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Centennial 2012: See you there!

Our Centennial celebrations are quickly approaching. See what we have planned for you.



From university to uranium

CEO of Cameco and College of Law alumnus, Tim Gitzel, talks about his college experience and his advice for graduates today.



Discovering gold on and off the ice

Graduate Kyle Ross knows what it takes to excel in academics and in the classroom.



Photo by David Stobbe

Dean's Message

My first year as dean of the college has been both rewarding and informative. I have enjoyed meeting many of our alumni in communities, large and small, within Saskatchewan and the rest of Canada. Particularly memorable trips include gatherings in Prince Albert, Regina, Edmonton, Calgary, and Toronto. Throughout my travels I have heard from graduates who fondly remember their law school days and who care passionately about the future of the College.

Many of our alumni have expressed their excitement about participating in the events associated with the law school's Centennial celebrations this fall. The college will celebrate 100 years on October 5-6, 2012 during the Centennial Gala Reunion Weekend in Saskatoon. The weekend commences with the Presidents' Reception on the evening of October 5, hosted by past presidents of the Law Society of Saskatchewan. This event is free to all alumni and their guests and will take place at the Top of the Inn at the Sheraton Cavalier from 5:30-8:30p.m. On October 6, a special brunch for former and current editors of the Saskatchewan Law Review will be held at the University Club on campus. The day will continue with a family-friendly reception at the College of Law with balloon artists and face painting for the kids. Tours of the new LEED-certified law building will also be available at that time. Finally, you will not want to miss the Centennial Gala evening at TCU Place. Hosted by master of ceremonies John Gormley Q.C. (LLB '92), the celebratory evening will include a brief history of the college and a special presentation by Don Worme Q.C. (LLB '85). The evening will be completed by a special video message from **Alberta Premier Alison Redford Q.C. (LLB'88)**. Read more about our complete plans for the Centennial Reunion Weekend on page 6.

Centennial activities will continue with *The Future of Law Conference* taking place November 1-2, 2012, addressing themes of interest to legal practitioners, academics, judges, and students. The evening of Thursday, November 1 will include an opening address and reception followed by a full-day conference and dinner on Friday, November 2. Confirmed speakers on Friday include Richard Susskind, Ian Binnie, Paul Paton and Patrick Glenn. Visit futureoflawconference.com for frequently updated conference and registration information.

This year has been one of great change, with a number of noteworthy happenings in the college. One of the key initiatives that has been undertaken relates to tuition.



On April 16, 2012, it was announced that the University of Saskatchewan's Board of Governors had approved a 16.6 percent tuition increase at the College of Law for the 2012/13 year. This increase is an important component of a comprehensive plan aimed at ensuring that the law school's Juris Doctor (JD) program remains strong and accessible.

Our college currently has one of the lowest tuition rates of any law school outside of Quebec. Our projections indicate that the 2012/13 tuition increase will move the college only partially towards the median tuition level of our comparator law schools. Based on law school tuition rates across Canada, it appears that even with the rise in 2012/13 tuition, we will still fall below the tuition many Canadian law schools charged their students in 2011/12.

There are a number of ways in which the additional revenue will support our plans to improve the quality of legal education that we provide. First, the increased tuition will assist the College of Law to maintain accreditation of its JD program. The Federation of Law Societies has recently mandated certain compulsory upper-year courses be part of approved law degree programs. Although these courses have always been offered by the College of Law, ensuring that all students take these courses will require offering additional sections of these subjects. Our analysis of the resource implications of making these upper-year courses mandatory revealed that the college will have to expand its current faculty complement by hiring three additional full-time professors.

The increased tuition revenue will allow the College of Law to expand important experiential learning opportunities for its students. Many of these opportunities, including the moot program, serve to attract top-calibre students to the law school. However, such opportunities are resource-intensive. For example, the college's expenditure per moot is roughly \$15,000 per year.

Increased tuition will allow us to continue to enhance the student experience in a number of other ways. For example, in recent years we have sent student delegations to important conferences pertaining to environmental law and clinical legal education.

It is important to note that the tuition increase is part of a plan rather than the result of short-term thinking. The plan ensures that legal education at the College of Law remains accessible to those students who have more meagre financial resources. Moreover, the plan is grounded in strong and sustained consultation with and support from students. Of the additional revenue generated by the increase, 85 percent will stay in the college. Of this 85 percent, 30 percent will go towards student support in the form of bursaries. The distribution of these bursaries is conducted on the basis of student financial need, and this need is assessed using objective criteria. Indeed, applicants to the college's differential tuition bursaries will have their names removed prior to their applications being assessed by members of the selection committee. The other 55 percent of the additional tuition revenue will be used to support the law program through increased courses and an associated increase in faculty complement, resulting in an improved student-faculty ratio and expanded experiential learning opportunities. The last 15 percent of additional revenue generated by the tuition increase does not come within college control and will be spent centrally on support for student services, including the funding of scholarships and bursaries.

Shortly after the tuition increase was announced, I conducted a town hall meeting with concerned students. At the meeting, students were advised that for the past several years the college has often been running a deficit and that, in essence, the college's contingency funds were being drawn upon to subsidize the JD program. Obviously this situation could not

be allowed to continue into the indefinite future; hence the need for a significant tuition increase. Students were also advised that the college would be seeking an additional 16 percent tuition increase for the 2013/14 academic year. No students in attendance at the meeting voiced any objections to this proposal. I have personally written to each incoming student to the College of Law, telling them that their tuition will be increased by 16 percent and that there are plans to seek a further increase of 16 percent the following year.

These tuition increases will ensure that the University of Saskatchewan's College of Law will remain at the forefront of Canadian legal education. However, strong law schools are not built and maintained on the backs of tuition increases alone.

It is also important that the college continues to receive pledges and donations from our friends and alumni. We are pleased that John and Bill Estey, sons of alumnus Supreme Court Justice Willard "Bud" Estey, have generously pledged \$2 million towards the establishment of the Estey Chair in Business Law Endowment Fund. The interest generated from this fund will pay the salary of a distinguished business law professor who will hold the chair. While residing within the college, Estey Chair holders will teach business law courses and seminars during one semester. During the other semester, they will obtain teaching relief in order to produce and disseminate their scholarship and engage in outreach activities with the bar, the judiciary and the wider community. Bob Stromberg's donation of \$100,000 is an important step in forwarding this initiative. In order to make the chair a reality, the college needs to raise an additional \$2 million. As a result, the college is currently accepting donations to build the Estey Chair in Business Law Endowment Fund. Major contributors to this fund will be recognized through a permanent commemorative plaque that will be placed prominently within the law school. To find out how you



can participate in this exciting initiative, please see the Centennial 2012 section on page 7.

