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FIRST YEAR

Welcoming Ceremony

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Established in 1912, the College of Law is the oldest law school in Western Canada, exemplifying a tradition of excellence in teaching, research and innovation. The college offers Juris Doctor (JD), Master of Laws (LLM), and Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) degrees.

As leaders in Indigenous law, criminal law, transnational commercial law, and environment and sustainable resources law, the College of Law also offers a strong clinical program, a highly-regarded mooting program, joint degree programs and global exchange opportunities.

Over the past 100 years, the college's graduates have become distinguished judges of courts at all levels, including the Supreme Court of Canada; distinguished academics; learned members of the legal profession across the country; diplomats; and political leaders. College of Law alumni have also held positions as prime minister of Canada, governor-general of Canada, premier of Alberta and premier of Saskatchewan.

Procession of first-year students

Welcome remarks and introductions

Martin Phillipson, Dean, College of Law

Welcome and blessing

Joseph Naytowhow, Cultural Advisor

Greetings from McDougall Gauley LLP

Michael Milani, KC

Greetings from the Court of Appeal

The Honourable Madam Justice Georgina R. Jackson

Greetings from the Court of King's Bench

The Honourable Madam Justice Natasha Crooks

Greetings from the Law Society of Saskatchewan

Andrea Argue, KC

Greetings from the University of Saskatchewan

Dr. Airini, Provost and VP Academic

Keynote address

The Honourable Justice April D. Grosse

Presentation of gowns

Recitation of student commitment

Entrance awards

Reception to follow at Marquis Hall

*The following commitments by students, the institution and the educators, have been derived from the **University of Saskatchewan's Learning Charter**. The Learning Charter is our commitment to opening our university to learning, engagement and opportunities for all Peoples of Saskatchewan and beyond, and in so doing, recognizes and appreciates the knowledge, diverse abilities, and the ways of teaching and learning that they bring with them.*

Student Commitment

As a Law Student of the University of Saskatchewan, College of Law, I will, to the best of my ability:

Engage in a respectful way with local, national and global members of community and society.

Contribute to the creation of a respectful and inclusive university community.

Actively engage in the learning process.

Undertake all learning activities with academic and ethical integrity.

Institutional Commitment

As a representative of the University of Saskatchewan, the University of Saskatchewan will, to the best of its ability:

Offer high quality programs and activities for learning and discovery.

Foster reciprocal learning collaborations.

Ensure qualified educators and effective instruction.

Promote research-enhanced and community-driven learning.

Create mechanisms for ongoing quality enhancement of all programs and courses.

Define transparent programmatic milestones expected of students in all pursuits of learning.

Provide safe, secure, and inclusive environments.

Provide appropriate learning resources, facilities, and technologies.

Support the students, the educators and the community.

Educator Commitment

As a Faculty member of the University of Saskatchewan, College of Law, I will, to the best of my ability:

Embody the learning behaviours we are teaching to others.

Maintain an appropriate teacher-learner relationship.

Bring research, scholarship, artistic work and/or professional activities into teaching and mentorship.

Align learning outcomes, teaching activities and assessment.

Develop respectful and inclusive learning environments that support student learning.

Communicate and uphold clear academic expectations and standards.

Perform fair and relevant assessment for and of student learning.

Solicit and reflect on feedback from students, peers and others.

Engage in lifelong learning and continuous enhancement of teaching practice.

SPEAKERS

Joseph Naytowhow (BEd'95)

Joseph Naytowhow is an award-winning Plains/Woodland Nehiyaw (Cree) Interdisciplinary artist from the Sturgeon Lake First Nation Band in Saskatchewan. His generosity and compassion for sharing cultural knowledge make him a much sought after speaker, performer, facilitator, and outdoor educator for adults and children alike locally, regionally, and internationally. A longtime resident of Saskatoon, he has been playing music and telling stories, both tall and short, for over 35 years.

Joseph Naytowhow has served as a cultural advisor to various institutions such as the Indian Teacher Education Program (ITEP) in Saskatoon, and multiple universities across Turtle Island. Joseph holds a Bachelor of Education degree from the Indian Teacher Education Program, University of Saskatchewan. He is pleased to share his creative life experience, coyote trickster tendencies, and cultural knowledge when invited to do so.

