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Dean's Forum explores the evolution of legal services and legal education

A partnership between the Saskatchewan Ministry of Justice and the College of Law explores the evolution of legal services and legal education.



CLASSIC: Bridging the legal gap

CLASSIC's first executive director and supervising lawyer Sarah Buhler talks about barriers low and middle-class people experience accessing legal services.



Three generations of business law

Three generations of business law experts at the College of Law are joined by a statute.



Dean's Message:

We have always been proud of the accomplishments of our alumni, and grateful for their interest and support. Their ranks have provided us with dedicated sessional lecturers, moot coaches and guest lecturers. Many alumni have made financial contributions that have

allowed us to pursue projects we would otherwise be unable to undertake.

In the last few years, we have been looking for new ways to engage with our alumni and to enhance our relationships with them. My predecessor, Sanjeev Anand, established a Dean's Advisory Council, and the members of this body have provided important feedback on developments at the college. Hearing the perspectives of our graduates at a time when significant changes are taking place in the legal profession and in legal education is a valuable component of our planning.

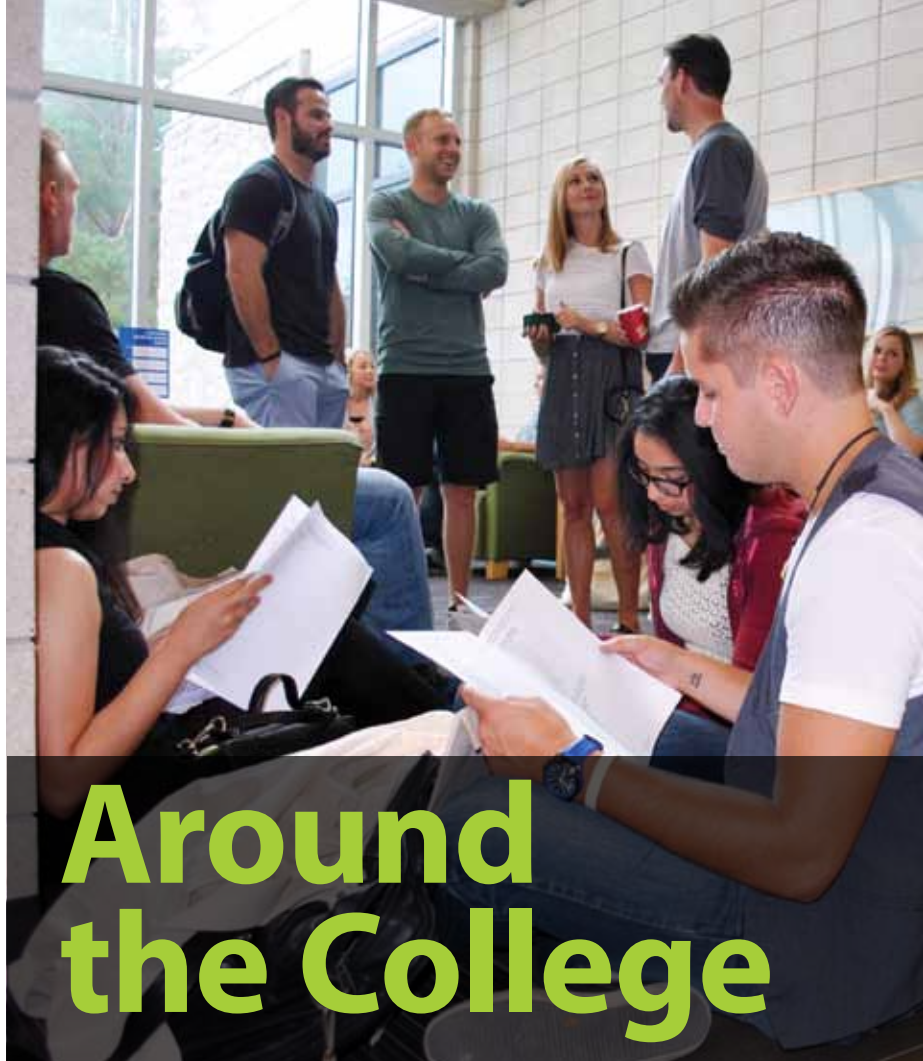
Earlier this fall, we asked a group of graduates with experience in the natural resource and environmental field to come to the college to meet with me and several faculty. We talked about the opportunities that exist for the college in this area, both in terms of instructional programs and research. My colleagues and I found this conversation stimulating and helpful, and it provided us with many ideas about how to enhance our activities in this area.

We are also experimenting with ways of bringing the expertise of faculty members to alumni in useful ways. This year, Brent Cotter and Ron Cuming will be offering "lunch and learn" seminars at several Saskatoon law firms. If there is sufficient interest in these, we may be able to extend this project to other centres.

Our alumni have always been important contributors to our success. We hope that we can find ways of making this relationship even stronger in the coming years.

Beth Bilson, Q.C.

Acting Dean, College of Law



Around the College



The Honourable Calvin F. Tallis (LLB'54) and Acting Dean Beth Bilson at the alumni reception in Regina on June 23, 2015.





Students review program materials during the 2015 College of Law Registration and Orientation Program on September 2, 2015.



Ian Ross (JD'15) and his father Sandy Ross (LLB'78) at the Convocation Reception on June 3, 2015.



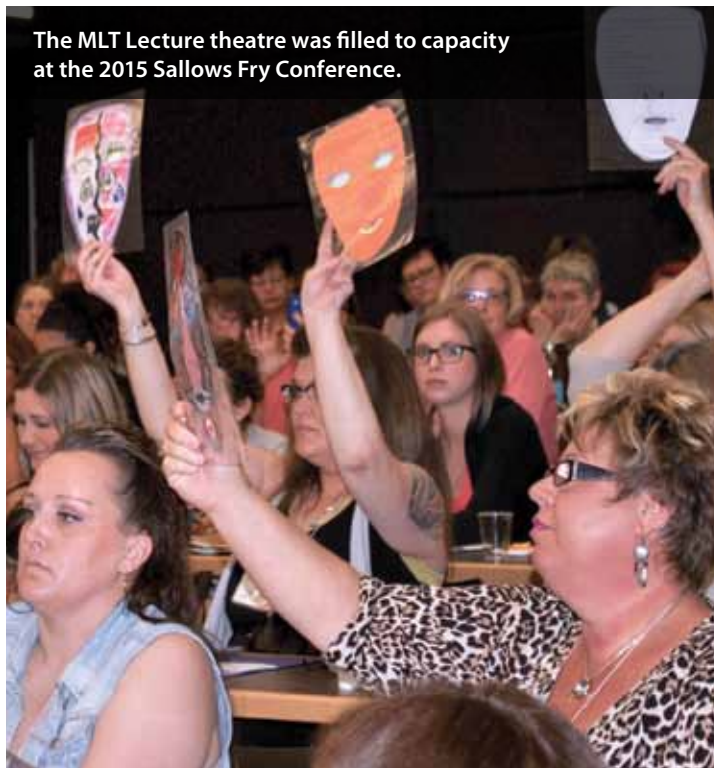
Former Dean Sanjeev Anand joins College of Law staff Doreen Petrow, Michelle Halvorson, and Acting Dean Beth Bilson at his Portrait Unveiling and Reception on May 12, 2015.



Guest Speaker Shawn Moen (LLB'05) at the alumni reception in Saskatoon on September 29, 2015.



Estey Symposium on Experiential and Active Learning in Business Law organizer Prof. Rod Wood (center) and event attendees Rick Reeson, Q.C. (left) and Prof. Gail Henderson (right) on May 7, 2015.



The MLT Lecture theatre was filled to capacity at the 2015 Sallows Fry Conference.



First-year law students are presented with gowns at the First Year Welcoming Ceremony on September 16, 2015.



Law students at a reception following the 2015 Dentons Canada LLP Negotiation Competition.



Rochelle Blocka (JD'15) presents to Dean's Forum attendees.

Dean's forum explores the evolution of legal services and legal education

By Debora Senger

Over the past three years, the Dean's Forum has met three times to explore access-to-justice related issues. The forum is the result of a partnership formed between the Ministry of Justice and the College of Law. The two teamed up in 2013 to provide stakeholders in the justice system a Saskatchewan-based forum to discuss ongoing justice-related issues.

Since the inception of the forum, the Ministry of Justice has played a key role in its development and coordination, namely Assistant Deputy Minister Glen Gardner and his team from the Justice Innovation Branch. In addition, the Ministry has provided funding for research purposes.