The College of Law is also very grateful to Gary Bugeaud, a graduate from the class of 1991 and managing partner of the Calgary law firm Burnet, Duckworth & Palmer LLP, for contributing \$250,000 to create the Gary and Tammy Bugeaud Centennial Entrance Award. This endowed fund will enable the college to recognize the outstanding academic achievement of a student entering his or her first year of studies towards the completion of a JD degree at the College of Law. This new award is now the largest entrance award available to incoming students.

The Wunusweh Centennial Lecture in Aboriginal law has been created through an endowed fund that will support a bi-annual lecture by a senior scholar in law or another discipline, or a prominent legal advocate, who will lecture on a subject related to Aboriginal Law or policy. We are proud to announce that the first lecture by the Honourable Justice Murray Sinclair will take place this fall in conjunction with the college's centennial celebrations. I wish to extend many thanks to the Honourable Judge Gerald Morin of the Provincial Court of Saskatchewan, Saskatchewan's Deputy Minister of Justice Gerald Tegart Q.C. and the Honourable Madam Justice Georgina Jackson of the Saskatchewan Court of Appeal for their generous donations to this endowed fund. If you are interested in helping this fund grow, please see the Centennial 2012 section on page 7.

The centennial presents us with a unique opportunity to bolster our position as one of Canada's foremost leaders in legal learning. A portion of each ticket purchased for the Centennial Gala will be donated to the Centennial Student Enhancement Fund. This fund will provide much needed financial support to students in the College

of Law through bursaries, scholarships and awards. It will also serve to enhance the student experience by supporting a variety of activities, including our moot teams, clinical experiences through Community Legal Assistance Services for Saskatoon Inner City (CLASSIC), as well as international student exchanges and internships. Our goal is to raise \$500,000 for this fund. In order to reach this goal, we are suggesting that each alumnus consider making a gift of \$100 for every year that has passed since their graduation. For further information, please see the Centennial 2012 section on page 7.

In addition to the many centennial celebrations described above, the college is planning another special event this fall. For the first time in its history, the college will be hosting a Welcoming Ceremony for our incoming students to the law school. The ceremony is intended to be a ritual marking the beginning of a new intellectual journey—one that will be transformative and enriching for students embarking upon their legal studies. As part of the ceremony, each student will be presented with a black gown as a symbolic representation of the academic inquiry with which they will be engaged. A group of respected and talented alumni will be on hand to present students with their gowns. This event has been made possible thanks to a \$200,000 donation by the Alberta law firm Burnet Duckworth & Palmer LLP (BD&P). Although a portion of the donation will fund activities associated with the ceremony, an even more significant portion will fund various experiential learning opportunities for our students. The college is profoundly grateful to BD&P for its generous support.

In my last message, I spoke of the college beginning a comprehensive examination of its JD curriculum, and I indicated that I would welcome hearing the thoughts of our alumni on this subject. Although there did not appear to be a consensus among those alumni who voiced their opinions

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Distinguished alumni pride of law college

This year, the College of Law marks its 100th anniversary. Since its inception as the first university law school in Western Canada, the college has created a long, proud history of excellence in teaching, research and innovation. In 2012, we celebrate our alumni and the significant contributions they have made to the world we live in.

1912

The University of Saskatchewan
College of Law is founded.



1912

Arthur Moxon begins his 17 year term as Dean.

to me, a majority of graduates seemed to desire that the college continue to offer its law students as many options as possible. Our alumni see the opportunity they had to take a myriad of courses and seminars taught from varying perspectives and approaches to be a positive feature of their law school experience—one that should be preserved for future students. Consequently, the college will not be introducing more mandatory courses than required by the Federation of Law Societies. The federation has indicated that an upper-year course on professional responsibility must be offered as well as an upper year course on administrative law, and we have approved these changes to the JD curriculum. The federation has also indicated that law students must demonstrate an understanding of legal and fiduciary obligations in commercial relationships. Interestingly, the federation has stated that



The above timeline highlights a few of the college's many accomplishments and alumni throughout the past 100 years. Learn about our centennial celebrations on pages 6-7

an upper-year course on corporate law would satisfy this requirement. Many law schools are complying with this requirement by making their business organizations course mandatory. However, the college has chosen an approach that is more consistent with its commitment to offering its students the widest possible course selection. Beginning with the class admitted into the JD program in 2012, all students must take at least one of the following courses in order to graduate: fiduciary obligations, trusts, or business organizations I.

This development does not mean our efforts at curriculum reform are at an end. We will continue to explore ways to expand our clinical course offerings, investigate the feasibility of reintroducing small group learning into the first year of law school, and

develop optimal models for delivering the legal research and writing program.

You may recall that in my previous message I also mentioned the impending review of the college's LLM program and the possibility of a joint JD/MBA degree with the Edwards School of Business. The latter initiative is still being considered, and we have received the external reviewers' report concerning the LLM program. The reviewers recognized that faculty members within the college are leaders in their respective fields and provide quality graduate supervision. However, they questioned structural components of the graduate program in light of the fact that many LLM programs are either course-based or have less substantial thesis requirements than our program. In addition, a PhD in law is increasingly considered to be the

educational prerequisite for a career in the legal academy. Indeed, the reviewers have given us much to consider as we look to the future of our graduate program in law.

As always, we welcome your thoughts on these initiatives or any other College of Law programs. As our college—your college—celebrates its 100th birthday, we do so with a sense of pride and purpose—confident in our ability to produce the highest level of pedagogy, service and scholarship now and in the future.

Sincerely,

Sanjeev Anand, JD, LLM, PhD, QC

Dean, College of Law



Centennial 2012: *See you there!*

The College of Law's Centennial Gala Reunion Weekend on October 5-7, 2012, will provide an extraordinary opportunity for a gathering to reminisce, get reacquainted and celebrate the achievements of our college and graduates over the past 100 years. Don't miss the main event, our Centennial Gala Evening on October 6.



THE PRESIDENTS' RECEPTION - FRIDAY, OCT. 5, 2012

All those celebrating the 100th anniversary of the College of Law are invited to attend this reception hosted by the past presidents of the Law Society of Saskatchewan. Kick off the weekend by reconnecting with former classmates, colleagues and friends.

Location: Top of the Inn,
Sheraton Cavalier Hotel

Time: 5:30-8:30p.m.

Dress: Business Casual

RSVP not required

LAW REVIEW BRUNCH - SATURDAY, OCT. 6, 2012

Former members of the Saskatchewan Law Review and their guests are invited to enjoy brunch at the beautiful and historic University Club.

Location: University Club
(formerly the Faculty Club)

Time: 11:00am-1:00p.m.

Former members - Free; Guests - \$17

RSVP for this event online at law.usask.ca

COLLEGE TOURS & RECEPTION - SATURDAY, OCT. 6, 2012

Plan to attend this come and go reception at the College of Law, complete with building tours and children's entertainment. Visit with old friends and tour the new LEED-certified law building and Native Law Centre—a family friendly event!

Location: FMC Student Lounge,
Law Building (Main Floor)

Time: 1:30-3:30p.m.