Michael Milani, KC (LLB'80)

Michael Milani, KC received his LLB in 1980 from the University of Saskatchewan. He is the Chair of the Executive Committee of McDougall Gauley LLP, one of Saskatchewan's largest law firms. He is a past-President of the Law Society of Saskatchewan, which is the organization that governs lawyers, in the public interest. He is a past-President of the Federation of Law Societies of Canada, which is the umbrella organization of Canadian law societies governing Canada's 130,000 lawyers and notaries. Mike is the Chair of the Law Reform Commission of Saskatchewan. He is a Fellow of the Insolvency Institute of Canada, and a Fellow of the American College of Mortgage Attorneys. He has appeared in the Courts of Saskatchewan, Alberta and Manitoba, and in the Supreme Court of Canada. During the 2022 fall term,

Mike was the Estey Chair in Business Law, at the College of Law, University of Saskatchewan.

The Honourable Madam Justice Georgina R. Jackson (BA'73, LLB'76)

The Honourable Georgina R. Jackson was appointed to the Court of Appeal for Saskatchewan in 1991. She received her Bachelor of Arts from the University of Saskatchewan in 1973, her Bachelor of Laws from the University of Saskatchewan in 1976 and a Queen's Counsel designation in 1991. Before joining the Court, she was a partner with MacPherson, Leslie and Tyerman, having previously served with the provincial Department of Justice, first as a lawyer in the Civil Law Branch and then as the Master of Titles.

Her extrajudicial activities have focused on law reform and supporting continuing education in some form. She is a past-President of the Canadian Institute for the Administration of Justice and a past associate judicial director with the National Judicial Institute. Over the years, she has organized and chaired numerous seminars for judges and lawyers for those and other organizations. She has held a variety of board positions, including being the first woman to have served as President of the Uniform Law Conference of Canada and of the Saskatchewan Branch of the Canadian Bar Association. Justice Jackson has spoken and taught in many countries, including Germany, Italy, France, Israel, the Philippines, Turkey, and Japan, primarily with respect to judicial ethics.

The Honourable Madam Justice Natasha Crooks (JD'04)

Justice Crooks received a Bachelor of Arts in Economics from the University of Regina in 1999 and a Juris Doctor with Distinction from the University of Saskatchewan in 2004. She articulated at the Department of Justice Canada and began her law career in the area of civil litigation.

Justice Crooks was appointed to the Parole Board of Canada in 2013 and served as a

Board Member until March 2018. During that time, she was a member of the Parole Board of Canada's Executive Committee and Chairperson of the Indigenous Circle, a national committee of the Parole Board of Canada that provides advice on issues that impact Indigenous offenders, victims and communities. Justice Crooks was appointed to the Provincial Court of Saskatchewan in March 2018 and to the Court of King's Bench for Saskatchewan in May 2019.

Andrea Argue, KC (LLB'01)

Andrea Argue, KC obtained her LLB with Great Distinction from the University of Saskatchewan in 2001. She then served articles of clerkship to Bayda C.J.S. and Sherstobitoff J.A., as they then were, of the Court of Appeal for Saskatchewan.

After admission to the Law Society of Saskatchewan in 2002, Andrea began her legal career in private practice in Swift Current. She remains in private practice in Swift Current, now as a partner with Kanuka Thuringer LLP. Her practice areas, often with an agricultural focus, include corporate and commercial law, real estate, business organization, and succession, estate planning and estate administration.

Andrea currently holds the position of President at the Law Society of Saskatchewan. She actively volunteers as a presenter on various professional topics and has been a dedicated Bencher, serving on multiple committees within the Law Society of Saskatchewan since 2019. In addition, she serves as the Chairperson of the Swift Current Comprehensive High School Community Council.

Dr. Airini, Provost and VP Academic

Dr. Airini began her term as the Provost and VP Academic at the University of Saskatchewan on February 1, 2021. Dr. Airini works with academic leadership within our complex and globally engaged research institution to support our commitment to being the university the

world needs.

A highly accomplished researcher, educator and administrator, Dr. Airini's research explores how education can help build a more equitable society for all. Her award-winning research and development initiatives in Canada and internationally have directly shaped universities and 21st-century education systems to close achievement gaps at school and post-secondary levels.

The Honourable Justice April D. Grosse (BA'94, LLB'97)

Justice Grosse grew up in North Battleford, Saskatchewan. Prior to attending law school, Justice Grosse studied French at the University of Saskatchewan and l'Université du Québec à Chicoutimi. After graduating from the University of Saskatchewan, College of Law in 1997, Justice Grosse served as law clerk to the Honourable Justice John Sopinka and the Honourable Justice Ian Binnie at the Supreme Court of Canada. In 1998, she joined Bennett Jones LLP in Calgary, where she became a partner in 2006 and a member of the firm's Board of Directors in 2015. Justice Grosse maintained a diverse litigation practice, with particular experience in commercial, estates, policing and administrative law matters.