The Dean's Forum participants and the college recognized that the unique involvement of students created a meaningful contribution to the overall project. Accordingly, the college approved the award of academic credit to students doing research to support the 2015 forum.

The third meeting of the forum was held on March 12, 2015 with many of the same attendees as prior forums. Participants included judges from the Court of Appeal and Provincial Court, representatives from the Saskatchewan Ministry of Justice (including Kevin Fenwick Q.C., Deputy

Minister and Deputy Attorney General, and Glen Gardner, Assistant Deputy Minister, Justice Innovation), the Law Society of Saskatchewan, the Canadian Bar Association, and other justice-related organizations in the province. In addition, student representatives from the Law Students' Association, Aboriginal Law Students' Association, and Pro Bono Students, and faculty and staff from the college attended.

This year, the two themes for the Dean's Forum were:

- Sharing the Field: Exploring the evolution of legal services, changing roles of lawyers, and creating space for non-lawyer professionals; and,
- Looking Inward: How can the law school program and community contribute meaningfully to more "accessible justice"?

In order to identify themes for the 2015 forum, Co-Facilitators Brea Lowenberger, Access to Justice Coordinator, College of Law, and Janelle Anderson, Associate Lawyer, WMCZ Lawyers, organized two working groups in collaboration and with mentorship from the Dean's Forum Steering Committee. In addition, the pair planned and coordinated the Dean's Forum day in collaboration with the Dean's Forum Steering Committee.



Dean's Forum instructors Brea Lowenberger (BA'09; JD'14), Janelle Anderson (BA'11; JD'14), and student participants with Acting Dean Beth Bilson at the third Dean's Forum on March 12, 2015.

Professor Michaela Keet, who has been involved with the project in an advisor role since the beginning said the following of the project: "It's a unique opportunity to shape a policy development multi-stakeholder process; students engage with high level government officials, judges, and leaders in the province's justice system; and research and suggestions can have an impact on decision-makers in this arena."

Keet added that it will ultimately "teach students how to define policy objectives in the Access to Justice arena, and to engage the people that matter – on the ground and in positions with decision-making power."

Once again deemed an overwhelming success by Dean's Forum attendees, "planning for a spring session of the forum is already underway" said Acting Dean Beth Bilson.

Bilson shares Keet's thought that "the forum has had an equally transformative impact on students, forum participants and stakeholders alike."



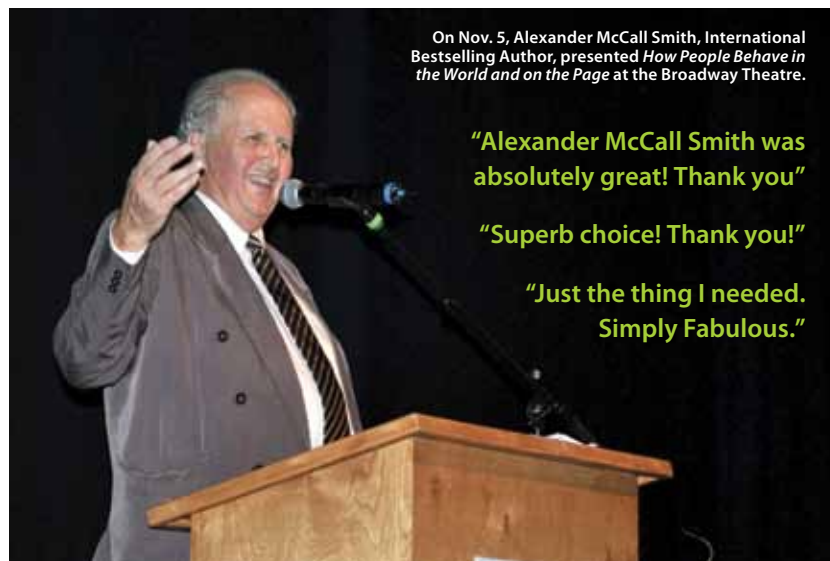
McKercher LLP lecture series

In the fall of 2015, the College of Law McKercher LLP Lecture Series brought in seven legal experts, scholars, and authors, including an international bestselling author to explore a myriad of topics, stimulate debate and increase understanding.

The series was the second of a three-year planned guest lecture series presented by McKercher LLP. The lectures are free and open to the public.

To view the list of speakers, visit

<http://law.usask.ca/find-people/McKercher-LLP-Lecture-Series.php>



On Nov. 5, Alexander McCall Smith, International Bestselling Author, presented *How People Behave in the World and on the Page* at the Broadway Theatre.

"Alexander McCall Smith was absolutely great! Thank you"

"Superb choice! Thank you!"

"Just the thing I needed. Simply Fabulous."



On Sept. 9, Dennis Edney, Q.C., Counsel for Mr. Omar Khadr, explored Canada's role in human rights and the Rule of Law.



The Magna Carta, 1215



On Oct. 7, David Milgaard, Motivational Speaker and author of *Rabbit's Paw*, signed books purchased by event attendees.



The MLT Lecture Theatre filled to capacity

LLM News

Courtney Kirk successfully defended her thesis *The Sound of Silence: First Nations and British Columbia Emergency Management* on August 31, 2015. Supervisor: Professor Dwight Newman

Adam North successfully defended his thesis *The Sale of Law: Ethical Advising and Advocacy in Light of Billing in Civil Litigation* on October 29, 2015. Supervisor: Professor Michaela Keet

Mobolanle Oduntan successfully defended her thesis *The Role of Taxation in Nigeria's Oil and Gas Sector Reforms: Learning from the Canadian Experience* on November 4, 2015. Supervisor: Professor Tamara Larre

Jonathan Stockdale successfully defended his thesis *The Freedom to Farm in an Urban Era: A Constitutional Review of Saskatoon's Prohibition on Urban Micro-Livestocking* on June 15, 2015. Supervisor: Professor Sarah Buhler

PUBLICATIONS

Jamie Dickson (LLM '14) recently published, *The Honour and Dishonour of the Crown: Making Sense of Aboriginal Law in Canada*. Jamie is vice-president of legal affairs for Des Nedhe Development, a First Nation-owned company near Saskatoon. This book is based on research for his Master of Laws thesis supervised by Dwight Newman.

PRESENTATIONS

Olufunmilola Ayotunde presented at the University of Saskatchewan Graduate Student Research Conference in March, 2015, and facilitated a session and participated at the Law and Society Association Conference held at Seattle, Washington, USA on May 28 to 31, 2015. Olufunmilola also participated at the Congress of Humanities and Social Sciences held at Ottawa on May 30 to June 5, 2015.

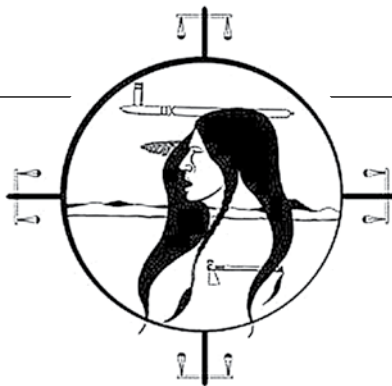
Kaitlyn Harvey presented at the University of Saskatchewan Graduate Student Research Conference in March 2015 and presented at Congress of Humanities and Social Sciences held at Ottawa on May 30 to June 5, 2015.

Mobolanle Oduntan presented at the University of Saskatchewan Graduate Student Research Conference in March, 2015, and participated at the Business Dialogue on International Tax at the 2015 OECD International Tax Conference held in Washington, DC on June 10-11, 2015. In August 2015 (10-15), Mobolanle also participated in the Institute for Liberal Studies Annual Freedom Week Seminar in Montreal, Canada.

AWARDS

JoAnne Sauder received the 2014-2015 University of Saskatchewan Master's Graduate Thesis Award for her research on Canada's Experiment with Children's Fitness and Activity Tax Credits. Supervisor: Professor Tamara Larre

Native Law Centre News



Staff News



Zandra Wilson, B.A., LL.B., retired this spring after having served as the legal editor/publication manager for the Native Law Centre since 1982. Zandra was always professional in

her duties and worked diligently to ensure all publications of the centre, including the Canadian Native Law Reporter and the First Nations Gazette, met the highest standard of legal publication. Since 2008 Zandra has served as a member at large for the Public Legal Education Association (PLEA), a non-profit, non-government, charitable organization that exists to educate, inform and empower through law-related education.



Margaret (Marg) Brown received the President's Service Award at 2015 fall convocation. Well known as "the administrative backbone" of the NLC,

she has been with the organization since its beginnings in 1974. She is a consistently excellent administrative assistant who demonstrates efficiency, proficiency and initiative in her work, but it is her ability to build and maintain relationships that makes her such a worthy recipient of the President's Service Award.