There is no charge for attending activities at the College of Law during the day on Saturday, Oct. 6.



Take a walk down memory lane with former classmates, colleagues and friends.

CENTENNIAL GALA EVENING - SATURDAY, OCT. 6, 2012

Be there for the main event: our gala reunion evening. We expect that with your help, this will be the largest gathering of our alumni in the history of our college. Reconnect with classmates, faculty and staff, and celebrate 100 years of outstanding college achievements.

Location: TCU Place,
35 - 22nd St E, Saskatoon, SK

Reception: 5:30p.m.

Dinner: 6:30p.m.

Guest speakers and a special message from **Premier of Alberta, Alison Redford, Q.C.** to follow.

Master of Ceremonies:
John Gormley, Q.C. (LLB '92)

Dress: Business Attire

Purchase your tickets online at
law.usask.ca.

Tickets are \$125 plus GST (\$6.25) and processing fees (\$8.75).



The Centennial Gala Evening will feature a special message from **Premier of Alberta, Alison Redford, Q.C.**



CLASS ACTIVITIES & TOURS - SUNDAY, OCT. 7, 2012

Get in touch with your year captain (who graduated the same year as you) to talk about plans for a class get-together during the weekend. Year captains will need class volunteers to help arrange your get-together, so consider volunteering—simply contact your year captain to do so.

While the College of Law encourages all years to have a class gathering, your gathering must be fully organized by class members, at an off-campus location of your choice. The best day for class gatherings, so they don't conflict with college-organized activities, is Sunday, October 7.

CENTENNIAL GIVING

As the College of Law stands on the doorstep of its second centenary, the support of our alumni continues to be critical to our current and future success. We have established a range of centennial giving opportunities that we hope you will consider as part of your centennial participation.

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U of S Law Library c. 1978

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For more information about College of Law Centennial giving opportunities, please visit <https://give.usask.ca/online/law.php>.

CENTENNIAL MERCHANDISE

A great range of items featuring our law centennial logo are now in stock including hoodies, hats, t-shirts, golf shirts and more. Visit bookstore.usask.ca to order merchandise online or purchase yours during centennial celebrations.

FUTURE OF LAW ACADEMIC CONFERENCE

The Future of Law Conference will take place November 1-2, addressing themes of interest to legal practitioners, academics, judges and students. The evening of Thursday, November 1 will include an opening address and reception followed by a full-day conference and dinner on Friday. Confirmed speakers on Friday, November 2 include Richard Susskind, Ian Binnie, Paul Paton and Patrick Glenn. Visit www.futureoflawconference.com for up-to-date conference and registration information.

U of S welcomes 40th group of aboriginal law students

Every spring, the Program of Legal Studies for Native People (PLSNP) offers a unique and exciting opportunity for Aboriginal people (First Nations, Métis, and Inuit) beginning their legal studies. This year on its 40th anniversary, the program welcomed 42 students from across Canada to the University of Saskatchewan campus.



42 students enrolled in the 2012 Program of Legal Studies for Native People

From a pageant winner to former professional hockey players, students enrolled in this year's program certainly came from diverse backgrounds. A number of individuals—including a former senior computer programmer at a national bank, a social worker, a senior self-government negotiator, a small business owner and a realtor—enrolled to begin their journey into a second career.

"We are very pleased to have another strong group of students, which I believe can be attributed to the long-standing quality of our programming," said Ruth Thompson, director of the PLSNP.

The 2012 edition of the program began on May 24 and ran for eight weeks with a goal

of providing Aboriginal law students with a real law school experience. Students take a property law class and are tasked with an intensive schedule of readings, assignments, lectures and exams, which enhance each student's ability to read, analyze and write legal materials.

The program also has a cultural component as students learn about customary Aboriginal law and attend cultural events, explained Thompson. "The program shows Aboriginal students that they can attend law school and remain culturally intact."

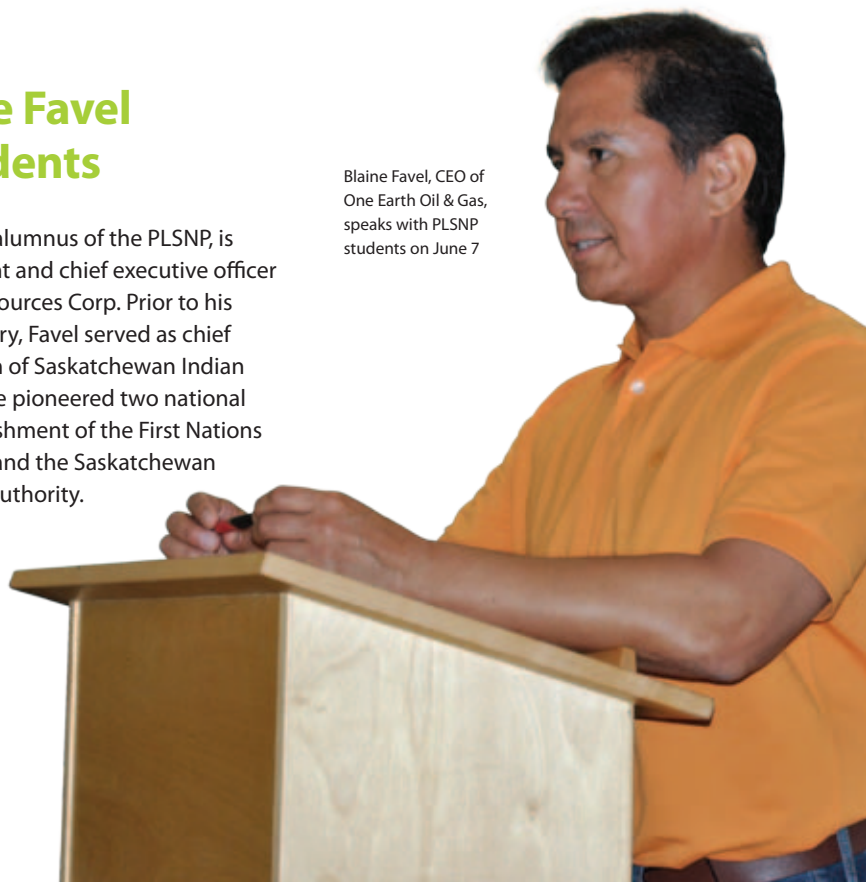
The PLSNP has been offered at the University of Saskatchewan since 1973. When it was established, there were only four lawyers and five law students of Aboriginal ancestry in Canada. It has been successful in increasing those numbers. PLSNP alumni have become lawyers, judges, government officials and professors, and many have careers in the corporate world or non-governmental organizations outside the traditional practice of law.

Honorary Doctor of Laws Blaine Favel speaks with aboriginal law students

On Thursday, June 7, Blaine Favel, chief executive officer of One Earth Oil & Gas Inc., spoke with students in the Program of Legal Studies for Native People (PLSNP) about his numerous achievements in law and politics. Earlier in the day, Favel was presented with an Honorary Doctor of Laws from the College of Education at the University of Saskatchewan at the spring convocation ceremony.

