88 LLB**, had a career evenly split between private practice with Witten LLP (where she was a partner), and public practice at the Department of Justice Canada and Alberta Justice (where she was senior litigation counsel with the Alberta Ministry of Justice and Solicitor General.)

Steven N. Mandziuk, QC, ‘91 LLB, was appointed a justice of the Court of Queen’s Bench of Alberta in 2017. Prior to that, he spent 10 years in private practice devoted to family law at Bishop & McKenzie LLP and Barr Picard Barristers & Solicitors.

Then he practised corporate law with Telus Communications and was general counsel to Finning International’s Canadian operations.

Anne Kirker, QC, is a longtime friend of UAlberta Law due to her involvement with the Law Society of Alberta as a 20-year volunteer, its president and co-founder of a UAlberta Law student award in its name. But she was a pediatric nurse before becoming a lawyer and worked in private practice as a litigator 26 years, becoming a partner at Norton Rose Fulbright and a board member of the Alberta Law Reform Institute. She was appointed to the Court of Queen’s Bench of Alberta in May 2018.

DID YOU KNOW?

Three of our alumnae headed varying levels of court at the same time: Beverley McLachlin, Former Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Canada, Chief Justice Mary Moreau of the Court of Queen’s Bench of Alberta and Chief Justice of Alberta Catherine Fraser. McLachlin retired from her position in 2017, while Moreau and Fraser continue to head their respective courts.



COURT OF QUEEN'S BENCH OF ALBERTA

FORMER CHIEF JUSTICE, THE HONOURABLE ALLAN H. WACHOWICH IS A COURT VETERAN

HIS CAREER INCLUDED MULTIPLE SIGNIFICANT LEGAL CASES

When Allan Wachowich, was asked to become a judge in 1974 — at 39, the youngest appointed in Canada in many decades — he was initially not that keen.

As an insurance and insolvency lawyer, "I was making really good money, over \$150,000 a year, which was like \$800,000 now," said Wachowich. "As a judge my salary was \$34,900."

Yet he accepted the appointment to the District Court of Alberta, later becoming the (now-retired) Chief Justice of the Court of Queen's Bench of Alberta. In October 2018, at age 83, he received the Alberta Order of Excellence. It's the province's highest honour for a citizen, bestowed for rendering service of distinction and excellence.

Wachowich's illustrious career as a judge included several landmark cases, such as the Bridges decision which

made it mandatory for police across Canada to inform the accused of their rights to legal aid. Yet when he reflects on his life, his thoughts go first to his parents.

"My father came over from Poland in 1897, when he was about four, with five of his siblings, said Wachowich, '58, LLB and '10 LLD (Hon).

The winter of 1903 saw their extended family of 16 people living in a tiny shack

"There hadn't been a liquidation of a bank since the First World War, so you were making all kinds of law with no precedents to rely on."

— **Former Chief Justice Allan H. Wachowich**

near Skaro, AB. Wachowich's father attended just one day of school. His mother, also a Polish immigrant, quit at Grade 3 to care for her siblings.

"For them to have raised eight children and to have six of them be graduates of the University of Alberta, you can see that they had a sense of dedication and did everything possible so that their children had the opportunities that they did not have to get an education."

A SELECTION OF ALUMNI APPOINTED TO THE JUDICIARY IN THE PAST TWO YEARS

William T. deWit, QC, '94 LLB

Court of Queen's Bench of Alberta

Grant S. Dunlop, QC, '88 LLB

Court of Queen's Bench of Alberta

David G. Hancock, QC, '79 LLB

Provincial Court of Alberta

Cheryl Arcand-Kootenay, '92 LLB

Provincial Court of Alberta

Susan L. Bercov, QC, '84 LLB

Court of Queen's Bench of Alberta

Marta E. Burns, '88 LLB

Court of Queen's Bench of Alberta

Sandra L. Corbett, QC, '89 LLB

Provincial Court of Alberta

Andrea Chrenek, '93 LLB

Provincial Court of Alberta

Gaylene D.B. Kendell, '98 LLB

Court of Queen's Bench of Alberta

Kristin Ailsby, '02 LLB

Provincial Court of Alberta

Kevin P. Feehan, '78 LLB

Court of Appeal of Alberta

Joshua Hawkes, QC, '90 LLB

Provincial Court of Alberta

Michael J. Lema, '86 LLB

Court of Queen's Bench of Alberta

Hon. Mary T. Moreau, '79 LLB

Chief Justice of the Court of Queen's Bench

Robert C. Shaigec, '96 LLB

Provincial Court of Alberta

Melanie Hayes-Richards '98, LLB

Provincial Court of Alberta

Karen E. Hewitt, QC, '89 LLB

Provincial Court of Alberta

L. Bernette Ho, '95 LLB

Court of Queen's Bench of Alberta

David Labrenz, QC, '86 LLB

Court of Queen's Bench of Alberta

Robert B. Marceau, '98 LLB

Provincial Court of Alberta

Steven N. Mandziuk, QC, '91 LLB

Court of Queen's Bench of Alberta

Hon. Dawn Pentelechuk, QC, '86 LLB

Court of Appeal of Alberta

Tamara Friesen, '01 LLB

Court of Queen's Bench of Alberta

Greg Rice, '92 LLB

Provincial Court of Alberta

David Vaughan Hartigan, '93 LLB

Court of Queen's Bench of Alberta

In 1979, when Alberta's District and Supreme Courts merged, Wachowich became a judge of the Court of Queen's Bench of Alberta. He was its Associate Chief Justice from 1993 to 2000, and Chief Justice from 2000 to 2009, staying in a supernumerary (part-time) capacity until retiring in 2010.

In addition to the Bridges case, Wachowich presided over several other notable events in Canadian legal history. Between 1985 and 2000, he heard all of the liquidation applications of the Edmonton-based Canadian Commercial Bank, the largest bank failure in Canada's history.

"Over 700 orders, 50 written judgments and about 15 cases that went to the Supreme Court," said Wachowich. "There hadn't been a liquidation of a bank since the First World War, so you were making all kinds of law with no precedents to rely on. It was very significant."

During his tenure as Chief Justice, he had the task of creating order around the doomed Trang Gang trial, a logistical nightmare that was meant to be a test of Canada's then-new organized crime laws, but which collapsed due to lengthy delays that violated many of the accused's Charter rights. To house the massive drug-gang trial that included 30 accused with multiple lawyers, Wachowich had a secure courtroom built for \$2.1 million.

Wachowich also shouldered considerable pro bono work. He was the Canadian Football League's arbitrator for 20 years, and helped train judges in Russia and Ukraine on behalf of the Canadian Judicial Council.

He held numerous leadership roles within his community, serving as chancellor of Concordia University from 2013 to 2017, and as honorary colonel to 15 (Edmonton) Field Ambulance, a reserve force unit of the Canadian Forces Health Services Group.

But his fondest memories are of when he was not the focus of attention. "As a judge, every day you are dealing with misery. The only thing you do that's a happy thing — and only in Alberta — is bar admissions. In my career, I did 636!"



COURT OF APPEAL OF ALBERTA

JUSTICE SHEILA GRECKOL'S CHILDHOOD MEMORIES STILL RESONATE

HUMAN RIGHTS CONCERN COURT OF APPEAL OF ALBERTA JUDGE

Growing up in the small town of Vilna, Alta., Sheila Greckol, '75 LLB, saw young people trapped by circumstance.

Greckol's mother, Lura, was a Grade 1 teacher who would sometimes bring home students who lacked warm winter clothing or food. As a result, Greckol became aware that some of her classmates had no freedom of choice when it came to what they ate, where they lived and how they lived. Many of these children were from First Nations, including the nearby Saddle Cree Nation and Good Fish First Nation.

Greckol carries these early childhood memories with her today in her work in the justice system where she is now a justice of the Court of Appeal.

"Some of the things I witnessed, including violent incidents involving local police and Indigenous People, as well as poverty, racism and the accompanying social problems, are still with me, even

though it's been 50 years since I left home to go to university," says Greckol.

She spent 25 years as a leading labour and human rights lawyer, known for defying the status quo in a quest for social change. In addition to working on cases involving abortion and freedom of choice, and paid maternity leave, she was co-counsel for Delvin Vriend, a teacher fired from his job because he was gay. The 1998 decision, the first successful gay-rights case in the Supreme Court of Canada, has served as the basis for LGBTQ2+ human rights advances around the world.

In her current role, to which she was appointed in 2016 after presiding as a justice of the Court of Queen's Bench of Alberta since 2011, Greckol is still witness to the disadvantages in the lives of Indigenous Peoples.

"We see the consequences of colonialism — aptly called cultural genocide — every day in the courts,"

she says. "The tragic narratives, the vast over-representation of Indigenous offenders in the criminal justice system."

One of the many issues Greckol feels must be advocated for is Indigenizing the courts. This means locating the courts within or near First Nations communities, having community members working there, using traditional cultural approaches to guide people toward a healing path, and fashioning creative rehabilitative sentences where possible.

Greckol believes non-Indigenous people in Canadian society have a responsibility to do what they can to work toward reconciliation with First Nations Peoples.

"I believe it rises to the level of a moral imperative," she says.

By Sarah Pratt, Autumn 2018 issue of New Trail magazine.

JUSTICE LEONARD MANDAMIN'S SUCCESSFUL BALANCING ACT

MAKING ROOM IN OUR JUSTICE SYSTEM FOR INDIGENOUS EXPERIENCE

As Grade 10 student council president, Leonard Mandamin, '82 LLB, led a vote to reject his school principal's plan to have older student prefects report on children who spoke their own language — Anishinaabemowin — at his Indian reserve school.

Mandamin, who grew up on the Wikwemikong Unceded Indian Reserve on Manitoulin Island, was influenced by an elderly council member who had once defied a government Indian agent's demand that council meetings be conducted in English only.

"In the late 1950s early 1960s, the predominant treatment of Indians had a very negative outlook on Indigenous

"I take satisfaction in having been able to assist people in matters that were important to them."

— Justice Leonard Mandamin

culture," says Mandamin. "Language was suppressed, ceremony and celebration were discouraged."

But in the 1960s, Wikwemikong re-introduced the powwow, helping revive Indigenous culture. That inspired Mandamin to become involved in Indigenous activism and then to study law.

As a lawyer representing Indigenous clients across Alberta, a Provincial Court judge who also presided over traditional justice initiatives, and now as a Federal Court justice, he wove Indigenous perspectives into the Canadian justice system.

In *R v. Badger*, a leading Supreme Court of Canada decision on the scope of Indian treaty rights, Mandamin represented one of three treaty Indian hunters charged for hunting without a license or out of season, though their treaty assured them of the right to hunt for food. The Court confirmed the continued existence of that treaty right, in a decision that is frequently cited. "It was a milestone for treaties," says Mandamin. "The Supreme Court said that treaties are sacred and that the spirit and intent of treaties should be honoured."

Mandamin was also counsel before the Indian Claims Commission in the

Cold Lake First Nations Claim. The First Nations were expelled from their traditional hunting, trapping and fishing territories in 1954 so the federal government could establish the Primrose Lake Air Weapons Range. Mandamin assisted them in their claim for compensation for many years. The claim was accepted, and negotiations were underway when Mandamin was appointed to the Provincial Court of Alberta. Later compensation provided land, economic benefits and a multimillion dollar settlement.

As a Provincial Court judge, Mandamin helped the Tsuu T'ina First Nation establish a peacemaker court that still works with community peacemakers to resolve conflicts that give rise to criminal offenses. At the Federal Court of Canada, Mandamin participated in the development of its Aboriginal Litigation Guidelines, which recognize the important role of Indigenous elders and makes sure they are treated with respect during litigation.

Now a supernumerary justice who will retire in August 2019, Mandamin also cherishes other accomplishments, such as encouraging Indigenous law students who articulated or clerked with him. "I take satisfaction in having been able to assist people in matters that were important to them."



A WIDE RANGE OF WORK BUILT JUSTICE VERONICA JACKSON'S CREDENTIALS

EXPERIENCE OF NEW B.C. JUDGE SPANS TWO PROVINCES

You don't have to take a traditional path, you just have to be true to your path," says Justice Veronica Jackson, '92 LLB.

Jackson not only made the somewhat rare move of leaving an established law practice in Manitoba to move to another province, she also changed career paths from Crown prosecutor to private practitioner to government lawyer before being appointed a judge of the Supreme Court of British Columbia in October 2018.

"I have a low boredom threshold. I credit my mother, who raised me, largely alone, to be curious and to be confident that there was nothing I didn't have the ability to do," she says.

By forging her own path, Jackson's strengths now run deep and broad. As a civil litigator with a Winnipeg law firm she built an expertise in professional regulatory work and accumulated experience at three levels of court, working personal injury cases, criminal



defense work and representing one of the province's largest child protection agencies. In B.C., practising in the Legal Services Branch of the Ministry of Attorney General, she further broadened her knowledge of administrative law and regulation.

The lessons she learned as a Crown prosecutor at the outset of her career always informed her work. "I saw how different some people's lives are than mine, for no reason other than luck. I saw the lack of opportunity, the suffering that has been endured and it led me to remember that we are all just people and nobody is just one thing."

Yet when she interviewed for her articles, just two decades ago, a prospective employer skeptically asked how she could expect to be a woman, a mother and a lawyer at the same time.

Said Jackson: "Maybe I should give up being a woman because I've worked really hard to become a mother and a lawyer." A few years later, she was advancing equality and diversity issues as a member of the National Legal Committee of the Women's Legal Education and Action Fund (LEAF).

