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Our grads share 60 years of memorable moments

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A roundtable on high-tech teaching

Driving social change
A champion to 10 million African girls
In 2017, Queen’s Law will turn 60 years old, and it’s been a remarkable history of innovation and growth. Starting with three faculty members and 24 students in 1957, we’ve grown to a law school of more than 30 faculty members and 600 students, with a national and international reputation for outstanding teaching and scholarship.

This issue of Queen’s Law Reports provides a lens on the history of the school, as well as an update on recent developments. Last year, we reported raising $1.5 million in support for the David Allgood Professorship in Business Law. The Faculty has now recruited Mohamed Khimji, a highly regarded business law scholar, as our inaugural Allgood Professor. Joining us from Western Law, where he held the Stephen Dattels Chair in Corporate Finance Law, Professor Khimji is well placed to take a leadership role in shaping the future direction of the business law program at Queen’s.

Three other tenure-track faculty members will join the school this year: Professor Nicolas Lamp, an international trade law expert; Professor Gail Henderson, a corporate law and securities law specialist; and Professor Lisa Kelly, a Trudeau Scholar who has published in family law, reproductive justice and criminal law. All three are sensational additions.

We are also welcoming them into a renewed Macdonald Hall. Major renovations have concluded on the Fasken Martineau DuMoulin LLP Moot Court Room and a spectacular $1.4-million project named the Learning Commons that has transformed the Lederman Law Library’s ground floor into a unique study space for our students by blending the latest in design with cutting-edge technology.

Our presence on social media is ahead of the curve; you can find Queen’s Law on Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, Instagram and Tumblr. We have also overhauled our recruitment process, attracting the best students in Canada through a new admissions website, digital tools, and virtual online tours of our state-of-the-art facilities.

All of this work is aimed at providing our students with the best possible educational opportunities, and nothing gives me more pleasure than seeing them succeed. Moments before writing this message, I learned that three of our graduates will be clerking at the Supreme Court of Canada in 2017-2018, a record for the school.

With your ongoing and generous support, Queen’s Law continues to excel and to lead. Please accept my heartfelt thanks on behalf of all of us at the Faculty of Law.

Dean Bill Flanagan
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Strengthening business law education

Mohamed Khimji has been named the inaugural David Allgood Professor in Business Law.

The Allgood Professorship, the first privately funded professorship in the history of Queen’s Law, is part of an ongoing strategic initiative by the Faculty to strengthen its business law programming.

“I’m honoured to be appointed,” Professor Khimji says, “and also to be given the opportunity to lead the design and development of a business law program that will establish Queen’s Law as a focal point for high-level research activity in this field. I look forward to working with my new colleagues to enrich the academic program by offering an elevated curriculum designed to facilitate long-term student success.”

Khimji, who will join Queen’s in July, is currently the Stephen Dattels Chair in Corporate Finance Law at Western University. He holds an LLB from the University of Bristol and an LLM from the London School of Economics and Political Science.

The Allgood Professorship was created through the generosity of Queen’s Law alumni and other donors who raised a $1.5 million endowment to support the position. It is named for David Allgood, Law’74, counsel at Dentons in Toronto and former Executive VP and General Counsel for Royal Bank of Canada. He is also a member of Queen’s Board of Trustees and its Audit and Risk Committee, continues on the Dean’s Council as past chair, and has played a tremendous role in teaching and mentoring students at Queen’s Law.

“I’m very pleased with the generous support our alumni have shown for this initiative and equally pleased to be welcoming a scholar of Professor Khimji’s renown as the inaugural Allgood Professor,” says Dean Bill Flanagan.

“Building on our existing business law curriculum, including the Bader International Study Centre program, the Queen’s Business Law Clinic, and the Law’80 Visiting Scholar in Business Law program, Professor Khimji’s leadership as a researcher, teacher and mentor is going to see our entire business law program vault to the next level.”