Favel, who is an alumnus of the PLSNP, is also the president and chief executive officer of One Earth Resources Corp. Prior to his success in industry, Favel served as chief of the Federation of Saskatchewan Indian Nations where he pioneered two national firsts: the establishment of the First Nations Bank of Canada and the Saskatchewan Indian Gaming Authority.

Blaine Favel, CEO of One Earth Oil & Gas, speaks with PLSNP students on June 7



"We've been following Blaine's career with pride. He's an excellent role model for our students," said Ruth Thompson, director of the PLSNP.



Administrative Staff Changes



Sarah Trefiak

Sarah Trefiak joined the College of Law on April 16 as the communications officer. Prior to that, she was the director of marketing and events for the Saskatoon & Region Home Builders' Association and a marketing co-ordinator for MacPherson Leslie & Tyerman LLP. Sarah is responsible for the development of *of NOTE*, the college's website and alumni relations activities.

After 10 years at the college, **Sherri Cheung** has moved on to pursue new educational opportunities. We would like to thank Sherri for her many years of dedication to the college and wish her all the best in her future endeavours.

Career officer, **Terri Karpish**, was elected by her peers at law schools and law firms across Canada to the position of NALP's regional representative for the Canadian region for a one-year term commencing April 2012. In this role, Terri will be Canada's link and liaison between the NALP board and NALP members. NALP is an international organization that is dedicated to improving career counseling and planning, recruitment and retention, and the professional development of law students, lawyers and its members. There are approximately 150 Canadian members who belong to NALP.



The Honourable Justice D.H. Doherty delivers his keynote address at one of the best attended STLA conferences ever.

STLA Spring Conference held at college

On Friday, May 4, 2012, the College of Law hosted the Saskatchewan Trial Lawyers Association's (STLA) annual spring conference titled "Current Issues in Criminal Law." Over 130 lawyers, articling students and College of Law students and professors attended the one-day event to hear presentations on a wide array of subjects including "The Future of Self-Incrimination Protection", "Mental Disorders/Problem

Solving Courts" and a keynote address by the Honourable Justice D.H. Doherty.

The conference planning committee, (consisting of Glen Luther, Q.C., U of S College of Law; John Williams, Gerrand Rath Johnson, Regina; and Karen Roden, STLA executive director) would like to thank all who attended and participated to make the conference another successful event.

Success of guest speaker program continues

A wide array of legal experts visited our college over the last year, providing insight into various topics and generating stimulating discussion.

Sharon Hubbs Wright from the university's St. Thomas More College presented "Reported Conflict and Natural Disaster: A Case Study of the Wakefield Manor Leet Courts through the Fourteenth Century Plague Epidemics" on October 31, 2011.

On November 14, 2011, **Michele Goodwin**, Everett Fraser professor at the University of Minnesota Law School and University of Minnesota School of Public Health, presented "The Nature of Property and Ownership of the Human Body."

Robert Leckey from McGill University Faculty of Law, presented "Two Mothers in Fact and Law" on November 21, 2011.

Natasha Affolder, professor at the University of British Columbia Law School, presented "Bargaining for Biodiversity" on January 23, 2012.

Professor Kent Roach from the University of Toronto, presented "The 9/11 effect: Comparative counter terrorism" on January 26, 2012. Kent also discussed his latest book, which examines anti-terrorism policies around the world, the rule of law and democracy.

On February 1, 2012, **Judge Mary Ellen Turpel-Lafond**, British Columbia's representative for Children and Youth, delivered the Silas E. Halyk, QC, Visiting Scholar in Advocacy Lecture titled "Who Speaks for the Child? The Role of Advocacy in the Life and Children and Youth."

Professor Adam Dodek from the University of Ottawa, presented "Solicitor-client privilege 2.0: Challenges and opportunities for the privilege in the wired world" on February 13, 2012.

Laurie Pawlitz presented "What it's like to be a Law Profession Regulator in 2012" on March 5, 2012. Laurie is currently treasurer of the Law Society of Upper Canada, the most senior elected position within Ontario's Law Society.

Professor Kent Greenfield from the Boston College Law School presented "The Myth of Choice: Personal Responsibility in a World of Limits" on March 12, 2012.

On March 26, 2012, **Edward Rock**, a professor at the University of Pennsylvania, presented "Adapting to the New Shareholder-Centric Reality: Creditor Protection."

View our guest speaker presentations online at law.usask.ca.



Professor Kent Roach, University of Toronto, presented "The 9/11 effect: Comparative counter terrorism" on January 26, 2012. Following the presentation, a portrait of Professor Roach was unveiled, honouring his time as dean of the College of Law from 1998-1999. Roach joined the U of S as dean of law in July of 1998, replacing Peter MacKinnon, who had served as dean for nine years.



College of Law students pose for a photo during the firm visits in Vancouver on June 5-6.

Career Office News

Students seek wide range of career opportunities

The college's career office often hears from students who are interested in career opportunities in communities of all sizes including those outside of major centres and in smaller firms. Unlike many years ago, recruitment begins almost immediately after students begin their studies in law school. They receive a great deal of information from a number of legal employers, and therefore silence from other, and often smaller, legal employers is usually perceived as a sign that no career opportunity exists.

In order to combat this perception, the career office works in a variety of ways to present all types of career opportunities in communities across Saskatchewan and Canada. One way they do this is by co-ordinating visits to communities with our students. This past year, students visited North Battleford where they toured four firms and two courts. They also attended a local bar meeting in Prince Albert with Dean Anand, QC and Terri Karpish, career officer in the College of Law. At the meeting, numerous ideas for promoting opportunities outside the major centres were discussed and the career office looks forward to continuing those

discussions with bar members and other interested organizations. Due to the success of the aforementioned tours and visits, the career office is already planning visits for the fall of 2013.

While it would be great to co-ordinate trips to connect with all communities, it is of course not physically possible. However, there are a number of ways we encourage legal employers to promote opportunities and outreach to students:

- Plan to hire a summer and/or articling student
- Promote your firm and the surrounding community by answering the questions "What is unique about your firm?" and "What are the benefits to living in your community?"
- Develop promotional materials related to recruitment. Websites, brochures and signage can all help enhance your firm's and community profile.
- Host an event at your firm, in your community or at the College of Law
- Combine your efforts with other employers who have a similar interest

- Attend events at the college such as the Showcase of Saskatchewan Firms and the Career Fair
- Contact the college's career officer to discuss more ideas for promoting your firm to our law students. Call our career officer Terri Karpish at (306) 966-1924 or email terri.karpish@usask.ca.

