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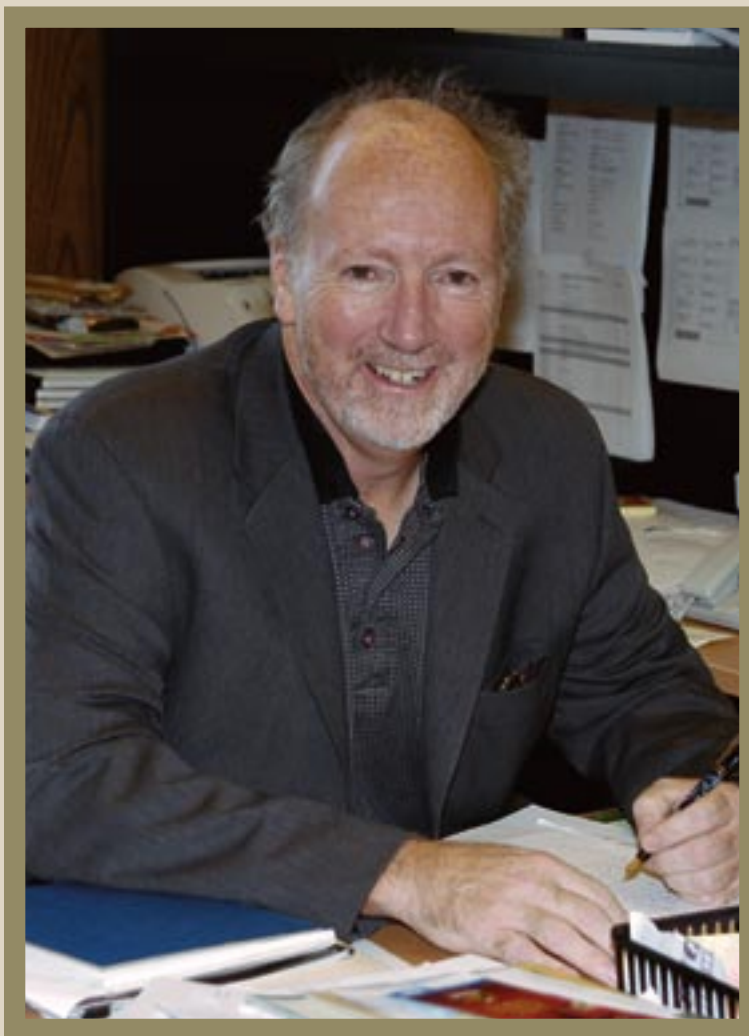
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*Cotter*

*New Dean of the College of Law*



# **DEAN'S** *Message*

## **BRENT COTTER**

I am pleased and honoured to be introducing myself as the new Dean of our College of Law. It is a wonderful time, and opportunity, to become your Dean. Dan Ish and Beth Bilson have set the stage for a dynamic new era of growth and revitalization at the law school. I have a great opportunity to build upon this foundation. This new era of growth and revitalization will be based on what we have begun to call **"The Four Pillars of our Future"**.

***The first Pillar is our Strategic Plan.*** It will guide our actions in the coming three years. The main themes of this Plan are to:

- build on our strengths as an outstanding teaching law school.
- strengthen our research and publication productivity.
- continue to attract outstanding students to the College from all parts of Canada.
- invest in areas of excellence and leadership at the College of Law, particularly transnational commercial law, environment and sustainable resources and Aboriginal peoples and law.

***The second Pillar is the strengthening and expansion of our faculty.*** The College of Law employs one of the finest teaching faculties in the country. As Dan Ish described in the last edition of *of Note* seven new faculty members – eight counting me - have joined the faculty in recent years. This is only the beginning. By July 1, 2005 we will have expanded our faculty by four professors; with more to come. This will enable us to strengthen our core program, expand our upper year course offerings and build upon the nationally recognized strengths of the College. We have an unprecedented opportunity for growth.

***The third Pillar is improvement in the services we provide to our students.*** In recent years, the number and quality of applicants to the College of Law has returned to historic highs. Indeed, our law school is a preferred place to study by many candidates.

We intend to immediately recognize our students' commitment and financial investment in the College by:

- hiring a Student Services Officer to support students in achieving their goals throughout their law school years and onward to their professional careers.
- improving the student environment, including the student lounge and student offices within the College.
- increasing financial aid and support to students.
- ensuring information about our law school programs and our website is relevant, useful and timely.

***Our fourth Pillar is the expansion and renovation of the physical premises of the College of Law.*** The College has significantly out-grown a building that was built in 1967 for a fraction of its present occupants. We have recently launched a major fundraising campaign to address the pressing need for suitable space and to enable us to deliver top quality education - now and in the future. This expansion and renovation initiative is part of the University of Saskatchewan's Capital Campaign "Thinking The World Of Our Future" and is fully supported by our university President, Peter MacKinnon. Our campaign, a \$7.5 million dollar undertaking, is seeking financial support from a wide array of partners, including our law alumni, the legal profession, friends of the College of Law, the Law Foundation of Saskatchewan and the University. Our objective is to fulfil the fundraising project within one year and complete the expansion and modernization of the College for use in September 2007.

Our students make a substantial commitment and financial investment in their legal education. In turn, they deserve no less than our full commitment to the Four Pillars. This is perhaps the most ambitious set of initiatives our law school has ever undertaken. It is bringing a great sense of excitement and purpose to the College of Law, an excitement that I hope captures your hopes and expectations for your law school.

***We at the College of Law, "Think the World of Our Future", and we hope you do too!***

*I welcome your views, suggestions and comments. You can contribute by letter, by phone at (306) 966-5910, by fax at (306) 966-5900 or by email at [brent.cotter@usask.ca](mailto:brent.cotter@usask.ca).*

# **NEW** *Administrative* **STAFF**



*Brent Cotter (center) welcomes Jana Danielson (right) and Laura Herman (left) to the administrative staff at the College of Law.*

Jana Danielson joined the College of Law in August 2004 to fill the position of Executive Assistant to the Dean. This position was held by Dana Kingsbury until March, 2004. Jana holds an MBA from the University of Saskatchewan and has been employed in the area of Student and Enrolment Services at the U of S since 1997. She is looking forward to new challenges and the opportunity to work with Dean Cotter, the faculty, staff, and students to move the vision of the College forward in the coming years.

Laura Herman is the new College Development Officer, a position previously held by Tarissa

Carmichael. Laura works jointly with College of Law and University Advancement staff to facilitate the College's development activities, specifically: fundraising, communication and alumni-related events such as reunions and social functions. She holds an Honours degree in Marketing from the College of Commerce at the University of Saskatchewan and prior to joining the College was employed at the Innovation Place Research Park. Laura is excited to work closely with students, staff, faculty and alumni to build on the College's success and ensure an outstanding future.