– CHRIS ARMES

Mohamed Khimji, the inaugural Allgood Professor in Business Law.

Emerging scholars in business and criminal law appointed

Queen’s Law continues to expand its research and teaching capacity, hiring three junior scholars to begin tenure-track appointments in July.

Nicolas Lamp completed his PhD in Law at the London School of Economics and Political Science in 2013. His doctoral thesis investigated the origins and implications of the discourses, practices and techniques that shape international law-making in the trade context. He received the American Society of International Law’s 2012 Francis Lieber Prize for outstanding scholarship in the field of the law of armed conflict. Previously, he worked as a Dispute Settlement Lawyer at the Appellate Body Secretariat of the World Trade Organization.

Lamp, who has been an assistant professor at Queen’s Law on a two-year term, has also been appointed Academic Director of the Global Law Programs held each spring at the Bader International Study Centre (Herstmonceux Castle) in the U.K.

Gail Henderson, a 2014 SJD graduate of the University of Toronto, focuses her research on the role of corporate governance in encouraging sustainable development. An assistant professor with the University of Alberta since 2013, she recently received a grant from the Ireland Canada University Foundation to study the use of public interest directors appointed to the boards of Irish banks in the wake of the Irish banking crisis. Previously, she served as a law clerk for Supreme Court Justice Louise Charron and practised commercial litigation and environmental and municipal law at Osler, Hoskin & Harcourt LLP in Toronto.

Lisa Kelly, who earned an SJD from Harvard Law School in 2015, was a Trudeau Scholar there and has held numerous distinguished fellowships, including a 2014-2016 postgraduate fellowship with the Center for Reproductive Rights and Columbia Law School in New York City.

Her doctoral dissertation, “Governing the Child: Parental Authority, State Power, and the School in North America,” analyzed legal struggles since the mid-19th century over race, corporal punishment and the disciplinary reach of school authorities. She is a former law clerk to SCC Justice Marshall Rothstein.

– ANTHONY PUGH
Major award enables PhD student’s research into legality of transnational surveillance

Are emergent transnational technologies such as drone warfare, climate engineering and mass surveillance legal under international law? That’s the question doctoral student Jon Weiss will be exploring with funding from the Joseph-Armand Bombardier Canada Graduate Scholarship. The award, given through SSHRC (Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada) to support high-calibre graduate student scholars, is valued at $35,000 per year for three years.

Weiss’s dissertation is titled “Determining the Legality of Emergent Transnational Technologies: Introducing the Theory of ‘Capture’ in International Law.” It aims to investigate the intersection of philosophy and international law involved.

Read about all our newest PhD students and the diverse research interests they’ve brought to Queen’s Law at http://go.qub.ksmb4Vb.

Queen’s mooters win OTLA Cup

Shayla Stein, Law ’16, and Jennifer Cao, Law ’17, turned in a triple-crown performance at the 2016 Ontario Trial Lawyers’ Association Moot on March 5-6. Not only did they win the award for Best Overall Team, but they also took top individual honours – Stein as Best Overall Advocate and Cao for Best Cross-Examination. Their coaches were both Law’10 grads from Toronto: Brian Kolenda of Lenczner Slaght and Julie Lefebvre of Bersenas Jacobsen.

Queen’s offers $35,000 fellowship in insurance law

PhD applicants who wish to study insurance law are eligible for a $35,000, three-year fellowship under the supervision of Professor Erik Knutsen. The area of study will be on a topic related to Knutsen’s SSHRC-funded research project “Floods, Fires, Crashes: Resolving Post-Disaster Insurance Coverage Conflicts in Canada.” Knutsen and the fellowship holder will use comparative legal research from Canada, the U.S. and the U.K. to create a new framework for understanding the subject and to recommend reforms to insurance policy interpretation principles so that disputes reach a fairer, more predictable, and more commercially sensible resolution.
Dean Flanagan visits with Ivan Sakekeep, school principal at Waakeka First Nation.