Connecting with Alumni

The career office is often in touch with our alumni who assist us in a variety of ways. We plan visits to communities through the rural initiative and during the firm visits in Vancouver, we are often supported by our alumni. This spring in Vancouver our students had a chance to meet some of our alumni who are always willing to answer questions and provide a helping hand. This year's visit also included an impromptu gathering of alumni one evening where members of the career office and fellow alumni had a chance to reconnect. Alumni can also become involved with the career office by providing informational articles for students or giving a presentation at our professional development workshops. Please contact the career office if you have any questions or would like more information on our programs and services.

College welcomes two full-time faculty members

As of July 1, 2012, the college will add two tenured-track professors to the faculty complement.

Robin Hansen and **Felix Hoehn** will become full-time professors and will also take on the responsibility as co-directors of the Legal Research and Writing program this fall. Through the program, our students gain practical skills in legal drafting as well as in legal research.



Prior to joining the College of Law, **Professor Hansen** completed her Master of Laws at McGill University and participated in the 2008 Private

International Law Summer Programme at The Hague Academy of International Law. She will enhance our college's strength in the business and international law

spheres, having previously taught public international law, trusts and torts.



Professor Hoehn is a recent recipient of the College of Graduate Studies and Research Thesis Award and is currently working on

a book titled *Reconciling Sovereignties: Aboriginal Nations and Canada*. His past teaching experience in the areas of wills and municipal laws will most certainly be an asset to the college. The addition of Professor Hoehn will further the college's and the university's strategic strength in supporting aboriginal issues.



Sessional lecturer and graduate student at the College of Law, Maria Lynn Freeland (LLB '86), has been named the recipient of the 2012 E.M. Culliton Scholarship in the amount of \$10,000. She is currently working on her thesis at the University of Saskatchewan, with a convocation date of June 2013. Recipients of the E.M. Culliton Scholarship are selected on the basis of exceptional academic record, research potential and exceptional service to the practice of law in Saskatchewan.

Faculty Notes



Professor Barbara von Tigerstrom has been selected as the college's new associate dean, research and graduate studies effective July 1, 2012.

Professor Barbara von Tigerstrom has also been selected as the recipient of the 2012 Canadian Association of Law Teachers (CALT) Award for Academic Excellence. The CALT Annual Prize for Academic Excellence honours exceptional contribution to research and law teaching by a Canadian law teacher in mid-career.

Professor Barbara von Tigerstrom has been awarded the USSU Teaching Excellence Award for 2011-12. Selected by students, the Teaching Excellence Award recognizes those who have demonstrated enthusiasm, organization and fairness in evaluation, providing exceptional commitment and support to their classrooms.

Professor Robert Flannigan has been selected as the college's new associate dean, academic. His three year term will commence January 1, 2013.

Professor Brent Cotter has been selected by the Schulich School of Law at Dalhousie University to be the inaugural Schulich Distinguished Visiting Scholar from January to May 2013.

Professor Ronald Cuming is the recipient of the 2011 Ramon John Hnatyshyn Award for Law, given annually by the Canadian Bar Association. The award recognizes outstanding contribution to the law or legal scholarship in Canada.

Mary Eberts' term as Ariel F. Sallows Chair in Human Rights has been extended until December 31, 2012.

Two members of our faculty were winners of the 2012 Provost's Teaching Awards.



Professor Ibironke Odumosu-Ayanu received the Award for Outstanding Teaching, which recognizes an outstanding teacher from each college

who demonstrates evidence of outstanding teaching and educational leadership at the U of S. The Provost's College Award for Outstanding Innovation in Learning was



awarded to **Professor John Kleefeld**. This award recognizes an outstanding teacher who demonstrates innovative approaches to learning at the U of S.

Professor Martin Phillipson has been appointed as vice-provost, College of Medicine organizational restructuring (term) for the period of July 1, 2012 to December 31, 2012. In this role Martin will be accountable to the provost and vice-president academic, providing leadership and strategic advice to senior leaders at the university, in government and in the health region as it relates to the implementation of the new academic governance model for the College of Medicine.

Dodge first recipient of CBA's Legal Aid Leader Award

Amanda Dodge (LLB '03), one of two supervising lawyers at the Community Legal Assistance Services for Saskatoon Inner City (CLASSIC), who has also taught the clinical law courses at the College of Law as a sessional lecturer, is the first recipient of the Canadian Bar Association's Legal Aid Leader Award. This award recognizes legal aid lawyers who have made a significant contribution to providing access to justice to people in need. As a supervising lawyer at CLASSIC, an organization that aims to provide legal assistance to the historically disadvantaged, Amanda oversees law students' work at a walk-in advocacy clinic, trains and supervises law students as they provide client services, and takes an active role in more complex files that come into the clinic.

Judicial Appointments

The Honourable Brian A. Barrington-Foote (LLB '77), a lawyer with MacPherson Leslie & Tyerman LLP in Regina, was appointed a judge of Her Majesty's Court of Queen's Bench, to replace Madam Justice E.J. Gunn, who elected to become a supernumerary judge as of September 1, 2011. Mr. Justice Barrington-Foote was admitted to the Saskatchewan bar in 1985 and was appointed Queen's Counsel in 1988. He has been a partner with MacPherson Leslie & Tyerman since 2002.

The Honourable Darin Clayton Chow (LLB '94) of Moose Jaw, has been appointed a judge of the provincial court in Yorkton. Judge Chow was called to the bar in 1995 and then practiced as an associate with Whittaker, Craik and Chow until 1997 when he became a partner of Chow & Company, later known as Chow McLeod. Judge Chow replaces Judge Klause, who is transferring to the provincial court in Saskatoon.

The Honourable Inez J. Cardinal, Q.C. (LLB '90) has been appointed a judge of the provincial court in Melfort. Since 2000,

Judge Cardinal has been a sessional lecturer with the First Nations University of Canada at its Northern Campus in Prince Albert. She was appointed Queen's Counsel in 2006. Judge Cardinal will replace Judge Lorna Dyck, who will be transferring to the provincial court in North Battleford in November 2012.

The Honourable F. Neil Turcotte (LLB '89) has been appointed a judge of the family division, Court of Queen's Bench in Saskatoon. He will replace Mr. Justice R.S. Smith, who transferred to the general division June 19, 2012. Justice Turcotte was most recently a partner with MacPherson Leslie & Tyerman LLP, where he'd worked as a lawyer since 1999. Prior to that, he was a partner with the firm Cuelenaere Kendall Katzman & Watson from 1990 to 1999. Justice Turcotte has been chair of the French Juristes section of the Canadian Bar Association in Saskatchewan and has been involved as a member and board member of the Saskatchewan Trial Lawyers Association and the l'Association des juristes d'expression française.

Queen's Council 2011

Congratulations to our alumni who received 2011 Queen's Council appointments in Saskatchewan.