# Faculty NEWS

## STUDENTS' UNION TEACHING EXCELLENCE AWARDS

Professors **Mark Carter** and **Paul Chartrand** were awarded **Teaching Excellence Awards** for 2003-2004. The Students' Union Teaching Excellence Awards program recognizes professors who demonstrate teaching excellence at the University of Saskatchewan. Students evaluate teachers and their environment in a number of ways; three important areas include enthusiasm, organization, and fairness of evaluation. The culmination of these aspects leads to an environment where students feel free to explore, critique, grow, and become leaders.

## MARJORIE L. BENSON

### **Book published:**

*Negotiating Synergies: A Study in Multiparty Conflict Resolution* (Saskatoon Centre for the Study of Cooperatives, 2004) 366 pp.

## BETH BILSON

Beginning in the fall of 2000, Professor Bilson served as chair of a federal task force on pay equity, which presented its report in May, 2004. The work of the Pay Equity Task Force was the subject of a paper presented to a March, 2004 colloquium on labour and employment law policy organized by Law Foundation of Saskatchewan Chair, Judy Fudge. Professor Bilson has also recently completed a chapter on Saskatchewan labour history and one on Premier William Patterson for inclusion in volumes being prepared for the provincial centenary in 2005.

During the fall term Professor Bilson is teaching for the Akitsiraq Law Program at the Nunavut Arctic College, Iqaluit, Nunavut. This LL.B. program is administered by the University of Victoria and taught by University of Victoria faculty members and law professors from other Canadian universities with assistance from local members of the legal profession.

Professor Bilson has also been instrumental in documenting the history of our College. Over the summer months she supervised two students who worked on several historical projects. See the article "History in the Making" page 10 for an update on their work.

## TAMARA BUCKWOLD



Professor Tamara Buckwold joined the list of contributors to the national contract law casebook, *Contracts: Cases and Commentaries*, Boyle & Percy eds. in the recently published 7th edition (Thomson/Carswell 2004). The two chapters contributed by Professor Buckwold respectively address the topics of "Formation of the Agreement: Certainty of Terms" and "Contingent Agreements". The casebook is used in Contracts courses offered by law schools across Canada. Professor Buckwold is also a member of the Uniform Law Conference of Canada's Civil Enforcement working group, which this August completed a three year law reform project with the delivery of its final report and a proposed uniform Act that would radically revise the law of judgment enforcement in jurisdictions that elect to adopt it. Professor Ronald C.C. Cuming was a member of the working group from its inception in 2001 until 2003. Professors Buckwold and Cuming will be presenting their own final report on the reform of judgment enforcement law in Saskatchewan to the Saskatchewan Department of Justice later this year.

## MARK CARTER



### **Papers and Presentations:**

Professor Carter attended the Canadian Association of Law Teachers, Annual Conference, May 31-June 2, University of Manitoba, Winnipeg.

He presented his paper titled "Federal and Provincial Jurisdiction to Prosecute Criminal Offences."

He also attended and presented his paper, "Retributive Sentencing and The Charter: The Implications of the Sauvé Decision", at the Canadian Law and Society



Association, Annual Conference, June 2-5, University of Manitoba, Winnipeg. At this conference he helped to organize a panel and delivered a presentation on "Constitutional Implications of Canadian Foundation for Children Youth and The Law" (the 'spanking' case).

#### **Service:**

In June, 2004 he helped to organize and participated in a workshop for policing, social work and the education of practitioners and administrators concerning the Supreme Court decision on the corporal punishment of children.

He has participated in several interviews and phone-in sessions concerning Constitutional Law matters (i.e. same sex marriage and the corporal punishment defence).

#### **PAUL CHARTRAND**

##### **Book Contributions:**

Chapter: "Towards justice and reconciliation: Treaty recommendations of Canada's Royal Commission on Aboriginal Peoples (1996)" in Marcia Langton, Maureen Tehan, Lisa Palmer and Kathryn Shain, eds. *Honour Among Nations? Treaties and Agreements with Indigenous People* (Melbourne, Australia: Melbourne University Press, 2004) at 120-132.

Foreword: *Intercultural Dispute Resolution in Aboriginal Contexts: Canadian and International Perspectives* in Catherine Bell and David Kahane, eds. (Vancouver: University of British Columbia Press, 2004) at vii-xi.

##### **Law Journal Articles:**

"Sovereignty, liberty, and the legal order of the Freeman (Otipahemsu'uk): Towards a constitutional theory of Metis self-government" (2004) 67:1 Saskatchewan Law Review, 339-357 with Albert Peeling.

##### **Conferences:**

The Australasian Law Teachers' Association Conference in Darwin, Australia, in July, 2004. Professor Chartrand was a panel member discussing approaches and methods relating to teaching in the law school. Another feature



of the conference was a meeting and discussion about Aboriginal laws between law teachers and Aboriginal law men and women from the Northern Territory.

##### **Presentations:**

"Aboriginal Peoples: Is there room in Canada?", an invited address at the conference Constructing Tomorrow's Federalism: New Routes to Effective Governance sponsored by the Saskatchewan Institute on Public Policy, U of Regina, March 2004, abstract published in magazine distributed by SIPP and Centre for Research and Information on Canada, 2004, at 31-32.

##### **Community Service:**

Advising the Metis National Council, a non-governmental organization (NGO) in consultative status with ECOSOC, regarding the two Declarations on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples. The first is the United Nations Declaration, now being elaborated in a working group of the Commission on Human Rights, which meets in Geneva. The General Assembly has requested that the Declaration be ready for adoption by the end of 2004, which is the end of the UN Decade on Indigenous Peoples. The second Declaration is that of the Organization of American States (OAS) Declaration, which is the subject of consultations in Washington, D.C. with representatives of indigenous peoples and the OAS.

Serving on an interim advisory committee to the newly established First Nations Governance Centre, which was announced in the last federal Speech from the Throne and Budget.

##### **Professional Activity:**

Committee Member of the Canadian Association of Law Teachers (CALT) that will be making recommendations to the Association regarding judicial appointments to the Supreme Court of Canada.

##### **Research Projects:**

Research has included work on American Indian lands policy and practice, and inquiry into historical and philosophical dimensions of oral and ceremonial traditions of the Aboriginal peoples of the Plains and Woodlands area.

# Faculty NEWS

## Claim to Fame

Paul Chartrand was inducted into the Manitoba Baseball Hall of Fame in June, 2004.

## KEN COOPER-STEPHENSON

In 2004, Professor Cooper-Stephenson gave a paper titled "Reparations for State Wrongs: Tort Law's Political and Theoretical Role" at a conference in Calgary on the Residential Schools Legacy titled Residential Schools Legacy: Is Reconciliation Possible? He has subsequently been working as a consultant pro bono for an assembly of first nation's consultative group on the dispute resolution project designed to resolve cases of cultural loss and sexual, physical and mental abuse suffered by Native people in the residential schools. In the summer of 2004, Professor Cooper-Stephenson also traveled to Melbourne, Australia to deliver a paper titled "Corrective Justice, Distributive Justice and Unjust Enrichment of the Law of Torts" at the Second Biennial Conference on the Law of Obligations.



