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FIRST-YEAR WELCOMING CEREMONY

LIVE FROM CONVOCATION HALL

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Established in 1912, the College of Law is the oldest law school in Western Canada, exemplifying a tradition of excellence in teaching, research and innovation. The college offers Juris Doctor (JD), Master of Laws (LLM), and Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) degrees.

As leaders in Indigenous law, criminal law, transnational commercial law, and environment and sustainable resources law, the College of Law also offers a strong clinical program, a highly-regarded mootting program, joint degree programs and global exchange opportunities.

Over the past 100 years, the college's graduates have become distinguished judges of courts at all levels, including the Supreme Court of Canada; distinguished academics; learned members of the legal profession across the country; diplomats; and political leaders. College of Law alumni have also held positions as prime minister of Canada, governor-general of Canada, premier of Alberta and premier of Saskatchewan.

*The following commitments by students, the institution and the educators, have been derived from the **University of Saskatchewan's learning charter**. The charter is our commitment to opening our university to learning, engagement and opportunities for all Peoples of Saskatchewan and beyond, and in so doing, recognizes and appreciates the knowledge, diverse abilities, and the ways of teaching and learning that they bring with them.*

Student Commitment

As a Law Student of the University of Saskatchewan,
College of Law, I will, to the best of my ability:

Engage in a respectful way with local, national and global
members of community and society.

Contribute to the creation of a respectful and inclusive university
community.

Actively engage in the learning process.

Undertake all learning activities with academic and ethical
integrity.



Institutional Commitment

As a representative of the University of Saskatchewan,
the University of Saskatchewan will, to the best of its ability:

Offer high quality programs and activities for learning and discovery.

Foster reciprocal learning collaborations.

Ensure qualified educators and effective instruction.

Promote research-enhanced and community-driven learning.

Create mechanisms for ongoing quality enhancement of all programs and courses.

Define transparent programmatic milestones expected of students in all pursuits of
learning.

Provide safe, secure, and inclusive environments.

Provide appropriate learning resources, facilities, and technologies.

Support the students, the educators and the community.

Educator Commitment

As a Faculty member of the University of Saskatchewan,
College of Law, I will, to the best of my ability:

Embody the learning behaviours we are teaching to others.

Maintain an appropriate teacher-learner relationship.

Bring research, scholarship, artistic work and /or professional activities into teaching
and mentorship.

Align learning outcomes, teaching activities and assessment.

Develop respectful and inclusive learning environments that support student
learning.

Communicate and uphold clear academic expectations and standards.

Perform fair and relevant assessment for and of student learning.

Solicit and reflect on feedback from students, peers and others.

Engage in life-long learning and continuous enhancement of teaching practice.

Program

Welcome remarks and introductions

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Chief Justice of Saskatchewan Court of Appeal

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Chief Justice of the Court of Queen's Bench for Saskatchewan

Greetings from the Saskatchewan Provincial Court

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Dr. Airini, Provost and Vice-President Academic

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President John M. Williams

Presentation of first-year class

***Pinning and recitation of
student commitment to follow***

SPEAKERS

Martin Phillipson, Dean, College of Law, University of Saskatchewan (LLB'89,LLM'91)

Martin Phillipson became dean of the University of Saskatchewan College of Law on July 1, 2016. He received his LLB from Leicester University in the UK in 1989, and his LLM from the University of Saskatchewan in 1991.

He joined the College of Law as a professor in 1999, having previously held faculty positions at Osgoode Hall Law School in Toronto, Victoria University of Wellington in New Zealand, and the Australian National University.

In addition to his work in the College of Law, Professor Phillipson has held several senior administrative positions at the University of Saskatchewan including several years as vice-provost of the College of Medicine where he led a major restructuring of Saskatchewan's only medical school. Professor Phillipson's teaching and research interests lie in the fields of Intellectual Property Law and Biotechnology Law with a particular focus on the law pertaining to GMO.

Maria Campbell, Cultural Advisor, College of Law, University of Saskatchewan

Maria Campbell received her honorary doctorates from the University of Regina in 1985, York University in 1992, and Athabasca University in 2000. She is a Métis author, playwright, broadcaster, filmmaker, and Elder. In addition to her work in the arts, Maria is a volunteer, activist and advocate for Indigenous rights and the rights of women. She was a founder of the first Women's Halfway House and the first Women and Children's Emergency Crisis Centre in Edmonton. Maria sits as an Elder on the Saskatchewan Aboriginal Justice Commission, and is a member of the Grandmothers for Justice Society.