As a new Vancouver-based judge, Jackson is equally certain about taking this role. "For some people, when they come into a courtroom, it's potentially the most overwhelming and most traumatic experience of their life, or what brought them there is. To play some small role in enabling them to access the justice that is theirs and to make that experience less terrifying, less overwhelming, I just couldn't say, no."

"I saw how different some people's lives are than mine, for no reason other than luck."

— Justice Veronica Jackson

A GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY



STUDENT LEGAL SERVICES MARKS 50 YEARS OF PRO BONO WORK

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“You can't beat SLS for what it does for the public and for the students who so willingly provide their help.”

— Ron Hopp, QC, UAlberta Law professor emeritus, supervising SLS civil law advisor from 1976-2015



Fifty years. That's how much time has passed since a group of University of Alberta Faculty of Law students began operating a clinic for free legal information called Student Legal Services of Edmonton.

The student-managed, non-profit society has gone through significant change since 1969 (a school bus painted in psychedelic colours was one of its first official office spaces), however its core goal has remained unchanged.

Though student volunteers are not yet lawyers, they are able to provide important legal information (not legal advice), to the low-income community of Edmonton that doesn't qualify for legal aid, as well as to all UAlberta undergraduate students with a valid OneCard.

Legal Aid Alberta offers assistance to Albertans facing legal issues, but eligibility is dependent on whether service is offered for a particular legal problem and on finances. The latter is determined by the client's net income for the last 30 days, last 12 months, their family size and assets.

SLS volunteers accompany clients to court, and gain skills and experiences that stick with them long after their time at UAlberta Law is complete — assets that can prove valuable to their careers.

“The first thing I ask in interviewing any articling student is, ‘Did you work for SLS?’ ” said Dave Mercer, QC, '80 LLB, who was chair of the society from 1979-1980 and is now one of four partners at Nickerson Roberts Holinski & Mercer.

He said involvement with SLS demonstrates an ability to make a commitment, and taught him crucial skills such as advocacy and how to prepare for court.

“A large part of SLS when I was chair was assisting the less fortunate in society who otherwise wouldn’t qualify for legal aid,” he said. “There was a huge commitment from law students to Student Legal Services.”

That steady commitment by students (more than 250 volunteer each year), together with the increasing need of Edmonton residents, has SLS located in two offices — its primary space at East Campus House, half a block east of the Law Centre, and downtown on 106 Street.

There are currently four “projects” or areas of law in which assistance can be offered — civil, criminal, family, and legal education and reform. Volunteers can also become involved with Pro Bono Student Canada, which conducts legal research for non-profit organizations.

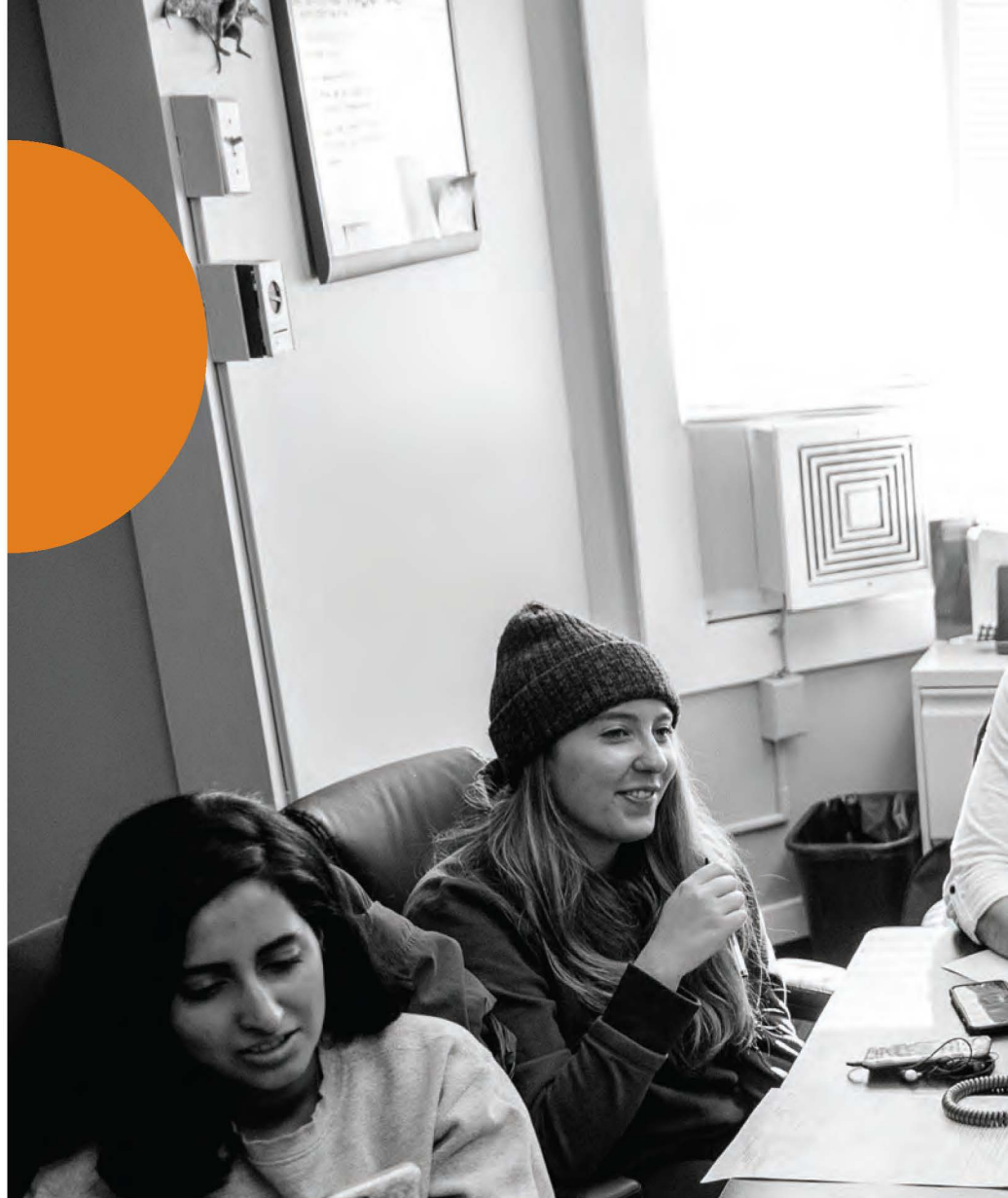
In 2018, for the civil and family law projects alone, volunteers provided free legal information to 1,772 individuals via the phone or in person. Walk-ins are welcome at SLS.

The opportunity to provide free legal information is a staple of many graduates’ law school experience, and a highlight that simply goes unmatched.

Andy Sims, QC, ’74 LLB, volunteered for all three years of law school, and was a dedicated member of the SLS steering committee.

STARTED BY JUST 14 STUDENTS

Student Legal Services is funded by the Alberta Law Foundation, the University of Alberta Students’ Union (through a small fee levied on all UAlberta undergraduate students), and the governments of Alberta and of Canada.



He said its mandate fit in very well with social attitudes of the early 1970s.

“We were unabashedly student radicals, and were committed to using law for broad social purposes,” Sims said.

Eighteen months after he graduated, the SLS steering committee hired Sims as a full-time supervising lawyer. He later became chair of the Alberta Labour Relations Board from 1985-1994.

He has managed a labour arbitration and mediation practice for the past 25 years, and more recently conducted three labour reviews for the government of Alberta.

Though Sims has had his fair share of professional accomplishments since his time at SLS, he values the experience and people he met during

his time there. “There’s still a strong bond among us,” he said.

Ron Hopp, QC, knows about the strong bonds SLS builds. The beloved UAlberta Law professor emeritus was a supervising civil law advisor from 1976-2015, having been a part of the graduating class of 1971.

His contributions and commitment to helping students and clients in need is recognized by volunteers new and old.

He recalled one client in particular who demonstrated the impact SLS can have on those it helps.

After Hopp and his students assisted her with a civil matter, she presented them with two gifts: cans of dog food, part of what she had been using to feed herself.

“It’s one of those things that if we don’t do it, who’s going to?”

— Sarah McFadyen, SLS executive co-ordinator for 2019



THE IMPACT

THE VOLUNTEERS

270
Law Students

CIVIL AND FAMILY LAW PROJECT

98 Files
1772 Individuals received free legal information

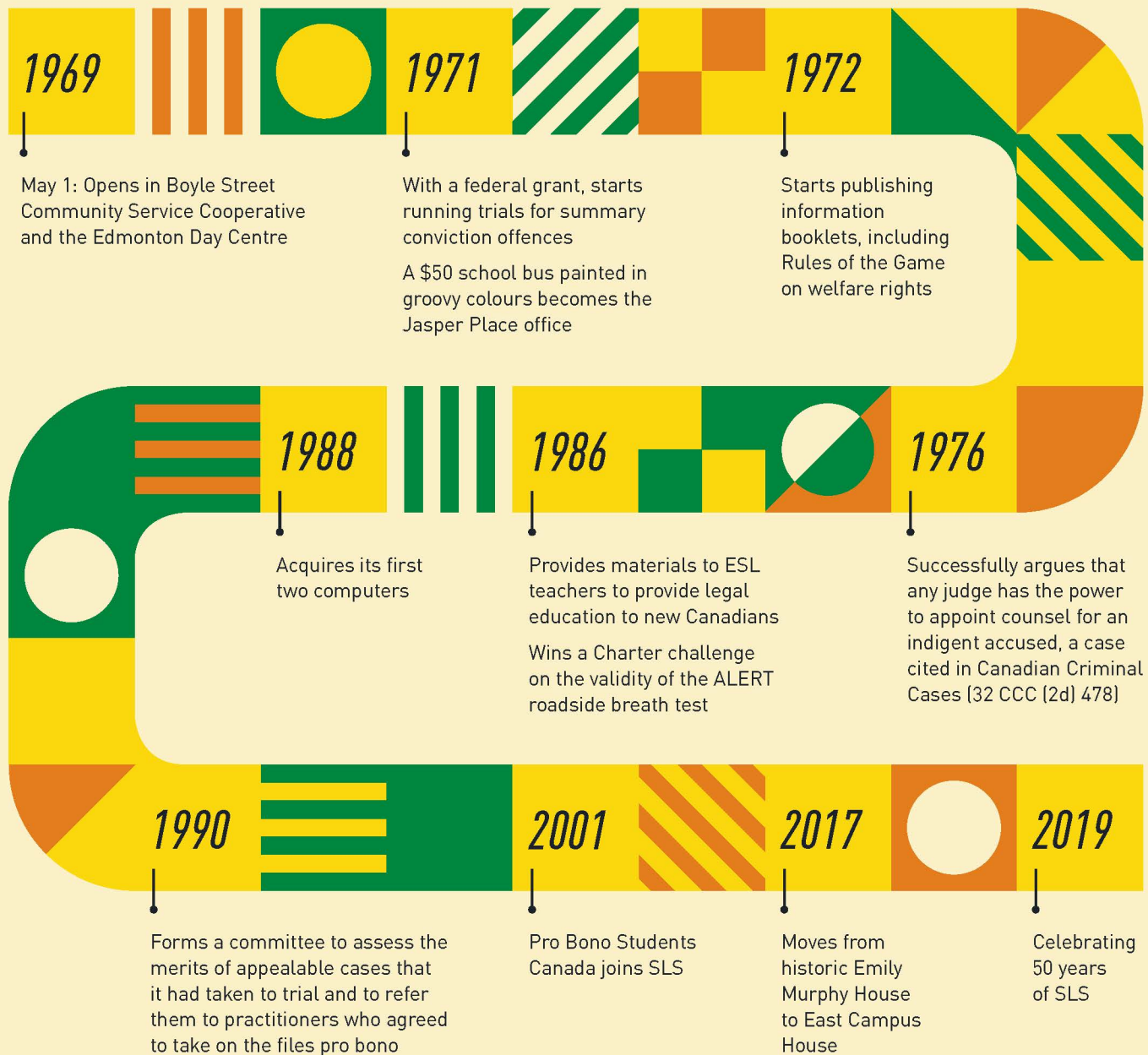
CRIMINAL PROJECT

619 Files opened
992 Files handled

LEGAL EDUCATION AND REFORM PROJECT

735 Contacts/referrals to another SLS project or agency

OVER THE YEARS





IT CHANGED MY LIFE

Student Legal Services is funded by the Alberta Law Foundation, the University of Alberta Students' Union (through a small fee levied on all UAlberta undergraduate students), and the governments of Alberta and of Canada.

VALUABLE PERSPECTIVE

“My first file changed my life. He had no support system, no family he could fall back on, and the full weight of the Canadian government was stacked against him. I learned how lucky I was, and learned that I have an obligation to help people when I can.”

Andrew Dirgo, '19 JD,
Executive Director of Student
Legal Services

“It has solidified for me that criminal law is absolutely the area that I want to practise in.”

Ryan Seifried, '19 JD,
Criminal Project Co-ordinator

PRACTICAL EXPERIENCE

“I got to speak in front of a judge in Provincial Court within three or four weeks of starting law school.”

Daniel Downie, '19 JD,
Criminal Project Caseworker

“The first time I ran a trial was as a student volunteer for the SLS Criminal Project. I can still remember the calm that comes with being over-prepared ... and the sense of achievement that sparked the beginning of my litigation career.”

