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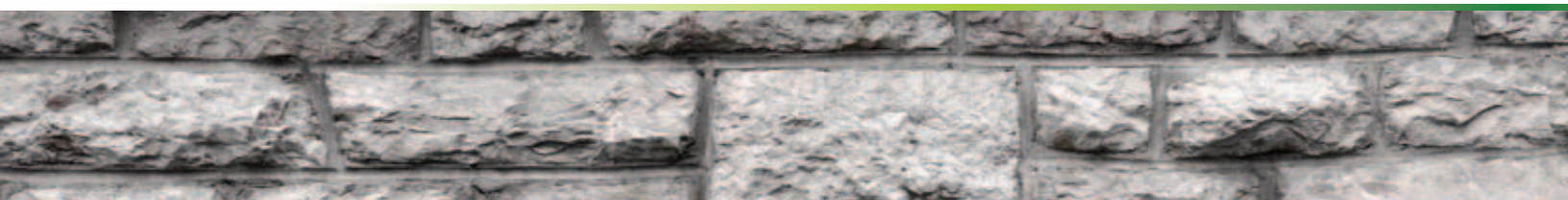
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Estey Chair in Business Law established

We interview John and Bill Estey, sons of Willard Estey, regarding their recent donation to the college.



Centennial wrap-up

A full recap of the College of Law's centennial celebrations.



College expands experiential learning initiatives

Students enjoy more opportunities for real-life work experiences through two new programs.



Dean's Message

First and foremost, on behalf of the College of Law, I would like to thank all those alumni and friends who attended our centennial reunion weekend in October. The weekend's events were a huge success as we celebrated the achievements of our alumni and the history of our college. We hope those who did take part in the weekend festivities enjoyed their time reconnecting with classmates, professors and friends. In case you weren't able to attend, we've included a wrap-up report on all centennial events including the Wunusweh Lecture in Aboriginal Law, the Future of Law Conference and the Centennial Women's Breakfast, in this issue.

As you may know, we have had a number of fundraising initiatives tied to our centennial celebrations, including the Centennial Student Enhancement Fund and the Estey Chair in Business Law. A number of our alumni took the opportunity to give back during our reunion weekend and for that we are truly grateful. Your donations will make a difference in the lives of our students and enhance the many learning opportunities they will encounter during their legal studies.

While centennial events were the focus for much of the year, there have been a number of other new and exciting developments in the college I would like to share with you. The Estey Chair in Business Law was officially approved by University Council on Oct. 18. The chair was made possible through a \$2 million donation from Bill and John Estey in honour of their father, the late Willard "Bud" Estey, former Supreme Court of Canada Justice. This chair will give our students the opportunity to learn from renowned business law scholars from Saskatchewan and beyond. Although the Estey Chair has been approved, a fully endowed chair at the University of Saskatchewan requires

approximately \$5 million; therefore your support for this initiative would be greatly appreciated. At present, we have raised \$2.3 million. Learn more about the Estey Chair on page 14.

The college is also pleased to have received three grants from the Law Foundation of Saskatchewan to support elements of our JD and LLM programs. For the 2012/13 academic year, the Law Foundation has graciously agreed to sponsor the college's Gale, Laskin, Jessup, Kawaskimhon, Western Canada and Mediation moot teams at a cost of \$90,000. The Law Foundation has also agreed to provide \$300,000 in financial assistance over five years to LLM students undertaking research in the area of Aboriginal legal studies. As well, this year the Law Foundation has agreed to donate \$10,000 to support graduate student research travel. At a time when law foundations have become more wary of providing substantial funding to law schools, we are extremely fortunate to obtain this level of support from the Law Foundation of Saskatchewan.

Internally, our faculty continues to shine in the areas of research and teaching excellence. They continue to receive various research grants, project grants and awards for their work. Read more about these accomplishments, as well as a summary of recently published faculty books, on page 13. In this issue, we also profile Assistant Professor Ibironke Odomosu-Ayanu and her research on the interactions between foreign investment, local communities and the law.

As you may have noticed, the College of Law has emailed two eUpdates to our alumni. These electronic newsletters are aimed at keeping you informed of developments at the college and apprised of news concerning your fellow alumni. If you haven't received the eUpdate, please email law_ofnote@usask.ca.

As mentioned in the Fall 2012 eUpdate, the college has introduced the Intensive Clinical Law Program – a 15-credit course that sees students spend a full term at CLASSIC (Community Legal Services for Saskatoon Inner City Inc.), while taking on

client files under supervision of CLASSIC's two supervising lawyers. Previously, the program was a 3-credit course. Consequently, students enrolled in the old course were required to attend other classes during the semester as well. The new program allows law students to become completely immersed in the learning environment of a poverty legal clinic, which helps reinforce a strong social justice ethos in our students and facilitates the provision of a higher level of service to the clinic's clients. Read more about this exciting new experiential learning program on page 7.

This fall, the college also introduced a new 3-credit seminar class called Access to Justice. Students enrolled in this course have the opportunity to observe and interact with lawyers during a placement at one of many participating courts and tribunals in Saskatchewan and Manitoba.

A number of our students have been provided with the opportunity to intern with world-renowned organizations including The Washington Center, the largest independent non-profit academic internship program in the United States. The center, located in Washington, DC, is one of the global epicenters of politics, business and international diplomacy. A new partnership between the College of Law and the

Washington Center will allow one law student to enrol in the internship program each semester, thereby gaining valuable hands-on experience in their field of study. Participants will receive 15 credit hours towards completion of their degree as well as a \$5,000 Saskatchewan Innovation and Opportunity Scholarship.

The college has also been providing unprecedented support to students to attend various conferences and engage in experiential learning opportunities. This includes financial assistance to those students enrolled in the Access to Justice seminar who are required to travel for their placements. This year, students were placed with Winnipeg's mental health court and Regina's drug treatment court—just to name a few. In addition, the college provided some funding for students in Green Legal, the college's environmental law students' organization, and the Corporate Law Students' Society, to attend the National Environmental Energy and Resources Law Section's 24th annual meeting in Ottawa. Financial assistance was also provided for the new president of the U of S chapter of Canadian Lawyers Abroad to attend a training program in Ottawa. Yet another student was provided the means to attend the Canadian Institute for the Administration of Justice

Conference in Calgary. Funding was also given for delegations of our law students to attend the Indigenous Bar Association's Annual Fall Conference in Winnipeg, the 2012 Hockey Arbitration Competition in Toronto, the 3rd Annual Conference on Clinical Legal Education in Winnipeg, and an International Law Conference in New York City.