Elder Joseph Naytowhow, Knowledge Keeper

Joseph Naytowhow is a gifted Plains/Woodland Cree (nehiyaw) singer/songwriter, storyteller, and voice, stage and film actor from the Sturgeon Lake First Nation Band in Saskatchewan. As a child, Joseph was influenced by his grandfather's traditional and ceremonial chants as well as the sounds of the fiddle and guitar. Today he is renowned for his unique style of Cree/English storytelling, combined with original contemporary music and traditional First Nations drum and rattle songs.

An accomplished performer, Joseph is the recipient of the 2006 Canadian Aboriginal Music Award's Keeper of the Tradition Award and the 2005 Commemorative Medal for the Saskatchewan Centennial. In 2009, Joseph also received a Gemini Award for Best Individual or Ensemble Performance in an Animated Program or Series for his role in the Wapos Bay series. That same year he was also awarded Best Emerging Male Actor at the Winnipeg Aboriginal Film Festival for his role in Run: Broken Yet Brave and won Best Traditional Male Dancer at John Arcand's Fiddlefest in Saskatchewan. He has performed for the Prince of Wales, the Lieutenant Governor of Saskatchewan and many other notables. His demanding schedule continues to take him to conferences, symposia, forums, festivals and film sets across Canada, North America and around the world.

Fifteen years of study with a Buddhist master, combined with his Nehiyo/Cree traditional knowledge and his experience as an interdisciplinary artist, has nurtured Joseph's generosity and compassion for sharing cultural knowledge. He is a much sought after keynote speaker, counselor, and educator for children and adults alike. Joseph frequently enjoys opportunities to work as a resident artist and cultural advisor for various organizations including the University of Saskatchewan, University of Regina, and Polytechnic Institutes. Joseph holds a Bachelor of Education degree from the University of Saskatchewan.

Robert Martz, Partner, Burnet Duckworth & Palmer LLP (BA'01, JD'10)

Rob Martz is from Saskatoon and graduated from the University of Saskatchewan College of Law in 2010. After law school, Rob clerked for the Honourable Chief Justice Richards at the Saskatchewan Court of Appeal and the Honourable Justice Rothstein at the Supreme Court.

He practices in the areas of commercial litigation and anti-corruption at Burnet, Duckworth & Palmer LLP in Calgary. Rob recently appeared for a group of Alberta craft brewers at the Supreme Court of Canada on *R. v. Comeau* (or the “free the beer case”).

Rob is married to Adrienne Roy who is also a law graduate from USask and is the father to two boys and a girl.

The Honourable Chief Justice Robert G. Richards, Court of Appeal for Saskatchewan (BComm'75, LLB'79)

The Honourable Chief Justice Robert G. Richards was appointed Chief Justice of the Court of Appeal for Saskatchewan on June 30, 2013. He was appointed to the Court of Appeal in 2004.

Chief Justice Richards completed a Bachelor of Laws from the University of Saskatchewan in 1979 and a Master of Laws from Harvard University in 1982. He was a Law Clerk, Supreme Court of Canada (1979-1980); Parliamentary Intern, House of Commons, Ottawa (1980-1981); associate lawyer with Gowling and Henderson, Ottawa (1982-1984); Chief of Staff to the Rt. Hon. Ramon Hnatyshyn, Ottawa (1984-1985); Director of Constitutional Law, Saskatchewan Department of Justice, Regina (1985-1990); and a partner at MacPherson Leslie and Tyerman (1990-2004). He appeared as counsel in over 40 Supreme Court of Canada appeals.

Chief Justice Richards has been the Chair, Supreme Court of Canada – Canadian Bar Association Liaison Committee; Co-chair national Canadian Bar Association Constitutional and Human Rights Law section;

Vice-chair and Council member of the International Commission of Jurists (Canadian Section); and a Director of the Canadian Institute for Advanced Legal Studies. He is a long-time lecturer and presenter at the College of Law, University of Saskatchewan and the Johnson Shoyama Graduate School of Public Policy, University of Regina.