In May 2018, Justice Grosse was appointed to what was then the Alberta Court of Queen's Bench, where she heard cases in all areas under the Court's jurisdiction, co-chaired the Information Management and Technology Committee, was a member of the French Language and Interpretation Steering Committee, and served on the Family Resolution and Commercial Duty rosters. Justice Grosse was appointed to the Court of Appeal of Alberta in April 2023. As a member of the Court of Appeal of Alberta, Justice Grosse also serves on the Northwest Territories Court of Appeal and the Nunavut Court of Appeal. She hears cases in both English and French.

Justice Grosse has been involved in

a variety of legal and community organizations, including the Calgary Bar Association, the Supreme Court Advocacy Institute, the Centre for Professional Legal Education and the Scarborough Community Association. She is a regular judge at the national Laskin Moot Court Competition.

CLOAKERS

Samer Awadh (JD'13)

Samer currently co-leads the ag and food practice group in the six offices of MLT Aikins LLP and is a member of its Innovation Committee. Samer recently chaired the National Business Law Section of the Canadian Bar Association, and served or still serves as a director on various boards, including the Regina Symphony Orchestra and Economic Development Regina.

Samer has contributed to the Canada chapter in two international books on commercial law topics. Samer's practice focuses on M&A and securities. Samer was born in Yemen, and lived in such places as Abu Dhabi and New York before immigrating to Canada.

Dr. Lola Ayotunde (LLM'16, PhD'23)

Lola Ayotunde graduated from the College of Law with a Master of Laws and PhD in 2014 and 2023, respectively. She joined the College as an Assistant Professor in 2022, and her research areas include human rights law, public international law and natural resource development. Her works have been published in the Journal of Sustainable Development Law and Policy and the Research Handbook on the International Law of Indigenous Rights.

Before joining the faculty, she worked with the Saskatchewan Human Rights Commission as a lawyer, privacy officer and systemic advocacy investigator. She was also a Labour Relations Advisor with Federated Co-operatives Limited. She is a member of the Law Society of

Saskatchewan and barrister and solicitor of the Supreme Court of Nigeria.

Graham Black

Graham Black is a third year law student serving as President of the Law Students' Association. Before entering law school, Graham studied computer science and business at the University of Calgary. Graham previously played professional hockey and enjoys playing piano and guitar. Upon graduation, Graham will article at MLT Aikins LLP in Saskatoon.

Noralee Bradley, KC (BComm'89, JD'90)

Noralee Bradley is EVP, External Affairs and Chief Sustainability & Legal Officer at Nutrien. Noralee is part of the executive team and oversees a portfolio of corporate functions including Legal, Integrity/Compliance, Sustainability, Government & Industry Affairs, and Brand & Culture Communication across Nutrien's global operations in North America, South America, Australia, Trinidad and Europe.

Prior to joining Nutrien in 2020, Noralee was a partner at national law firms advising on strategy, governance, mergers and capital market activities while raising three sons (and three Labradors) with her husband of 28 years. Noralee also served as a director of two TSX-listed companies and for several community organizations including the United Way, the Institute of Corporate Directors, and the Calgary Petroleum Club. She currently sits on the Board of STARS Air Ambulance and the Dean's Advisory Council at the Edwards School of Business.

Lori Johnstone-Clarke (BA'94, LLB'01)

Lori Johnstone-Clarke is a Cree lawyer from Mistawasis Nehiyawak. She currently resides in Saskatoon with her husband and four dogs. Lori graduated from Athol Murray College of Notre Dame and then attended the University of Saskatchewan

where she received degrees from the College of Arts and Science and the College of Law. Lori articulated with Delia Opekokew and then went on to become a sole practitioner and has been practicing law for 21 years. She has advised First Nations and has practiced in both civil and criminal areas of law. Lori was appointed to the Parole Board of Canada in April 2019 and again in June 2022 as a part-time Board member.

The Honourable Madam Justice Mona L. Dovell (LLB'83)

Justice Dovell graduated from the University of Saskatchewan, College of Law in 1983 and was called to the Saskatchewan Bar in 1984. She was a partner at the law firm of Halyk and Allbright practicing both criminal and civil litigation and was President of the Saskatchewan Trial Lawyers Association before being appointed to the Court of King's Bench for Saskatchewan in 1997. As a member of the Court for the past twenty-six years, ten of those years she has spent as the Chair of the Criminal Practice Committee.

Joanne Moser, KC (LLB'93)

Joanne Moser is the managing partner at Nychuk & Company in Regina. She obtained her Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Toronto in 1990, and her LLB with Distinction from the University of Saskatchewan in 1993.

