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Thank you for joining generations of alumni, parents and friends in supporting the College of Law so we can nurture passion and foster excellence in the brightest minds that choose the legal profession.

Sincerely,

Martin Phillipson
Dean, College of Law

Bursary brings boost of confidence to pursue law degree



Slade Hall remembers very clearly the day he received his acceptance letter from the College of Law.

"I was walking with my friend to our next class in the Arts Building when I saw the email with the letter attached. My friend was also waiting to hear if he had been accepted. We opened our emails together and immediately started celebrating."

Hall was excited to know that one of his best friends would be by his side every step of the way through his journey through law school, but what he wasn't prepared for was how daunting it would be to be one of the youngest in his first-year class.

"At 19 years old, I'm fairly young for a law student," said Hall, adding he worried he hadn't had as much life experience as his colleagues. Learning he was the recipient of the J.G. McIntyre Family Bursary helped him overcome some of those uncertainties.

"This bursary has given me the confidence that I am capable of pursuing my dream at this stage of my life," he said.

Given the fact that law tuition is expensive, the bursary had financial importance too. Hall spent the last year looking for every possible opportunity to make extra money to help fund his dream and said the award lightened his financial burden tremendously.

"It's given me the opportunity to breathe a little easier as I continue to pursue my goals," he said.



The late Judge
J.G. McIntyre

Added Hall, "I thank the McIntyre family from the bottom of my heart for believing in me. Thank you for embracing a philanthropic spirit and giving back so generously."

The J.G. McIntyre Family Bursary was created in 1987 by the late Judge J.G. McIntyre and continues to be supported by his family members to this day, helping deserving students like Slade Hall in their pursuit of a law degree. ■

Like you, donor Nadine Sandercock is giving back to support higher learning

Nadine Sandercock (LLB'82) grew up on the family farm near Markinch, Sask., close to where her grandfather had homesteaded in 1904. She attended a two-room school for her first four years and then spent the rest of her schooling in Cupar, Sask.

After graduation, she enrolled in the Business Administration Program at the University of Regina, but was unsure it was the correct career path. She then applied to the College of Law at the University of Saskatchewan and started the Bachelor of Laws Program in 1979.

Upon receiving her law degree, she articulated with Battlefords Legal Aid Clinic and later practiced with Regina Rural Legal Aid Clinic, primarily in the Fort Qu'Appelle, Sask., area.

After a short stint in private practice in Regina, job opportunities brought her and her husband to Ottawa, where they raised their son and continue to reside. Since 1992, she has been a criminal prosecutor, now general counsel, with the Public Prosecution Service of Canada and currently spends her time as a legal lecturer and advisor at the Canadian Police College.



Nadine and her husband David Henley traveled from Ottawa to attend the university's Remembrance Day service in 2018.

“For me, the College of Law has been a constant because of its profound influence in getting me to where I am.”

**NADINE SANDERCOCK
(LLB'82)**

Nadine has been donating to the University of Saskatchewan on an annual basis since 1990 in support of student scholarships, awards and experiential learning opportunities in the College of Law.

Nadine and her husband, David Henley, also recently gave in honour of her husband's uncle who served in World War I. We asked Nadine a few questions about her experience at USask and why giving back is so important to her.

Why did you decide to go into law?

NS: Although my parents encouraged academic excellence at home, it was a high school teacher, Bart Carroll, who first challenged me to consider law as a career. That being said, I didn't know anyone who was a lawyer, had no idea what "going to law school" meant or what being a lawyer might entail beyond that which was depicted on television.

Is there are particular moment or memory from your time in law school that stands out for you?

NS: The adage "In first-year, they scare you; in second-year, they work

you; and in third-year, they bore you," had a certain ring of truth in it! In first year, I wondered if I deserved to be there; in second year, I seemed to live at the Law Library and eat at the Royal University Hospital cafeteria across the street; and by third year, after having been bitten by the "litigation" bug, time couldn't pass quickly enough for me to venture out and get into a courtroom.

What prompted your first gift?

NS: My parents encouraged community service and philanthropy. I have had a special fondness for libraries in general and for the Law Library in particular, which was where I directed my very first donation to the college.

Why do you continue to give?

NS: I continue to give for two reasons. First, the practice of law has been good to me; as well as providing a fulfilling career, it has taught me more than I could imagine. Secondly, academic institutions need to be financially supported and academic freedom maintained. So, it is natural to donate to my alma mater to

maintain the quality of the program I benefited from and to perpetuate the high standards at the College of Law to educate and encourage future generations of law students.

What do you hope your gifts will accomplish?

NS: I hope that they will inspire initiative from people at the college, like the program between the College of Law and the Government of Nunavut to educate and train territorial lawyers. I also hope that it will encourage alumni to be thoughtful and generous in their own giving.

Why should others consider making a gift to the College of Law?

NS: It is trite, but true, that there are many worthy causes vying for charitable dollars. To what and to whom we choose to give is a personal decision. For me, the College of Law has been a constant because of its profound influence in getting me to where I am. If other alumni feel that same, hopefully they will be moved to honour USask with their own gifts. ■

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College of Law tuition and fees in **2000/01** **\$3,363**

College of Law tuition and fees in **2018/19** **\$14,575**

119 donor-funded student scholarships and bursaries in the college.

In five years, **603** students have finished their law degrees, **thanks to you.**

115 more will be welcomed to the profession after spring convocation 2019.

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On behalf of our students, faculty and staff who benefit from your support, thank you for your generosity!

You are playing a fundamental role in educating future members of the legal profession. We look forward to continuing to work with you.

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