The Honourable Chief Justice Martel D. Popescul, Court of Queen's Bench for Saskatchewan (BA'76, LLB'79)

Chief Justice Popescul obtained a BA from the University of Regina in 1976 and an LLB from the University of Saskatchewan in 1979. He was called to the Saskatchewan Bar in 1980. He was appointed Queen's Counsel (Canada) in 1992 and Queen's Counsel (Saskatchewan) in 2000. He served as a Bencher of the Law Society of Saskatchewan from 1998 to 2003 and was President in 2001. Chief Justice Popescul has frequently presented at legal education seminars and workshops. He was the recipient of the Saskatchewan Legal Education Society Inc.'s (SKLESI) Outstanding Volunteer Award (North) in 2005 and SKLESI's Award of Excellence for Legal Education Development in 2008. Chief Justice Popescul was appointed to the Court of Queen's Bench in 2006 and was appointed Chief Justice of that Court in 2012.

The Honourable Chief Judge, Shannon I. Metivier (LLB'82)

Chief Judge Metivier received her LLB from the University of Saskatchewan in 1992 and was called to the Saskatchewan Bar in 1993. She practiced law as an associate and then as a partner at McKercher LLP in Saskatoon. While in private practice, she was a civil litigator with a wide-ranging practice and actively involved in law firm administration.

She was appointed to the Provincial Court of Saskatchewan on April 18, 2013.

On March 1, 2021 she became the Chief Judge of the Provincial Court of Saskatchewan. She has a special interest in the intersection of mental health and the justice system and currently serves as Chairperson of the Saskatchewan Review Board.

Ms. Foluke Laosebkan, Benchler, Law Society of Saskatchewan (LLB'93)

Foluke Laosebikan obtained a Law degree LLB (hons) from Obafemi Awolowo University (OAU), Ile-Ife, Nigeria in 1993. She also has a Master's degree in Law (LLM) as well as a doctorate (PhD) in Law from Howard College, University of Kwazulu-Natal, Durban, South Africa.

She is trained in Mediation, Collaborative Practice as well as Facilitation. Foluke has a keen interest in Dispute Resolution, Family Law and Public Legal Education. She is the founding director of WeCollaborate-Professionals Promoting Change Through Knowledge Inc. (founded in 2012), as well as the founding director of the programs: Collaborative Law Initiative in Africa (CLIA) and Collaborative Law Initiative in the Northeast (CLIN). She is a past director of Collaborative Professionals of Saskatchewan Inc. (CPSI), having served as a Director on the CPSI Board for seven years.

Foluke is an active member of the Law Society of Saskatchewan and a member of a few other professional organizations including the Canadian Bar Association, Canadian Institute for the Administration of Justice, the Public Legal Education Association of Saskatchewan and Conflict Resolution Saskatchewan Inc.

She brings over 25 years of international legal knowledge and experience.

Dr. Airini, Provost and VP Academic, University of Saskatchewan

Airini earned a BA in religious studies and a Master of Education from the University of Canterbury, an MBA from Massey University, and a PhD in Curriculum and Instruction from the University of British Columbia. She has credentials as a trained teacher and learning the Indigenous language of NZ during two years of night classes.

Airini joined the USask in February 2021 and holds a professorial appointment in the College of Education. Her three-decade career is defined by her leadership internationally and domestically in areas of equity in higher education, Indigenous advancement, and converting research and

policy into improved education outcomes.

Airini has more than 20 years experience in senior academic administration at world-class universities internationally. Airini holds academic appointments in three countries – Australia, Canada, and New Zealand (NZ).

She has led education strategic planning in developing countries, with government budget value of \$97.4 million. She currently advises the UN Food and Agriculture Organization.

A Fulbright Scholar, Airini's research looks at how education success for all can mean all. Airini's research and development initiatives have directly shaped 21st century education systems to close gaps in education success at school and post-secondary levels.

She is the author/co-author of more than 100 research articles, books, and reviewed papers and reports. Airini is a member of the Royal Society of New Zealand.

Dr Airini is a national representative in two sports, a multisport eventer, and is one of only 40 selected from around the world to race The Yukon 1000 – the world's longest canoe race from Whitehorse to Alaska, paddling 1000 miles in nine days or less, on the Yukon river.