Alice Wong, '08 JD
Partner, Miller Thomson LLP

“These are the people” he said, “that we set out to attract and build trust in [us].”

It was on the recommendation of his late wife, Anne Hopp (an administrator for the Faculty), that he became involved with the society in the first place.

The couple's unwavering support for SLS didn't go unnoticed. The Ronald and Anne Hopp Bursary is named in their honour.

“The best part of my life is the opportunity to teach, and the people I've met,” said Hopp. “You can't beat SLS for what it does for the public and for the students who so willingly provide their help.”

Sarah McFadyen, '20 JD, is the 2018-19 executive co-ordinator for SLS, working as a liaison between the management committee and the board of directors. She, too, recognizes the importance of SLS to the community.

In her position, she functions as a liaison between the management committee and board of directors.

“It's one of those things that if we don't do it, who's going to?” she said about the services she and other volunteers provide.

McFadyen, who still volunteers with the civil and family project, works at SLS five to seven days a week, for three to five hours per day.

“I really enjoy working on family files. It's a great feeling when you help someone get the child support they're owed or more parenting time with their children,” she said.

“The individuals I've helped have always been so grateful that SLS is here for them because there's no way they could've afforded a lawyer for their situation or felt comfortable doing it themselves.”

Moreover, the experience she's gaining by working on such cases has helped her decide her future career likely lies in family and civil law.

“When I first came to law school, I didn't know what I liked and didn't like. Volunteering with SLS made me figure out what I like,” she said, adding that she hopes to go into family and civil law after graduation.

Though each person involved with SLS is as unique as the clients who need their help, there seems to be one common takeaway: time spent volunteering is time never forgotten.



LOOKING BACK: A TIME OF TRANSFORMATION AND CHANGE

AS DEAN PAUL PATON'S TERM CONCLUDES, HIS RENEWAL STRATEGIES LEAVE THE FACULTY OF LAW FLOURISHING

Paul D. Paton gave almost every aspect of UAlberta Law a vigorous overhaul during his term as dean that concludes this June. In tribute to his impact over five years, we salute five of Dean Paton's signature areas of focus.

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FACULTY RENEWAL

THE PLAN

“ONE OF MY HIGHEST PRIORITIES HAS BEEN FACULTY RENEWAL AND RECRUITMENT, THE NO.1 PRIORITY FOR STUDENTS DURING THE 2014-15 MARKET MODIFIER TUITION DEBATE.”

— Dean Paul Paton, 2018

THE TRANSFORMATION

After securing financial resources that increased the faculty’s budget by nearly 50 per cent, Dean Paton recruited 11 stellar tenure-track professors. Together they represent more than a third of the entire faculty complement and are already recognized domestically and internationally for excellence.

THE IMPACT

Expertise Deepens

The Faculty’s reputation as a cutting-edge resource on Aboriginal and Indigenous law was augmented by the addition of scholars **Darcy Lindberg**, **Joshua Nichols** and **Hadley Friedland**. Welcoming constitutional and animal law scholar **Jessica Eisen** permits closer links with the Faculty of Agricultural Life and Environmental Sciences and international reach. International law specialist **Tamar Meshel** bolsters an already robust international law complement and business expertise, while **Cameron Jefferies** widens the Faculty’s expertise in environmental



law. **Anna Lund** strengthens the business and commercial law cohort. Legal philosophy scholar **Hillary Nye** bolsters UAlberta Law’s traditional commitment to foundational study of jurisprudence. **Jennifer Raso’s** research on data-driven technologies and administrative law highlights groundbreaking work occurring globally in that realm. **Peter Szigeti’s** focus on legal theory, property, environmental and international law widens the thinking at the Faculty in each of those fields. **Malcolm Lavoie** adds depth in the areas of

property law, Aboriginal law and the intersection of private law and constitutional law.

“(ELEVEN) NEW FACULTY MEMBERS ... HAS MANIFESTED IN A LOT MORE CLASSES BEING OFFERED FOR STUDENTS WHO ARE INTERESTED IN A BROAD SLEW OF TOPICS, FROM COMPARATIVE CONSTITUTIONAL LAW TO NEW JURISPRUDENCE SECTIONS.”

— Daniel Downie, '19 JD

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STUDENT EXPERIENCE

THE PLAN

“WE NEED TO MAKE SURE WE’RE POISED TO ADDRESS AND ANTICIPATE CHALLENGES, WHILE PREPARING STUDENTS FOR EXCELLENCE.”

— Dean Paul Paton, March 2014

THE TRANSFORMATION

Under Dean Paton’s direction, Student Services expanded, experiential learning opportunities blossomed, the competitive moot program and student appointments to Supreme Court clerkships rebounded, and material support arrived for mental health and wellness, and technology and physical updating in the Law Centre.

THE IMPACT

Student Financial Support

The Dean’s financial strategies and fundraising replaced lost bursary funding and enhanced incoming student scholarships, preserving total support at over \$1M/year. He added a Student Recruiter and Financial Aid advisor to the Student Services team.

Career Services

A director of Career Services position was created and a dedicated career services centre established in the Law Centre. The Career Services team was quadrupled in size and online search tools deployed for the first time. Students have significantly enhanced access to comprehensive resume and

interview preparation, and additional information about opportunities in small firms and non-traditional practices. The success rate of students seeking articling placements has risen to more than 97 per cent in 2018.

Four Supreme Court Clerkships

In each of the past four years, a UAlberta Law graduate has been selected to clerk at the Supreme Court of Canada. Brandyn Rodgerson, ’17 JD, and bronze medal winner Dylan Gibbs, ’18 JD, are both clerking during the 2019-2020 term. Gina Murray, ’19 JD, will clerk in 2020-21. They follow Ashton Menuz, ’17 JD, who clerked with the Hon. Russell Brown in 2018-2019. Professor Malcolm Lavoie was appointed to mentor clerkship applicants, and students secured increasing numbers of clerkships at the Court of Appeal, Court of Queen’s Bench, Provincial Court, Tax Court, and Federal Court.

“OUR STUDENTS HAVE VERY MUCH APPRECIATED YOUR EFFORTS TO INCLUDE THEM AND TO INTENTIONALLY CREATE SPACE FOR THEM, AND STUDENTS OF ALL FAITHS, TO ENGAGE IN MEANINGFUL CONVERSATIONS ABOUT FAITH AND THE PRACTICE/STUDY OF LAW.”

— Derek Ross, Executive Director, Christian Legal Fellowship of Canada

“WE’RE LAYING THE FOUNDATION FOR A HEALTHIER LEGAL PROFESSION.”

— Dean Paul Paton, 2017

Mental Health and Wellness

Studies suggest that 20 to 30 per cent of lawyers suffer from depression and related mental health conditions some time during their career; the more successful, the more prone they are to such struggles. Dean Paton made it a priority to break stigmas surrounding mental health issues and better equip law students with resources, information and strategies for success.

In collaboration with the Alberta Lawyers’ Assistance Society (Assist), a pilot program launched in 2015-16 provides free on-site counselling and referral services for law students.

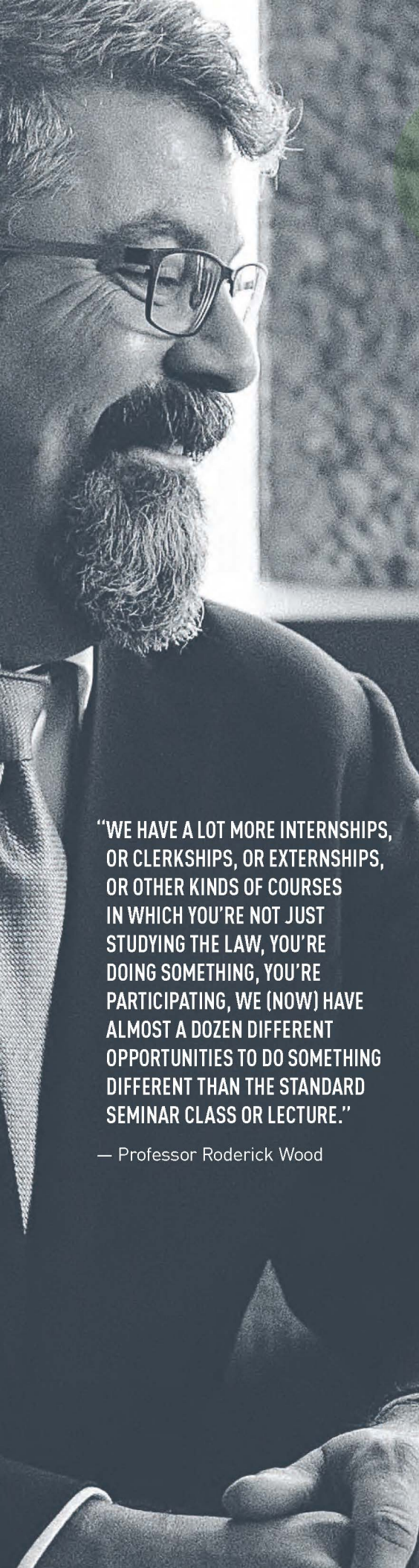
“HE HAS NOT ONLY PROMOTED WELLNESS BUT HAS ACTIVELY IMPLEMENTED WELLNESS INTO CORE COMPONENTS AT THE LAW SCHOOL.”

— Loraine Champion, Executive Director, Assist (Alberta Lawyers’ Assistance Society)

SUPPORT FOR DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION

Dean Paton’s comprehensive commitment included:

- UAlberta Law sponsoring and hosting, in conjunction with OUTLaw, the keynote event of the university’s Pride Week in 2018. A request for two non-gendered student washrooms in the Law Centre was implemented. In partnership with OUTLaw, the Faculty of Law established the OUTLaw & Friends Inclusivity Award, a first of its kind in Canada, to recognize law students who have demonstrated a commitment to the advancement of sexual and gender minorities.
- Successfully securing amendment of university policies that created disadvantages for students with physical disabilities.
- Enlisting two first-year students to help organize, host and moderate a new Dean’s Women In Law Speaker Series, a set of intimate roundtable mentoring discussions with prominent women in the legal profession.
- Organizing and hosting with student groups from different faith traditions, dialogues about religious lawyering. The dean lent his full support to the student Christian Legal Fellowship of Canada chapter as it hosted that organization’s 2017 national student conference



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EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING

THE PLAN

“I WILL BE LOOKING AT THE MODEL WHERE ... STUDENTS WOULD GO OUT INTO THEIR FIELD PLACEMENT, COME BACK INTO THE HUB, DISCUSS, PROCESS, ANALYZE UNDER SUPERVISION EITHER ETHICAL ISSUES THEY WERE FACING IN THOSE ENVIRONMENTS OR OTHER PRACTICE ISSUES.”

— Dean Paul Paton, 2014

“WE HAVE A LOT MORE INTERNSHIPS, OR CLERKSHIPS, OR EXTERNSHIPS, OR OTHER KINDS OF COURSES IN WHICH YOU’RE NOT JUST STUDYING THE LAW, YOU’RE DOING SOMETHING, YOU’RE PARTICIPATING, WE (NOW) HAVE ALMOST A DOZEN DIFFERENT OPPORTUNITIES TO DO SOMETHING DIFFERENT THAN THE STANDARD SEMINAR CLASS OR LECTURE.”

— Professor Roderick Wood



THE TRANSFORMATION

Dean Paton commissioned a comprehensive study on how best to integrate experiential learning into UAlberta Law’s curricular approach, and moved rapidly to implement innovative opportunities.

THE IMPACT

JAG Externship

For the first time in Canada, law students can work in the Office of the Judge Advocate General of the Canadian Armed Forces through the for-credit course with Judge Advocate General (JAG) of the Canadian Armed Forces. Each school term, four students gain experience in the military justice system by participating in criminal procedure, evidence issues, administrative law, case law and by helping write legal opinions.

Mooting Surges, Results Soar

Students trying out for competitive moot teams have tripled in number, from 35 in 2014-15 to over 100 in 2018-19, with the Faculty now represented in more than 17 moot competitions contested annually. Results have been stellar: In 2019, UAlberta Law won the prestigious Gale Cup for the second year in a row, qualified to represent Canada at the Commonwealth Moot Competition and placed first. In 2018, students posted five team wins (including four national and one provincial) and earned a quarter-final finish at the Oxford International Intellectual Property Moot. The Faculty also hosted the Canadian finals of the Jessup International Law Moot competition and the McIntyre Cup Western Canada Trial Advocacy competition.

“THE ORAL ADVOCACY SKILLS THAT WE LEARNED, AND THE CONFIDENCE AND ABILITY TO THINK ON OUR FEET, IS SOMETHING NO OTHER LAW SCHOOL CLASS CAN TEACH YOU. YOU REALLY HAVE TO PRACTICE IT.”

— Leah Strand, '19 JD, First Place Team, 2019 Gale Cup

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INDIGENOUS INITIATIVES

THE PLAN

“OUR GOAL IS TO ENSURE THAT OUR GRADUATES ENTER THE LEGAL PROFESSION WITH AN UNDERSTANDING OF THE APPLICATION OF THE LAW TO INDIGENOUS PEOPLES AND WITH THE CAPACITY TO INTERACT THOUGHTFULLY WITH INDIGENOUS COMMUNITIES AND CULTURES AS LAWYERS.”