- **Dr. Sanjeev Anand**, dean of the College of Law at the University of Saskatchewan. He was admitted to the bar in 1994.
- **Alain Gaucher**, a lawyer with MacPherson Leslie & Tyerman law firm in Saskatoon. He was admitted to the bar in 1980 (LLB '79).
- **Melvin Gerspacher**, a lawyer with Robertson Stromberg law firm in Saskatoon. He was admitted to the bar in 1979 (LLB '78).
- **John Gormley**, in-house counsel for Rawlco Radio Ltd. He was admitted to the bar in 1993 (LLB '92).
- **Robert Kirkpatrick**, associate general counsel at Potash Corporation of Saskatchewan. He was admitted to the bar in 1988 (LLB '87).
- **Robert Lane**, regional crown prosecutor, La Ronge Prosecutions, Saskatchewan Ministry of Justice and attorney general (LLB '79).
- **Timothy MacLeod**, general counsel for Saskatchewan Government Insurance. He was admitted to the bar in 1983 (LLB '82).
- **Mitch McAdam**, Director of the Aboriginal Law Branch, Saskatchewan Ministry of Justice and attorney general in Regina. He was admitted to the bar in 1985. (LLB '84).
- **Rosanne Newman**, legal director for the Meadow Lake area office, Saskatchewan Legal Aid Commission. She was admitted to the bar in 1994 (LLB '93).
- **Rodney Rath**, a lawyer with Gerrand Rath Johnson law firm in Regina. He was admitted to the bar in 1972 (LLB '71).
- **Donna Sigmeth**, deputy director of the Law Society of Saskatchewan. She was admitted to the bar in 1994 (LLB '93).
- **David Thera**, a lawyer with McKercher law firm in Regina. He was admitted to the bar in 1987. He is the president of the Canadian Bar Association, Saskatchewan branch. (LLB '86).
- **Barry Wilcox**, a lawyer with Wilcox Zuk Chovin law firm in Prince Albert. He was admitted to the bar in 1981 (LLB '77).
- **Gregory Willows**, a lawyer with Willows Tulloch law firm in Regina. He was admitted to the bar in 1974 (LLB '73).

FEATURE:

CEO of Cameco Corporation,
Tim Gitzel

From university to uranium: passion and integrity lead Gitzel to the top

Just over a year into his position as president and chief executive officer of Cameco, College of Law alumnus Tim Gitzel (LLB '90) took some time to talk with *of NOTE* about his new role, his experience at the college and his advice for graduates today.

Tim Gitzel began his first mining job at the Cluff Lake mine at the age of 17. It was there he learned how a mining company functioned, and ever since, has had a desire to be part of the industry. After receiving his bachelor's degree from the College of Arts and Science, Gitzel turned to studying law. "My father was in law enforcement and I had an interest in commercial law, so law school seemed like a logical step," Gitzel said. Following graduation from the College of Law in 1990, he served as a lawyer with MacPherson Leslie & Tyerman LLP, where he resumed his involvement in mining by working on a variety of files pertaining to the industry.

Through his passion and involvement in mining, Gitzel was eventually offered the

position of executive vice-president, mining business unit, for AREVA, based in Paris, France. He also served as president and chief executive officer for AREVA's Canadian subsidiary. A Saskatchewan boy at heart, the decision to later join Cameco wasn't a difficult one. "My job with AREVA took me to France for three and a half years and so when I had the opportunity to come back home to Saskatchewan with Cameco, I didn't hesitate to take it." Cameco, one of the world's largest uranium producers, accounts for about 16 per cent of world production from its mines in Canada, the United States and Kazakhstan. Gitzel joined the company in January 2007 as senior vice-president and chief operating officer and was then appointed as president on May 14, 2010.

"If you love what you're doing, it should be easy to get out of bed in the morning – if it isn't, you should change what you're doing."

Now settled into his new position, Gitzel says the biggest surprise of year one has been just how fast the year has gone by. Of course no new position comes without its challenges, and for Gitzel, keeping on top of daily operations, spending adequate time with multiple stakeholders and shareholders,



Gitzel (left) at one of
Cameco's five operating
uranium mines

Alumni Notes

Clement Chartier, QC (LLB'78)

was one of three University of Saskatchewan alumni to receive Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medals during a special ceremony in Ottawa's Rideau Hall on February 6, 2012.

Kevin Holbeche (JD '99) joined the partnership of Fasken Martineau DuMoulin LLP where he maintains an intellectual property law practice, and is also a registered patent and trademark agent. Kevin lives in Oakville, ON with his wife, Adrienne, and their children, Chloe (19), Stella (8), Hugo (6) and Archer (1).

Henry Kloppenburg, QC (LLB '68)

was named a member of the Order of Canada on May 24, 2012 for his generosity in support of Saskatchewan's cultural, educational and conservation heritage and for his committed service to the community.

Dan Price (LLB '01) has been named the new assistant coach of the Western Hockey League's Tri-City Americans for the 2012-13 season.

Karen Seeley (LLB '06) was admitted to the partnership of McAuley & Partners, a law firm in Dryden, ON. Karen joined the firm as an associate upon her call to the bar in 2007. Karen's practice focuses in the areas of Criminal and Contract Law.

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as well as his family, has been the biggest adjustment he's faced within the past year. "There is always a lot to do when you work to operate a safe and growing company," he explains. "The transition of a CEO can be a delicate matter to both execute and deliver, but luckily I had the opportunity to work closely with my predecessor, Jerry Grandey, to ensure it was as seamless as possible." On top of his commitments at Cameco and at home, he also serves as co-chair of the 2013 MasterCard Memorial Cup, is a governor with Junior Achievement of Saskatchewan and was recently appointed to a two-year term as chair of the World Nuclear Association, an organization that promotes safe, clean and reliable nuclear power.

Gitzel credits his experience at the College of Law for helping teach him a number of values and skills that he deems necessary in the business environment such as discipline, hard work and critical thinking. "One of the other key things you learn there is integrity," says Gitzel, when discussing a recent conversation with another CEO. "We were discussing the importance of integrity in our positions and how the College of Law was really an incubator for that." These values have definitely stuck with Gitzel through his career and influence how he leads the company today, encouraging employees to make a positive difference in their communities each day. On an organizational level, Cameco helps to make positive impacts on the community and in the province by supporting a number of initiatives including Touchdown for Dreams, a three-year partnership between Cameco,

the Saskatchewan Roughriders and the Saskatchewan Cancer Agency, that aims to help grant the wishes of women living with cancer, and fund a mobile unit to travel through northern Saskatchewan to screen for cancer and promote healthy lifestyles.

After seeing how those values and skills have helped drive him to where he is today, it's no surprise that Gitzel fully endorses a degree in law. "It's such a versatile degree that can lead to many different occupations around the world." Gitzel says he may have not fully valued his time at the U of S while there, but he now has a deeper appreciation for it. He fondly recalls memories of great classmates (many of whom are friends he still has today), professors like Howie McConnell and Peter MacKinnon, and entertaining times with the law hockey team, and at Legal Follies and other college events.