Many of Marg's nominators pointed to the extraordinary bonds she has built with students in the eight-week Program of Legal Studies for Native People and Aboriginal students in the College of Law. It starts with creating a welcoming and comfortable environment for students from all parts of the country. Often anxious about a new academic environment and under pressure to meet university standards, the students find in Marg notable warmth and an unfailing sense of humour that puts them at ease. In fact, her interest in these students follows

them throughout their legal studies and beyond.

As one nominator noted, "sometimes, like a friend, she offered words of encouragement when you were down. Sometimes, like a mom, she offered a kick in the pants if that's what was needed for a student to see their potential. Sometimes Marg fed a student if they needed it. If you were absolutely in a bind, she would watch your kids while you ran across campus. (The students) were her kids; more importantly, they are her friends." Marg's relationships extend beyond students to include alumni, funding agencies, college and university personnel, government departments, Aboriginal leaders, organizations and other communities.

Known to have high standards for accountability and for administration, Marg has worked constantly over her career to make improvements, develop new initiatives and programs, and master new skills. She has voluntarily participated in a number of courses, workshops and meetings to improve her own knowledge, and she enthusiastically takes on every challenge that emerges, generating potential practical and innovative solutions.

There have been many changes at the NLC over the course of Marg's career there, but one constant has been her dedication and commitment to its students, staff and faculty. Some say she embodies the original vision for the centre as an institution to provide support to Aboriginal students and to serve as a hub for research in Aboriginal law. Congratulations to Marg Brown for her dedicated service.



Benjamin Ralston works in the publications department as a research officer, primarily focused on the selection of recent cases for reporting in

the Canadian Native Law Reporter and the headnoting of these cases. Benjamin also runs the NLC's case watch blog and has partnered with Pro Bono Students Canada to have two law students help draft blog entries for publication under his supervision. Outside of his work for the Native Law Centre, Benjamin is also a sessional lecturer. He has been teaching the law component of the Indigenous Peoples Resource Management Program based out of the College of Agriculture and Bioresources since January 2015. Benjamin is also teaching courses on administrative law and Aboriginal self-government at the College of Law this academic year. With what remains of his spare time, Benjamin practises law part time, specializing in the area of Aboriginal law and working in collaboration with other Aboriginal law specialists. As one notable example, he recently appeared before the Federal Court of Appeal in Vancouver as co-counsel for Gitga'at First Nation in its application for judicial review of the approval of Enbridge's Northern Gateway Pipeline proposal. Benjamin recently had the opportunity to give a presentation on the northern gateway litigation to Amnesty International Saskatchewan and will travel to the University of Tasmania in 2016 to present on the related topic of claims of Aboriginal title to marine areas under Canadian law.



Meredith Maloof is a lawyer from Arnprior, Ontario and works in the research department as the Law Foundation of Saskatchewan legal research officer. Her

research explores the relationship between the Canadian justice system and Aboriginal people, with a specific focus on Canada's judicial response to Aboriginal peoples' needs and customary practices. Beyond her work as a research officer, Meredith has taught real property law in the Program of Legal Studies for Native People and is a supervising lawyer with Pro Bono Students Canada. In September, Meredith began the Master of Laws Program at the U of S. Her thesis is exploring loss of chance theory and whether Canadian courts should award compensatory damages for loss of chance in torts.



The NLC welcomed two new staff this spring/fall:



Christine (Goodwin) Sagassige is an Ojibwe woman originally from Curve Lake First Nation, Ontario, who recently joined the Native Law Centre as a research officer. Christine spent

her university years as a single parent who raised two children while she obtained a B.A. (Hons.) in history (1997) at the University of Calgary. An alumna of the Program of Legal Studies for Native People at the U of S (1997), she obtained her LL.B. from the University of Calgary (2001) and became a member of the Alberta Bar in 2002. When she was called to the Alberta Bar she made history by being the first Aboriginal person called to the bar on an Indian reserve in an established court in Canada. Her bar call was an historic event for the province of Alberta as well, because she was also the first person called to the bar by a provincial court judge. Then Judge Leonard S. Mandamin presided in a joint sitting of the Alberta Court of Queen's Bench and the Provincial Court of Alberta. The ceremony took place at the Tsuu T'ina Nation and blessings from the Elders and community members were received at that time too.

Christine began her legal career at Rath & Company after she articulated there; she quickly moved on to working for the Tsuu T'ina Nation as their in-house counsel. She then established her own law firm, the Seventh Generation Law Group, located at Tsuu T'ina Nation. Her dream was to have a law office entirely staffed by First Nations people, and it came true for a time. She found that there was a great need for First Nations lawyers in the community, the province and indeed from British Columbia to Quebec. When potential clients from Nova Scotia wanted to hire the law group they had to be turned down because business was booming and the small office could not handle any more files. The concept of the group was to contract out and hire experienced lawyers when needed. Almost all areas of law were practiced from the small office of nine employees. Christine personally practiced in the areas of criminal, family, child welfare, litigation, corporate, real estate (both on and off reserve), contracts, administrative law,

wills and estates, and trust law, all with the overlying constitutional and Aboriginal law bend.

Christine moved to Saskatoon in 2010 when she entered into the Masters of Law Program at the U of S. She has been studying the consequences of individuals affected with Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD) when they come into contact with the Canadian criminal justice system. This is a particular area of interest for her since many of her clients suffered from some form of FASD. Since Christine has been in Saskatoon she became a grandmother and has married the love of her life. She loves to travel and is fast becoming an expert at making star blankets.



Kathleen Makela, B.A. (Hons.)(Dist.), LL.B., a descent of Old Man Beaulieu of the Dene Nation with paternal ties to southern Saskatchewan and northern Finland, joined

the NLC this spring as the legal editor/publication manager. Prior to her return to the College of Law (having worked as the NLC's research officer from 1993 to 1999), Kathleen served as senior policy advisor with the FSIN where she provided technical support as well as strategic policy and communication advice to the Office of the Chief. From 1999 to 2013, Kathleen managed the U of S Aboriginal Students' Centre (ASC), during which time she advanced retention and outreach programming that developed

Indigenous student leaders as mentors and ambassadors while helping create a more culturally inclusive enrolment strategy for the institution. Responsible for key cultural celebrations and programs on campus, Kathleen transformed the U of S welcome week powwow into a graduation celebration that allowed the university to: acknowledge the academic achievements of U of S First Nation and Métis graduates in a more culturally appropriate manner; recruit graduating First Nation and Métis high school students from across the province; and encourage Indigenous youth to stay in school. In 2012 her office signed a partnership with the Office of the Treaty Commissioner for the promotion of the concept "we are all treaty people," one of 20 public events held during Aboriginal Achievement Week that year. Reflecting on her time with the ASC, Kathleen enjoyed the opportunity to work closely with key industry leaders who sponsored many of the ASC's programs; she was especially grateful to collaborate with world-renowned Métis architect Douglas Cardinal and the Indigenous student leadership on campus to set the groundwork for the Gordon Oakes Redbear Centre that is soon to be opened. A sessional lecturer with the Department of Native Studies for several years, Kathleen also team taught with Norm Zlotkin for the College of Law's Academic Success Program. She is currently a commissioner with Legal Aid Saskatchewan and since 1997 has served as the chair of the Saskatchewan Aboriginal Courtworker Program Advisory Board.

Brown receives the President's Service Award

Margaret Brown, Administration Assistant, U of S Native Law Centre received the President's Service Award at the 2015 U of S Fall Convocation on Oct. 24 at TCU Place.

Right: U of S President Peter Stoicheff and NLC Administration Assistant Margaret Brown at a reception held at the President's residence.



CLASSIC: Bridging the legal gap

A conversation with assistant professor Sarah Buhler, CLASSIC's first executive director and supervising lawyer

By Michael Robin

It's a basic tenet of Canadian society that all citizens are equal before the law, but this view may be a bit naïve, explained Sarah Buhler, an assistant professor in the College of Law.

"First of all, accessing a lawyer is actually quite a barrier for a lot of people, including middle-class people."

A familiar hurdle is money. According to a survey by Canadian Lawyer magazine, professional legal fees range from \$230 to more than \$400 per hour, depending on the experience of the lawyer involved. While this may be comparable to fees in other professions, it poses a problem, Buhler explained, particularly to those most marginalized in society.