Following the wonderful events celebrating the last 100 years at the University of Saskatchewan's College of Law, we look forward to the next 100 years with a great sense of enthusiasm. We have made, and will continue to make, strides to ensure that the college produces learned, successful, sought-after and respected graduates. Now more than ever, our alumni and friends will play an integral role in helping our college meet the needs and demands of legal education. As always, I welcome and encourage your feedback on college activities and initiatives. It is through our connections with you, our alumni, that we will ensure the College of Law at the University of Saskatchewan continues to be a leader in Canadian legal education.

Dean Anand (far left) hosts a breakfast at the University Club on Nov. 23. "Breakfast with the Dean" is held several times a year, giving students a chance to discuss a variety of issues with the dean.





College of Law Celebrates 100 Years

The first official centennial event held at the college was the inaugural Wunusweh Lecture in Aboriginal Law. This year's lecture was delivered by the Honourable Justice Murray Sinclair, chair of Canada's Truth and Reconciliation Commission, on Oct. 1, 2012. He spoke eloquently about the role the commission will play in preserving the important stories told by residential school survivors.



On the Thanksgiving weekend, alumni from across Canada and as far away as Ireland congregated in Saskatoon to celebrate their alma mater—the College of Law at the University of Saskatchewan. 2012 marks the 100th anniversary of the college and to celebrate, a number of special events were planned for the weekend. Celebrations kicked off with a reception generously hosted by the past presidents of the Law Society of Saskatchewan. At times, it was standing room only (and crowded standing room at that) as alumni and guests enjoyed the reception and the view at the Top of the Inn at the Sheraton Hotel in downtown Saskatoon.

The next morning, past and present student-editors of the Saskatchewan Law Review met for brunch at the historic University Club (formerly the Faculty Club). Attendees heard from Dean Sanjeev Anand, Professor Mark Carter, alumna Dean Donna Greschner of the University of Victoria's law school, and Michelle Halvorson, administrative coordinator for the publication, who each gave their perspective on over 75 years of the publication's history.

That afternoon, the doors to the College of Law building were opened for a reception featuring balloon sculpting, face painting, and guided tours. This family-friendly event was a great opportunity for former students to see the new addition to the law building as well as the impressive new home of the Native Law Centre.

On Saturday evening, over 600 alumni and friends gathered for the Centennial Gala at TCU Place—making for the largest gathering of alumni, students, faculty and staff in the history of the College of Law. John Gormley, QC, acted as master of ceremonies for the evening, which featured a variety of speeches and video presentations.



Over 600 alumni and friends gathered to celebrate the College of Law's 100th anniversary.



U of S President Ilene Busch-Vishniac (middle) and husband, Ethan Vishniac (left) visit alumni and friends at the Centennial Gala.

The first presentation of the evening focused on alumnus Tom Gauley, who celebrated his 90th birthday in 2012. To show their appreciation for Tom's contributions to the legal community, McDougall Gauley LLP announced a \$25,000 donation to the college to fund a new student scholarship in his name. This donation was generously matched by alumnus, Merlis Belsher. Attendees were then treated to a concise yet fascinating history of the college through a video narrated by Beth Bilson, QC, former dean of the college. Greetings were also given by newly inducted University of Saskatchewan President, Ilene Busch-Vishniac; distinguished lawyer and graduate, Don Worme, QC; and the Premier of Alberta, alumna Alison



Nancy Hopkins of McDougall Gauley LLP announces a \$25,000 donation to the college to fund a new scholarship in Tom Gauley's name.

Centennial merchandise is still available for purchase. Visit bookstore.usask.ca to view our inventory.

The College of Law history video and photos from our centennial events can be viewed online at law.usask.ca.



century of women in the College of Law. Featured speaker, the Honourable Madam Justice Georgina Jackson, gave an insightful view of the barriers and successes women come across within their professional legal careers in Saskatchewan, as well as the challenge to find a work-life balance.

The last official centennial event was the Future of Law Conference held at the University of Saskatchewan on Nov. 1-2. Despite treacherous road conditions, over 200 people attended the two-day conference. The opening address on Thursday night was delivered by Professor Patrick Glenn from McGill University, followed by a welcome reception at the college. On Friday morning, conference attendees heard from former Supreme Court of Canada Justice Ian Binnie, noted author Richard Susskind, and Professor Paul Paton of McGeorge School of Law. That afternoon, registrants had their choice of attending a number of panel discussions ranging on topics from "Legal traditions and disappearing jurisdictional boundaries" to "Access to legal services and future challenges for the self-regulating legal profession". The conference wrapped up on Friday evening with a banquet at TCU place featuring guest speaker, the Honourable Martel Popescul, Chief Justice of the Saskatchewan Court of Queen's Bench.

The College of Law thanks all those who took part in and helped produce the centennial events.

Redford, QC (she appeared by way of video presentation). Marty Wales, president of the Law Students' Association, then took the podium to speak about the impact alumni and donors have had on students at the college and thanked them for their support. Dean Sanjeev Anand wrapped up the evening by thanking those in attendance and providing a glimpse into the next 100 years at the College of Law. Over the weekend many classes also organized individual gatherings and mini-reunions throughout Saskatoon.

On Oct. 25, the college, in partnership with the Canadian Bar Association Saskatchewan branch, hosted a breakfast to celebrate a

College expands experiential learning initiatives

It has been said that experiential learning lies at the heart of the College of Law's clinical law program, and now that saying holds true more than ever as the college has recently expanded the opportunities available for students to put theoretical learning into practice. The two most notable changes have been the introduction of a 15-credit term at CLASSIC and the Access to Justice seminar course.

The CLASSIC recipe for success

It's hard to believe that Community Legal Assistance Services for Saskatoon Inner City (CLASSIC) is only five years old. From its beginning in 2007 as a student-led initiative, CLASSIC has grown into an invaluable community service, serving over 3,000 clients since its inception. It is now an integral part of the experiential learning component at the College of Law.