So did Gitzel always dream of heading such a large company? "You can never plan your career path that precisely, but I knew from an early age that I had a passion for the mining industry." And that's Gitzel's best advice for the newest group of law alumni—do something you are passionate about. "If you love what you're doing, it should be easy to get out of bed in the morning—if it isn't, you should change what you're doing." He has followed his own advice and now 22 years out of university (which he insists only feels like two), he couldn't be happier. "Having the chance to work for a world-leading company based in my hometown really is a dream come true."



FEATURE:

Captain Ross: Discovering gold on and off the ice

Every year, the College of Law welcomes a new group of highly talented professionals with a wide range of achievements into its alumni family, and this year was no exception. A law degree takes hours upon hours of hard work and requires determination on every level, but great efforts can reap great rewards. No one knows this better than law graduate Kyle Ross, 2011-12 captain of the Huskie men's hockey team.

In June, Kyle Ross was named to the Capital One Academic All-America College Division men's hockey team. He and Hayley Wickenheiser were the first Canadians ever to be given this honour. He was also presented with a number of other athletic awards including the R.W. Pugh Award for most sportsmanlike player (Kyle clocked a mere 26 penalty minutes this year), the Dr. Randy Gregg Award for athletic ability, academics and citizenship (twice), the UBC Hockey Alumni Trophy for Sportsmanship & Ability and was a member of the Canada West second all-star team three times. As captain, he helped lead the Huskie men's hockey team to win the 2012 Canada West championship.

If all of that isn't impressive enough, there's more. Kyle also carried a 4.0 grade point average, was student editor of the Saskatchewan Law Review and was selected as a co-valedictorian of the college's graduating class. To top it off, he finished with the highest academic standing in his class and was awarded the Law

Society of Saskatchewan's prestigious gold medal.

Coach for the Huskie men's hockey team, Dave Adolph, has only good things to say about Kyle: "Kyle not only leads our team in every aspect on and off the ice, but he has been a top point producer for us in all three years with the team. He leads by example and challenges all of our players to be exemplary in the classroom and be a representative of our program off the ice and on. When you think of our 2011-12 team and its identity, you will most likely think of Kyle Ross."

Coach Adolph isn't the only one of this opinion. U of S Professor Tamara Larre says Kyle, a student in many of her classes, was "extremely conscientious, dedicated, always well organized, polite and respectful". After the Huskies qualified for the University Cup in Fredericton, New Brunswick, Kyle met with Professor Larre to talk about his

upcoming paper, which happened to be due the same time as the tournament was to take place. As Kyle sat in front of her, explaining the story of how the Huskies had qualified for the tournament, Professor Larre prepared her response to what she thought would be Kyle's request for an extension on his term paper. Instead, she was pleasantly surprised to hear "would it be okay if I handed in my assignment...early?"

"Law school definitely helped me further develop my work ethic which I think transferred over to my preparation in hockey."

While things turned out overwhelmingly well for Kyle, it wasn't always easy to manage his commitments on and off the ice. "The most difficult aspect of juggling school and hockey was my first semester exams. The league takes a break for first semester exams, but not until right before exams start. There were a couple years where I would have hockey games on December 4 and 5 and then start writing my exams on December 7." Kyle's technique was planning out his school year far in advance and sticking to it. "As soon as I would get my hockey and school schedules I would just try and figure out the times during the semester that were going to be more hectic than others so that I could get some work done in advance if necessary."

Obviously all of that planning paid off. Kyle has landed a position clerking at the Saskatchewan Court of Appeal during his articling year. He and his wife Landace call Regina home and it is there that he hopes to move into the private practice, either in the area of civil litigation or tax law. While he plans to play rec hockey and/or coach hockey for as long as he can, he is ready for some new challenges. "I am also looking



forward to trying a bunch of sports that I never really took up because of my hockey commitments."

Looking back on how law school complimented him in his role as captain, Kyle explained, "Law school definitely helped me further develop my work ethic which I think transferred over to my preparation in hockey." While it appears that things couldn't have gone better for Ross this season, there was one thing he was unable to accomplish. "I like to think that my advocacy classes helped me win more arguments with the refs but, unfortunately, I never got them to change a bad call."

opposite: Ross in action against the U of A Golden Bears

this page: (top) Ross and teammates Shaun Vey (L) and Travis Brisebois (R), hold the Canada West Championship trophy. (bottom) Kyle Ross with the R.W. Pugh Award for most sportsmanlike player





College celebrates 2012 graduates

Following the convocation ceremony on June 6, the College of Law hosted a reception for graduates, friends, family, staff and faculty in the Fraser Milner Casgrain student lounge. A number of awards were presented at the ceremony including:

Law Society of Saskatchewan Gold Medal presented to **Kyle Ross**

Law Society of Saskatchewan Silver Medal presented to **Léa Lapointe**

Law Society of Saskatchewan Bronze Medal presented to **Laura Zlotkin-Leslie**

The Marj Benson Leadership Scholarship presented to **Léa Lapointe**

The Derek Burton Memorial Award presented to **Peter Kazman**

For a complete list of graduates who received awards, scholarships and honours, visit law.usask.ca.

Congratulations to all graduates and all the best in your future endeavours!



Léa Lapointe(L) accepts the Leadership Scholarship in Memory of Marj Benson from Marj's mother, Margaret Benson.

Burnet Duckworth & Palmer First Year Welcoming Ceremony

On September 13, 2012, the College of Law at the University of Saskatchewan will host the First Year Welcoming Ceremony—an inaugural event which will celebrate our first year law students and officially welcome them to the college, the Juris Doctor (JD) program and the community of law alumni.

As part of the ceremony, each student will be presented with an academic gown as a symbolic representation of their personal commitment of service to their clients and the legal profession. They will also recite an oath that will mark the beginning of their journey through the college as well as the nature and importance of belonging to a professional college.

The college would like to acknowledge and thank Burnet, Duckworth & Palmer LLP (BD&P) for their generous contribution of \$200,000 over 10 years to sponsor this ceremony.

Students flood the law library during final exams in April





Letter from Captain Luke Coupal – February 9, 2012

Prof. Anand,

Greetings from Afghanistan! My name is Luke Coupal and I am a student of the University of Saskatchewan College of Law. I am also a Canadian Forces Captain currently deployed to Afghanistan. I won't be here much longer, and I wanted to be sure that I had written a letter to each of my friends and family. As of yet, I have not written a letter to the college, so here it is.

I can tell you that the Negotiation classes I have taken at the college have been indispensable for my efforts here. Understanding what motivates my Afghan friends has helped me to build the rapport and trust necessary for our two militaries to work together. And that does not include how useful that training has been when interacting with other NATO countries.

I am very much looking forward to coming home. This has been a wonderful experience, but I am ready to go back to the college to finish my studies. As stressful as studying law can be, I prefer very much practicing my reasoning and rhetoric over practicing with a pistol.

I look forward to seeing the professors again. I regret that I wasn't able to graduate with my fellow students. And I look forward to meeting you. I hope we can have many pleasant debates about truth, justice, and peace.