"Many, many people cannot afford lawyers," she said, a situation made worse by people's situations. This includes discrimination by race or disability, low income, or cultural factors such as the legacy of colonialism and residential schools among Indigenous people.

"We find that in fact, law operates differently on people who are more marginalized," Buhler



Sarah Buhler with law students at CLASSIC.

said. "So they're more subject to legal regulation, policing, criminalization and interactions with the state."

Buhler's interest in social justice led her to become involved in

CLASSIC – Community Legal Assistance Services for Saskatoon Inner City. Launched by U of S Law students in 2007, CLASSIC specializes in areas collectively known as poverty law or social justice law. Although she has been involved since the beginning, including acting as the clinic's first executive director and supervising lawyer, she emphasizes her role is now more modest.

"I'm one small piece of it and my part is to support the academic component," Buhler said, while acknowledging she still spends a significant part of her time there working with students and on her own research.

Located on 20th Street in Saskatoon, CLASSIC is an independent not-for-profit entity with an executive director, three full-time lawyers, students and support staff, Buhler explained. While it has close links with the College of Law, none of its staff is paid by the university. Its services are reserved for people with low income, and there is a particular emphasis on the needs of Indigenous clients.

Today, Buhler explained CLASSIC is a fixture in the community as well as a valuable training ground for students from the College of Law. The law clinic offers help in wide range of legal areas including housing, human rights, immigration and refugee issues, and even criminal and prison law. Buhler leads the Intensive Clinical Program, which places students full-time at CLASSIC for a semester for a full term credit.

"Law students are actually doing most of the front line client service and legal work at CLASSIC," she said.

Buhler's interest in social justice has deep roots. She grew up in Thailand, where her parents worked in the area of international development. She moved back to Canada to pursue her postsecondary education and law career. She joined the College of Law faculty in 2010.



Amanda Dodge (LLB'03) – CLASSIC's supervising lawyer and sessional lecturer at the college of law – speaks with law students at CLASSIC.



Sarah Buhler

"There's significant dialogue among lawyers and government on the issues of access to justice and the role of lawyers in creating a more accessible and responsive legal system," she said, explaining that she strives to design her research to create knowledge to advance this cause.

For example, one project involves a series of interviews with clients of CLASSIC and people from other community organizations. Participants were asked about their experiences with the justice system, and what they saw as deficiencies.

"In particular, we're asking their priorities for law schools, law students and lawyers," Buhler said. "What skills they need to have to work effectively with marginalized communities?"

Research partnerships with groups such as STR8-UP, the Elizabeth Fry Society and others are also actively sought out. These partnerships offer advantages for both sides. The academics benefit from being able to engage in research that is meaningful to communities— for example, visitation and phone calls for inmates in prisons – while the community groups gain knowledge to support their advocacy work.

"Community organizations, they're so busy just surviving and just doing their amazing work that sometimes an extra piece, like adding research in – is a challenge," Buhler said. "That's somewhere where academics, researchers and scholars can contribute."

Connecting directly with these communities creates a richer experience for students as well, and makes them more aware of the bad experiences with and associated mistrust of the legal system by marginalized groups, particularly Indigenous people.

"We're looking in particular how lawyers can be better educated and connected to those communities," she said.

2015 College of Law Moot Team

Aboriginal Rights Kawaskimhon Moot Team

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FEATURE:

Three generations of business law



Ronald Cuming



Rod Wood



Clayton Bangsund

By Debora Senger

The story begins in the 1970s. At the time, **Ronald Cuming**, already an experienced law professor, was spearheading reform of Saskatchewan's personal property security law. He drafted a statute that would eventually join three generations of business law experts – himself, **Professor Rod Wood**, and **Assistant Professor Clayton Bangsund**.

Cuming was the first to join the University of Saskatchewan College of Law in 1966. Wood joined him at three different junctions: the first, as a law student from 1977 to 1980; the second, as a sessional lecturer from 1985 to 1987; and the third, as the inaugural Estey Chair of Business Law from 2014 to 2015. Bangsund completed the trio, joining the college in 2014.

Cuming is the principal architect of Saskatchewan's Personal Property Security Act (PPSA), a statute that has been adopted as model legislation in all but two Canadian provinces and numerous other jurisdictions worldwide. In 1987, Cuming and Wood co-authored a Handbook on the *Saskatchewan Personal Property Security Act*. It kicked off a

co-writing venture that has spanned nearly thirty years. The pair co-wrote books on the British Columbia PPSA, Alberta PPSA, and a revised edition of the Saskatchewan and Manitoba PPSA, covering the Western Canadian provinces and numerous other publications in that area. Along with Professor Catherine Walsh of McGill Faculty of Law, they also co-authored *Personal Property Security Law* which examines all Canadian Personal Property Security Acts.

"The opportunity to return to the college to work with Ron Cuming again was one of my primary reasons for accepting the position," Wood said, referring to his inaugural appointment of Estey Chair of Business Law. Wood has since returned to the University

of Alberta, Faculty of Law, where he is F.R. (Dick) Matthews Q.C. Professor of Business Law.

Likewise, Bangsund was delighted with the warm and supportive welcome he received from the seasoned commercial law expert. "Professor Cuming has had a profound positive influence on my career path. He has been incredibly generous with his time and energy," he said, adding that it is not unusual for Cuming to return a draft paper to him with a thorough review and commentary inside of a day.

The three commercial law professors are all members of a national organization called the Canadian Conference on Personal Property Security Law. In that context, they work together on modernizing Canada's PPSAs.

When Bangsund joined the college with expertise in personal property security law, Cuming shifted his teaching focus to mortgage law, stepping aside after 40 years of teaching Secured Transactions in Personal Property. Bangsund now teaches that course.

The College of Law has a long tradition of strength in commercial law. This is evident through the expert faculty it employs, the publications it produces and the myriad commercial law courses it offers. "Clayton is continuing this tradition," Cuming said.

Other significant statutes proposed, drafted, modernized and/or integrated by Cuming include the Enforcement of Money Judgments Act in Saskatchewan (passed in 2011) and the Convention on International Interests in Mobile Equipment (adopted in 2001). The latter of these two instruments resulted from an International Institute for the Unification of Private Law (UNIDROIT) project he proposed and played a key role in developing.

Wood has also played a key role in Bangsund's professional development, supervising his doctoral research which focuses on Canadian personal property security statutory reform. "Professor Wood is a leading expert in secured transactions law, and a prolific writer on the subject,"

Bangsund said, adding that Wood introduced him to the PPSA in his second year of law school, piquing his interest immediately. "Professor Wood has instilled in me the importance of planning and organization in the writing process."

After law school, Bangsund practiced law for six years with Blake, Cassels & Graydon LLP, Layh & Associates LPC and McLennan Ross LLP, adding knowledge of the PPSA to his diverse skill set. "I regularly interacted with the PPSA as part of my legal practice, and naturally became intimately familiar with its workings," he said, adding that he remains fascinated by the statute and continues to write about "interesting aspects of its

As for the future of commercial and corporate law in legal education, Acting Dean Beth Bilson said, "given that a large number of our graduates make their careers in fields that require a strong grounding in commercial and corporate law, we have been very fortunate to have

The three commercial law professors are all members of the Canadian Conference on Personal Property Security Law where they work together on modernizing Canada's PPSAs.

application, interpretation, maintenance and development."

In addition to his significant academic achievements, Bangsund said that gaining acceptance into the University of Alberta's PhD program and getting the chance to conduct graduate research under the supervision of Professor Wood, and landing a tenure-track academic post at the U of S College of Law were also major accomplishments. "It was the culmination of over a decade of work," he said. "It is due, in large part, to the guidance and support of people like Professors Wood and Cuming, that I have been able to realize these achievements and opportunities."

Reflecting further on the added strength and expertise Bangsund brings to the College of Law, Cuming said, "I would not be surprised to see Clayton as the pre-eminent scholar in this area in Canada, or at least one of the leading experts in this area in the near future."

someone of Ron Cuming's stature at the heart of our commercial law offerings. Along with Professors Wood and Bangsund, and other faculty members, he has helped to create an array of courses that reflect developments both in this subject area and in legal education."

FEATURE:

Beth Bilson:

A trailblazer for women in law

By *Debora Senger*

As a young female law student completing her Ph.D., **Beth Bilson's** academic prowess and leadership skills stood out. Earmarked for success, Bilson was recruited for a faculty position in the law school by a former college leader.

"Initially I said I wasn't really interested as I wanted to finish my dissertation," said Bilson, who was completing her doctoral degree in England. "But the dean at the time, Don Clark, came over to London and convinced me that it would be possible to complete it and start teaching at the same time."