Prior to the 2012/13 academic year, students could enrol in a 3-credit course that entailed taking on client files at CLASSIC for roughly four hours per week under the direction of a supervising lawyer—but the students wanted more. In January 2012, the application and approval process began for a 15-credit course to be offered by the college that would see students spend 32 hours per week at CLASSIC for an entire term. The program was introduced in September and sees students working at CLASSIC from Monday to Thursday, then attending a clinical law seminar on Friday mornings. For the students, this means they are able to see a wider variety of cases. "The full-term program allows for students to become much more immersed in their role as legal advocates," says Professor Sarah Buhler, course instructor and former CLASSIC executive director. The increased work hours from students also benefit CLASSIC's clients. Buhler notes, "Students are able to reflect at a deeper level on their experiences and gain more insights into the complex social realities underlying the legal problems of their clients."

This more permanent placement also allows students to be engaged in all aspects of legal practice in a poverty law context, including client interviewing and counselling, file management, legal research, the preparation of legal



Group photo during U of S President Ilene Busch-Vishniac's visit to the CLASSIC office in downtown Saskatoon in July.

documents, letters and memoranda, and representing clients in administrative law hearings and provincial court trials. Because of CLASSIC's location in one of Saskatoon's core neighbourhoods and its emphasis on community engagement, clinical law students learn first-hand about larger issues relating to access to justice in Saskatoon, including that the weight of the law usually rests heavily upon the most disadvantaged members of society.

In July, members of CLASSIC welcomed University of Saskatchewan President Ilene Busch-Vishniac, to the downtown office. Following the visit, she was quoted in

the StarPhoenix, saying CLASSIC was an example of a world-class program. Busch-Vishniac stated, "It works for the city, it works for the courts. It helps the students solidify why they want to be lawyers. It gains them experience and it works for the community ... It is exactly what we ought to be doing."

President Busch-Vishniac isn't the only fan of CLASSIC. The non-profit has received national and local recognition for its programs, including the National Pro Bono Award of the Canadian Bar Association and the C. Willy Hodgson Award of the Law Society of Saskatchewan, both in 2008. In 2008, Professor Buhler also received the



Dave Hansford (back row centre) traveled with the Cree Court team to Pelican Narrows, as part of his *Access to Justice* placement. Dave is now an articling student with BDP in Calgary, AB.

University of Saskatchewan's Award for Distinction in Outreach and Engagement for her involvement in the program, and in 2012, Amanda Dodge, a supervising lawyer at CLASSIC, was awarded the CBA Legal Aid Leader Award.

Last, but most certainly not least, the program is highly-regarded among College of Law students. More students applied than there were spots in the new intensive course, perhaps in part due to such rave reviews from past CLASSIC participants. "The course is great; should be required for all students. It instills a law student's career with an ethic of service and pro bono work, along with giving invaluable practical experience," says one student testimonial on the class webpage. Another states, "This has been the best experience of my law school career."

"Access to Justice" takes off

Another addition to the experiential learning component at the College of Law was the introduction of *Access to Justice*—a special topics seminar that focuses on the role that courts, administrative tribunals and those within those institutions take in addressing issues relating to access to justice. What makes the seminar particularly unique is that it revolves around student placements in various court and tribunal settings in Saskatchewan and beyond.

Third-year law student, Jonathan Stockdale, enrolled in the class last semester and had the unique opportunity to observe the inner workings of the Aboriginal Court in northern Saskatchewan during his placement. He was able to connect one-on-one with judges, prosecutors, legal aid lawyers and Aboriginal court workers, all of whom provided him with insights into the Aboriginal court's successes and continued challenges. Having



Access to Justice students Andrew Dickson and Christina Abbott at the Court of Queen's Bench Family Law Division.

grown up in northern Saskatchewan, he says that the placement was one of the most transformative learning experiences that he has had at university. "Everyone I met was open to talking about important

contemporary access to justice issues, including resources for social programs, colonialism and ways of preserving local language and culture."

Recent graduate, Laura Zlotkin-Leslie, visited the drug treatment court in Regina last year and spent two days sitting in on court as well as meeting with participants in the program and legal, counseling and healthcare professionals. "Visiting the drug treatment court was one of the highlights of my legal education. It gave me a new appreciation for legal professionals who think outside the box, and it made me see the human element of the justice system in a whole new light," she says of her experience.

Professor Sarah Buhler says the course is bringing another opportunity for experiential learning to students by allowing them to observe, in an intimate and front-line way, how judicial institutions grapple with the problems and solutions relating to access to justice on a daily basis. "Students get to observe and learn about the unique contexts of our various institutions of justice, and bring their observations into the seminar. In turn, they are able to evaluate the theoretical knowledge that they gain in the seminar against the complex realities of their placements."

Of course, this hands-on experience would not be possible without the participation of a number of courts and tribunals across Saskatchewan and Manitoba, and so the College of Law extends a huge thank-you to everyone who has worked to make this program a success.

Building on the momentum

The college will continue to build and enhance experiential and service learning opportunities for its JD students with the aim of being recognized as one of the pre-eminent centers of experiential legal learning in Canada. To find out more about supporting these experiential learning opportunities for our students, please contact the College of Law or visit law.usask.ca.

Roger Carter Scholarship recipients announced

On Nov. 19, The Native Law Centre announced that the following four students were recipients of the 2012 Roger Carter Scholarship awards:

Christina Abbott (University of Saskatchewan)

Meaghan LaRose (University of Saskatchewan)

Rachel Snow (University of Saskatchewan)

Emma Wilkin (University of Ottawa)

The scholarship was established by the Native Law Students Association of Canada in 1981 and provides up to four awards of \$250 each to students of Native Canadian ancestry entering their second or third year of legal studies in Canada.

The scholarship is in honour of the late Roger Carter, QC, who founded the Program of Legal Studies for Native People in 1973 and the Native Law Centre in 1975.