— Dean Paul Paton, 2014

THE TRANSFORMATION

The 2015 “Final Report of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada” included 94 Calls to Action. Two of them in particular challenged Canadian law schools and the legal profession. Under Dean Paton’s leadership, UAlberta Law introduced new professors, courses and experiential learning opportunities, integrating greater understanding of Aboriginal law and Indigenous law, legal theory and traditions into the curriculum, establishing the Faculty as a home for learning, research and leading voices of the next generation.

“WHEN I WAS A STUDENT THERE WAS A STILL A REAL GAP. THE STEPS BEING TAKEN NOW ARE UNPRECEDENTED.”

— Corie Flett, '10 LLB, Partner, Cooper & Company, Bencher Law Society of Alberta

THE IMPACT

More Ways to Learn

New course offerings included the following:

- The reconstituted and mandatory Foundations of Law Course requires every first-year student to participate in the three-hour KAIROS blanket exercise, walking through hundreds of years of Canadian and Indigenous history to understand the impact of law, legislation and policy from an Indigenous perspective.
- The Wahkohtowin Project, launched in 2017, is a for-credit, on-the-land experiential learning course that requires students to explore the concept of “inter-relatedness and interdependence” (a central tenet to Cree law, governance, philosophy and spirituality) through traditional activities.
- In a first-of-its-kind course on Gladue Sentencing Principles, students receive cultural sensitivity training to understand the social, historical and contemporary context of the principles for sentencing Indigenous offenders and assist Gladue Report writers.



New Wahkohtowin Law and Governance Lodge

In February 2019, the Faculty launched the Wahkohtowin Law and Governance Lodge, in partnership with the Faculty of Native Studies, to engage with Indigenous communities in collaborative efforts to support further development and understanding of Indigenous law and governance. (See p. 42) Dean Paton played an instrumental role in securing the \$567,000 grant to support the project’s first phase.

Additional Indigenous Law Scholars

- Hadley Friedland brings expertise in Indigenous legal traditions, Aboriginal law, legal theory, criminal justice, family law, child welfare, restorative justice and therapeutic jurisprudence. Darcy Lindberg is an authority on constitutional and legal theory of Plains Cree Peoples in relation to the land, water and animals, and the transsystemic relationships with Canadian constitutional law. Joshua Nichols is an expert in Canadian constitutionalism, Aboriginal rights and Indigenous law, Indigenous economic development and governance, international Indigenous rights and resource development.

“THE WAHKOHTOWIN COURSE ... TOUCHES YOUR HEAD AND TOUCHES YOUR HEART.”

— Bernadette McMechan, '19 JD

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FACULTY PROFILE

THE PLAN

“PEOPLE HAVE TO SEE THE VALUE IN INVESTING IN THE UNIVERSITY AND IN THE FACULTY, AND I LOOK FORWARD TO MAKING THE CASE FOR A RENEWED AND ROBUST COMMITMENT IN RESOURCES AND IN STUDENT SUPPORT THAT WILL ALLOW THE FACULTY TO DO MORE AND TO DO IT BETTER.”

— Dean Paul Paton, 2014

THE TRANSFORMATION

Dean Paton created External Advisory Board chapters in Edmonton, Calgary, Vancouver and Toronto that engage distinguished alumni from across a broad range of practice environments and years of call to provide advice and advocacy on behalf of the Faculty.

He also increased engagement with student participation in the Canadian Bar Association through regular on-campus events and promotion of CBA opportunities. The Dean initiated welcome events for admitted students in Vancouver, Calgary and Toronto to bring incoming students together with alumni and firms.

Orientation Day speakers have included former Chief Justice Beverley McLachlin, former Prime Minister Kim Campbell, and Supreme Court Justice Russell Brown.

Recognizing that technological innovation needs more attention in modern law school studies, the dean partnered with the student-led Law and Business Association to establish the Legal Innovation Conference, which since 2018 has attracted leading minds in law and information technology to UAlberta Law to discuss the implications of technological change on law practitioners. By the dean leveraging his networks, students had the chance to engage with distinguished senior practitioners, Supreme Court justices, two federal Ministers of Justice and Attorneys General, as well as distinguished presenters including former US Ambassador to Canada Gordon Giffin, and former White House Ethics Counsel Richard Painter. The Centre for Constitutional Studies launched a very successful Downtown Charter Series during his term.

THE IMPACT

Fundraising Success

Despite an economic downturn, since 2014 the Faculty has raised more than \$7.2 million against a \$5.8 million target. In 2018-2019 alone, fundraising surpassed \$1.3 million.

Faculty Ranking

In 2018, the Faculty moved up 54 places in the Times Higher Education world rankings of law schools in only two years, occupying a space in the top 100 worldwide (at #83) for the first time.

“THE FUNDRAISING IS ... A REFLECTION OF THE STRONG RELATIONS WE HAVE WITH OUR ALUMNI AND OUR STRONG RELATIONS WITH THE LEGAL PROFESSION.”

— Assistant Professor Malcolm Lavoie

“I WAS RECRUITED TO UALBERTA LAW FROM CALIFORNIA IN 2014 AND EMPOWERED BY THE FORMER PRESIDENT AND PROVOST TO MAKE CHANGE AND MOVE THE FACULTY FORWARD. FOR ME, ENSURING THE BEST POSSIBLE EXPERIENCE FOR STUDENTS THAT WILL PREPARE THEM TO BE ETHICAL, RESPONSIBLE LEADERS AND PROFESSIONALS HAS BEEN PARAMOUNT.”

— Dean Paul Paton, 2019





STUDENT SUCCESS INSIDE & OUTSIDE THE CLASSROOM

Lawyers in training show future
of profession is in good hands

UAlberta Law attracts some of the best law school applicants in Canada, which makes it no surprise that when they do arrive here, they thrive. Our students are as unique as the legal issues and topics they care about, and as you're about to read, have already achieved extraordinary success in their still early careers.



From left: *Co-coach Prof. Peter Sankoff, Leigh Acheson, '20 JD, Leah Strand, '19 JD, Nate Gartke, '19 JD, Dylan Hanwell, '20 JD, and co-coach Mandy MacLeod*



UALBERTA LAW WINS 2019 COMMONWEALTH MOOT!

By Denis Ram, Priscilla Popp, Helen Metella

International victory made possible by second Gale Cup Moot win in two years

Representing Canada, the University of Alberta Faculty of Law's moot team won the 2019 Commonwealth Moot in Livingstone, Zambia in April.

Mooters Leah Strand, '19 JD and Dylan Hanwell, '20 JD, and researcher Nate Gartke, '19 JD, triumphed over the United Kingdom's team in the final round, and were undefeated throughout the competition, besting Australia, Zambia and India. Strand was named Best Mooter of the final round

UALberta's team qualified for the Commonwealth Moot by winning the Gale Cup, Canada's premier criminal moot competition in February. There, Strand won Best Oralist and she and Hanwell won Third-Best Factum Overall. Leigh Acheson, '20 JD, was part of the Gale Cup team.

The Commonwealth Moot is held biennially, in conjunction with the Commonwealth Law Conference, so last year's Gale Cup winners did not compete internationally.

Moot competitions are simulated court proceedings at the appeal court level, argued before judges. At the Commonwealth finals, judges were the chief justice of Northern Ireland, the chief justice of Trinidad and Tobago and a New Zealand Supreme Court justice.

The Commonwealth Moot case centred on international human rights law. A fictional country had detained journalists and conducted secret surveillance. Each team had to prepare arguments for both sides, defending the state's justification in some rounds, and arguing it had breached international human rights law in others.

"Our edge also came from the creative arguments we put forward and the reasonable positions we adopted."

— Leah Strand, '19 JD

The team had mere weeks to prepare for the Commonwealth Moot, but the almost five months they prepared and practised for the Gale Cup benefited them enormously, said Strand.

"Our edge also came from the creative arguments we put forward and the reasonable positions we adopted," she said. "Some other teams took extreme positions. The importance of the substantive argument can't be understated. For that we have to thank our coaches (criminal lawyer and law professor Peter Sankoff and Mandy MacLeod, Crown prosecutor with Alberta Justice), Nate Gartke, and UALberta international law professors Joanna Harrington and Linda Reif, among many others."

Said Sankoff, "This was one of the greatest moments of my professional career and I am humbled to have been a small part of it."

The UALberta Law moot team was supported by Beresh Law (sponsor of the Gale Cup team); and McCarthy Tétraut, Miller Thomson LLP, and members of the Alumni Council whose total support was matched by the university's Alumni Relations office. In addition, the team received support from numerous individuals, including former mooters.

FIND OUT HOW UALBERTA LAW FARED IN THE 2019 MOOT SEASON

16th Commonwealth Moot

First Place: Leah Strand, Dylan Hanwell, researcher Nate Gartke
Best Mooter of Final Round: Leah Strand

Gale Cup Moot

Leah Strand, First, Best Oralist Final Round, Third Best Factum; Dylan Hanwell, First, Third Best Factum; Leigh Acheson, Nate Gartke

Bennett Jones Health Law Moot

Gillian Albert, First, Team; Aynsley Severide, First, Team; Krishen Singh, First, Team; Jay Smith-Hayward, First, Team

Clinton J. Ford Moot Court Competition

Holly McEwan, First; Camilla Zhang, First; Carly Baker, Justin Goodman

Laskin Moot

Second-Best Factum, Team Win; Ben Thronson, Within Top 25 Oralists; Erin Bower, Joanne Cave, Pascal Visentin

Canadian Client Consultation Competition

Jamie Findlay, Second;
Megan Harris, Second

Alberta Court of Appeal Moot

Holly Spurrell, First, Criminal round; Jessica Swann, First, Criminal round; Cheyla Lachowski, Jenny Wang, Devon Jolie, Elisa Genuis

Donald G.H. Bowman National Tax Moot

Daniel Downie, Duncan McManus,
Jeffrey Tran, Monica Tran

Canadian National Negotiation Competition

Amy Deprato, Brandon Dyck

Davies Canadian Corporate/Securities Moot

Alec McIlwraith-Black, Eighth-Best Oralist;
Spencer Marks, Joel McLeish, Julia Pratt

Harold G. Fox IP Moot

Taylor Kemp, Adam Kotlowitz,
Karen McPeak, Tracy Zimmer

Jessup International Law Moot

Aaron Aitken, Victoria Rudolf, Dana
Shamlawi, Abdul Zia, Joseph Zondervan

Kawaskimhon National Aboriginal Moot

Caitlin Bullerkist, Emily Lennox,
Shalayne Martel, Scott Richardson

MacIntyre Cup Trial Advocacy Competition

Jordan McDermott, Ryan Seifried

National Labour Arbitration Moot

Russell Green, Elizabeth Northup

Willms & Shier Environmental Law Moot

Kimberly Gosel, Ashley Reid

Wilson Moot

Third-Best Factum, Lauren Webster and
Daisy (Jackelyn) Feehan; Lauren Webster,
Sixth-Best Oralist; Daisy Feehan, Eighth-
Best Oralist; Maddison Croden,
Kritika Sharma

Michel Bastarache Moot

Elizabeth Duke, Justine Fallu, Kaarina
Franke, Manraj Preet Sidhu

Special thanks to sponsors of our Competitive Moot Teams: Bennett Jones LLP, Beresh Law, Chancellor Doug Stollery, QC, Chivers Carpenter Lawyers, U of A Students' Union whose support was enabled by a generous donation by Moody's Gartner Tax Law LLP, McCarthy Tetrault, Miller Thomson LLP and Strikeman Elliott LLP.

“I like to joke that my career was sponsored by Red Bull, but sadly I don't think they consider law school-with-children an Extreme Sport.”



**FOUR YEARS OF
RECORD-BREAKING
SUCCESS**



FORMER ICU NURSE EXCELS UNDER MULTIPLE PRESSURES

Gina Murray obtains Faculty's latest clerkship at Supreme Court of Canada

Gina Murray, '19 JD, was three days away from giving birth as she hustled to get her application in for a clerkship to the Supreme Court of Canada. Then it got crazier.

"My daughter was premature and required a five-week NICU (Neonatal Intensive Care Unit) stay," she says. "I had submitted my application just before her arrival and then completed all of my writing sample editing and interview prep from the NICU."

Baby Elowyn was discharged from hospital a few days before Murray flew to Ottawa in January for the job interview. In March, Murray learned she's earned a clerkship at the Supreme Court of Canada with the Hon. Russell Brown in 2020-2021.

Her success makes Murray the fourth University of Alberta Faculty of Law graduating student in three years to be selected to clerk with one of the Supreme Court of Canada's nine judges.

Ashton Menuz, '17 JD, clerked for Justice Brown in 2018-2019. Brandyn Rodgeron, '17 JD, and bronze medal winner Dylan Gibbs, '18 JD, will start their clerkships for the 2019-2020 term, this fall.

Murray was an intensive care nurse for eight and a half years before law school. For the first year and a half of school she volunteered with Student Legal Services and the Edmonton Community Legal Centre. Later, she was an editor and secretary for the Alberta Law Review.

"I think my past career gives me a different point of view on the world and that, coupled with my successes in my law degree while starting my family, may have made my (clerkship) application stand out among my peers," says Murray. "I've been involved in situations that are life and death."

With a first child born during her second year of law, she's also a master of juggling many responsibilities on three hours' sleep. Luckily, her husband, Brian, her mother and friends from nursing provided strong support at crucial moments, such as when both Murray and her son had H1N1 during her final exams.