## RONALD CUMING

Professor Cuming represented Canada at meetings of the Regulations Drafting Working Group of the Preparatory Commission for the Convention on International Interests in Mobile Goods, 2001. The first meeting was held in mid-October in Montreal and the second in Brussels, Belgium in mid-November. The Regulations prepared by the Working Group apply to the international registry for interests in aircraft being established in Ireland.

The Bosnia-Herzegovina Pledge Law and related regulations co-authored by Professor Cuming came into effect in October. This law (including the on-line registry) establishes one of the most advanced secured financing systems in Eastern Europe.



Professor Cuming co-authored a manual on the Albanian Insolvency Law (to be published in December, 2004) designed to introduce the concepts and operational features of a new insolvency law prepared for Albania by a German bankruptcy judge.

## PATRICIA FARNESE

Professor Farnese and Hayely Hesseltn (CSALE) presented a poster at the 57th Canadian Water Resource Association (CWRA) Annual National Conference in Montreal June 15-18, 2004 titled "Water Rights and Climate Change: How Access of Water will shape the development of Agro-forestry in Saskatchewan".

She also participated in a public meeting with Josef Schmutz (CSALE) on July 29, 2004 in Gravelbourg to present CSALE's findings with respect to the Health of the Wood River.



## ROBERT FLANNIGAN

Professor Flannigan's recent publications include: "The Boundaries of Fiduciary Accountability" (2004) 83 Canadian Bar Review 57. "Fiduciary Duties of Shareholders and Directors" [2004] Journal of Business Law 277.

## DAN ISH

Dan Ish stepped down as Acting Dean of the College on June 30, 2004. He has been elected chair of the Board for Saskatchewan Legal Education Society. His recent invited conference presentations include: "Avoiding Arbitration: The Arbitrator's Role", Labour Arbitration and Policy Conference, University of Calgary, June 2-3, 2004; "Legislation and Farmer Co-operatives: International Issues", International Symposium on Institutional





Arrangements, Zhejiang University, Zhejiang Province, China, May 8-13, 2004.

### MICHAELA KEET

#### **Projects:**

Coordinating a pilot mediation program in the office of the Rentalsman, a program delivered by student mediators for clinical credit; with the Dispute Resolution Office, Saskatchewan Justice as a contributing partner.

Facilitated a focus group discussion and authored a report, "FASD and the Criminal Justice System"; project led by the Research and Statistics Division, Federal Department of Justice, March 2004.

#### **Presentations:**

"Leading Through Teaching", panel presentation at the Women in Leadership and Learning Conference, University of Regina, May 2004

#### **Funded Research:**

Primary investigator for an interdisciplinary research project, funded by the Dr. Stirling McDowell Foundation for Research into Teaching, Saskatchewan Teacher's Federation: *Restorative Action in the Elementary School: A Community-Based Approach to Peace Building and Conflict Resolution*.

### KEN NORMAN

Professor Norman was nominated by the Council of Canadian Law Deans to represent the legal academic community on the Board of Directors of the Court Challenges Program of Canada. Professor Norman is currently completing his first three year term on the board. He serves as treasurer and sits on the executive committee of the program.



### TIM QUIGLEY

Professor Quigley is presently working on a second edition of *Procedure in Canadian Criminal Law*. He is also a co-editor of the Criminal Reports and Chief Negotiator for the U of S faculty Association in upcoming collective bargaining.



### DOUG SCHMEISER

Professor Emeritus Doug Schmeiser has been lecturing at First Nations reserves around Saskatchewan under the Aboriginal Women for Tomorrow program. This program is sponsored by CESO Aboriginal Services, and is designed to improve the working skills of aboriginal women.



Professor Schmeiser also currently serves as a Director of Nature Canada and Honorary President of Nature Saskatchewan.

### LUCINDA VANDERVORT

#### **Publications**

"Honest Beliefs, Credible Lies, and Culpable Awareness: Rhetoric, Inequality and Mens Rea in Sexual Assault," (2004) 42(4) Osgoode Hall Law Journal (forthcoming).



# College **UPDATES**

## **NEGOTIATION, MEDIATION AND PROBLEM-SOLVING SKILLS BECOME PART OF THE CORE CURRICULUM**

The College has developed, and integrated, a comprehensive program of Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) into the law curriculum.

An important feature of the ADR program is the focus on first year. In a way that overcomes the artificial separation of substantive and procedural legal issues, ADR components are integrated into all of the first year student's core courses. First year students are introduced to: interest-based and consensus-based approaches to legal disputes, styles and skills used in negotiation, basics of the mediation process, restorative justice, client counseling and professional ethics. The students learn important concepts connected to each of these areas. They apply the concepts through hands-on exercises and simulations such as planning negotiation strategy in a tort claim, problem-solving around a property dispute between neighbors, mediating a human rights conflict, and advising clients in a claim for breach of contract. A popular component of the First Year Dispute Resolution Program is a Criminal Law session on restorative justice. Last year, with the support of Judges Huculak and Whelan and legal aid lawyer Kearney Healy, each first year student participated in a mock sentencing circle at the provincial courthouse.

Students can build on the first year program by choosing from

a growing number of courses in the ADR area. Two or three sections of the Alternative Dispute Resolution course have been offered in the past few years ensuring that all interested students can take it. A Mediation seminar and Multi-Party Dispute Resolution seminar are also offered. A more intensive clinical placement in ADR is offered in second year. Students in this placement can choose to complete a placement at the Restorative Circles Initiative or work with Campus Mediation Services, a volunteer mediation service focusing on mediation to landlords and tenants in the Office of the Rentalsman (Saskatoon). Even with this number of options in upper year, the ADR courses continue to be over-subscribed.

Students can also participate in a popular negotiation competition, lead by alumni with the Calgary office of Fraser Milner Casgrain.

The combination of integrated coverage in the first year program, and the range of advanced options in upper year, means that students at our College have excellent opportunities to develop their dispute resolution skills – skills which will serve them in practice and beyond. The College is grateful to the Dispute Resolution Office of Saskatchewan Justice, the Fraser Milner Casgrain firm, and others in the judiciary and legal profession who have supported this program.

## **THE U OF S IS THE NEW HOME FOR THE CANADIAN BAR REVIEW WITH FLANNIGAN AS THE NEW EDITOR**

The Canadian Bar Association has selected Professor Rob Flannigan to be the new Editor of Canada's most prestigious peer-reviewed law journal, the Canadian Bar Review, and has chosen the College of Law at the University of Saskatchewan to be the home of the Review for at least the next five years. Professor Flannigan and the College of Law were chosen over 10 applicants, including a number of Canadian law schools, in a competition conducted during the late summer of 2004. Professor Flannigan commenced his duties as editor on October 1, 2004.

Professor Flannigan has a distinguished record as a scholar and editor. He has published widely in Canadian and foreign journals, and has served as editor of the Saskatchewan Law Review. The College of Law has put in place a series of arrangements to enable Professor

Flannigan to have the time and resources to fulfil his new responsibilities with distinction.