Staff News

In August 2012, **Jennifer Molloy** accepted the position of director of development for the Western College of Veterinary Medicine (WCVN). Jennifer joined the College of Law as the development officer in 2005 and since then has had the opportunity to work on various initiatives including the Building of Our Future campaign and the college's centennial. She also worked with generous alumni and friends of the college to develop new lectures, scholarships and bursaries and other new and important initiatives. We wish Jenn all the best in her new position at WCVN.



Jodi Francoeur joined the College of Law on Oct. 15 as the new major gifts officer. Prior to joining the college, Jodi worked at Sun

Life Financial where she was among the top financial advisors in Canada. Jodi will take over Jenn Molloy's role of leading the major gift activity in the College of Law.



The college also welcomes **Tracey Wray** as the new director of administration. Tracey has been with the U of S for 26 years, most

recently as the human resource manager for the College of Medicine. During her tenure on campus, she has managed the Canada Foundation for Innovation and Canada Research Chairs programs for the university.

After serving as the acting manager of human resources and administration since June, **Mike Sibley** will now move into the position of financial administrative officer for the college.



Ronke Odumosu-Ayanu has been assistant professor at the college since 2008.

Faculty Profile:

Ibironke Odumosu-Ayanu

For Ibironke Odumosu-Ayanu, the journey from Lagos, Nigeria to Saskatoon, Saskatchewan was just a series of steps and not a path she ever envisioned while growing up in the West African country. What she did know from an early age was that she wanted to study law. So, as she prepared to graduate from high school, she applied to the University of Lagos' direct-entry LLB program.

As Odumosu-Ayanu simultaneously took classes and worked with a local firm, it became clear to her that her interests were international law, commercial law and other aspects of the oil and gas industry. These interests further developed as she studied how the legal system interacted with the oil and gas industry in Nigeria—a nation abundant in natural resources.

In 2003, Odumosu-Ayanu moved to Calgary, Alberta, for her Master of Laws degree. For her, the move was a natural fit. "Like Nigeria, Calgary has an economy based on oil and gas, so it was a rather easy decision to move to Canada—apart from the fact that I knew I would miss my family." What she didn't know or plan on, was that she would still be in Canada 10 years later.

During her graduate studies, Odumosu-Ayanu added another interest to her plate—research. This led to her decision to continue her education with a PhD at the University of British Columbia (UBC) where she analyzed third world peoples' participation in settling foreign

investment disputes using the World Bank's Investment Dispute Settlement Centre as a framework for study. She found that the incorporation of these peoples in the process and the substance of investment dispute settlement contribute to re-constructing foreign investment law.

It was during these studies at UBC that she decided she would teach and conduct research in an academic setting. But it wasn't the first time Odumosu-Ayanu thought about teaching as a career. She often tutored students at her local church while studying for her bachelor's degree in Nigeria. "I always felt that I was a teacher by calling," said Odumosu-Ayanu, "and by the end of the first year of my PhD, I knew my contributions as a teacher and researcher would be more valuable and worthwhile at a research-intensive university."

After interviewing with a few different universities, Odumosu-Ayanu decided to make the move to Saskatoon. Besides having a reputation as a research-focused university, she admired that the atmosphere at the College of Law was a collegial one. "It's a cold place, but the people are warm. At the U of S, they really do care about each and every individual."

Four years later, Odumosu-Ayanu's research still focuses on international investment law surrounding the oil and gas industry. Specifically, it focuses on the relationships between local communities, foreign investors, and investment law, and the impacts that these relationships have on domestic and international law. Part of Odumosu-Ayanu's work is to develop a framework for tripartite agreements in the extractive industries that feature impacted communities, investors, and governments, as parties negotiating issues that often engender disagreement and conflict. In the end, Odumosu-Ayanu hopes these agreements will enhance stakeholder relationships and better reflect the interest of local communities, like those in Nigeria.

Like many faculty members, Odumosu-Ayanu tends to downplay her rather remarkable achievements. Besides winning the Provost's teaching award, she has



Odumosu-Ayanu during a lecture with her first-year contracts class.

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also served as a consultant for the United Nations University (UNU) on a project on the rule of law and good business practices in zones of conflict, and she is a barrister and solicitor of the Supreme Court of Nigeria. Currently, she serves as a director on both the Saskatchewan Intercultural Association and Canadian Law and Society Association boards, and is part of a group at the U of S working towards developing course proposals for the proposed Women and Gender Studies Graduate Program.

Although Odumosu-Ayanu has had a myriad of experiences throughout her career, she is always enticed by the academic side of things. Being able to teach what she is passionate about and witnessing the learning curve students go through are the two things Odumosu-Ayanu cites as her favourite aspects of teaching. "It's nice to

see students that are so keen to learn about issues in which I also have a deep interest".

Considering her dedication and positive attitude toward teaching, it's no surprise that she was a recipient of the 2012 Provost's College Award for Outstanding Teaching—an award recognizing an outstanding teacher from each college who demonstrates evidence of outstanding teaching and educational leadership at the U of S. "It's great to know that students valued our time together during the semester," says Odumosu-Ayanu, adding that the award also motivates her to be an even better instructor. "I just want to make sure students have a great learning experience and try to create the best environment for that."

Through her successes in research and teaching, her professionalism, and her grace and good humour, Odumosu-Ayanu has definitely earned the respect of all of her students and fellow colleagues. And while her journey into research and academics is far from over, one thing is for sure—the College of Law is fortunate that the path she has taken so far has brought her here.



Faculty Notes

Sanjeev Anand, Q.C., dean of the college, has been appointed to a five-year term as the senior independent chairperson in the Prairie Region under the federal Corrections and Conditional Release Act and the Corrections and Conditional Release Regulations. During his term, Dean Anand will preside over disciplinary hearings for serious disciplinary offences.

The United Way of Saskatoon & Area has named Professor **Beth Bilson**, Q.C. as a recipient of the Honoured Supporter Award for her dedication and expertise in support of the organization.

Assistant Professor **Sarah Buhler**, along with Priscilla Settee (Department of English) and Nancy van Styvendale (Department of Native Studies), have been awarded the Provost's Project Grant for Innovative Practice in Collaborative Teaching and Learning.

U of S Professor **Brent Cotter**, Q.C., along with professors Devlin and Downie from the Schulich School of Law at Dalhousie University, have been awarded the Chief Justice of Ontario Fellowship in Legal Ethics and Professionalism Research for the 2012-13 term.