Bilson rose to the challenge and joined the faculty at the University of Saskatchewan College of Law in 1979. Over the next 20 years, she worked her way up through the ranks and was appointed the first female dean of law at the U of S in 1999.

The inaugural appointment is one in a series of firsts for the trailblazer. These include becoming the first female assistant dean of law at the U of S from 1988 to 1992; the first female chair of the Saskatchewan Labour Relations Board from 1992 to 1997; and the first female acting dean twice, first from 2010 to 2011, and again from 2014 to present.

In addition, Bilson is one of only two deans to hold the title of dean three times since the inception of the law school in 1912. She shares this accomplishment with former dean and Order of Canada recipient Dan Ish.

At the time of her appointment to dean, there were only two other female deans at the helm at the U of S – V. Lynne Pearson, the first female dean of the Edwards School of Business, formerly the College of Commerce, and Yvonne Brown, dean of the College of Nursing.

"Beth Bilson is a servant leader, totally committed to students, the college of law and the University of Saskatchewan. She has been entrusted over and over again to represent the University on numerous internal and external assignments, such as academic program prioritization and representation on the Waneskewin Board - wherever there is a need for thoughtful and thorough analysis, good judgement, and collaborative decision making."

– **Ernie Barber, P.Ag.**, interim provost and vice- president academic for the University of Saskatchewan.

Today, eight of 13 deans at the U of S are women. This majority female ratio also holds true among faculty members at the law school.

"We are one of a few colleges on campus to have a majority of women faculty members today," said Bilson, adding that law schools have generally been ahead of the profession in identifying ways to accommodate the needs of female students and faculty members, and incorporating their perspectives in the curriculum and in decision making. "But that's not to say that there were not challenges associated with the participation of women in law school."

In the mid-1970s, when Bilson was a law student, only 30 per cent of law students were women. "And this was a considerable jump from even just a few years before that," she said, noting that it was indicative of a pattern across the country at the time. Despite the increased numbers of women participating in legal education,

accommodations did not exist for women law students or faculty members with families. "For example, there was no part-time program available. Classes were simply scheduled, and you either chose to go or not go."

When Bilson joined the faculty at the law school, she was the third female faculty member in the college. "This was a significant jump, considering there was only one female faculty member in a term position when I was in law school." Several of Bilson's male colleagues on faculty also wanted to see an increase in the participation of women in the legal profession and in legal education.

Despite the progress the law school made in diversifying its student body, faculty and curriculum over the years, Bilson said, "tension around claims that woman and other disadvantaged groups were making for greater participation still existed in the late 1990s and 2000s.



"There was certainly still some of that tension in the college and the university when I became dean," she said, referring to her first appointment in 1999. "It took the form of obliviousness towards issues women faced such as female participation in higher education, security on campus, family issues, and others. These issues tended to not be given priority on the agenda."

On the other hand, a significant increase in the number of appointments of women to senior leadership positions was taking place. "It continues to be very important that women occupy senior academic and administrative positions at universities, as it sends a signal that their contribution is valued, and that they are seen as somebody who can play a leadership role in a high-profile way."

In order to ensure qualified female applicants are available for leadership roles, it is imperative that female participation in higher education, in particular Ph.D. programs and faculty positions, be supported. "This is of particular concern as the Ph.D. programs are the pool from which faculty members are often recruited," she said.

When asked how to ensure increased participation by women, Bilson reflected on the encouragement she received while completing her doctoral work, and recommended a similar approach. "You have to start recommending them for administrative responsibility early in their careers, and encouraging them to be interested in administrative work."

Judging from Bilson's unparalleled series of firsts, this approach works.

Among her numerous significant achievements as dean, two stand out according to Bilson: the College of Law's first strategic plan and the *Indigenous Peoples and Justice Initiative* proposal, a joint proposal with sociology and political studies. Bilson noted that the college's first strategic plan was the result of "the first round of strategic planning for the university, and as such, a challenging process." The final strategic plan was well articulated and an important first step for the college.

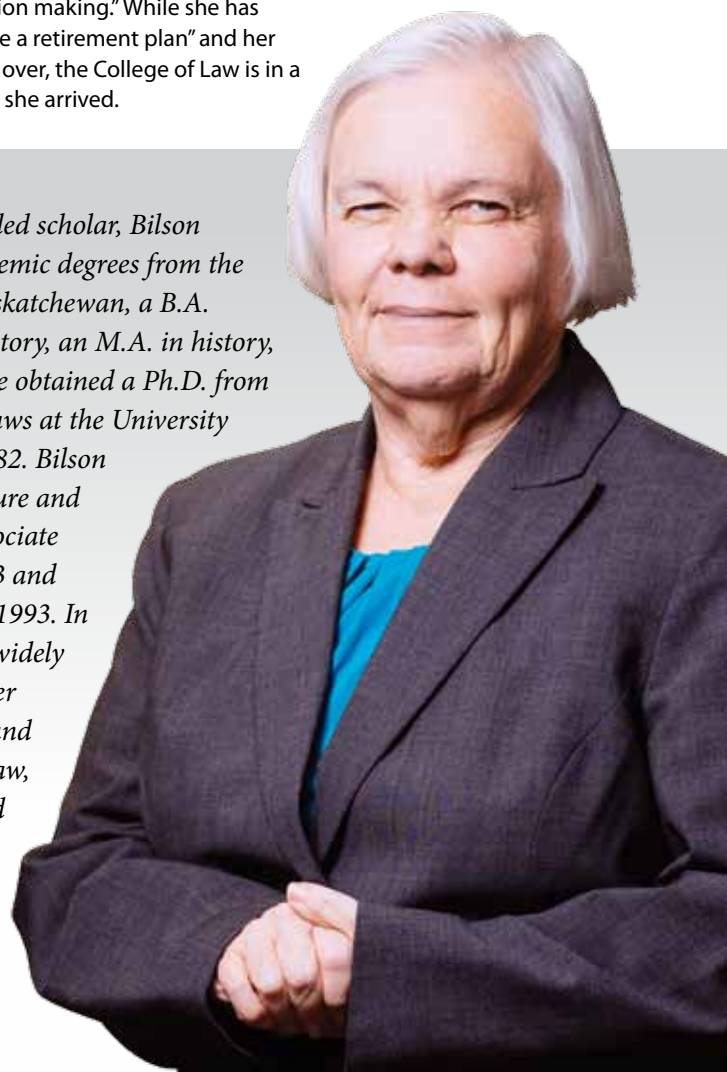
She also considers her work with alumni the most gratifying part of her job. "In a teaching profession you spend a lot of time with students and then they leave. It's often hard to know whether you're having a positive effect on them or not. So reconnecting and finding out how they are doing is always interesting."

In a career spanning 37 years, it can be safely said that Bilson is a pioneer produced by the institution.

Through her successes in leading the college and teaching, her professionalism, her grace and humility, Bilson has earned the respect of colleagues and students alike. Ernie Barber, P.Ag., interim provost and vice-president academic for the University of Saskatchewan, is among these colleagues. "In October 2014, I had no hesitation calling Beth to service as interim dean of the college of law, and it won't surprise anyone who knows her that she had no hesitation accepting the call: The terms and conditions of the appointment could and would wait, none of that being as important to her as getting to work and ensuring continuity of leadership in the college," he said.

He also acknowledged that Bilson has been appointed to senior leadership roles repeatedly throughout her career. "Beth Bilson is a servant leader, totally committed to students, the college of law and the University of Saskatchewan. She has been entrusted over and over again to represent the University on numerous internal and external assignments, such as academic program prioritization and representation on the Waneskewin Board – wherever there is a need for thoughtful and thorough analysis, good judgement, and collaborative decision making." While she has yet to find time to "make a retirement plan" and her contribution is far from over, the College of Law is in a better place than when she arrived.

A highly regarded scholar, Bilson holds three academic degrees from the University of Saskatchewan, a B.A. (Honours) in history, an M.A. in history, and an LL.B. She obtained a Ph.D. from the Faculty of Laws at the University of London in 1982. Bilson was granted tenure and promoted to associate professor in 1983 and full professor in 1993. In addition, she is widely recognized for her work in labour and administrative law, having published extensively in the fields.



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Ken Norman, 2015. Grounding the Canadian Museum for Human Rights in Conversation, Chap. 1, In *The Idea of a Human Rights Museum*, Karen Busby, Adam Muller, Andrew Woolford (Eds) Univ. of Manitoba Press.