"The Canadian Bar Association was very impressed with Professor Flannigan's submission," said Dean Brent Cotter. "And for our part, the College of Law has been delighted to support his application and make it possible to attract the Review to the College. It is the first time in its 90 year history that the Canadian Bar Review has made its 'home' in a prairie location and we hope to have it here for a long time to come."

The Canadian Bar Review is published online three times a year and in a printed volume at the end of the year. The Review publishes commentary on all areas of interest to the legal community.



# Alumni **SUPPORT**

As the newly appointed Development Officer for the College of Law, and as a University of Saskatchewan graduate, I believe it is important for all alumni to know the benefits and value of being a U of S Alum. Do you know...

## **...What University Advancement Can Do For You?**

It's often said, and quite correctly, that successful alumni are the truest measure of a successful university. This is why the University Advancement office is committed to providing our alumni with a wide variety of services and benefits designed to maximize your opportunities after graduation and throughout your career.

Your relationship with the U of S needn't end when you walk across the stage to receive your degree at Convocation. We invite you to continue life-long learning by requesting your free U of S Alumni Card, which is available to all our graduates. Your alumni card allows you access to the U of S library, online job postings, career workshops, and counselors through the Student Employment and Career Centre; and a variety of discounts at campus affiliates, such as the Greystone Theatre and the Centre for Second Language Instruction. You can even enjoy the campus recreation facilities, including the new Physical Activity Complex (PAC). Be sure to take advantage of your alumni status by visiting any U of S bookstore outlet and browsing through our newly expanded line of alumni clothing and merchandise.

We recognize how important it is for our alumni to explore the world – to see new places, experience new cultures, and become global citizens. Each year we offer opportunities to travel to exciting destinations. Whether it is walking among the ruins of the Parthenon or sailing through the canals of St. Petersburg, the alumni travel program offers something that is sure to appeal to your sense of exploration and adventure.

To assist new graduates with the transition from university to the 'real world', we have a global alumni community with more than 50 active branches and contacts worldwide. Whether you are in Saskatoon, Regina, Calgary, Toronto, Ottawa, Vancouver, New York, or even Hong Kong, there are U of S graduates who are excited to meet you. Perhaps you would consider volunteering to act as a branch representative and play a key role in organizing alumni functions in your area or just get involved in your local U of S Alumni Chapter.

Each year, University Advancement assists past graduating classes with the planning of their class reunions because

we recognize it's not always easy to keep in touch with your classmates or come back to campus quite as often as you would like. We also invite featured-year classes back to campus for annual reunion celebrations. Our reunion program is simply one of the best ways for you to stay in touch with fellow graduates and reconnect with the University.

Some of our graduates prefer to take a hands-on approach in alumni life by becoming involved in and determining the direction of the U of S Alumni Association (the official body representing all U of S graduates). The Alumni Association is a volunteer-driven, non-profit organization that works in partnership with University Advancement with the aim of strengthening the bond between alumni and the University.

We encourage all our graduates to volunteer for the Association by acting as an Alumni Branch representative, a reunion class contact, or joining an Alumni Association committee. You can determine your level of involvement; the choice is yours.

Don't forget about our Online Community (oLc), which is specifically designed to provide opportunities for our alumni to communicate and network with other graduates around the world. This unique e-community gives you immediate access to an alumni directory, relocation and travel advice, mentors and numerous career development services. No matter where you are, you will always be connected to the U of S and your alumni community.

The University Advancement Office offers a host of other alumni services and benefits too numerous to mention here – all for alumni and all designed to keep you connected. So please keep us up-to-date with your address and be sure to take advantage of these and other benefits of your University of Saskatchewan College of Law education.

For more information please do not hesitate to contact me directly at 306-966-5898 or by email at [laura.herman@usask.ca](mailto:laura.herman@usask.ca). I look forward to being your first point of contact for any questions relating to the College of Law and the services, programs and benefits of being a proud U of S Alum!

Additional information can be found on line by visiting [www.usask.ca/alumni](http://www.usask.ca/alumni) or call toll free 1-800-699-1907.



# History **IN THE MAKING**

*Joel Bender thought he would spend the summer working on the family farm near Melville. Cris Shirritt expected to go back to work in the Federated Co-operatives warehouse after he finished his first year in law school.*

Instead they were occupied over the summer months with crumbling papers, old photographs and a tape recorder as they participated in research projects concerning the history of the legal profession and legal education in Saskatchewan.

Cris Shirritt was selected to receive a summer student fellowship sponsored by Borden Ladner Gervais. This fellowship has permitted him to work on several historical projects under the supervision of Professor Beth Bilson. Much of his time has been spent selecting images which will be part of a display enlightening students and visitors about the history of the College of Law. Documents, letters, photographs and memorabilia in the College files and in the University of Saskatchewan Archives have provided Cris with most of the information that will be used in the display. He has also obtained information from the Saskatoon Public Library and other sources.

The display project "seemed like a good way to introduce people to the long and distinguished history of this College, which is the oldest university-based law school in Western Canada, and the third oldest in the country," says Professor Bilson. "We are grateful to the Law Foundation of Saskatchewan, which has provided a grant to support the mounting of the display."

Cris has also been interviewing Saskatchewan lawyers and judges about their careers in the legal profession. These

interviews have provided him with interesting information about the College to be used as part of the historical display, but that is not their only objective.

Professor Bilson is using the interviews in connection with a research project on the place of personal and oral histories in understanding the development of the legal profession in Saskatchewan. This project began several years ago with a grant from the President's Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council Fund of the University of Saskatchewan. With the permission of the interview subjects, the audiotapes of the interviews will be deposited in the Saskatchewan Archives for use by future researchers.

With funding from the College of Law and the federal government, Joel Bender, a student entering third year law, was hired to assist in collaboration between the College and the University of Saskatchewan Archives aimed at

enhancing the College of Law collection in the archives. As part of this project, Joel has been cataloguing photographs from the College of Law, many of them with subjects who are difficult to identify. (see insert on page 11).

Joel has also been interviewing former faculty members, staff and sessional lecturers of the College of Law, with a view to capture their recollections of the evolution of legal education over time.



*Joel Bender (left), Beth Bilson (centre), Cris Shirritt (right)*

Though Cris and Joel have found many aspects of their work interesting, they have particularly enjoyed meeting the lawyers, judges and legal academics they have encountered in interviews. They both say that having an opportunity to talk to people like Bert Orr, a practicing Maple Creek lawyer who was admitted to the Bar in 1949; Roger Carter, who made such an enormous contribution to the legal education of Aboriginal people; and Otto Lang, who had a distinguished political and business career after serving as Dean of Law has made them conscious of the variety of careers that have been pursued by graduates of the College, and of the changes in society and the legal profession which have occurred over the last several decades.

**"The display project seemed like a good way to introduce people to the long and distinguished history of this College..."**

Professor Bilson comments, "The kind of information which Cris and Joel have been gathering over the summer is extremely important for what it tells us about the evolution of the legal profession in Saskatchewan and about the development of the College of Law. We think others will find it as interesting as we do."