Assistant Professor **Patricia Farnese** has received a curriculum innovation grant valued up to \$31,200 from the University Learning Centre to develop and implement a new Certificate of Proficiency in One Health for undergraduate students. The program will bring students in the professional colleges together to engage in interdisciplinary, problem-based learning through One Health-focused courses and aims to build enthusiasm for deeper engagement with One Health career and graduate study options.

Sid Haring, a visiting scholar from New York University, ended his term as the Law Foundation of Saskatchewan Chair on Dec. 7, 2012.

The college also said goodbye to **Mary Eberts**, holder of the Sallows Chair in Human Rights, as her term at the college ended in December 2012.



Professor Tim Quigley chats with a student following his last lecture at the college.



Dean Anand (right) thanks Associate Dean Zlotkin (far left) during Zlotkin's farewell reception at the college.



Visiting chair-holders Sid Haring and Mary Eberts both said goodbye to the college in December.

Professor **Tim Quigley** retired on Dec. 31, 2012. Tim spent over 22 years with the college, beginning his teaching career at the U of S on July 1, 1985. We wish Tim all the best in retirement.

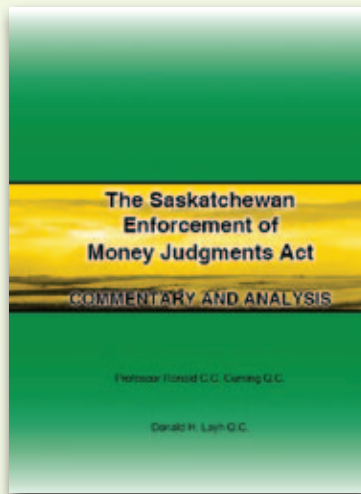
On Dec. 7, 2012, Associate Professor **Doug Surtees** was awarded the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal. Doug, a volunteer with Saskatchewan Abilities Council, was honoured for his contribution to community and country.

Professor **Barbara von Tigerstrom**, associate dean of research and graduate studies, has been appointed to the Stem Cell Oversight Committee for a three-year term. The Stem Cell Oversight Committee is a committee of the Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR) that is responsible for reviewing and approving research involving human pluripotent stem cells to ensure that it is consistent with ethical guidelines.

Norman Zlotkin's term as associate dean academic ended Dec. 31, 2012. **Rob Flannigan** has now taken on the role as of Jan. 1, 2013.



Faculty Books



The Saskatchewan Enforcement of Money Judgments Act: Commentary and Analysis

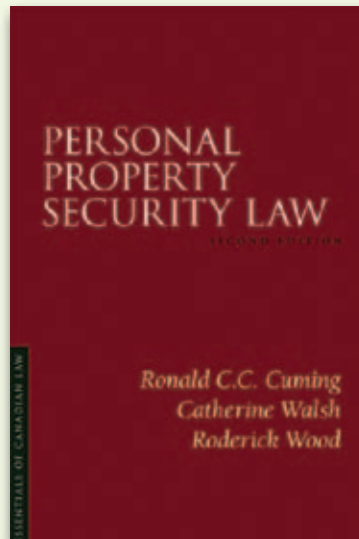
Ronald C.C. Cuming and Donald Layh, QC

Softcover 470 pgs.
Published: 2012
ISBN-9781771070386
\$70.00

This book contains a section-by-section commentary on and analysis of the Saskatchewan Enforcement of Money Judgments Act that effected a fundamental change in Saskatchewan money judgment enforcement law. The authors have described and analysed all parts of the Act and the ways in which they relate to each other. Where appropriate, they have provided scenarios through which aspects of the Act are explained and have recorded their conclusions as to the meaning and effect of ambiguous provisions of the Act.

The book has been designed for use by the courts, sheriffs, law students, legal practitioners and financial institutions.

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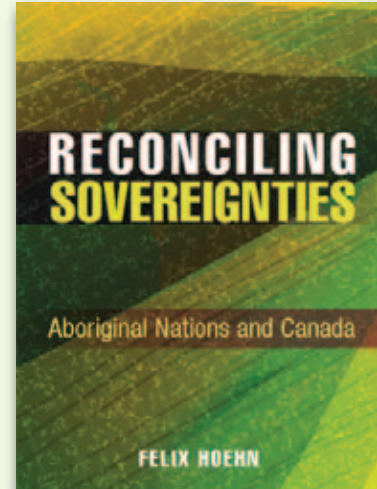
Personal Property Security Law, Second Edition

Ronald C.C. Cuming, Catherine Walsh and Roderick Wood

Softcover 813 pgs.
Published: October 2012
ISBN-13: 978-155221-299-8
\$80.00

This book examines the legal framework for secured credit set out in the Personal Property Security Act (PPSA). First proclaimed by Ontario in 1976, the PPSA is in force today in all nine common law provinces and the three federal territories. This second edition updates the area of personal property security law in Canada with new caselaw, including some important SCC cases clarifying the law or providing the conceptual basis for its further amplification. In addition, the book covers significant changes to legislation which interfaces with the PPSA, such as the Securities Transfer Acts and their Quebec equivalent, now brought into effect in most Canadian jurisdictions.

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Reconciling Sovereignties: Aboriginal Nations and Canada

Felix Hoehn

Softcover 182 pgs.
Published: October 2012
ISBN 978-0-88880-577-5
\$30.00

In *Reconciling Sovereignties*, Felix Hoehn presents a persuasive case that the once unquestioned and uncritical acceptance of the Crown's assertion of sovereignty over Aboriginal peoples and their territories is now being replaced by an emerging paradigm that recognizes the equality of Aboriginal and settler peoples and requires these peoples to negotiate how they will share sovereignty in Canada.

The text is current to *William v. British Columbia* (BCCA), June 27, 2012.

www.usask.ca/nativelaw/publications/felixhoehn/

FEATURE:

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A \$2 million donation to the College of Law has established the Estey Chair in Business Law at the University of Saskatchewan.



Willard "Bud" Estey was appointed to the Supreme Court of Canada in 1977.