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SUPREME COURT OF CANADA CLERKSHIPS

2020

Gina Murray, '19 JD

2019

Brandyn Rodgeron, '17 JD,
Dylan Gibbs, '18 JD

2018

Ashton Menuz, '17 JD

SINCE 2017, 48 UALBERTA LAW GRADUATING STUDENTS HAVE BEEN SELECTED TO CLERK AT ONE OF SIX COURTS, WITH 13 STUDENTS STARTING IN SEPTEMBER AND ANOTHER 13 IN 2020.

4 SUPREME COURT OF CANADA

1 FEDERAL COURT OF CANADA

2 TAX COURT OF CANADA

18 COURT OF APPEAL OF ALBERTA

18 COURT OF QUEEN'S BENCH OF ALBERTA

5 PROVINCIAL COURT OF ALBERTA

TWO ELITE SKELETON ATHLETES NOW DEDICATED TO LAW SCHOOL

Former international competitors Greg Rafter and Robynne Thompson bring valuable transferable skills



Two elite Canadian athletes, each of whom competed internationally and one who coached at the 2018 Winter Olympics, are now challenging themselves with law school.

First-year students Greg Rafter and Robynne Thompson represented Canada's national team in skeleton, a sliding sport in which competitors race down a frozen track on a small sled, headfirst and face down. Both believe a career in law will allow them to continue being involved in sport.

Rafter, the athlete-turned-coach, is interested in the public policy and politics of sports.

"Many aspects of sport have an immense political and administrative framework that affects every aspect of competition, including venue organization, governing bodies for competition, and drug testing," he says. "It makes you want to look behind the curtain and become a positive part of that process."

The native of Calgary chose the University of Alberta because of its reputation for excellence and its Health Law Institute.

Thompson was drawn to law studies to make an impact in other people's lives.

"You can make change in the world, I feel, as an athlete. I want to turn it now into how I can help other people accomplish their goals."

While the worlds of competitive sports and law look different, the lessons the high-performance athletes learned have prepared them for the next three years of school.

Public speaking, time management and staying cool under pressure are abilities that will be invaluable, says Thompson.

Rafter says professionalism, cohesion among peers and teamwork are transferable attributes he developed as an athlete.

"It's performance-based here, but as students in a cohort we still train together," says Rafter.

Rafter's background in skeleton includes competing in IBSF World Cups, and on the Intercontinental, Europa and America's Cup circuits before he switched to coaching for the Canadian team.

Thompson has competed in several World Cups as well, placing first in the 2014 Canadian Championship, and first in the Junior Skeleton World Championships in 2011.

"It took me eight years to get my bachelor's because I only did university in the summer until I was done competing."

Now retired from sports competition, both can redirect their laser-focus to the law.

"Like being an athlete, as a lawyer you're an advocate," says Rafter.

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— Greg Rafter, '21 JD



LAW STUDENT AT LEADING EDGE OF INNOVATION

Alec McIlwraith-Black focuses on technology and the law

With clubs, teams, competitions and volunteering, law students typically juggle many different things beyond the classroom — but only a few students increase their engagement to extraordinary levels.

Alec McIlwraith-Black, '20 JD, is one of those students. Not only was he a part of the inaugural Legal Innovation Conference in 2018 and the student liaison of the 2019 edition, presented in co-operation with Dean Paul Paton, he is co-president of the Law and Business Student Association, an editorial board member of the Alberta Law Review, and a competitive mooter. Additionally, McIlwraith-Black was the only North American student shortlisted for the 2019 Justis International Law and Technology Writing Competition. Oh, and he made time to sing in Law Show, too.

"The Legal Innovation Conference was an awesome opportunity to do something that would help put UAlberta Law on the map in terms of legal innovation," said McIlwraith-Black about the conference, which this year attracted experts in cybersecurity, ethics, artificial intelligence and other technologies. "It's fundamentally a question of how lawyers and law firms can adapt and thrive in the age of disruptive pressure from technology and from new business models."

In his first year of law school, McIlwraith-Black had chances to meet many prominent legal experts across Canada while planning the conference. He hopes it will be part of the legacy he leaves behind once he graduates.



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For the Justis competition, McIlwraith-Black adapted a paper from his Professional Responsibility class that concerned how lawyers' use of technology might be regulated, and the sort of fiduciary duty and competence obligations that come along with technology in legal practice.

"As the paradigm shifts for the legal industry, technological disruption ramps up and clients continue to

demand more for less," said McIlwraith-Black. "But that challenge presents a great opportunity for lawyers to redefine ourselves."

McIlwraith-Black isn't just good on paper; he is also an accomplished oral advocate, winning the Dean's Cup in 1L and the Brimacombe Cup in 2L, and taking Eighth-Best Oralist in the Davies Corporate/Securities Moot.



STICKING UP FOR OTHERS

Kimberly Gosel receives Cecilia Johnstone Equality Award for her commitment to compassion

Growing up in Richmond, B.C., home to Canada's largest immigrant population, Kimberly Gosel, '19 JD, didn't encounter issues of inequality until she interviewed her Indian-born father for a high school project and discovered he'd been bullied throughout his childhood and teens.

"He'd never told this story before," says Gosel, the 2019 recipient of the Hon. Cecilia Johnstone Equality Award. "I'm very lucky. I've never had to deal with direct racism like that."

His trauma opened her eyes. During her undergraduate studies in sociology, she worked with Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Affairs Canada as a negotiations assistant, and with Motivate Canada, teaching leadership skills to youth of different races, gender and social status. In law school, Gosel made equality issues the focus of her extracurricular commitments.

Since first year, she has represented her peers on the Equality and Respect Committee, a group of faculty, students

and staff intent on promoting an open and inclusive environment at the Faculty of Law.

She also volunteered biweekly with Student Legal Services, providing legal information and referrals to members of the low-income community at the Bissell Centre.

"I recognize that I do have this privilege," she says. "I feel like I should be sharing that privilege in any way I can."

In third year, she served the Law Students' Association as vice-president (academic), with duties that included formatting and editing the condensed annotated notes of law school courses (CANS) that many students create to assist their peers.

A second-year student who supported her nomination for the equality award wrote that Gosel is always available to listen to students struggling with issues of equality and has "genuine compassion and tireless advocacy for those who face roadblocks due to their

identities in both professional and social settings."

Gosel ably fulfills the criteria of the award named for the late Justice Cecilia Johnstone, who was a champion for the fair treatment of women within, or in contact with the legal system. It is given to a student who demonstrates a passion for fairness and compassion to those in need.

"Equality is an aspiration," says Gosel. "It's important to recognize that as an aspiration, you always have to work towards it."

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MAEGHAN TOEWS WINS \$10K VISCOUNT BENNETT SCHOLARSHIP

Funds will support PhD student's research into organ donation and ownership

A PhD student researching property law as it applies to the human body won a prestigious Viscount Bennett Scholarship for 2018.

Maeghan Toews, who is also a former research associate with the Health Law Institute at UAlberta, will receive up to \$10,000, which is awarded by the Law Society of Alberta. It supports post-graduate studies by law graduates, articling students or lawyers practising in Alberta.

The award will help Toews continue her doctoral research in Canadian health law and policy, in which she's investigating the development of property law regarding the human body.

"The funds will be used to support my work examining ownership of human biological materials, with a specific focus on the organ donation and transplantation context," said Toews.

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— Maeghan Toews, PhD student

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Before starting her PhD, Toews earned her JD from the University of Toronto and then graduated cum laude from the LLM advanced programme in Public International Law from Leiden University in the Netherlands.

When it was established in 1943, the purpose of the award was to "provide medals for meritorious students." Since then, the value of the original shares that created the fund have increased significantly.

What began as 100 shares of Royal Bank stock valued at \$100 per share has now morphed into a large enough sum to support several scholars annually.

A YEAR OF HIGH-PROFILE RECOGNITION FOR OUR PROFESSORS

Peers, legal community and government
applaud their achievements

The Faculty of Law's reputation for legal mastery was confirmed repeatedly this past year, as several scholars saw their careers publicly acclaimed. Through local, provincial and national awards and an appointment to the Canadian Human Rights Commission, our professors' work was recognized and rewarded.

TAMARA BUCKWOLD RECEIVES 2019 DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD FROM LEGAL PROFESSION

Canadian Bar Association-Alberta, Alberta Law Society salute her passion for scholarly service, law reform

Tamara Buckwold, an authority on commercial law and contracts, is the 2019 recipient of the Distinguished Service Award for Legal Scholarship from the Canadian Bar Association Alberta branch and the Law Society of Alberta.

The award honours the extensive work in scholarly service and law reform, as well as in research and award-winning teaching, that the Faculty of Law professor has provided her profession.

“It’s critically important that people within a law school maintain a strong connection with members of the profession, to ensure that lawyers are very well-equipped to provide excellent service to the public.”

— Professor Tamara Buckwold

Buckwold’s contributions have made scholarship and research accessible and useful for the judiciary and the legal profession, said Paul Paton, dean of the Faculty. Her contributions to the Legal Education Society of Alberta and in law reform efforts are “notable for their length, breadth and impact.”

She had a leading role in projects of the Uniform Law Conference of Canada and the Alberta Law Reform Institute, which addressed reform of the antiquated law of fraudulent conveyances and fraudulent preferences through adoption of a proposed new statute.

She also worked on reform of the Personal Property Security Act, and has

written other reports for the Uniform Law Conference of Canada and the Law Reform Commission of Saskatchewan.

Her academic publications emphasize clarity and coherence in commercial and contract law. Her co-authored text, *Debt Recovery in Alberta*, was written with UAlberta Law Professor Emeritus Richard (Dick) Dunlop to explain the comprehensive new system of judgment enforcement law introduced by Alberta’s Civil Enforcement Act. She also contributed chapters in Canada’s leading contracts casebook.

Buckwold is a zealous teacher. As a legal scholar, she has made a point of ensuring her research is accessible to law students, practising lawyers, academics and the judiciary.

She has been heavily involved in continuing legal education through her work with the Legal Education Society of Alberta (serving as board chair, vice-chair and board member, as well as chair and presenter for LESA seminars), and through programs of the Canadian Bar Association and the National Judicial Institute.

Alongside Professors Rod Wood and Anna Lund, ’07 LLB, she was a co-organizer of the 2018 Commercial Law Symposium hosted by UAlberta Law, which invited members of Alberta’s legal profession and judiciary to engage with commercial law academics from across Canada.

“I think it’s critically important that people within a law school maintain a strong connection with members of the profession, to ensure that lawyers are very well-equipped to provide excellent service to the public,” Buckwold said.

JOANNA HARRINGTON JOINS CANADIAN HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION

Expert in constitutional and international
law brings global experience

Joanna Harrington has been appointed a part-time member of the Canadian Human Rights Commission.

An award-winning teacher and legal scholar and a former scholar-in-residence with the Department of Foreign Affairs (now Global Affairs Canada), Harrington has been a law professor for almost 20 years. She joined the U of A's Faculty of Law in 2004.

"I am very honoured to join the commission," says Harrington. "I really value the commission's work to recognize the interdependence of human rights, ranging from Indigenous rights to prisoners' rights to disability rights. I'm excited about the opportunity to contribute to the protection and promotion of human rights across Canada on such a wide variety of issues."

Harrington's teaching and research focuses on topics at the intersection of constitutional law and international law, examining matters of foreign relations law, the law of international organizations, the interplay between national bills of rights and international human rights law, and issues of international and transnational criminal law.

While with Global Affairs Canada, Harrington participated in the negotiation of new international instruments at the United Nations, the Organization of American States, and the Assembly of States Parties to the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court. She also served as a member of Canada's official delegation to the United Nations General Assembly.

Harrington has extensive experience in collaborative policy-making and informal dispute resolution, having served a five-year term as an associate dean with cross-disciplinary responsibilities for graduate education at the U of A.

She has published on a variety of topics, including international human rights law, and regularly presents at conferences, continuing legal education events and non-governmental organizations' outreach events. Her work has earned her the U of A's Martha Cook Piper Research Prize, a Killam Annual Professorship, a Fulbright Scholar award and the Canadian Association of Law Teachers Prize for Academic Excellence.



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— Professor Joanna Harrington

PATRICIA PARADIS HONOURED FOR HELPING CANADIANS KNOW THEIR HUMAN RIGHTS

Her work earns a Women in Law Leadership Award

Patricia Paradis, '88 LLB, '83 MEd, executive director of the Centre for Constitutional Studies and a sessional instructor in the Faculty of Law, has received a top award from her peers for a career focused on human rights.

Paradis received a WILL (Women in Law Leadership) Award for Leadership in the Community, in November, 2018.

During 30 years as a lawyer, Paradis has been devoted to issues of equality, diversity and law reform, and also to legal education and scholarship. At the Centre and as a past national chairperson of the Women's Legal Education and Action Fund, she has helped illuminate and correct concerns affecting Indigenous Peoples, women, access to justice and constitutional law.

Among her many career highlights, she was counsel for LEAF in the Aryan Nations inquiry. LEAF argued that when the Church of Jesus Christ Christian Aryan Nations held an "Aryan Fest" in 1990, where they burned a cross, displayed a swastika and chanted White Power slogans, they were discriminating on the basis of race, religious beliefs, colour, ancestry and gender because those forms of expression caused harm to target groups — and that those targets included women.

"It was significant because (LEAF) thought that if they could convince the courts that this type of expression caused harm, it would be much easier to make the same arguments in relation to pornography — that it is a form of expression that harms women," says Paradis. "Largely as a result of LEAF's work, the test for pornography was subsequently changed in another case."