It is expected that the historical display, now being compiled, will be erected in the College sometime before the spring of 2005, and will be accessible to the public after that time. Anyone wishing further information about any of the projects described in this article may contact Professor Beth Bilson at (306) 966-5885 or by e-mail at [beth.bilson@usask.ca](mailto:beth.bilson@usask.ca).

- submitted by Beth Bilson

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## CAN YOU HELP OUT THE HISTORY PROJECT?

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We need your help.....if you recognize anyone in this photo or you know when the photo was taken, Beth Bilson would like to hear from you. Please contact her at [beth.bilson@usask.ca](mailto:beth.bilson@usask.ca) if you can identify any of these College of Law affiliates.  
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## REWARD

offered to the person who provides the most information by **February 15, 2005.**





# *WELCOME BACK* *Cotter*

## ***New Dean of the College of Law***

You may have known Brent Cotter as Saskatchewan's Deputy Minister of Justice, the Deputy Minister of Intergovernmental and Aboriginal Affairs or as a law professor at Dalhousie University in Halifax, but Brent Cotter is also a family man and a man of vision, loyalty and compassion and he is now Dean of the College of Law.

Dr. Wilfred and Mae Cotter welcomed Brent into this world on December 18, 1949 in Kamsack, Saskatchewan. In the next seven years Brent became big brother to Alan and Maureen. The family moved to Moose Jaw in 1958 where Brent attended elementary and high school. During his childhood years Brent's passions included baseball, football and chocolate. Family summer holidays were often spent traveling to Minneapolis to watch a 'Twins' or 'Yankees' ball game. Brent created his own baseball world series on paper and he constantly strategized to make the game of baseball better. In school Brent was known for challenging and testing his teachers with his aptitude for critical thinking



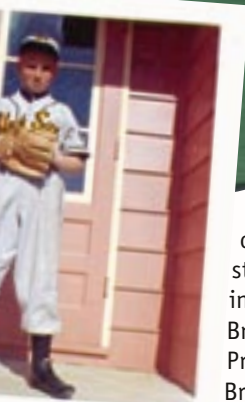
and creative problem solving. Brent excelled in school and graduated from St. Louis's College, Moose Jaw in 1967.

In 1967, as Brent left Moose Jaw for Saskatoon and the College of Commerce at the U of S, his father moved the rest of the family to Michigan. Brent would join them in the summers to take a summer job on an assembly line in a Ford Motor plant. The monotony of "honking horns" on the horn assembly line, or checking for leaks in shock absorbers by submerging them in water, was probably this creative mind's greatest challenge to date.

Throughout his years in Commerce, Brent was actively applying what he learned as he delved in the investment world with several of his friends in the guise of a 'finance club'. Brent graduated from Commerce at the University of Saskatchewan with honours in Marketing in 1971.

It has been said that Brent went into Law the following year because "he always had an answer for everything" but if you ask Brent he will tell you that it was to fulfil his childhood





dream. Perhaps Brent was committed to law even before law school as he was always a champion for anyone in need. Enrollment in the LL.B. program at Dalhousie University took this prairie boy across Canada to Halifax, Nova Scotia in 1971. After receiving his LL.B. in 1974

Brent came back to Saskatoon to article with Bob Finley in the firm of Finley, Barrett and Hood. He returned to studies at Dalhousie and completed his LL.M. in 1979. Throughout these years in Nova Scotia Brent was an Assistant Professor then Associate Professor of Law (1977-1992). During this time Brent served terms as Associate Dean, Associate Director and Executive Director of Dalhousie Legal Aid and was active as a labour arbitrator

and consultant. During his maritime years, Nova Scotia capitalized on the prairie boy's expertise as a curler; he played lead for the Nova Scotia rink in the 1981 Labatt Brier. The team tied with New Brunswick and Newfoundland for 3rd place (3rd last place that is). Curling may not have provided notoriety but Brent was still well known for diversity in athletic abilities such as "consistently being at the top of the squash ladder" at the law college.

Brent's daughter Kelly was born in 1980 and his son Robbie was born in 1982. Brent is very devoted to and proud of both of his children.

**Brent is a pillar of knowledge and man of great vision. He will lead the College through the exciting times ahead.**

The next years took Brent on some professional adventures. He was a 'Scholar in Residence' at Duke University School of Law in Durham, North Carolina from 1983-84. He returned to the University of Saskatchewan, College of Law in 1989-90 as a half-time lecturer and writer. His book *Teaching Professional Responsibility in Canada: a Coordinated Curriculum* was published in 1991. Brent also taught in the Native Law Summer Program in 1979 and 1989. In 1991-92, as a visiting professor at the Faculty of Law, University of Alberta, Brent was the first Chair in Legal Ethics. During this term Brent applied his expertise by teaching legal ethics and professional responsibility and he co-authored the second edition of *Employment Law in Canada* published in 1993 (Butterworths).

Back home in Saskatchewan, Brent's family was happy when in 1992 he was called to public service as the Deputy Minister of

Justice with the Government of Saskatchewan. Now the devoted Roughrider fan could cheer on the home team, golf with 'the boys' and be close to his parents, siblings, nieces and nephews who mean so much to him. His family was happy to have him close to home because Brent is the perpetual planner, organizer and guardian of all that is entrusted to him.

In 1997 Brent was appointed Saskatchewan's Deputy Minister of Intergovernmental and Aboriginal Affairs and Deputy Provincial Secretary. As Deputy Minister of Intergovernmental and Aboriginal Affairs he was responsible for international relations, federal-provincial relations, constitutional relations, trade policy, telecommunications/broadcast policy and Indian and Metis affairs. As Deputy Provincial Secretary his duties included all aspects of protocol, anniversaries and special events for the province as well as French language co-ordination. In March 2002 municipal government relations were combined with this portfolio extending the Department's responsibility to include Saskatchewan's relations with all levels of government under the new Department of Government Relations and Aboriginal Affairs.

On July 1, Brent came back to academia as the Dean of our Law College. He has found a niche for his creativity, his strategic planning ability and his ability to lead and direct. As the College embarks on challenges, such as enhancing the student experience, expanding the faculty complement, and addressing the need for additional physical space; Brent will challenge us (as he did his high school principal, Mother Ann at St. Louis College) by looking at things from different angles and creatively solving problems.

Brent is a pillar of knowledge and man of great vision. He will lead the College through the exciting times ahead. There will be no monotony as he submerges the parts of the College to test them – if he sees bubbles this time it's just everyone coming up for air!