John M. Williams, (BA(Hons)LLB) President, Saskatchewan Trial Lawyers Association

Born and raised in Moose Jaw, John attended St. Thomas More College at the University of Saskatchewan, where he completed the Honours Program in Political Science before moving on to obtain his Law Degree.

He articulated to the Chief Justice of Saskatchewan, the Honourable E.D. Bayda. Upon admission to the Bar in 1984 John entered private practice with a predecessor firm and became a founding partner of Gerrand Rath Johnson in 1997.

Outside of law, John has many interests, which include singing and performing with various music groups. He has co-written, produced and performed in several local musical revues raising funds for charitable causes.

KEY NOTE SPEAKER

Prema K.R. Thiele

Prema is a partner and the National Group Head, Corporate & Capital Markets at Borden Ladner Gervais LLP (“BLG”). BLG is a leading, national, full-service Canadian law firm with more than 750 lawyers and intellectual property agents, in Toronto, Montréal, Calgary, Vancouver and Ottawa. As Canada’s largest and oldest law firm, BLG delivers comprehensive legal solutions and client services for domestic and international clients across more practice areas and industry sectors than any other Canadian law firm (www.blg.com).

In an over 30-year career at BLG, Prema has progressed through increasingly senior positions, including roles within the firm’s senior management team and Partnership Board, and currently she leads the corporate lawyer team at BLG as National Group Head, Corporate & Capital Markets. She is recognized as one of North America’s pre-eminent investment management and financial services regulatory lawyers, and has been integral to making BLG the leading Canadian law firm in the investment management industry, with the largest investment funds practice in Canada.

Prema advises several of the leading global investment fund complexes. She leads the largest registrant regulation and compliance practice in Canada, advising many capital markets participants. She has also acted as counsel to many securities industry self-regulatory organizations (SROs), such as the Investment Industry Regulatory Organization of Canada (IIROC) and the Mutual Fund Dealers Association of Canada (MFDA), as well to other key capital markets infrastructure providers, such as FundServ, and trade associations, such as the Investment Funds Institute of Canada (IFIC).

From an innovation perspective, Prema has played a significant role in making BLG the “go to” Canadian law firm for leading-edge financial services digital advice and trading platforms.

From a business community perspective, Prema has served on several high-profile industry committees, including being appointed to three successive terms on the

Ontario Securities Commission (OSC) Registrant Advisory Committee, which advises OSC staff on regulatory policy, therein directly impacting thousands of capital markets participants. Prema was also a long-standing member of the influential Toronto Board of Trade Business Affairs Committee (ultimately, serving as its Chair), which afforded opportunity for collaboration with other Board of Trade members and all government levels to promote a healthy and competitive business environment.

From a global community perspective, Prema is an international public speaker in the financial services industry, regularly presenting to capital markets participants and business leaders regarding the regulation of global securities markets, enhancement of investor protection and mitigation of global systemic risk.

From a local perspective, Prema has been heavily involved in amateur youth sports in Toronto, believing that team participation helps youth create a sense of belonging and develop social skills while teaching collaboration, accountability, dedication, leadership, and selflessness. She is currently on the Board of Directors of the Greater Toronto Hockey League (GTHL), the largest minor hockey organization in the world.

In 2020, Prema was named one of the Women’s Executive Network’s Top 100 Most Powerful Women in Canada, receiving the CIBC Executive Leaders Award for leading a multidisciplinary legal team at the forefront of the business and corporate commercial world.

She has been repeatedly honoured for legal career achievements, and currently recognized by Chambers Canada as one of Canada’s Leading Lawyers for Business (Investment Funds), by The Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory for expertise in investment funds and asset management, and by Best Lawyers in Canada in the Mutual Funds Law and Securities Law categories.

Prema is a native of Saskatoon, and is proud to be a University of Saskatchewan graduate, having received both her LLB and B.Comm, with distinction.