Leading the Centre since 2010, Paradis has expanded Canadians' understanding of how the Charter affects them, through easily accessible publications, conferences and public outreach.

Some of the most popular initiatives she created include the U-School Constitution Workshop, in which University of Alberta Faculty of Law students teach Grade 6 pupils about the Constitution and the division of powers. For adults, Paradis launched the Downtown Charter Series, at which UAlberta law professors and others deliver free noon-hour explanations of sections of the Charter at Enterprise Square. The Centre has also organized Canada-wide conferences on issues such as Senate reform, and the possibilities and hurdles of a constitutional future built on mutual respect for Indigenous and non-Indigenous laws.

"Constitutions are there to serve as checks and balances on absolute power," says Paradis. "They structure our government and our democracy. So it's important to me that people understand how they work, that they know we do have the right to protest and to free speech, for example."

It's critical to our democracy, to the effective functioning of our government, that we have an informed citizenry and electorate."

The WILL Awards are presented annually by the Association of Women Lawyers and The Counsel Network to recognize the contributions of Alberta's female lawyers.

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**— Executive Director Patricia Paradis,
Centre for Constitutional Studies**



LEGAL PEERS NAME KANCHANA FERNANDO AN INSPIRED FUTURE LEADER

Popular sessional instructor wins Women In Leadership Award

Kanchana Fernando, '07 LLB, a sessional instructor in the Faculty of Law, has been feted as a rising leader by her female peers in Alberta's legal community.

Fernando, who is counsel in the federal Department of Justice, received the Tomorrow's Leader Award at the Women in Law Leadership Awards.

The award celebrates the accomplishments of a lawyer called to the bar in the past 10 years who has already demonstrated significant growth, development and initiative, and shows great promise for superior legal capability and leadership.

"When I was in law school, I was very troubled to hear about the high rates of attrition of women in the legal profession," said Fernando. "I am very passionate about developing ways to reverse this trend, which led me to the Canadian Bar Association's Women Lawyers Forum, which works to support the advancement of women in law."

Fernando, '04 MA (Political Science and Government) and '07 LLB, has been with the Department of Justice since 2008, where she practices mainly Constitutional and criminal law, and has vast experience as lead counsel at all levels of court, including the Supreme Court of Canada. She frequently acts as counsel for the Attorney General of Canada at provincial fatality inquiries.

She has taught at UAlberta Law since 2016, and has created a public law advocacy course for second- and third-year students that requires them to complete three chambers applications while learning oral advocacy skills.



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— **Sessional Instructor Kanchana Fernando**

Additionally, she is a member of Alberta Justice's Provincial Court nominating committee, is a provincial council member of the Canadian Bar Association and is the national liaison and former co-chair of the Alberta branch of the CBA's Women Lawyers Forum.

Within the DOJ, where she was chair of its diversity council, and where she

delivers mentoring and training, she has received four awards of excellence for her litigation skills, leadership initiatives and pro bono work.

She is also a volunteer lawyer with the Edmonton Community Legal Centre, was a longtime board member of the Edmonton Inner City Housing Society and a committee member of the Law Society of Alberta for three years.

JENNIFER RASO'S ANALYSIS OF HOW SOFTWARE AND HUMAN DECISION MAKERS INTERACT WINS NATIONAL AWARD

Exceptional research in technology and administrative law is honoured

Jennifer Raso's paper about how software regulates the front-line decision makers who use it, and how these workers respond, has been named the best article published by The Canadian Journal of Law & Society in 2017.

Raso is an expert in technology and administrative law, and a newly appointed assistant professor at the Faculty of Law. Her paper focuses on caseworker decision making in the Ontario Works program (a provincial welfare program), and how those decisions are shaped by the everyday technologies that caseworkers use.

"I developed the idea to write this article from my qualitative research into how caseworkers use discretion in Ontario Works," says Raso. "It quickly became clear that a newly adopted software system was making it very difficult for caseworkers to make discretionary decisions in favour of their clients."

Raso's research explores discretion, data-driven technologies and administrative law, focusing on last-resort benefits programs. Her research uncovered that "most disturbingly, SAMS (the new software system) seemed to transform caseworkers' roles from (that of) skilful interpreters who worked with laws to individuals who had to 'manipulate the system' to reach a desired result," says Raso.

This was so the caseworkers could produce decisions that "more closely match their interpretation of clients' needs and welfare laws."

"As a new faculty member, I look forward to exploring cutting-edge public law issues with students and contributing to the faculty's growing scholarly community."

— Assistant Professor Jennifer Raso

"With new technologies increasingly being designed to generate legal decisions for administrators, it is more crucial than ever for legal scholars, lawyers and law students to interrogate the processes used to reach such decisions and the substantive 'just-ness' of their results," she says.

Her groundbreaking work was recognized by the University of Cambridge Public Law Conference, where it was awarded the Richard Hart Prize for outstanding early career scholarship.

"As a new faculty member, I look forward to exploring cutting-edge public law issues with students and contributing to the faculty's growing scholarly community," she says.

The awarded article is titled "Displacement as Regulation: New Regulatory Technologies and Front-Line Decision-Making in Ontario Works," and was published by Cambridge University Press in July 2017. The Canadian Law and Society Association names a best article annually for English articles, and biennially for French articles.



ANNA LUND DRAWS TWO MAJOR ACCOLADES FOR TEACHING EXCELLENCE

Assistant Professor wins Provost's Award and Tevie H. Miller Award

Assistant Professor Anna Lund, '07 LLB, has won both a 2919 Provost's Award for Early Achievement of Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching and the Tevie H. Miller Teaching Excellence Award. The former is a university-wide award that recognizes achievement of teaching excellence by full-time continuing academic staff within five years of their first university appointment. The latter is the Faculty of Law's highest honour for an instructor and recognizes excellence by a full-time faculty member.

Lund teaches in the areas of bankruptcy and insolvency, debtor creditor law, civil procedure and access to justice, and has developed a number of new course offerings.

She created a legal theory seminar where students study pro bono legal practice using a numerous approaches, including legal history, law and economics, and critical legal studies. For international and cross-border insolvency law, she developed a seminar in which students take part in a multiparty negotiation and mock courtroom application.

Lund uses active learning methods to keep her students engaged. She has practitioners take part in mock scenarios and accompanies her students on field trips to the courthouse to help demonstrate how legal concepts are applied in practice. She also developed games to reinforce concepts covered in class, including "Business Law Bingo" and "Snakes & Ladders: The Civil Procedure Edition."

"It is clear that you are recognized for the contributions you make on a daily

basis to deliver and outstanding learning experience to students," said Provost Steven Dew in announcing Lund's award.

Lund says she was first inspired to become a teacher while studying political science at the University of Alberta.

"I wanted to be the person at the front of the room, asking exhilarating questions," she says.

"My first few years of teaching were tough, because there was such a big gap between the teacher I wanted to be and the teacher I was. To the extent that I've been able to close that gap, it's due to the support and encouragement of my mentors at the Faculty of Law, my

DID YOU KNOW?

The Tevie H. Miller Teaching Excellence Award is named in honour of the late associate chief justice of the Court of Queen's Bench of Alberta, who was also a chancellor of the University of Alberta and an alumnus of the Faculty of Law.

collaborators from practice, the students who make it all worthwhile, and my friends and family."

Lund began her teaching career at Simon Fraser University in the Department of Criminology, followed by appointments at Osgoode Hall Law School and Western University's Faculty of Law. Prior to her current position, she was a sessional instructor and post-doctoral fellow at UAlberta Law.

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Anna Lund

PROMINENT CRIMINAL LAWYER LAUDED FOR HIS DEDICATION TO STUDENTS

Dino Bottos wins Pringle/Royal Sessional Teaching Excellence Award

Criminal lawyer Dino Bottos, '89 LLB, was honoured to receive the University of Alberta Law's 2018 Pringle/Royal Sessional Teaching Excellence Award because the award's namesakes both taught and mentored him.

As a law student at UAlberta Law from 1986 to 1989, he took an evidence class from Peter Royal, QC ('74 LLB), and an advocacy class from the late Alex Pringle, QC.

"They showed me the best way to stay involved in legal theory was by coming back to law school to teach and give of

yourself what you learned, so you can impart that to students who come after you," says Bottos, a prominent criminal lawyer at Bottos Law Group who has been a sessional for nine years.

He has practised law since 1990, but Bottos taught school for two years prior to that. Law students praise him for being coherent, comprehensive and engaging, as well as able to inspire, "at every 8 a.m. class."

He teaches complex legal concepts to students who often don't have much experience in law. "I found you can pretty much explain anything if you

break it down into bite-sized chunks, and when you teach each piece carefully and then put it all together, most people will get it," he says.

His experience as a criminal lawyer helps, since he's often explaining things in straightforward ways to juries who, by law, have no legal training.

Bottos takes his role as an educator to heart and urges his students to view law school as a call to duty, and not an admittance to a privileged rank. "It takes a lot of hard work," says Bottos. "I'm hoping to inspire them to be better than they thought possible."



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— Criminal lawyer and sessional instructor
Dino Bottos

NEW BOOKS

Faculty members publish a shelf's worth of reference resources

Eric Adams, Timothy Caulfield

Professors Timothy Caulfield, '90 LLB, and Eric Adams, along with Blake Murdoch, '12 JD, of the Health Law Institute, co-authored a study that found that allergy sufferers are entitled to legal protection in schools, but that total food bans may not be necessary in all school environments. The study, "The Law of Food Allergy and Accommodation in Canadian Schools," was funded by AllerGen NCE and published in October in *Allergy, Asthma & Clinical Immunology*.

Cameron Jefferies

Assistant Professor Cameron Jefferies '09 LLB, recently co-edited a book on innovation and global environmental changes that expands on a theme introduced at an international law scholars meeting in 2016. *Global Environmental Change and Innovation in International Law* (Cambridge University Press, 2018) deals with how the forces of innovation, such as technological progress, have created new pressure on the Earth's environmental systems, yet innovation is required to ameliorate those same problems. The book is a product of the sixth Four Societies meeting, a biannual meeting of scholars from Canada, the U.S. Australia, New Zealand and Japan.

Hadley Friedland ^[3]

The Wetiko Legal Principles: Cree and Anishinabek Responses to Violence and Victimization (University of Toronto, 2018) is Professor Hadley Friedland's, '09 LL.M., '16 PhD, Law new book about

how legal principles can be drawn from an analysis of Wetiko narratives, and applied today to address violence and victimization within intimate relationships.

Cameron Hutchison

Professor Cameron Hutchison has written a comprehensive guide to the process that Canadian courts do and should follow when they interpret statutes. In *The Fundamentals of Statutory Interpretation* (LexisNexis Canada, 2018) he explains why laws require interpretation by judges, the many facets of the Elmer Driedger's "modern principle" of interpretation and how it is commonly being applied.

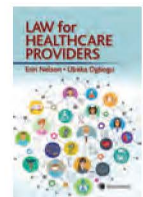
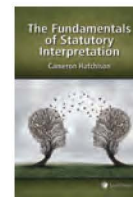
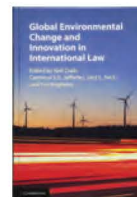
Ubaka Ogbogu, Erin Nelson

Professors Ubaka Ogbogu, '05 LL.M., and Erin Nelson, '95 LL.B., co-authored *Law for Healthcare Providers* (LexisNexis Canada, 2018), which addresses health law in all Canadian jurisdictions. The book is positioned as a valuable reference resource for

healthcare professionals, academics and lawyers. Topics covered include the confidentiality of patient information, medical negligence, reproductive and sexual health law, and professional regulation and discipline.

Mitchell McInnes

Professor Mitchell McInnes, '88 LL.B., published "Illegality and Canadian Private Law: Hall v Hebert's Legacy" in A. Bogg & S. Green (eds) *Illegality After Patel v Mirza*, (Hart, 2018); "Justice Cromwell and Unjust Enrichment: A Sad Farewell" in S. Aylward & P. Hrick (eds) *In Furtherance of Justice: The Judicial Life of Thomas A Cromwell* (LexisNexis 2017); "Unjust Enrichment: Canada" in S Worthington, A Robertson & G. Virgo (eds) *Revolution and Evolution in Private Law* (Cambridge University Press 2017); "Negligent Infliction of Mental Harm in the Supreme Court of Canada" (2018) *134 Law Quarterly Review 1*; and "Rectification, Unjust Enrichment and Taxes in the Supreme Court of Canada" (2017) *133 Law Quarterly Review 363*



COMMERCIAL LAW SYMPOSIUM

Professors Tamara Buckwold and Rod Wood, along with Assistant Professor Anna Lund, '07 LL.B., organized the 2018 Commercial Law Symposium, hosted by the Faculty of Law on October 13. The event, which rotates among Canadian law schools annually, featured Pamela Foohey, of the Maurer

School of Law at Indiana University, speaking about the bankruptcy of non-profit religious entities. It also brought to campus academic presenters from 10 Canadian law faculties discussing topics in bankruptcy and insolvency, secured transactions, judgment enforcement and consumer debt.

NEW LAW ENTITLES COMMON-LAW COUPLES TO 50-50 PROPERTY SPLIT

Alberta Law Reform Institute made 19 recommendations that helped shape the Family Statutes Amendment Act

Common-law couples arguing about how to divide their property after they break up will soon get relief from the costly, time-consuming struggle thanks to three years of groundwork by the Alberta Law Reform Institute.