John and Bill Estey, sons of the late Willard Estey, former Supreme Court of Canada Justice, have given \$2 million, the largest-ever private donation to the college. The donation will officially establish the chair in their father's honour. The intention of the chair is to attract outstanding scholars in the area of business law who will enhance the research culture of the college, creating opportunities for increased collaboration between other chair-holders, faculty members and students.

Bill and John Estey knew that the chair was something their father was interested in establishing at the college, as he had had discussions late in his life with Peter

MacKinnon, dean of the college at the time. "Dad was proud of the education he received at the College of Law. He also taught there before moving to Toronto, and so he had a lot of reasons to give back," said John.

Willard Zebedee (also known as "Bud") Estey was born in Saskatoon and graduated from the College of Law in 1942. After serving in the armed forces during World War II, he obtained his LLM at Harvard Law School. In 1946 he began teaching at the College of Law at the University of Saskatchewan and moved to Ontario the following year to practise. While he arrived in Toronto as an unknown, he quickly worked his way

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up to the top. "Willard became a successful lawyer through hard work and long hours—working many evenings and weekends," explained Bill. John added, "He didn't know how to say 'no' and was always willing to help anyone who asked." This resulted in

Willard taking on 200 active cases as a barrister and solicitor. Some cases were classic solicitor work, while other cases fell clearly within the scope of work as a barrister. Estey was obviously a versatile lawyer, as it is rare to find someone capable of doing both kinds of work at such a high level.

Willard's hard work paid off and two years after arriving in Toronto, he became Chief Justice of the High Court of Ontario. In 1976 he was named Chief Justice of Ontario and then, like his father James Wilfred Estey, became a member of the Supreme Court of Canada.

Love for the law ran in the family and so it was an easy decision for Bill, the oldest of the four Estey children, to continue the tradition. "I remember my grandfather taking me to the chambers of the Supreme Court when I was a young child and the law has intrigued me ever since," he recalls. Bill received his BA from the University of Toronto in 1969, followed by his LLB from Osgoode in 1972. He has been a lawyer at Torys LLP in Toronto since 1974.

John also enjoyed the law, but because of perhaps failing to ever win a debate with his father, he decided to pursue a degree in electrical engineering. After finishing his degree, he transferred to Chicago in 1972 for a five-year training program. "I must still be in training," he joked, "because I never went back." Far from it—John is now the president of that same company, S&C Electric, a global provider of equipment and services for electric power systems.

While the brothers weren't born-and-raised Saskatchewanians, they do have business and personal ties to the province. In fact, John's company supplies both the University of Saskatchewan and SaskPower with high-voltage electrical boxes. However, the most obvious connection may be John's position on PotashCorp's board of directors—a role that connects him with the business and legal community and allowed him to get a sense of the demand for business-savvy law students. "The clientel of the college want to see a good grounding in business law," he notes.



Estey (left) with Janice MacKinnon and Ralph Goodale at the dedication ceremony for the Estey Centre for Law and Economics in International Trade in 1999.

Knowing that the College of Law and business law were both important to their father, Bill and John worked with then U of S President Peter MacKinnon and Sanjeev Anand, dean of the college, to make sure the chair became a reality. "The dean and the college have recognized that business law is a priority and this chair will hopefully bolster that," said Bill, adding that he feels confident the dean and President Ilene Busch-Vishniac are going to "cook up some great ideas to increase the college's power and profile."

Starting with the first appointment in July 2014, holders of the Estey Chair in Business Law will be expected to teach business law courses within the college, conduct world-class research in their field, as well as share their expertise and engage in outreach activities with the wider legal community. The brothers see the business law chair in the college as a competitive advantage for students, but they also hope it will be an opportunity that is highly sought after by world leaders in business law. "I hope the chairs have the opportunity to do interesting research that the students and the broader community find intriguing," said Bill.

They also hope that any potential outside chairholders will see the Estey Chair as an opportunity to visit the province, and that it will be an attractive option, especially



Estey receives an Honorary Doctor of Laws degree at convocation ceremonies in 1984.

given that the perception of Saskatchewan is changing. John cited the BHP Billiton takeover bid as something that really brought Saskatchewan's prosperity into the headlines in the United States. Bill agreed, "People here in eastern Canada are very aware of Saskatchewan's success." In any case, Bill and John hope visiting scholars will experience all Saskatoon's business and legal community has to offer.

During the phone interview with the Esteys, two things were apparent. One, they are proud to honour their father with the establishment of the chair, and two, it doesn't matter where you are—lawyers and engineers still like to poke fun at each other. But while Bill and John may have taken different career paths, they both agree on one thing—giving back. The college aims to raise a total of \$5 million to fully endow the chair through a campaign which began during the College of Law's centennial celebrations. Neither Bill nor John attended the U of S, but they hope their gift will inspire those who did to think about giving back. "Make it a tradition," suggests John, adding that it is especially important to start giving back as a new grad, because in many cases, the college's reputation is their reputation. "It doesn't have to be a large amount, but supporting your college annually will make the College of Law better, stronger and more effective in the long run."



Two law alumni honoured with 2012 Alumni Achievement Award

College of Law alumni **Garrett Wilson, QC (BA'53, LLB'54)** and **Robert (Bob) McKercher, QC (BA'50, LLB'52)** were both selected as recipients of the 2012 Alumni Achievement Award. Garrett was recognized for his contributions to law, business, politics and literature, while Bob was acknowledged for his contributions to, and the advancement of, the law profession in Canada.

Before being named an honorary life member of the Law Society of Saskatchewan, Garrett Wilson practiced law for over five decades, serving as a Regina city prosecutor and counsel to the Regina Police Service. Both personal and business interests in wildlife led to an honorary lifetime membership in the Regina Wildlife Federation. Garrett also served the Liberal parties of Saskatchewan and Canada in a variety of roles, including campaign manager. All of his experiences contribute to his growing collection of literary works making Saskatchewan's story accessible to all.

Having practiced law in Saskatchewan almost his entire career, Bob McKercher—along with his brother, Donald—established the law firm now known as McKercher LLP. Bob served as president of the Law Society of Saskatchewan, the Saskatchewan branch of the Canadian Bar Association and the Canadian Bar Association. Bob and his wife of 60 years, Peggy, are proud U of S supporters, helping establish two lecture series in the College of Law and establishing the Huskie Academic and Athletic Award of Excellence.