Joanne is a Regina District Governor for the Saskatchewan Trial Lawyers Association and has an established practice as a family law litigator. She is the chair of the City of Regina Board of Revision, and the co-chair of the Saskatchewan Social Services Appeal Board. Joanne regularly contributes to ongoing legal education in Saskatchewan, working with CPLED, PREP, and the Law Society of Saskatchewan.

Dominga Robinson

Dominga Robinson, a Nakota/Jamaican woman from Pheasant Rump Nakota First Nations in Treaty 4, is a dedicated third year student at the University of Saskatchewan, College of Law. She actively supports Indigenous Peoples and communities through various volunteer roles. Dominga Robinson is employed at Sunchild Law, a firm specializing in supporting Indigenous people and communities.

Kimberly Visram (BA'06, LLB'09)

Kimberly graduated from the University of Saskatchewan, College of Law, in 2009 and was called to the Saskatchewan Bar in 2010. Kimberly is a Partner at Stevenson Hood Thornton Beaubier LLP where she practices both as a lawyer and family mediator. Kimberly assists with facilitating the CPLED course and is currently the Treasurer of the Saskatchewan Trial Lawyers Association.

First Year Class

Alyssa Abrametz	Jackson Gapp	Terri-Lynn Mitchell
Amber Adams	Neeru Gill	Morgan Morin
Sheema Ahmed	Alexandra Goldsmith	Brooklyn Morrison
David Arnott	Jared Graham	Ryan Muchowski
Kostas Bach	Avery Gray	Morgan Mueller
Amit Bains	Qasem Haider	Oliver Munn
Amit Kumar Bansal	Adam Hendry	Mary Mysak
Blake Barnes	Brad Heskin	Abdullah Naveed
Fantasia Barnes	Andie Hidlebaugh	Sydney Neufeld
Zach Baxter	Aaron Hill	Ismine Osman
Sean Becker	Lauren Hill	Vanessa Pankiw
Michael Bergen	Sarah Hoag	Trey Pernitsky
Stephanie Bernier	Nick Holroyd	Carina Pilon
Jetta Bilsky	Anna Holt	Colton Podgursky
Drake Bodie	Oliver Horner	Karine Poitras
Christopher Bolen	Ethan Hupe	Bethany Pratchler
Alicia Bossence	Joi Ines	Kamil Przepiorka
Connor Bradley	Juliano Iovinelli	Mairyn Rackow
Priya Braithwaite	Liam Jewitt	Megan Roesch
Elke Brass	Ivy Jin	Noah Romard
Cameron Braun	Brandon Johnson	Ravleen Saini
Taylor Brehon	Quincey Johnson	Arthur Schuler
Laura Chartier	Taha Jomha	Evan Schultz
Frank Chou	Varine Judge	Grace Semko
Saman Chughtai	Saadia Khan	Anjani Sharma
Sam Clayton	Edward Kim	Tiffany Situ
Amy Constant	Ashley King	Tia Soderlund
Kelly Cross	Jill Klassen	Ryan Stefanovic
Brandon Dauvin	Cassie Kondzielewski	Gwon Tang
Josh Delainey	Katie Konkin	Adam Tatelman
Veronica Dirk-Pothier	Veanna Kostiuk	Josh Thorson
Sam Dorish	Logan Kroeker	Sahej Toor
Jennifer Draper	Amy Lalonde	Christopher Toy
Janice Dutchak	Elisa Lee	Laura Underwood
Ethan Edwards	Maxwell Lee	Tanner Vancoughnett
Ahmed Eldassouki	Natasha Lee	Molly Waldman
Jenna Ernst	Michael Letts	Becca White
Taylor Ernst	Ethan Lin	Brooklyn Willick
Sebastian Farkas	Natasha Lis	Alexa Wisner
Ella Farthing	Alkida Luca	Alexander Woitas
Noah Fayad	Natalie Marrone	Brock Wourms Rowe
Ethan Fiedelleck	Taryn McGarry	Jarrett Young

Entrance Awards

The Gary & Tammy Bugeaud Centennial Entrance Award

William Elliott Scholarship

Law Society of Saskatchewan Scholarship

MLT Aikins LLP Scholarship in Law

Harris & Laretta & Raymond Earl Parr Memorial Scholarships

Morris and Jacqui Shumiatcher Scholarship in Law

Law Foundation of Saskatchewan 25th Anniversary Scholarship

Justice John H. Maher Memorial Scholarship

Thomas P. & Peter S. Deis WWII Memorial Scholarship

P.E. Mackenzie Entrance Scholarship

James M. Stevenson Entrance Scholarship

Robert L. Pierce and Eleanor D. Pierce Entrance Scholarship





J. Barrie Thomson Scholarship

Mohinder Chadha Award in Law

Peg & Keith Memorial Award for Indigenous Students



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