Bill 28, the Family Statutes Amendment Act, effectively establishes that common-law couples are entitled to the same 50-50 division of property upon the dissolution of their relationship as married couples. It received royal assent on Dec. 11, 2018 and will come into force Jan. 1, 2020, to replace the Matrimonial Property Act.

Alberta judges have long referred to judge-made common law from previous cases to decide the division of property for common-law couples because there was no law to guide them. “The rules were complex, difficult to explain and applied differently to individual cases,” said Laura Buckingham, lead counsel for the ALRI project. “That made it very difficult for people to settle disputes.”

The cost for a family-law trial can be tens of thousands of dollars per party, but since going to court didn’t guarantee a favourable outcome, many people simply did not pursue their claim, creating an access-to-justice issue, she said. Recent data shows more than 300,000 Albertans are in common-law relationships.

In 2015, ALRI, which has a mandate to conduct independent research and provide government with recommendations to improve ineffective or out-of-date laws, stepped in.

Last June, ALRI — which is housed in the U of A’s Faculty of Law, and funded by the Alberta Law Foundation, Alberta’s Ministry of Justice and Solicitor General, and the University of Alberta — delivered a report to the provincial government with 20 recommendations on how to update



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the law. Bill 28 included 19 of those 20 recommendations.

“It was a very speedy, if not the quickest turnaround from report to implementation that we’ve worked on,” said Sandra Petersson, ’91 LLB, ALRI’s executive director. “That says it’s an important need for couples and families.”

ALRI researched the issue’s history, commissioned research from the now closed U of A Population Research Laboratory to gauge current attitudes and expectations, and conducted early consultations with lawyers working in family law. Those findings were published in a report for discussion, along with suggested solutions. Consultations widened to include lawyers working in other areas, legal community organizations and the public, through online surveys, phone calls, in-person events and written comments.

ALRI found that Albertans strongly believe the best option is for common-law couples to make their own

agreements about property division. If that fails, they wanted legislation containing the same rules as those for married couples.

The new Act provides one set of rules to cover both married and common-law couples. The biggest advantage is that everyone is now clear on how a court would divide property, said Buckingham.

“That allows people to decide if those rules suit them or if it’s better to make their own agreement,” she said.

DID YOU KNOW?

The Alberta Law Reform Institute is Canada’s longest-serving full-time law reform agency. It has been a catalyst for numerous changes to the province’s legal system.

NEW INITIATIVE PROMISES COMMUNITY-LED RESEARCH ON INDIGENOUS LAW AND GOVERNANCE

Faculties of Law and Native Studies launch Wahkohtowin Law and Governance Lodge

The Faculty of Law and the Faculty of Native Studies at the University of Alberta are launching a new initiative to support Indigenous law and governance, through research that is led by Indigenous communities.

The Wahkohtowin Law and Governance Lodge is funded by a generous two-year grant from the Alberta Law Foundation. It was created in the spirit of Call to Action #50 from the “Final Report of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada,” which asks Canada to establish Indigenous law institutes in collaboration with Indigenous communities, with the goal of both developing and using Indigenous laws and also promoting a wider understanding of them.

Indigenous law refers to the laws of Indigenous peoples, including deeply rooted legal traditions, principles and processes, as well as newly developed laws, legislation and agreements. It is distinct from Aboriginal law, which is the term used to describe the body of law addressing Aboriginal and treaty rights guaranteed within Canada’s Constitution.

“The project advances one of the key objects of the Foundation which is to support Indigenous legal programs,” says Darlene Scott, QC, ’84 LLB, chair of the Alberta Law Foundation.

“This remarkable and generous grant will assist greatly in helping us respond further to the Calls to Action in the 2015 “Final Report of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada,” said Paul Paton, dean of the Faculty of Law. “While we have made great strides, we have further yet to go. This support is the culmination of

over two years of engagement with the Foundation in this area, and provides us both an opportunity and challenge: to demonstrate how research and community engagement can serve the public interest.”

“This grant will support important work by our faculty and students relating to Indigenous governance models and legal practices for many years to come,” said Paton.

The initiative will be co-led by Hadley Friedland, ’09 LLM, ’16 PHD Law, a professor of the Faculty of Law, and Shalene Jobin, a professor of the Faculty of Native Studies.

Jobin developed and runs the Indigenous Governance Program at the Faculty of Native Studies. Prior to joining the Faculty of Law, Friedland contributed

to and helped lead the Indigenous Law Research Unit at the University of Victoria Faculty of Law.

With community engagement officer Jodi Stonehouse, they will develop working relationships within interested partner communities, determine the work’s scope, work on a pilot project, develop accessible law and governance resources, as well as methodology workshops and community co-taught, land-based learning opportunities. During the initial phase, in conjunction with James Muir, the Faculty of Law’s associate dean of research, they will also focus on building a robust partnership between the Faculties.

The Wahkohtowin Law and Governance Lodge will be housed at the Faculty of Law.

Hadley Friedland



Shalene Jobin





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Michael O'Boyle was a beloved member of the Class of 2004 who struggled with depression. To honour his memory, family and friends have created a fund that provides students with a tool kit to prevent, reduce and cope with the stresses and demands of life in law school and beyond.

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Alumni's degrees become assets in unpredictable forums



MARIA CHAU'S CHANGING IDEA OF SUCCESS

Former in-house counsel's path takes an entrepreneurial turn

Maria Chau's idea of success in the legal profession has changed since she graduated from UAlberta Law in 2008.

"In law school, I had, as many people do, aspirations of wearing the suit and working in a downtown tower," she says.

Upon graduating, Chau did just that — articling at Miller Thomson LLP in Edmonton, where she worked in commercial litigation and bankruptcy insolvency. After three years at Miller Thomson, she became in-house counsel for Ledcor Group of Companies.

"Practising in bankruptcy/insolvency, I spent a lot of my time dismantling things — it's fast-paced and exciting, but after a while I wanted to try my hand at building something up. I wagered that I'd have a chance to do that as in-house counsel," Chau says.

Although it was initially a bit of a culture shock to change from the faster pace and production-based success metrics of private practice, her gamble

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— Maria Chau, LLB '08

worked out, offering her the opportunity to focus on joint ventures, public-private partnership projects (and other collaborative pursuits).

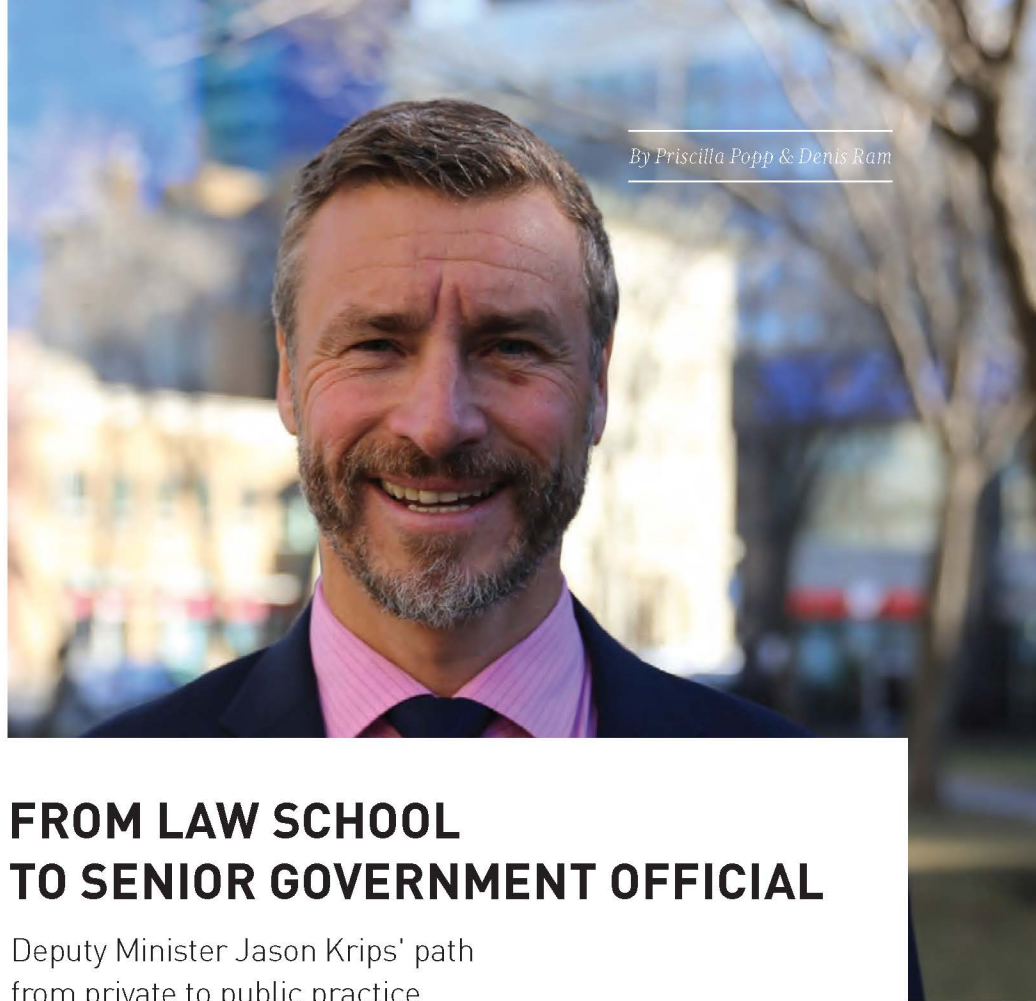
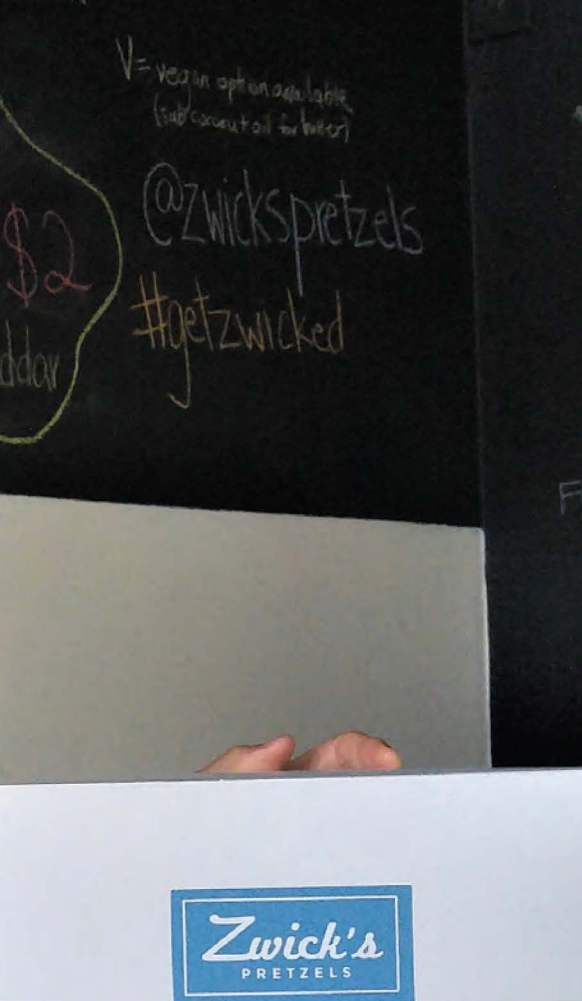
Meanwhile, a collaborative project of a different sort prompted yet another new role.

During law school, she had worked at the Mayfair Golf and Country Club as a server, where she met her partner Darren Zwicker, then the club's executive sous chef. By the time Chau was at Ledcor, Zwicker had been operating a catering business for several years and when he felt ready to

open his own business, the pair decided to undertake the project together.

"I left Ledcor in January 2017 and we opened up Zwick's Pretzels five days later," she says.

"There wasn't much precedent for a stand-alone pretzel shop in Edmonton, so we figured that when it failed, we'd just sell the shop and travel for a while," she says. Instead, "It caught on like wildfire." Today, the shop has seven employees and has expanded the menu with more sandwich options and a line of house-made sodas.



By Priscilla Popp & Denis Ram

FROM LAW SCHOOL TO SENIOR GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL

Deputy Minister Jason Krips' path
from private to public practice

Chau says law school helped her embrace — and even strive for — an alternate career.

“I left law school seeing the world very differently. I drive as a lawyer, I wake up as a lawyer. Everything I do is informed by my experiences in law,” she says.

“My path might lead me back to legal practice, or it might not. Either way, my legal background will have been critical to getting me to there, and to moving me forward.”

Jason Krips credits his success to “strong and diverse background in the areas of issues management, leadership, stakeholder consultations, personnel management and team building.”

While he started his career as a lawyer with a focus in the agricultural sector, Jason Krips, '93 BCom, '96 LLB has expanded beyond arguing the law to becoming a senior civil servant with the government of Alberta.

Appointed as deputy minister of Alberta Economic Development and Trade in October of 2015, Krips oversees development of economic policies, programs and trade initiatives, taking a cross-ministry, collaborative, stakeholder-driven approach. As a non-partisan civil servant, Krips works to attract development and investment into Alberta.

Krips earned his BCom and LLB at the University of Alberta, then articulated and practised at McLennan Ross before joining Edmonton firm Wilson and Hurlburt to focus on the agricultural sector.

As deputy minister, Krips works with his federal and provincial counterparts on a number of issues, including inter-provincial trade barriers, market access and international trade.