Established in 1978, the University of Saskatchewan Alumni Association Awards honour the outstanding accomplishments of our alumni and attest to the excellence of the University of Saskatchewan educational experience. The 2012 Alumni Achievement Awards were presented during a ceremony on November 2 at the Delta Bessborough in Saskatoon.



Garrett Wilson, QC, speaks during the Nov. 2 alumni award reception.



Bob McKercher, QC, (middle) accepts his Alumni Achievement Award.

Judicial Appointments

The Honourable Lana L. Krogan-Stevely (LLB '93), a lawyer with the Saskatchewan Ministry of Justice in Regina, was appointed a Judge of Her Majesty's Court of Queen's Bench for Saskatchewan, to replace Mr. Justice T.C. Zarzeczny, who elected to become a supernumerary judge as of Sept. 1, 2012. Madam Justice Krogan-Stevely has been with the Saskatchewan Ministry of Justice since 2003 and has held various positions, including her most recent position as Executive Director of Court Services. She was a lawyer with MacPherson Leslie & Tyerman LLP from 2002 to 2003 and was seconded to the Saskatchewan Police College from 2009 to 2012.

The Honourable William Campbell (LLB '84) has been appointed a judge of the Provincial Court for Meadow Lake, replacing the Honourable Jeremy Nightingale, who is retiring. Judge Campbell has been in the public prosecutions division of the Ministry of Justice for 20 years, serving as a regional crown prosecutor and, most recently, director of the high risk offender unit. Until his appointment, he was the

national flagging system co-ordinator for Saskatchewan, one of 15 co-ordinators across the country responsible for managing high-risk violent offender prosecutions. Judge Campbell's 27-year legal career has included civil, family and criminal law experience.

The Honourable Robert Lane (LLB '79) has been appointed a judge of the Provincial Court for La Ronge, replacing the Honourable Felicia Daunt, who will transfer to the Provincial Court in Prince Albert. Judge Lane has been in the public prosecutions division of the Ministry of Justice since 2004, first, as a senior crown prosecutor and, more recently, as regional crown prosecutor. Prior to joining prosecutions, Judge Lane was managing partner in the Bradley and Lane law firm in Shellbrook. A long-time member of the Saskatchewan Trial Lawyers Association, Judge Lane's 33-year legal career has focused on criminal law in central and northern Saskatchewan.

Alumni Association Awards nominations now open!

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For more information on the awards, visit alumni.usask.ca.

Alumni Notes

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Tom Molloy, SMOM, OC, SOM, QC, (LLB'64) received the Saskatchewan Order of Merit during a ceremony in Saskatoon on Nov. 27, 2012.

Gordon McKenzie (LLB'77) recently opened the McKenzie Law Office in Calgary, AB.

Barry Strayer OC, QC, (LLB'55), Rick Hardy (LLB'81) and Douglas Hodson, QC, (LLB'84), were named as 2012 recipients of the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal.

Catherine Bell (LLB'85) has been named the recipient of the Canadian Bar Association's 2012 Ramon John Hnatyshyn Award for Law for outstanding contributions to legal scholarship in Canada.

Susan Barber, QC, (LLB'87) was named by the Women's Executive Network as one of Canada's Most Powerful Women in 2012.

Tamela Coates (LLB'88) was awarded the Women in Law Leadership (WILL) Award for Leadership in the Profession in Private Practice. The WILL Awards are presented each year to women of the southern Alberta legal profession.

Carson Demmans (LLB'91) authored *You might be from Saskatchewan if...*, a book published by MacIntyre Purcell in August 2012.

Benjamin Kormos (LLB'08) was admitted to the partnership of Walsh LLP on Jan. 1, 2013.

Submissions: Send your news for our Alumni Notes column to law_ofnote@usask.ca.

We want to hear your thoughts on of NOTE!

Starting in March, watch your inbox for an invitation to our readership survey, or visit law.usask.ca/survey.php.

The inaugural First Year Welcoming Ceremony for law students was held in Convocation Hall on Sept. 13, 2012.

First year law students participate in inaugural welcoming ceremony

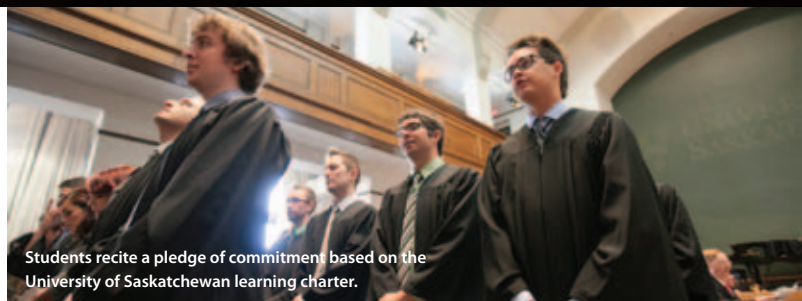
126 first-year College of Law students were officially welcomed to the college on Sept. 13, 2012, at the inaugural First Year Welcoming Ceremony presented by Burnet Duckworth & Palmer LLP.

With family and friends in attendance, first-year law students were presented with a black academic gown, symbolic of the beginning of their journey into legal studies.

The ceremony was one of the first of its kind amongst any law college in Canada. Further, it was fitting that the inaugural ceremony was held in 2012—the same year the college celebrated its 100th anniversary.

Sanjeev Anand, dean of the College of Law, says it was important to establish an event that officially welcomed the students to the college and to the family of College of Law alumni. “Students should know the significance of beginning this new intellectual journey—one that will be vigorous, yet greatly enriching,” says Anand.

Ten College of Law alumni and students, including an Officer of the Order of Canada, the current president of the Law Society of Saskatchewan, and the president of the Law Students’ Association, were on hand to present the gowns to the next generation of legal professionals. Those in attendance also heard remarks from Justice



Students recite a pledge of commitment based on the University of Saskatchewan learning charter.

Klebec, Chief Justice Martel Popescul, Judge R.D. Jackson, U of S President Ilene Busch-Vishniac, and keynote speaker and former president and dean of the College of Law, Peter MacKinnon.