We are pleased to have him back so next time you see him please join us in saying

**"Welcome back Cotter!"**



# Conference **NEWS**

## EMPLOYMENT & LABOUR LAW & POLICY CONFERENCE

On March 5 - 6 the College of Law hosted a conference, supported by the Law Foundation of Saskatchewan, called "Employment and Labour Law and Policy for the new millennium: Promises and Paradoxes". Professor Judy Fudge, who was the Law Foundation of Saskatchewan Chair in 2003-04, organized the conference with help from the College staff and advice of the faculty. The conference was designed to explore early 21st century demographic and labour market trends in Canada that present challenges to the existing system of employment and labour law. The goal was to provide a context for examining several key policy issues – such as employment equity, the growth of non-standard work, minimum wages, and international labour rights – in more detail. Although issues specific to Saskatchewan were an important element of the conference, the discussion and focus was pan-Canadian.

The conference, attended by about 75 people, began in the late afternoon of March 5 with a welcome by Acting Dean Dan Ish. Bob Mitchell, the former Minister of Labour and a labour policy specialist, led with the opening presentation. He also introduced Professor Richard Chaykowski from the School of Policy Studies, Queen's University. Professor Chaykowski

set the general economic context for more specific policy discussion in his presentation "The Changing Structure of the Labour Market: Employment and Labour Policy Challenges".

On Saturday, conference speakers from a wide variety of disciplines and backgrounds, including economics, industrial relations, law and sociology engaged with an audience composed of lawyers, law students, policy-makers, and trade unionists. In addition to many wonderful speakers who gave excellent presentations, members of the local bar and friends of the College, such as Alma Wiebe, Neil McLeod and Rob Gardiner, helped out by chairing sessions and asking challenging questions. Presenters at the conference were: Rosemary Venne, Associate Professor, Commerce, University of Saskatchewan; Judith Martin, Executive Director, Work and Family Unit, Department of Labour, Government of Saskatchewan; Beth Bilson, Professor, College of Law, University of Saskatchewan; John Hill, Commissioner, Saskatchewan Human Rights Commission; Dave Broad, Professor, School of Social Work, University of Regina; Karen Hughes, Associate Professor, Women's Studies and Sociology, University of Alberta; John Godard, Professor, Asper School of Management, University of Manitoba; Peter J. Barnacle, Legal Representative, Canadian Union of Public Employees, Saskatchewan; and Ken Norman, Professor, College of Law, University of Saskatchewan.

The conference closed with a very lively debate between Larry Hubich, President, Saskatchewan Federation of Labour, and Jason Clemens, Director of Fiscal Studies, Fraser Institute on "The Future of Labour Law and Policy in Saskatchewan." Many of the conference presentations have been published in 67(2) of the Saskatchewan Law Review.

- submitted by Judy Fudge





*Journal of Environmental Law and Practice Conference (2004) Participants*

## ENVIRONMENTAL LAW CONFERENCE

June 3 - 5 2004, the College of Law hosted the first biennial Journal of Environmental Law and Practice (JELP) Conference. With the assistance of the Law Foundation of Saskatchewan, JELP, the only refereed environmental legal periodical in Canada, was moved from Edmonton in 2002 to its new home at the College of Law. It is presently edited by Professors Mascher, Phillipson and Bowden. The June conference was part of the on-going commitment of JELP to not only produce a journal which informs and challenges both academics and practitioners in the field, but also to provide avenues for dialogue between the two groups.

The conference, entitled "Defining Canada's Environmental Priorities", brought together 30 of Canada's leading environmental law academics and advocates to workshop and present papers on this timely topic. We were particularly pleased that both senior practitioners and professors were joined by those just starting out in the field. Four sessions highlighted the transboundary issues of water, forests and agriculture as areas for discussion. Although all of the presenters held the common belief that further efforts are necessary to ensure a sustainable environment, the solutions presented offered ample opportunity for debate.

Among the presenters was David Boyd, an environmental lawyer, professor, and former executive director of the Sierra Legal Defence Fund. David has recently published "Unnatural Law", a strong critique of environmental law in Canada. David's presentation suggested that change to the underlying presumptions within our legislative regime were necessary in order to see environmental protection a reality. His thesis received sympathetic hearing among the participants; however, the harsh reality of present public policy led many to challenge the viability of his approach. Although changing the "mindset" of many Canadians, particularly decision-makers is a daunting task, the innovative ideas of the conference participants proved invigorating for all those who attended.

We are pleased that Carswell has agreed to publish the proceedings of the Conference. Release is expected in early November of this year. The organizers would like to thank the College, SSHRC, Carswell and the Law Foundation for their support of the conference and the JELP.



### PRO BONO STUDENTS CANADA

As Student Directors of Pro Bono Students Canada (PBSC) at the University of Saskatchewan, College of Law, we are subjected to frequent questions regarding our program. "How does it work?" and "Who is it for?" are pretty standard fare. Every so often, however, we are confronted with the big questions about the nature and/or quality of work that law students can (and do) perform through participation with PBSC. To this end, we are taking advantage of this November's issue of *of Note* to provide college alumni with an insider's look into the affairs and intrigues of Pro Bono Students Canada at the University of Saskatchewan, College of Law.

Pro Bono Students Canada was established at the University of Toronto, Faculty of Law in 1996. Borne out of recognition that pro bono work has played an important role in the history of the legal profession and Canadian society, faculty felt that it was necessary to provide law students with an opportunity to participate in pro bono work, thus signaling to the next generation of lawyers that the pro bono tradition is integral to the practice of law.

In short time the program caught on nationally and PBSC Saskatchewan was tentatively established in 2001. Since its inception, the program has been extremely fortunate to attract some very talented and dedicated student directors. Through their hard work, the Saskatchewan chapter was one of the first in Canada to obtain full and independent funding through the Law Society of Saskatchewan's College of Law Endowment Fund. This year, we have managed once again to stay ahead of the status quo as the College of Law recently announced that the

PBSC budget, which includes two full-time student jobs during the summer and two part-time student jobs during the academic term, is going to be integrated and entrenched into the College's general operational budget.

Since 2001, the program has grown both in scope and quality. Within the national umbrella, PBSC Saskatchewan is regarded as a recognized leader and model program for its organization and innovation. As the only program in Saskatchewan (there are six in Ontario), it was readily apparent that many communities in the province would not benefit from the program under its traditional guise. Thus, in 2002, PBSC Saskatchewan piloted the first long distance placements, providing the impetus and framework and policy guidelines for future long distance placements throughout Canada. Similarly, Saskatchewan administrative templates and promotional materials are widely coveted and have recently been adopted as the standard from UBC to Dalhousie.

The PBSC program itself works in several ways. Although students cannot provide traditional legal services or advice, they can and do provide legal and policy research, draft background papers and public education materials, assist in intake, present educational seminars or do other volunteer work which uses their legal skills and training. All of this work is annually performed under the supervision of members of the Saskatchewan Bar who act not only as legal supervisors, but often as mentors to students participating in the program.