First-Year Class

ADEBOGUN, Lola (Ibukun)
AHMAD, Saba
ALSTON, Ryan
ARSHAD, Manahil
AVSENIK, Josef
BALSOM, Krista
BATEMAN, Terry
BAZIN, Clark
BELFOUR, Nicholas
BLACK, Graham
BLANDFORD, Staci
BRASS, Elise
BRILZ, Alexander
BROSSART, Caid
BROUSSEAU, Connor
BUGLER, Kelly
CALLADINE, Jordan
CHRISTENSEN, Jesse
CHRISTOPHERSON, Madeleine
COCKWILL, Riley
COLLINS, Drew
COLLINS, Ryan
COLLINS, Shane
COOPER, Albertus
CROBAR, Roman
CUPID, Ryan
DAWYDIAK, Alec
DeBLOIS, Kyra
DELLA ROSA, Sophia
DEVONALD, Gavin
DIMA, Violeta
DODERAI, Laura
DOUGLAS, Matthew
DUBIEL, Josh
ECKERT, Payton
FARYNA, Katherine (Sara)
FELLOWS, Zach
FERRARI, Sam
FISHER, Ethan
FOCHT, Erica
FRIESEN, Eden
FRIESEN, Hailey

FRIZZELL, Jakaeden
GERBER, Michael
GILL, Bhanwar
GORDON, Sasha
GOUGH, Amy
GRATRIX, Katherine
GUSIKOSKI, Carlee
HALLAN, Kiran
HAPKE, Tye
HAWRELAK, Erin
HEALEY, Brooke
HODGE, David
HOLDING, Geena
HOWITT, Ethan
HUBENS, Christopher
HUNTER, Angela
IVERSON, Matthew
JENKINS, Alicia
JORGENSEN, Hannah
KEESKOTAGAN, Matthew
KHAMPHASOUK, Rachael
KNIGHT, Hannah
KONDI, Klajdi
KOROLL, Elle
KUTSKA, Iryna
LaFITTE, Anika
LAFONTAINE, Shane
LEHMANN, Amanda
LUONG, Jason
MACKNAK, Kailey
MARLEY, Caydence
MARLEY, Kennedy
McDOUGALL, Kristyn
McLACHLAN, Charlotte
MELNYK, Brock
MOORE, Teagan
MURPHY, Eric
NEUFELD, Courtney
NIESSEN, Colan
OLDERSHAW, Mark
OLSEN, Laura
OLSON, Nic
O'NEILL, Adam

PENNER, Sarah
PERSAD, Neesha
PETERSON, Kyle
PETRICK, Ryland
PIKE, Cole
PIROS, Renatta
RAJPUT, Michele
RAMIREZ, Michelle
REHMAN, Maryam
REIMER, Kirsten
REMATORE, Deianeira
ROBERTS, Justin
ROBINSON, Dominga
ROGERS, Isaac
SCHAUFELLE, Tyler
SCHMAUS, Sarah
SEBASTIAN, Natalie
SECORD, Tanner
SGRAZZUTTI, Nathan
SHRIMPTON, Cole
SONNTAG, Kelsey
STANDRING, Claire
STEFANOVIC, Matt
SULLY, Tatum
TAYLOR, Cameron
THOMAS, Dathan
TOLLEFSON, Kira
TOOR, Ravneet
VAN BESELAERE, Nathan
VARSANYI, Stephanie
VOGT, Dannika
VOOGHT, Kacey
WANLIN, Lisa
WENG, Michael (Jui Sheng)
WHEAT, Brianne
WHEATON, Liam
WIRACHOWSKY, Brian
WOLOSHYN, Bailey
WURMLINGER, Luke
YUSKIW, Cody
ZAJDEL, Adam

Entrance Awards

The Gary & Tammy Bugeaud Centennial Entrance Award - \$10,000

William Elliott Scholarship - \$6,000

Law Society of Saskatchewan Scholarship - \$6,000

MLT Aikins LLP Scholarship in Law - \$6,000

Harris, Lauretta & Raymond Earl Parr Memorial Scholarship - 2 @ \$5,000

Morris and Jacqui Shumiatcher Scholarship in Law - \$2,500

Law Foundation of Saskatchewan 25th Anniversary Scholarship - \$2,500

J. Barrie Thomson Scholarship - \$2,000

Mohinder Chadha Award in Law - \$2,000

Justice John H. Maher Memorial Scholarship - \$1,500

Thomas P. & Peter S. Deis WWII Memorial Scholarship - \$1,300

James M. Stevenson Entrance Scholarship - 2 @ \$1,000



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