Christine Pereyma, a first-year law student from Melfort, Saskatchewan, says while the ceremony focused on welcoming the students and bringing everyone together as a class, it was especially important that family and friends could share in the celebration. “I’ve been incredibly fortunate to have supportive family and friends by my side through all my stresses and all my accomplishments.” She adds, “My achievements are their achievements. For that reason, I know they appreciate that the school provides a ceremony for them to celebrate this milestone in my life with me.”

To conclude the ceremony, all new students recited a commitment to their academic journey that included a pledge of “sharing the knowledge and skills I will require through the study of law by positively contributing to society – locally, nationally or globally.” The commitment was derived from the university’s learning charter, which aims to optimize the learning experience of every student.



Students thrive in negotiation

On Oct. 12th, the Fraser Milner Casgrain LLP (FMC) Calgary office hosted the 12th Annual FMC University of Saskatchewan Negotiation Competition at the College of Law.

With over 40 first, second and third-year students participating, the event was deemed a great success and went off without a hitch. "The event provides those of us who had the good fortune of attending law school in Saskatoon the chance to go back and reminisce," says FMC associate, Courtney MacQuarrie. She adds, "It additionally provides us with the opportunity to show off our school and to sneak a peek at some amazing grad portraits of our partners and associates."

The first place team moved on to compete for the U of S at the Region 10 American Bar Association Negotiation competition in Eugene, Oregon, on Nov. 3 and 4. Michaela Keet, professor at the College of Law, along with Courtney MacQuarrie, also attended, serving as coaches for

The top 3 teams at the competition were:

1st: Alex Steele and Jon Ozirny

2nd: Samer Awadh and Paul Olfert

3rd: Chris Mason and Drew Arruda

the event where the U of S finished as the highest-ranking Canadian team. This achievement came only a few months after the 2011 team of Natasha Singh and Christine McCartney finished 3rd at the International Negotiation Competition held in Belfast, Ireland.

Keet says that the college's dispute resolution program benefits from the involvement of outside partners, like

Fraser Milner Casgrain. "Great things can happen when you combine the energies of students, practitioners and faculty," says Keet. "FMC's involvement at the local and regional levels stimulates the interest and excitement of our students, and the college's commitment to coaching and training ensures that our teams have the best support possible when they reach the national and international stage." The partnership model has produced great success internally and externally, lending depth and prestige to the dispute resolution program. Keet notes, "this is something to keep celebrating."

(l to r) Professor Michaela Keet (coach), Alex Steele and Jon Ozirny (third-year students), Courtney MacQuarrie of FMC (coach)



WELCOME WEEK



Students enjoy a pancake breakfast as fall classes begin.

Law students line up to register for the fall semester



Graduate student news

Kim Korven successfully defended her thesis, *The Emperor's New Clothes: the Myth of Indefeasibility of Title in Saskatchewan*, on June 18, 2012.

Jennifer Souter successfully defended her thesis, *The Case against Private Property in Carbon Assets: Why property rights in the carbon cycle are causing carbon policies to fail*, on June 25, 2012.

Jonathan Cross successfully defended his thesis, *The Mr. Big Sting in Canada*, on August 27, 2012.

Eleni Arvanitis successfully defended her thesis, *Resolving Mass Tort Cases Under the Companies Creditors Arrangement Act in Canada: Learning from the United States Experience*, on November 30, 2012.



Looking Ahead: What does the future hold for the Law Library?

Q&A with University Library Dean, Vicki Williamson

What are the major challenges facing today's academic libraries?

There's no question that the digital age is having a big impact on libraries. Just as the arrival of the printing press changed forever scholarly communications and publishing, so too has the arrival of the internet and e-resources. The way we develop and provide library collections, facilities and services is being transformed and the work of faculty librarians and library support staff is changing dramatically. But what will remain constant, I think, is that scholarly information – however it is accessed and in whatever format it is available – will remain at the heart of the university and its library.

While in some disciplines print resources remain important, clients now rely heavily on our online resources. Learners and researchers are requiring different types of learning spaces; collaborative and interdisciplinary research is on the increase

and all of these factors are leading us to rethink the library's role and programs. Libraries are no longer just quiet, isolated spaces where students come only to read books; they are dynamic, collaborative spaces where clients can engage with a wide variety of multi-disciplinary knowledge.

How will these changes affect the Law Library?

We are currently reviewing and rethinking options for how we might house low-use print materials in the future. We are doing this across the University Library system, including for the Law Library. Alternative storage approaches can offer flexibility for repurposing spaces to enhance research and learning spaces. We are at the planning stage and very keen to have conversations with our various client groups to learn more about how they use and access resources (print and electronic) for their respective disciplines. This will help greatly when determining our plans for the future.

Can we expect a major renovation to the Law Library?

Not in the immediate short term. However, the university has a major capital project (the University Library Transformation, Phase III) underway, which is primarily focussed on the Murray Library. Phases I and II of this project, completed in 2009 created new interactive spaces on the ground and first floor of the Murray Library and these have proved highly successful in terms of client use. Through the planning work for Phase III of this project, we are taking a system wide approach and thinking about what all of our branch libraries might look like in terms of collections, facilities and services in the future.

An agreement was recently reached with the Law Society of Saskatchewan whereby the University Library will provide services to LSS members while the local Saskatoon Court Library undergoes renovation and refurbishment? How did this agreement come about and how long will this agreement be in place?

It's important that the Law Library supports the work of both students and practitioners, so that it remains a relevant and vibrant source of legal knowledge. We're extremely pleased to partner with the LSS and make resources available to members from May 1, 2013 to April 30, 2014. This arrangement covers the period while the Saskatoon Court House Library is undergoing renovations. However, I am hopeful the experiences gained during this time might lead us to new collaborations and partnership in the future. This is a very exciting development.

Do alumni have access to the Law Library?

Yes, absolutely. Alumni can access the law library using their University of Saskatchewan alumni card. We're proud to continue our relationship with our graduates, and I encourage all alumni to visit the law library and take advantage of our resources.



Dean Vicki Williamson

In Memoriam

Joe Kanuka, QC

(BComm'57, LLB'58), October 2012

John D. (Jack) Lamarsh

(BA'60, LLB'61), December 2011

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