Previous roles for Krips have included deputy minister of Alberta Agriculture and Forestry, deputy minister of Alberta Agriculture and Rural Development, assistant deputy minister of International Relations at Alberta International and Intergovernmental Relations, and assistant deputy minister of Industry and Market Development at Alberta Agriculture and Rural Development.

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CLASS NOTES



1960s

David Jenkins

David Jenkins, '63 LLB, organized his 55th class reunion in September at the Royal Mayfair Golf Club with nine classmates and their partners in attendance. David and his wife Maureen's love of cruises led them to co-found Cruise Vacations Inc., one of the largest cruise agencies in the world. Last year, the two completed a 106-day world cruise aboard the Crystal Serenity.

Eleanor Boddy, QC

Eleanor Boddy, QC, '68 LLB, organized the class of 1968 50th reunion with a dinner at Upper Crust and a Golden Grads reception held by Alumni Weekend last fall. At the dinner, attendees exchanged stories with former classmates, including Beverley McLachlin, former Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Canada.

1980s

Diana Lowe, '84

Diana Lowe, '84 LLB, is co-lead for a provincewide initiative to re-imagine the family justice system in Alberta. This is a large systems-change process which is aimed at helping families thrive. A cross-discipline collaborative effort, it promises to improve the outcomes in family restructuring, child welfare and family violence situations.

1990s

Samantha Filipovic,

Samantha, '93 LLB, and Daniel Filipovic, '92 LLB, married in 1994, shortly after they graduated from UAlberta Law and wrote their Ontario Bar Exams. They have been practising law as partners in their husband/wife law firm for the past 10 years. Having just purchased a log home, they are

Reunions Season

The Class of '58 returned to campus to celebrate the 60th anniversary of its graduation. The Class of '93 marked its 25th anniversary. Other alumni who attended included members of the Class of '63. These reunions would not have been possible without the help of the following dedicated organizers: Allan Wachowich, Class of '58, Derek Allchurch, Bill Hendsbee, Arlene Reid and Leah Toltons, Class of '93; and David Jenkins, Class of '63.

'We Have Not Forgotten': 37 Law Students Posthumously Admitted to the Bar

During the First World War, 37 Alberta-based law students, including some studying at the University of Alberta Faculty of Law, lost their lives. In November 2018, the 100th anniversary of the ending of that war, those 37 students were posthumously admitted to the Alberta bar, in a ceremony at the Calgary Court Centre called We Have Not Forgotten. It was hosted by the Legal Archives Society of Alberta, the ceremonial bar admissions were made possible by a special resolution of the Law Society of Alberta.



We Remember:

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 Private Herbert Joseph Ball
 Private Francis Benedict Barnes
 Private Percy Douglas Sinclair Broad
 Private Bernal Benjamin Brown
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 Lieutenant Albert Graham Eakins
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 Second Lieutenant Llewellyn Isaac Hilton Roberts
 Corporal Alexander Everett Ross
 Private Harold Alexander Skene
 Second Lieutenant Roy Clarke Steckley
 Lance Corporal Edwin Donald Forgie Wilson
 Major Joshua Stanley Wright
 Major James Christian Lawrence Young

enjoying life on the lake in Thunder Bay, Northern Ontario at a pace that is not conducive to retirement.

Laura Convery

Laura Convery, '93 LLB, started her own practice right after articling, with assistance from her spouse Clark as client services representative. Laura loves the practice of law and the flexibility of being able to work alongside Clark, as they are able to balance work and leisure hours conveniently. She wasn't able to make it for her 25th class reunion this year, but hopes that everyone had a great time!

Garrett Eisenbraun

Garrett Eisenbraun, '93 LLB, spent the first 12 years of his career with a firm now known as Field LLP. Then he went in-house with Enbridge Pipelines and spent the last five years as general counsel with Worley Parsons. He married Kim Palichuk from the class of 1997 and together they are involved with two animal charities: Dogs With Wings and Northern Sky Greyhound Association. They are passionate about rescuing animals and finding them a suitable home.

Gina Ferri

Gina Ferri, '93 LLB, continued as a sole practitioner at the firm she articulated at, Nicholl & Akers. Fortunately, she was "on her own" with a group of senior lawyers who gave her plenty of advice, collaborated with her and supported her practice. Evidence of how comfortable the environment was, she never left. Gina lives on the south side of Edmonton with her husband, who is a lawyer at a firm specializing in high-conflict family law.

Kent Wong

Kent Wong, '93 LLB, has been married to his wife Julie for 25 years and has two daughters. Kent wanted to be active in his daughters' education so he started his own firm, Highfield Law Office, in 2001. Kent is also a professional magician and performs more than 250 shows each year, throughout North America. He established the Edmonton Magic Club in 2003 and recently opened Magic Emporium, Edmonton's newest mini black-box theater. Wanting to make a difference in the lives of others, he and

his family created an initiative called Project Dignity, through which they give back to the inner city on the coldest nights of the year.

Steve Blackman

Lawyer-turned-television-writer-and-producer Steve Blackman, '97 LLB, launched his newest series, *The Umbrella Academy*, on Netflix in February 2019. Now based in Los Angeles, Blackman has been a writer and producer on the series *Bones* and *Fargo* (for which he won a Writers Guild of America Award and was nominated for an Emmy). Blackman began his TV career by co-creating *The Associates*, a CTV show about young lawyers which aired in 2001 and 2002. While he was a law student, he founded the Faculty's still-flourishing Law Show.

Kimberley Harrison

Twenty years after graduating, Kimberley Harrison, '98 LLB, took the February 2018 California Bar exam, passing on her first attempt (the state pass rate is only 27.3 per cent). She was sworn in and took the California Attorney oath in a private ceremony in June and is now a licensed California lawyer.

2000S

Michael Sharp

In addition to being named a Top 40 Under 40 by *Avenue Edmonton*, Michael Sharp, '07 JD, is also a new dad. He and his wife Liza welcomed their son last spring. Michael is currently the practice group leader for the Edmonton Intellectual Property & Innovation Group at Parlee McLaws.

Mandy MacLeod

A Crown prosecutor for Alberta Justice, Mandy MacLeod, '14 JD, was named a Top 40 Under 40 by *Avenue Edmonton*. MacLeod works with the city's most vulnerable populations and is considered one of the youngest prosecutors in the city. Alongside Professor Peter Sankoff, she coached our winning Gale Cup team this year. The team went on to represent Canada at the Commonwealth Moot Competition in Africa in April, placing first.



Alumnae Featured in Book About Women in Law

Last November, several alumnae of the University of Alberta Faculty of Law helped launch a book about being a woman in the legal profession. *Truth Be Told: An Anthology of Inspirational Stories by Women in Law*, features short pieces from 114 women and covers personal anecdotes drawn from their careers as lawyers and members of the judiciary.

Many of the contributing writers, including Chief Justice Catherine Fraser, '70 LLB, of the Court of Appeal of Alberta, and Chief Justice Mary Moreau '79 LLB, of the Court of Queen's Bench of Alberta, read their contributions aloud, as did UAlberta Law Professors Annalise Acorn and Catherine Bell.

The event at the Law Centre was co-emceed by fellow contributors Justice Sheila Greckol, '75 LLB, of the Court of Appeal, and Patricia Paradis, executive director of the Centre for Constitutional Studies at the University of Alberta. Others sharing their perspectives included criminal lawyer and UAlberta Law sessional instructor Mona Duckett, QC; ethics commissioner of Alberta Marguerite Trussler, QC; the Hon. Joanne B. Veit, and Danielle Bourgeois, '09 LLB, star of the Pandas Hockey team that won seven national university championships.

The book is the result of a project started by Edmonton lawyers Teresa Haykowsky, Jeananne Kirwin, QC, and Sarah Eadie, '03 LLB, who used their own funds to produce it with the intent of inspiring the next generation of female law professionals.

The book is available for purchase at Audrey's Bookstore or at www.actla.com/truthbetold.



“I’m very proud of my education. It has certainly done well for me, even if things didn’t quite turn out as originally planned.”

— Kenneth Doll

A DREAM INTERRUPTED BUT A GOAL COMPLETED

By Scott Rollans
Photography by Ryan Whitfield

Financial planner twice denied entry to
Faculty of Law makes significant bequest

People often want to acknowledge the university faculties that shaped their careers. Kenneth Doll, '88 BA, '89 BA(Cert), '91 MA, '94 BCom, is taking a unique approach by leaving a generous gift to the law school that turned him down.

Doll first enrolled at the University of Alberta hoping to become a lawyer. "I entered university as a mature student — although the 'mature' part is debatable," he says.

"At 25, I was at a point where I thought, 'You better go now or forget about it.' I had owned a business, a gas station, for five years. I sold that and used the money to go to university."

Doll completed a bachelor of arts degree, majoring in political science with a minor in economics, and then applied to the UAlberta Law, along with several other law schools. Much to his disappointment, they all turned him away. Thinking a graduate degree might boost his chances, Doll spent the next couple of years completing his MA in political science. He applied to law again — and again found himself on the sidelines.

"So, there I was, with a master's, and I still can't get into law school. I was a little miffed, then," says Doll.

As a Plan B, he decided to complete a bachelor of commerce and pursue a different career.

Even with his degrees, Doll had a hard time competing for jobs. It was then he made a crucial life decision: he would forever place his law school disappointments behind him.

"I sat myself down and had a little chat with myself, and said, 'This is life. You can either whine about it or make the best of this.' "

And make the best of it he did. Doll built a successful career in financial and estate planning, eventually opening his own Calgary-based firm, Wealth Architects. He also rose to the top of his industry to serve as chair of the Alberta Insurance Council. Over the years, he found himself more and more grateful for (and proud of) his accomplishments at the University of Alberta. He decided to give back.

"As an estate planner, I help people set up their philanthropy — using life insurance for their legacy. So, I am practising what I preach. I thought 'Hey, I should do that myself!'"

In setting up his own gift, Doll devised an immensely gracious, almost poetic gesture. He decided to create a pathway to allow others to complete the law school journey he had hoped to make himself.

"I wanted to use my life insurance to create a spot for a mature student to be accepted into law school," says Doll. "For somebody who might not otherwise get in, which was my situation. Maybe I can turn that into a positive for somebody else."

In doing so, he has banished any lingering regrets. "I'm very proud of my education. It has certainly done well for me, even if things didn't quite turn out as originally planned."

Whereas others might have held onto sour grapes, Doll harbours only warm memories. "Those were the best years of my life," he says. "I earned three degrees. I was there for eight years. I just thoroughly enjoyed it. It's a special place for me."

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IN MEMORIAM

William Alfred Johnson 1929-2018



William (Bill) Alfred Johnson, '54 LLB, who was legal counsel to two Alberta premiers, died in Nanaimo on December 27, 2018, at the age of 89.

Born in Calgary in 1929, Johnson was called to the Alberta Bar in 1955. He practised general law throughout Alberta for nearly 40 years. He was especially proud of being involved in the development of the basic legal principles and intellectual property underlying Canada's New Home Warranty companies. He was general counsel to Premiers Harry Strom and Ernest Manning, and to the New Home Warranty Program of Alberta. He was also chairman and a member of the

Law Society of Alberta's Needy Litigant Committee, the forerunner of today's Legal Aid system.

Johnson's community service included being a Royal Canadian Air and Sea Cadet in the early 1940s, and acting as counsel to the Canadian Mental Health Association from 1970 to 1988. In between, he was chairman and president of the Alberta Social Credit League and was president of the Edmonton Family Service Association, laying the groundwork for the Uncles at Large program. He is survived by Geraldine (Gerry), his wife of 63 years, his four children and six grandchildren.

Christine Davies, QC 1943-2018



Professor Emeritus D. Christine Davies, QC, died at her summer home in Vernon, B.C., on August 19, 2018.

She joined the University of Alberta Faculty of Law in 1975, where she taught family law, and was the author of Family Law in Canada, a leading text on the subject. She received her LLB in 1964 from the University of Wales, and her LLM in 1966 from the University of Pennsylvania. After working as an associate professor at the University of Windsor from 1972 to 1975, she moved

to UAlberta Law. She was a bencher with the Law Society of Alberta from 1990 to 1996 and served as president of the Canadian Institute for Law and the Family. During her career, she received the Law Society of Alberta Distinguished Service Award, and was honoured with an appointment as Queen's Counsel.

Outside of work, Davies was a dedicated mother and grandmother. She is survived by her four children, seven grandchildren and her dear friend, Margaret.

Elder Adelaide McDonald 1941-2018



Adelaide McDonald was born in a tipi at Victor Lake, Alberta in 1941. She walked on to the spirit world on May 18, 2018.

McDonald was a well-respected traditional healer, with a vast knowledge of medicinal plants, herbs and roots. Each September, she welcomed Indigenous law students by making bannock and moose stew. In 2009, she started sharing teachings and stories with Assistant Professor Hadley Friedland, and was a central interlocutor and contributor toward the book, *The Wetiko Legal Principles: Cree and Anishinabek Responses to Violence and Victimization*, as well as the 2012

Accessing Justice and Reconciliation Project's "Cree Legal Traditions Report."

She and her sister, Mabel, gave the opening invocation during the 2017 orientation where Beverley McLachlin, the former Chief Justice of Canada, was a keynote speaker. In 2016, McDonald suggested Friedland apply for a grant so university students could come up to the community for land-based learning, an idea that became the Wahkohtowin course, in which students from the Faculties of Law and Native Studies learn about Cree laws and governance through the central activity of brain-tanning a moose hide.

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