Currently, Saskatchewan has a very strong program with placements throughout the province (from Wood Mountain to Pelican Narrows) with

various NGOs and community groups (from the Alzheimer's Society of Saskatchewan to the Unemployed Workers' Centre). Over the last several years, we have developed clinical placements with the Aboriginal Court Worker's program and with the Saskatoon Free Legal Clinic. One of our program goals is to continue to serve a diverse Saskatchewan community and to redirect and assist individuals that come through our office to the appropriate agencies while still providing back-end support. 2003-2004 saw 69 students placed with 42 organizations with over 30 lawyers involved across the province. 2004-2005 numbers are just in and we have 76 students placed with 50 organizations and over 40 lawyers involved across the province.

PBSC projects vary, but generally lead to substantive legal work performed by students, reviewed by lawyers, and provided for the use of Saskatchewan groups and organizations. As an illustration, the Alzheimer Society of Saskatchewan recently printed and published a booklet of Legal and Financial Issues for person's affected by Alzheimer's disease. For several years, PBSC students employed a neighbouring jurisdiction's manual as a template, researched relevant Saskatchewan legislation, and adapted the manual for use in our province.

Over the years, other projects have included drafting bylaws, researching policy issues, comparing legislation across jurisdictions, finding and disseminating case law, assisting with legal writing, presenting educational seminars, and lobbying and advocacy efforts. It is sometimes hard to measure or quantify the contribution of students, but often their work speaks volumes. Further, the ongoing relationship that PBSC has with many





Saskatchewan organizations is evidence of the need for this program and the program's importance within the larger Saskatchewan community.

PBSC Saskatchewan continues to innovate and pilot new initiatives. This year is no exception. Alongside our traditional placements, we are currently working with lawyers and organizations in the community to help operate a free legal clinic in downtown Saskatoon; we are building partnerships with Legal Aid and PLEA; we are working with PBSC National on a Caribbean law reporting project; and we are working with the Cree Court Circuit on research projects. Finally, we are pleased to announce Saskatoon's newest, legally-relevant radio show, *De Facto*, hosted by pro bono student volunteers (shows will air Tuesday nights at 7:00 p.m. on CFCR, 90.5 FM).

One of the primary reasons for Saskatchewan's successes has been the maintenance of continuity through a mentorship approach to the two Student Director positions. Practically, this means that each student is offered a two-year term; the first as a second year student with lots of enthusiasm, the second as a



*DE FACTO RADIO* - Steve Mansell, Jason Maynes, Shilo Neveu and Alexander Fane  
MISSING: Alii Lafontaine, David Krebs, Brad Mitchell, Ryan Lavoie

departing third year with the experience of a year on the job. Support for this approach from the College of Law has been invaluable and much appreciated by current and former student directors.

Another reason for PBSC success in Saskatchewan is access to an excellent national office that provides invaluable resources and information. It was through the national office that student directors from across Canada learned of the opportunity to attend Pro Bono Law Ontario's (PBL0) first

international conference on pro bono services, entitled "Building the Public Good", with speakers from England, the United States and Australia. In addition, every year sees a different city host a Student Director's national conference. This year's students went to Halifax, Nova Scotia, for an intensive four-day conference with the National Director, Pam Shime, and National Coordinator, Bryce Rudyk. Both of these conferences were extremely useful and proved to be an invaluable resource as we sought to increase the scope and quality of our program here at the University of Saskatchewan.

As the current Student Directors of the program, we are committed to furthering a high standard of pro bono service delivery. As we work with our many partners throughout the year ahead, it will be with a view towards making the program stronger and original within access to justice efforts.

**Pamela Kovacs and Martin Olszynski**  
**2004-2005 Student Directors**

## THE LAW STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION

The Law Students' Association is working hard this year, as every year, to improve the quality of students' experiences at the College of Law. We began the year with a focus on improving communication. We now have a dedicated LSA email address (law.students@usask.ca) and our very own website! Access to the website is restricted to LSA members, and its features include: legal news, college and LSA announcements, files, photos of LSA events, and legal links. We hope that it will become "information central" for students at the College of Law.

We are also increasing the number and diversity of our social and athletic events this year. For example, in addition to our annual golf tournament and baseball

game this fall, we reintroduced an annual soccer tournament. We also enjoyed a fun trip to the October 2nd Riders' game, as well as the customary Orientation Week activities, and First Year Welcome Banquet.

Our events have been well attended, and feedback has overall been very positive. We appreciate the support of the College, the CBA, local and out-of-province firms, and other sponsors. Without this support, we would not have the opportunity to improve and expand our activities. We look forward to more of the same for the rest of the school year, and expect great things!

**Reché McKeague**  
**LSA President, 2004-05**

Ryan Malley, a 3rd year law student, 'bared his head' to help the LSA raise over \$500 for Breast Cancer Research.



*Ramblin' Dave Scharf (LL.B. '88)*  
*of C95 Radio & Ryan Malley*

# 2004-2005 *Scholarship* **NEWS**

Congratulations to the following first year Law students who received entrance scholarships. These scholarships are based on the student's past academic achievements and are made possible by the generous support of many donors.

DONOR	1ST YEAR STUDENT
William Elliott Scholarship	Amanda Doucette
Law Society of Saskatchewan Scholarship	Allan Stonhouse
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Harris & Laretta & Raymond Earl Parr Memorial Scholarship	Caroline Deane
Harris & Laretta & Raymond Earl Parr Memorial Scholarship	Eric Johnson
Morris and Jacqui Shumiatcher Scholarship in Law	Olivia Dixon
Law Foundation of Saskatchewan 25th Anniversary Scholarship	Nolan Kondratoff
J. Barrie Thomson Scholarship	David Kielo
Justice John H. Maher Memorial Scholarship	Meghan McAvoy
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**Mary Violet Erasmus**, a current second year law student, received the W.B. Francis Prize in Arts & Science in Law.

# Alumni **NEWS**

**The Hon. Madam Justice Wendy Baker** (LL.B.'77) became the President of the Canadian Superior Courts Judges' Association on August 17, 2004.

**Ross Green** (LL.B.'85) was appointed to the Provincial Court of Saskatchewan-Yorkton and district.

**Jeremy Harrison** (LL.B.'04) was elected as the Member of Parliament for the Desnethé-Missinippi-Churchill River riding in Saskatchewan.

**Patrick Moeller** (LL.B.'03) is the Assistant Crown Attorney with Halton Crown Attorney's Office, Milton, Ontario.

**Robert G. Richards** (LL.B.'79) was appointed a judge of the Court of Appeal of Saskatchewan.

**Ronald MacIsaac** (LL.B.'48) has been practicing law in Victoria, B.C. He has hosted a community television show and he has been a weekly columnist for several newspapers. Ronald has traveled to more than 100 countries and recently amused a group of adventurers on an ecological trip to Churchill, Manitoba.

# Reunion **NEWS**

## CLASS OF 1994 - 10 YEAR REUNION



In September 2004, the graduates of the College of Law, Class of 1994, gathered for a 10 year reunion in Saskatoon. Seventeen grads came from Vancouver, Edmonton, Regina, Winnipeg and Saskatoon for an afternoon of golf and an informal evening dinner. Many of those who could not make it to the event provided a short biography of their past ten years - it was truly amazing to see the variety of paths our careers and families have taken in the past 10 years! It was great to get together and all who attended (and those who sent regrets) agreed that they would look forward to the next gathering.