Susan B. Boyd, Dorothy E. Chunn, Fiona Kelly & **Wanda Wiegers**, 2015. *Autonomous Motherhood? A Socio-Legal Study of Choice and Constraint*, (University of Toronto Press.) *Available at: <http://amazon.ca>*

PRESENTATIONS

Clayton Bangsund, June 24, 2015. Set-Off & the PPSA, Canadian Conference on Personal Property Security Law, Halifax, Nova Scotia.

Clayton Bangsund, May 7, 2015. Tutorials, 2015 Estey Symposium on Experiential and Active Learning in Business Law, University of Saskatchewan, College of Law, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan.

Sarah Buhler, October 16, 2015. "Innovations in the Justice System." Canadian Institute for the Administration of Justice Conference. Saskatoon.

Sarah Buhler, October 23, 2015. "Beyond Cultural Competence: Clinical Legal Education and Decolonization". Association for Canadian Clinical Legal Education Annual Conference, Saskatoon.

Sarah Buhler, October 24, 2015. "Professional Identity Formation in Clinical Legal Education: Reflections from an Empirical Study. Association for Canadian Clinical Legal Education Annual Conference, Saskatoon.

Patricia Farnese was invited as a legal expert to assist with the negotiations at the 12th Meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Ramsar Convention on the Protection of Wetlands. The meeting was held June 1-9 in Punta del Este, Uruguay.



Heather Heavin, January 15, 2015, CBA Saskatchewan, Alternative Dispute Resolution Section, "Litigation Risk Assessment" with Michaela Keet.

Heather Heavin, April 29, 2015, Asper INTLaw Symposium, "AIT Dispute Resolution: Innovation and Adoption."

Heather Heavin, April 30, 201, Asper INTLaw Conference, "Public Morals: A Limited or Expansive Exception."

Heather Heavin, May 7, 2015, Estey Symposium on Experiential and Active Learning in Business Law, "Business Skills and In-House Placements"

Sakej Henderson, October 16, 2015. "What do we mean by constitutional reconciliation" Reconciliation; The Grounding of Laws, Indigenous Bar Association.

Sakej Henderson, October 16, 2015. "Generating an Accord on Indigenous Legal Education," Reconciliation; The Grounding of Laws, Indigenous Bar Association.

Sakej Henderson, October 15, 2015. "Call to Action for Canadian Law Schools," Law Professor Meeting, Indigenous Bar Association.

Sakej Henderson, September 14, 2015. "Aboriginal Legal Traditions and Treaties," First Year Law Program, College of Law.

Sakej Henderson, May 20, 2015. "Strategizing Treaty Implementation," Nova Scotia Treaty Summit.

Sakej Henderson, July 6, 2015. "Indigenous Diplomacy and Indigenous Law," Program for Study of Native Peoples.

Sakej Henderson, June 3, 2015. "Indigenizing the University," Workshop at Congress of Humanity and Social Science.

Sakej Henderson, May 31, 2015. "Decolonization through Aboriginal and Treaty Rights," Congress of the Humanity and Social Sciences, Canadian Society for the Study of Education.

Sakej Henderson, March 23, 2015. Generation Honourable Governance in the 21st Century, Aboriginal Public Service Executive Series, English River First Nation.

Felix P. Hoehn, May 1, 2015. "Property or Sovereignty? The Traditional Territories of Indigenous Peoples in Canada after Tsilhqot'in," Association of Law, Property, and Society (ALPS) 2015 Annual Meeting, University of Georgia School of Law, Athens, Georgia.

Cally Jordan, November 11, 2015. "Riding the Wind: Regulating the New Capital Markets," Faculty of Law, University of Warwick, Coventry, UK.

Cally Jordan, November 10, 2015. "Riding the Wind: Regulating the New Capital Markets," Centre for Transnational Legal Studies, London, UK.

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Cally Jordan, April 9, 2015. "Naviguer en période de turbulence: Réglementer les nouveaux marchés financiers/Riding the Wind: Regulating the New Capital Markets," Third Cally Jordan, Annual Paule Gauthier Lecture, Faculty of Law, Laval University, Quebec City, Canada.

Cally Jordan, April 6, 2015. "International Financial Standards and the Lex Mercatoria," Faculty Seminar, McGill University.

Michaela Keet, October, 2015: Court of Queen's Bench, Family Division, "Working Towards Settlement at Case Conferences."

Michaela Keet, September, 2015: Saskatchewan Court of Appeal, "Winds of Change – What's happening in the worlds of legal education, law practice and dispute resolution."

Michaela Keet, May, 2015: Association Statutory Human Rights Agencies national conference, "Appropriate Case Resolution, Preserving Rights and the Mediation Model."

Michaela Keet, May 2015: Saskatchewan Provincial Court Judges annual meeting, "Communication with Self-Represented Litigants in Civil Cases: Case Management and Mediation."

Michaela Keet, April 2015: National Judicial Institute program on Judicial Settlement Conferencing: Clinics, including presentations on "Identifying Power," "Reframing Power", and "Advanced Ethical Issues in Settlement Conferencing."

Tamara Larre, May 28-31, 2015. Taxation of Social Enterprise in Canada. 2015 Law and Society Annual Meeting, Seattle, Washington.

Tamara Larre, October 22, 2015. Taxation: Overview of Significant Changes in the ITA, National Judicial Institute's Federal Court of Appeal Seminar, Montebello, Quebec.

Glen Luther, May 21, 2015, Mental Illness and Sentencing, Sallows Fry Conference, 2015, A CANADIAN CRISIS: Criminalization & Imprisonment of Indigenous Women & those with Disabling Mental Health Issues, Saskatoon.

Glen Luther, May 27, 2015, Self-represented Litigants, Saskatchewan Association of Provincial Court Judges Spring Conference, Moose Jaw.

Glen Luther, October 15, 2015, Conducting Large Trials: Have a Plan, Saskatchewan Legal Aid Fall Conference, Saskatoon.

Glen Luther, 2015, Conference Chair and Moderator, Expert Evidence, Saskatchewan Trial Lawyers' Fall Conference, Regina.

Dwight Newman, July 2015, "The Challenging Parallelisms of Rights Claims Based on Religious Identity and Sexual Identity", IVR World Legal Philosophy Conference – Religious Freedom Special Working Group, Washington DC.

Dwight Newman, May 2015, Invited keynote speaker at Alberta Energy Regulatory Forum on social license and duty to consult, Calgary.

Dwight Newman, May 2015, "Rights Conflicts", Canadian Council of Christian Charities Symposium, Toronto.

Dwight Newman, April 2015, "Treaty Rights and Resource Development in Saskatchewan: Emerging Legal Trends", Invited CLE Webinar Presenter for Law Society of Saskatchewan province-wide webinar (approximately one hundred lawyers in attendance).

Dwight Newman, March 2015, "The Tsilhqot'in Decision and Resource Development", University of Alberta Faculty Seminar, Edmonton.

Dwight Newman, March 2015, "Business Opportunities from the Duty to Consult" - invited presenter on at Federation Press Mini-LLB for Aboriginal Leadership, Calgary.

Dwight Newman, March 2015, Invited panelist on Indigenous rights and energy industry at Ivey Business School / University of Ottawa "Positive Energy Conference", Ottawa, (panelist alongside Phil Fontaine, the Deputy Minister of Natural Resources, and the President of TransCanada's Energy East project).

Dwight Newman, March 2015, Invited panelist for Manning Networking Conference panel on judicial activism / discussion of Professor Benjamin Perrin's paper on the Supreme Court as policy-maker of the year, Ottawa.

Ibironke T. Odumosu-Ayanu, October 2015. Local Communities and Transnational Oil and Gas Contracts. American Society of International Law Annual Research Forum. American University Washington College of Law, Washington, DC.

Ibironke T. Odumosu-Ayanu, June 2015. Local Communities and Extractive Industry Contracts. Canadian Law and Society Association Annual Meeting. University of Ottawa, Ottawa, Ontario.

Ibironke T. Odumosu-Ayanu, June 2015. Local Communities at the Boundaries of Development: A Study of Investment in Extractive Industries. Canadian Law and Society Association Annual Meeting. University of Ottawa, Ottawa, Ontario.

Ibironke T. Odumosu-Ayanu & Olufunmi Ayotunde, June 2015. Multi-Stakeholder Approaches to Local Community Participation in Oil and Gas Management. Canadian Law and Society Association Annual Meeting. University of Ottawa, Ottawa, Ontario.