Please wish my peers long and fruitful careers. Oh, and please remind them that Canada's Judge Advocate General is always looking for dedicated Legal Officers to serve with the Canadian Forces.

God Bless,
Captain Luke Coupal



l to r: Swedish Lieutenant Mathias Franzen,
Captain Luke Coupal, Afghan National Army students

In Memoriam

The Hon. Grant Armstrong

(LLB '50), January 2012

Edward Blue

(LLB '50), February 2012

John Dechief

(LLB'48), January 2012

J.H. Clyne Harradence, Q.C.

Q.C. (LLB '49), March 2012

Peter Leier

(LLB '82), January 2012

The Hon. William R. Matheson

Q.C. (LLB '57), March 2012

Robert L. Pierce

O.C., Q.C. (LLB '52), March 2012

Doug Stokes

Q.C. (LLB '81), January 2012

2011-12 Moot Teams Report

Back to back Sopinka Cups!

For the second year in a row, the U of S **Western Canada Moot Team** brought home the Sopinka Cup.

Jared Epp, Riley Potter, Andrea Johnson and Lauren Ignacz placed first at the National Trial Advocacy Competition. Coached by Ashley Smith of MacPherson Leslie & Tyerman LLP, the team placed second at the McIntyre Cup finals held February 10 and 11 in Winnipeg, qualifying them to compete at the Sopinka Cup in Ottawa in March against the top teams from across Canada. Individual awards were also presented to Lauren Ignacz, who won best examination in chief, and Jared Epp, who won best cross examination. The Sopinka Cup was established in 1999 to honour the late Supreme Court of Canada Justice John Sopinka, who was a long-time fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers.



back – l to r: Jared Epp, Riley Potter;
front – l to r: Ashley Smith (coach), Andrea Johnson, Lauren Ignacz



(l to r): Loretta Pete, Léa Lapointe, Riva Farrell Racette, Signa Daum Shanks (coach)

Our **Aboriginal Rights (Kawaskimhon) Moot Team**, composed of Riva Farrell Racette, Léa Lapointe and Loretta Pete, and coached by Professor Signa Daum Shanks, participated in the moot this year which was hosted by the University of Saskatchewan March 1-3, 2012. Representing the Province of Saskatchewan, the team participated in discussions about treaty interpretation and implementation.

Providing their knowledge and wisdom as the team's knowledge keepers were Rob Innes (Department of Native Studies, University of Saskatchewan), Margaret Froh

(past president, Indigenous Bar Association), the Honourable Madam Justice Georgina Jackson (Saskatchewan Court of Appeal) and Judge Mary Ellen Turpel-Lafond (British Columbia Office Of Children's Advocate, Saskatchewan Provincial Court).



(l to r): Andrew Kuzma, Kayla Demars-Krentz, Matthew Rahman, Neil Fisher (coach), Jeremy Busch-Howell, Adam Alladin

The 2011-12 **McDougall Gauley Securities Moot Team** consisted of Adam Alladin, Jeremy Busch-Howell, Kayla Demars-Krentz, Andrew Kuzma and Matthew Rahman. The team was coached and advised by Neil Fisher, Q.C. of McDougall Gauley LLP. On March 2-3, 2012, 13 teams competed in this annual competition focusing on problems in the area of business law. Our sincere thanks goes to McDougall Gauley LLP for sponsoring this year's team.



(l to r): Loree Gillert, Alexandra Fox, Mike Buchinski, Jane Basinski, Mark Brayford (coach)

Founded in 1974, the **Gale Cup Moot** is Canada's premier bilingual law student mooting competition. Team members Jane Basinski, David Bushinski, Alexandra Fox, and Loree Gillert, along with coach Mark Brayford, Q.C., represented the U of S at the Gale Moot in Toronto, February 24-25, 2012.



(l to r): Rebecca Wood, Robin Burlingham, Felipe Paredes Canevari, Sandi Shannon, Kathryn J. Ford, Q.C. (coach)

On March 5-9, 2012, the **Mediation Advocacy Moot Team** competed at the International Competition for Mediation



Advocacy (ICMA), an annual educational event aimed to assist with the development of mediation advocacy skills that are routinely exercised in the practice of law.



(back l to r): Christine McCartney, Nicole Hamm, Trevor Shishkin; (front l to r): Peter Lavelle, Ruth Thompson (coach), Andre Memaui

The **Jessup Moot Team** received the award for the Best Respondent Team at the March 2012 competition at McGill University. The team, consisted of Trevor Shishkin, Christine McCartney, Nicole Hamm, Andre Memaui and Peter Lavelle, also received awards for fourth place memorial and fifth place overall. Trevor Shishkin also received the fourth place oralist individual award.



The **U of S Laskin Moot team** of (l to r): back: Sonya Lalli, Christina Kerby; front: Leanne Alport, Neil Turcotte (coach), Angele Comeau, competed in Moncton, New Brunswick on February 17 at the 27th Annual Bora Laskin Moot.

Students earn bronze at International Negotiation Competition

University of Saskatchewan law students Christine McCartney and Natasha Singh placed third at the International Negotiation Competition held in Belfast, Ireland July 3-7.

The competition, hosted by the Institute of Professional Legal Studies at Queen's University, featured 16 teams from across the globe, each representing a client by negotiating international business transactions in a simulated situation.

Michaela Keet, professor in the College of Law, and the U of S team's coach, was thrilled with how the team performed. "Christine and Natasha were strong and graceful negotiators, earning the respect of their fellow competitors. The event was just an amazingly rich experience."

For Singh and McCartney—who earned the right to represent Canada at this international competition by placing well in two recent North American competitions held by the American Bar Association—the competition exceeded all of their expectations and said they look forward to being involved in the event for years to come.

"The emphasis on education and the opportunity to meet students, lawyers and legal representatives from around the world who share a passion for negotiation is what made the competition such an incredible experience," they said.

One of the competition's objectives is to help law students experience the social aspects of international legal negotiations, including the enhanced difficulties of cross-cultural communication. It also emphasizes the potential differences in negotiating styles, ethical limitations, social norms, and business practices.

Learning the challenges that come with cross-cultural negotiation is critical to success in this competition as it is judged by an international panel of experts, explained Keet.

"The success that McCartney and Singh have had both nationally and internationally is a testament to the quality of the College

of Law's programming, in particular, the experiential learning opportunities we offer," said Keet.

"We were proud to represent both Canada and the U of S at the international level and we are very grateful for the College of Law's support throughout our journey," the teammates said.

Professor Keet and the team would like to thank competition mentor and FMC lawyer, Courtney MacQuarrie; Professors John Kleefeld, Doug Surtees and Felix Hoehn; and members of the legal community including Vern Kiss, Karen Prisciak and Dan Ish for their guidance and advice throughout the competition.

(l to r): Natasha Singh, Christine McCartney and coach, Michaela Keet





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