-submitted by Cathy Sproule

# *In Memoriam*

**McADAM, Melanie (LL.B.'93)** passed away at the age of 42 years on November 8, 2004.

**PEREVERZOFF, Mekefor A. (Mac) (LL.B.'55)** passed away October 30, 2004. Mac practiced law in Prince Albert for 27 years and was actively involved in improving his community, especially through the Kinsmen Club. Before retiring for health reasons at age 56, Mac served as Alderman and then Mayor of Prince Albert (1973-1979).

**WAHN, Edwin Valentine (LL.B.'64)** passed away in Kelowna, B.C. on October 23, 2004.

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## *Remembering* **Dr. Morris C. Shumiatcher**

**"A GADFLY IN THE FLANK OF A NATION"**

***Dr. Morris C. Shumiatcher O.C., S.O.M., Q.C., LL.M., S.J.D.***



*The late Dr. Morris C. Shumiatcher*

With the passing of Dr. Morris C. Shumiatcher on September 23, 2004, our country, our province and our College have lost a friend and passionate benefactor.

Dr. Shumiatcher was born in Calgary, Alberta in 1917. He served in the Royal Canadian Air Force during the Second World War. Prior to entering law school, Morris Shumiatcher was a university English major. Realizing that he wanted to be "more a part of the world" Morris completed three law degrees; an LL.B. 1941; LL.M. 1942; and the ultimate being the Doctor of Science of Jurisprudence (S.J.D.) from the University of Toronto in 1945. He and Jacqui Shumiatcher were married in 1955.

In 1945, Dr. Shumiatcher became the special counsel to the Cabinet of Saskatchewan. He defended legislation including the *Farm Security Act* and the *Trade Union Act* in the Supreme Court of Canada and at the Privy Council. He was the author of the *Saskatchewan Bill of Rights*, the first statute of its kind in Canada and a model for the *Canadian Bill of Rights* of 1960.



Dr. Shumiatcher and his wife Jacqui have been patrons of the arts and major contributors to many worthy causes, organizations and universities, including the U of S College of Law. In addition to an entrance scholarship, they have generously endowed a fellowship at our university to establish a biennial series of lectures on Law and Literature to “draw inspiration from the law as literature or from the literature that the law has inspired”. Dr. Shumiatcher appropriately chose the Law & Literature theme for the lecture series. Sometimes referred to as “Canada’s Legal Poet Laureate”, Morris himself was a prolific writer and scholar and a great orator.

He once described himself as “a gadfly in the flank of the nation”. But Dr. Shumiatcher was much more than that. He was one of the most talented lawyers in our country, especially in the areas of constitutional and criminal law. His contributions to law, coupled with his generosity as a humanitarian and philanthropist attracted the following much-deserved honours:

- 1981 appointed an Officer of the Order of Canada.
- 1987 made a member of the Order of the Sacred Treasure by the Emperor of Japan.
- 1995 received the Distinguished Service Award from the Canadian Bar Association.
- 1996 received the Saskatchewan Order of Merit.
- 2002 inducted into Saskatchewan’s Theatre Hall of Fame.
- Theatres at the Mackenzie Art Gallery and the University of Regina are named in the Shumiatchers’ honour.

All of us in the law school community extend our sympathy to Jacqui Shumiatcher and to Morris’s many friends.

*Brent Cotter, Q.C.  
Dean*

## THE LIGHTER SIDE OF MORRIS ‘SHUMY’ SHUMIATCHER

(A personal glimpse as related by Jacqui Shumiatcher)

So many people knew Shumy only as a lawyer, writer, speaker etc.; they never had the opportunity to know Shumy’s lighter side. I have enclosed a photo of a time that I was out of town on business and ‘Shumy’ took Maxi with him to Estevan for court. He thought he had securely locked her up in the barristers’ room. Once the case started he felt a little fuzz thing by his legs – he carried on. Maxi, ever silent, went to the middle of the court room and just looked at everyone. Shumy said you could just see everyone relaxing and smiling. They carried on until the break. Shumy then put her in the Sherriff’s office where lil’ Maxi was left alone; frustrated but silent.

The whole atmosphere of the court was changed by this and everything worked out well for everyone. When Shumy got back to the office and related the story to our staff, his secretary, Rebecca, made Maxi a legal tab.



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When the College of Law moved into its present premises in 1967, the student complement was less than 150. Graduating classes were correspondingly small, ranging from 40 graduates in 1967 to 54 graduates in 1971. Over the past 30 years we have gradually expanded our first year class and our present total complement is approximately 320 students. Graduating classes are consistently between 90 and 100. Our faculty complement and administrative support team has also increased to serve this expanded community of law students. Our building, built to accommodate a total law school community of 250, has been only modestly renovated to try to cope with growing needs. In its present configuration, the physical space at the College of Law is unable to meet the changing needs of legal education.

The College of Law, supported by the University's "Thinking the World of Our Future Campaign", has launched an ambitious fundraising campaign to expand and modernize the physical premises for the College of Law. Preliminary planning for this addition and modernization are already under way. The College of Law is currently working with University planners to design a three-story addition to the existing College of Law building. The new space and upgrade of the existing facilities will allow for:

- state-of-the-art classrooms with multi-media capabilities.
- enhanced student support services.
- sufficient faculty and administrative offices.
- improved student areas, including student lounge space and offices for student organizations.
- the potential to accommodate law-related research entities.

Students will benefit greatly from new and modernized classrooms. Improved and expanded student study space

and offices for student organizations, and an improved student lounge, will all contribute to an enhanced atmosphere for student learning and growth. Faculty will enjoy individual offices, allowing for greater educational and teaching capacity, and resulting in better space for which to consult with students and colleagues. We will also rebuild and relocate the College's administrative offices to improve our services to the law community and improve our accessibility to the outside community. The revitalized College of Law may also be designed to accommodate law-related institutes at the University.

**The total investment required to achieve our goal of revitalizing the College of Law's physical premises is estimated at \$7.5 million.**

Canadian law schools have become more competitive in their effort to achieve and maintain excellence. This pursuit of excellence includes the attraction of top quality professors, top quality students and high-quality services. A critical dimension of excellence is the delivery of our program in modern, up-to-date facilities.

The total investment required to achieve our goal of revitalizing the College of Law's physical premises is estimated at \$7.5 million. We are looking to alumni, the legal profession and friends of the College to pledge your support for this project and collectively contribute \$2.5 million. The Law Foundation of Saskatchewan has been asked to match your contributions, dollar-for-dollar, up to \$2.5 million. Provided we achieve our target of \$5 million from these sources, President Peter MacKinnon has committed the University's support to our project with \$2.5 million in additional funding.

Our goal is to have all required funding secured by September 2005 and to have the 'Building of Our Future' open for the beginning of the academic year in September 2007.

## GRADUATE STUDIES OPPORTUNITY:

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