Ibironke T. Odumosu-Ayanu, June 2015. Indigenous Peoples and Community Development Agreements in Extractive Industry Projects. Centre for International Governance Innovation's Workshop on Emerging International, Transnational and Domestic Law Issues in the Relationship between Extractive Industries and Indigenous People. Waterloo, Ontario.

Ibironke T. Odumosu-Ayanu, May 2015. Community Development Agreements and Corporate Responsibility. Centre for International Governance Innovation's Workshop on Emerging International and Transnational Legal Issues Relating to the Global Value Chain and Corporate Social Responsibility. Toronto, Ontario (via teleconference).

Ibironke T. Odumosu-Ayanu, April 2015. Indigenous Peoples and Extractive Industry Agreements. American Society of International Law's Interest Group on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Workshop. Washington DC

Doug Surtees, October 28, 2015. Presentation to 'Live Wires' Royal University Hospital Lecture Theatre.

Doug Surtees, October, 2015. Presentation regarding health insurance for individuals with Pacemakers or Implantable Defibrillators.

Keir Vallance, June 23 - 24, 2015. "The Saskatchewan Employment Act: Turning 1 is so much Fun!" (panel discussion), Law Society of Saskatchewan CPD Program.

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Lucinda Vandervort, May 30, 2015. "The Prejudicial Effect of Reasonable Steps Analysis in Sexual Assault Cases—Application of the Principles of Legitecture to Law Reform," Law and Society Association Annual Meeting, Seattle, Washington.

Barbara von Tigerstrom, 2015. How do Compassionate Use / Expanded Access Policies Differ Globally? Pre-Approval Access: Can Compassion, Business, and Medicine Coexist? New York Academy of Sciences, October 28-29, New York, NY.

Barbara von Tigerstrom, 2015. Law and Evidence in Chronic Disease Prevention. Population Intervention for Chronic Disease Prevention (CIHR Training Program), June 16, National Webinar.

Barbara von Tigerstrom, 2015. Access to Experimental Treatments: Comparative Analysis of Special and Compassionate Access Regimes. Law and Society Association Annual Meeting, May 28-31, Seattle, WA.

Barbara von Tigerstrom, 2015. Using Evidence, Law and Political Science to Advance Obesity Prevention Policies: A Legal Perspective. Canadian Obesity Summit, April 28-May 2, Toronto, Ontario.

Faculty notes

Professor Sarah Buhler received the Provost's College Award for Outstanding Teaching from the University of Saskatchewan in May, 2015.

Professor Ronald Cuming received the Canadian Bar Association National Bankruptcy, Insolvency and Restructuring Section Life Achievement Award in September, 2015.

Professor Heather Heavin commenced a five-year appointment as Associate Dean Graduate Studies and Research on July 1, 2015.

Professor John Kleefeld received the Brightspace Innovation Award in Teaching and Learning at the 2015 STLHE Annual Conference, held June 16-19 in Vancouver, British Columbia.

Associate Professor Tamara Larre was appointed President of the Board of Directors of the Saskatchewan Abilities Council on April 10, 2015.

Professor Dwight Newman was awarded a CBC Saskatchewan Future 40 Award in 2015.

Allen Ponak, adjunct professor and special lecturer in College of Law, received the Bora Laskin Award for 2015.

Ronald Cuming is honoured with CBA Lifetime Achievement Award

By Debora Senger

College of Law Professor **Ronald Cuming** was presented with the Canadian Bar Association (CBA) National Bankruptcy, Insolvency and Restructuring Section Lifetime Achievement Award at the Section's Pan-Canadian Insolvency Conference in Winnipeg on September 11, 2015.

Established by the CBA, the award is aimed at recognizing the contributions of a senior member of the insolvency profession who has achieved professional excellence in the insolvency field and made a significant contribution to the profession.

"It is a great honour for me to have been given this award by people I hold in high regard," said Cuming.

Cuming is the first academic to receive the award.

Considering this remarkable achievement, Cuming tends to downplay his tremendous accomplishment. "While I have been an academic lawyer during my entire professional career, I decided from the beginning that I would use my privileged position at a university to do what I could to obtain much needed changes to those areas of commercial law in which I developed expertise."

Cuming is humbled by the prestigious award. "It is recognition from members of the Canadian legal profession that I was able to make some progress in meeting my goal."

Beth Bilson, Acting Dean of the College of Law, describes Cuming as "the cornerstone of the commercial law offerings in the College of Law."

Over his lengthy career, Bilson notes that Cuming's contribution has been unparalleled. "Cuming has combined academic research and teaching with legislative reform and statutory interpretation in a way which is unique. He has provided advice to governments, the judiciary and members of the legal profession at national and international levels. (And) he has explicitly tied his arguments for law reform in commercial law to issues of economic development and access to justice."

Bilson adds that generations of law students will benefit from Cuming's "memorable and formative instruction."

"The College has always taken pride in Professor Cuming's accomplishments, including this latest award."



Ronald Cuming joined the College of Law in 1966. He received a B.A. and LL.B. from the University of Saskatchewan, and a graduate degree in law from Columbia University. During his time at the college he gained international recognition in secured financing, leasing, and insolvency law, and has shared this expertise with law students and national and international organizations alike.



Associate professor John Kleefeld interacting with law students (l to r): Chantelle Thompson and Nicholas Horlick in class.

John Kleefeld awarded 2015 Brightspace Innovation Award in Teaching and Learning

John Kleefeld, associate professor in the College of Law, was recognized for his effort and creativity with the 2015 Brightspace Innovation Award in Teaching and Learning. The award, which celebrates innovative, thought provoking and impactful approaches to teaching in higher education, was presented by the Society for Teaching and Learning in Higher Education and sponsored by Desire2Learn.

Kleefeld's classroom provides a myriad of opportunities for students to collaborate and discuss cases in non-traditional forms such as hip hop songs, visual art, poems and more. His teaching approach, which incorporates real-life simulations and creative alternatives to traditional assignments, is unique within the context of legal education.

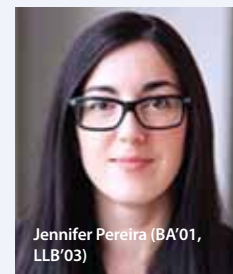
"The teaching practices that are being honoured with this award challenge the traditional culture of legal education," said Kleefeld. "I've tried to pose and meet those challenges by bringing others along with me."

Vice-Provost Teaching and Learning Patti McDougall applauds his innovative teaching approach. "With a 2015 Brightspace Innovation Award in hand, Professor Kleefeld is honoured for the energy and creativity he brings to teaching and learning at the University of Saskatchewan. John becomes another powerful example of what innovative teaching looks like at the university and of what can be accomplished within a supportive learning culture."

One of five educators selected, Kleefeld was recognized at the 2015 STLHE Annual Conference, June 16–19 in Vancouver, and at Fusion, the Brightspace Global Conference, June 22–26 in Orlando, Fla.

College of Law alumna presented with 2015 Alumni Achievement Award

Law alumna Jennifer Pereira (BA'01, LLB'03) was presented with the 2015 Alumni Achievement Award for her community leadership and contributions to her profession at a reception on October 22, 2015 at Marquis Hall. Jennifer is one of four young alumni to receive the prestigious award.



Jennifer is a lawyer at Robertson Stromberg LLP. In addition, she is an active member of the Court of Queen's Bench Bar Judicial Committee and has previously acted as president of the Saskatchewan Trial Lawyers Association and the Saskatoon Bar Association, and as the chair of the Canadian Bar Association's (Sask) Professional Image Committee.

Recognizing her significant commitment of giving back to her community, Jennifer was selected by CBC as one of Saskatchewan's Top 40 under 40.

Jennifer is director of the board for MoSo Fest's music festival and technology conference and president of the Persephone Theatre board of directors. While serving as president of the Persephone Theatre board, her work garnered her recognition by Tourism Saskatoon as a Tourism Leader. Jennifer also served on the University of Saskatchewan Senate for two elected terms, has sat on several boards and hosted a radio program on CFCR 90.5FM for 14 years.

Alumni Notes

Tanyann Belaney (LLB'05) became President of the University of Saskatchewan Alumni Association in June for 2015-16.

Kelly Erin Bode (BA'03; LLB'06) was re-elected to the Greater Saskatoon Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors for 2015/2016; serves as 2nd Vice President.

Deborah Chatsis (BE'83; LLB'86; LLD'15) was appointed Ambassador to Guatemala; High Commissioner to Belize beginning September 10, 2015.

Deborah Chatsis (BE'83; LLB'86; LLD'15) received an Honorary Doctor of Laws degree at the U of S convocation ceremonies in June 2015.

Sophie Marie Eva Ferre (JD'13) was appointed Director by the Saskatoon Health Region.

Robert Anthony Kirkpatrick Q.C. (BCOMM'86; LLB'87) as appointed Board Chair by St. Paul's Hospital for 2015-2016.

Daniel Peter Kwochka (LLB'96) was appointed Chair of the Board of Governors on July 31 for 2015-16.

Craig Everett Lothian (BA'86; LLB'88) was appointed an Independent Board Member by Greystone Managed Investments Inc.

Dr. Hazel Rae Mitten (LLM'04) was elected as a District Member representing District 1 (Weyburn-Estevan-Carlyle) on the University of Saskatchewan Senate for a three year term (2015 - 2018).

Jennifer Pereira (BA'01; LLB'03) received the 2015 Alumni Achievement Award on October 22, 2015.

The Honourable Ellen Schmeiser (LLB'57; BA'59) was invested into the Saskatchewan Order of Merit award in April 2015.

Christopher Andrew Woodland (LLB'97) was re-elected to the Greater Saskatoon Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors for 2015/2016.

JUDICIAL APPOINTMENTS

The Hon. Daryl Edward Labach (BA 1984; LLB 1988) was appointed a judge of the Court of Queen's Bench of Saskatchewan in Saskatoon on June 19, 2015.

The Hon. Gary Anthony Terry Meschishnick (BCOMM'82; LLB'83) was appointed a judge of the Court of Queen's Bench of Saskatchewan in Regina on June 19, 2015.

The Hon. Jefferey Dean Kalmakoff (LLB'93) was appointed a judge of Court of Queen's Bench of Saskatchewan in Regina on May 28, 2015.

The Hon. Vanessa Lee Monar-Enweani (LLB'93; BA'93) was appointed as a judge to the Provincial Court of Saskatchewan in Saskatoon on July 24, 2015. Saskatoon Health Region.

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



Alumni Reunions

The Class of 1985 reunion weekend was held in Vancouver from June 5 - 7, 2015. Participants gathered for brunch on June 7 at the Four Seasons Hotel. The reunion was organized by Dale Rondeau.

Above: Event organizer Dale Rondeau speaking to reunion participants at brunch. Acting Dean Beth Bilson was also in attendance.

Right: Front (l to r) Karen Janke, Val MacDonald, Charlene Greve, Anne Parker, Lorna Hargreaves, May Nasser, Sheri Meyerhoffer, Linda Murray. Back (l to r) Stephen Nicholson, Karl Bazin, Patrick Dunne, Dale Rondeau, Barry Morgan, Mary Donlevy-Konkin, Randy Simpson, Ruth Spetz, Brad Hunter, Lorna Dyck, Robert MacKenzie, Karen Wiwchar, Donald Eng, John Will, Terry Owen, Don Worme



The Class of 1970 reunion was held at St. Eugene's Mission Resort near Cranbrook, BC, on August 22, 2015. The reunion was organized by Gerald Kambeitz and Kenneth Steidl.

Left: John Rooke, Murray McGown, Allan Haubrick, John Reynolds, Donald Norheim, Ronald Foster (back), Gerald Kambeitz (front), Kenneth Steidl, Ross Keith, Robert Miskuski (back), John Peterson (front), Robert Andrew, Ronald Kaye, Michael Fisher, Stuart Busse and Robert McCrank.



The Class of 2005 reunion was held at Louis' at the U of S on May 23, 2015. The event kicked off with a tour of the new College of Law building. Next, participants gathered for an evening at Louis', followed by a tour of 9 Mile Legacy Brewing Company. The microbrewery is owned and operated by Shawn Moen (LLB'05). The reunion was organized by Reche McKeague.

Right: (top to bottom, l to r) Jessica LaCroix, Emily Grier, Michael Pilon, Chris Chiasson, Delanie Coad, Darren Howarth

Left: Shawn Moen



Biography Project:

Ted Hughes, O.C., Q.C., LL.D.

Ted Hughes is an extraordinary Canadian—lawyer, former judge, public servant and passionate advocate for the most vulnerable among us. His broad and lengthy career has exemplified tough-minded fairness, unquestioned honesty and a continued commitment to a better Canada. It is worthy of being preserved in a well-researched and well-written biography.

When Hughes left Saskatchewan at age 53, after 26 years as a lawyer and judge, Saskatoon named a street to honour the service that he and his wife Helen had already contributed to that community. But his career was only beginning.

In British Columbia, he quickly became a public figure. It was his 1991 report as the province's first conflict of interest commissioner that led BC's Premier Bill Vander Zalm to his reluctant but inevitable resignation.

His numerous public assignments have resulted in positive changes in many spheres of Canadian life.

Hughes' dedication to vulnerable children, and Aboriginal children in particular, was sharpened during extensive investigations into the child welfare systems of British Columbia in 2006 and Manitoba in 2013. His recommendation to Manitoba Premier Greg Selinger led to a 2014 commitment by Canada's premiers to address the disproportionate representation of Aboriginal children in care across Canada.

At age 76, he became chief adjudicator of the national program providing compensation for children abused in Indian residential schools, a job he described as the most meaningful of his career.

Now in his 89th year, Hughes has accumulated a wealth of knowledge and insight. He has begun the task of organizing his papers and working with seasoned journalist Craig McInnes to put the story together, but this opportunity will not be available to us forever. The Law Foundations of Saskatchewan and the province of British Columbia have committed significant funding to support the production of this authorized biography, provided that the remainder can be raised by private donation.

We hope you will consider making a donation to the Ted Hughes Biography project. Charitable receipts will be issued by the University of Saskatchewan for funds donated in support of this biography project.

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Comeau, Eva
Kowalski, Karyn



Katie Riley joined the College of Law on August 17, 2015 as the new Events Coordinator. Prior to joining the college, Katie worked with the FASD Network of Saskatchewan as a Marketing and Events Coordinator. Katie obtained her Event Management Diploma from the Art Institute of Vancouver. Originally from Saskatoon, Katie soon moved back to pursue her career in event management. Katie has coordinated numerous events including conferences, workshops, tradeshow, galas and fundraisers. Katie has a passion for the event industry and enjoys helping others in creating successful events. Katie had always hoped to work on campus and when the new Events Coordinator position came up with the College of Law she knew it was the perfect opportunity.



Brea Lowenberger joined the College as the new Access to Justice Coordinator in October, 2015. Brea previously worked as the Students' Union Vice-president Academic and Co-Coordinator of Cross-Campus Programming out of the Learning Centre at the University of Saskatchewan. In addition, she worked at worked at Calgary Prosecutions in Alberta. She obtained her Psychology degree and JD from the U of S, both with distinction, after having completed part of her degree in Alberta. Brea also gained a wealth of experience articling and practicing at a local firm, co-teaching the Dean's Forum course, and as an Articled Clerk to the Court of Queen's Bench. She will continue to teach the Dean's Forum course with a focus on

collaboration between the college, courts, government, profession, community organizations, and the public to implement access to justice related initiatives across Saskatchewan.



Bonnie Hughes joined the College of Law on October 13, 2015 as Research Facilitator. She previously worked as a part-time professor at the U of O, and a Proposal Writer and Communications Specialist in Saskatoon, largely focusing on proposals for provincial crown corporations. Bonnie is currently working as a Proposal Writer and Communications Specialist with Insightrix Research Inc. She holds a PhD in English from the University of Ottawa and received her BA and MA from the University of Saskatchewan. Bonnie is excited to begin this position as it provides a wonderful opportunity for her to use her knowledge of the research community, writing and editing, and proposal development to assist faculty with their research.



Maria Campbell joined the College of Law on September 2, 2015 as Cultural Advisor. Maria received her honorary doctorates from the University of Regina in 1985, York University in 1992, and Athabasca University in 2000. She is a Metis author, playwright, broadcaster, filmmaker, and Elder. In addition to her work in the arts, Maria is a volunteer, activist and advocate for Aboriginal rights and the rights of women. She was a founder of the first Women's Halfway House and the first Women and Children's Emergency Crisis Centre in Edmonton. Maria sits as an Elder on the Saskatchewan Aboriginal Justice Commission, and is a member of the Grandmothers for Justice Society.

In Memoriam

It is with sorrow that we note the passing of the following College of Law alumni:

Monica Schnell (BA'77, LLB'80),
d. May 22, 2015

William Roderick (Rod) Donlevy Q.C.
(LLB'72), d. Dec. 25, 2014

William Russell Stinson (LLB'72)
d. Oct. 10, 2015

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