Dean travels north to strengthen First Nations ties

Last summer, Dean Bill Flanagan participated in a “reconciliation trip” to a remote First Nations community in northern Ontario in order to better understand the barriers and challenges facing the youth who live there. He was accompanied by David Sharpe, Law’95, President and COO of Bridging Finance. They went to Kitchenuhmaykoosib Inninuwug (ki), a fly-in community located 600 km north of Thunder Bay on Big Trout Lake. They were invited by ki youth leaders who wanted to open their homes to interested Canadians to spark an honest dialogue about living conditions and to share their pride in the beauty of their culture and land.

“At Queen’s Law, we are committed to working closely with First Nations communities to enhance our outreach efforts and increase the numbers of Aboriginal students in our programs,” says Flanagan. “This trip offered me an important opportunity to learn more about them.”

Helen Connop (second left) at the Teaching and Learning Awards ceremony in the Agnes Etherington Art Centre on Jan. 27 with Principal Daniel Woolf, Ann Tierney, Law’89, Vice-Provost and Dean of Student Affairs; and award namesake Dr. Mike Condra, former director of Health, Counselling and Disability Services.

Helen Connop, Law’81, at Pond Inlet in July 2015 during her two-year stay in Nunavut as criminal counsel.

Law’s education and equity manager saluted for outstanding service to students

Over the course of her 13 years at Queen’s Law, Helen Connop has established highly effective programs to support law students personally and academically and foster equity and inclusion. In recognition of her work, Principal Daniel Woolf presented her with the university’s inaugural Michael Condra Outstanding Student Service Award on Jan. 27. “Helen is a widely respected pillar of the Faculty’s student support system … a caring and thoughtful listener who’s always there to support students one-on-one,” wrote her nominators.

New guide brings ‘style’ (and clarity) to Canadian legal writing

The answers to many legal writers’ questions can be found in the Canadian Guide to Legal Style, the first reference guide in Canada for legal writers, authored by the editorial board of the Queen’s Law Journal (QLJ). Originally creating the guide in 2012 for internal use by QLJ, the board decided to publish it with Carswell to remedy the lack of a publication geared towards writing style necessary for all Canadian legal writers, including academics, practitioners and students.

The authors hope that using the guide will help ensure clarity, in addition to increasing the consistency and speed of legal writing.

The new style guide includes this special dedication: “In memory of Professor Bernard Adell, our teacher, our mentor and our first guide to legal style.”

To order a copy, visit http://www.carswell.com/product-detail/canadian-guide-to-legal-style/
SCC Justice emphasizes access to justice in Queen’s Law talk

Justice Thomas Cromwell, Law’76, LLD’10 (Mus’73), of the Supreme Court of Canada, returned to his alma mater on March 11 to give the McCarthy Tétrault LLP annual lecture on Legal Ethics and Professionalism. For his talk, “The Legal Services Gap: Professional Responsibility and Access to Justice,” he explored how current regulation inhibits access to legal services and what changes could ameliorate this problem.

Watch the full video of Justice Cromwell’s lecture at http://stream.queensu.ca/Watch/Bd6s8XAb.

$100K in new funding for Legal Aid outreach

With an additional $100,000 in annual funding from Legal Aid Ontario (LAO), Queen’s Legal Aid (QLA) has begun to increase all its services and broaden its outreach initiatives in the Kingston area.

Following LAO’s funding announcement in January, QLA started handling more applications and appeals to the Ontario Human Rights Commission and representing more clients in employment law cases; launched public legal education outreach initiatives aimed at advising local residents of their legal rights and helping them avoid unnecessary legal interventions; and hired a third review counsel.

The overall QLA program is growing as new caseworkers are trained and updated technology is used to enhance the legal learning process for students and clients.

New Learning Commons is anything but common for law students

Queen’s Law has opened the doors to a new Learning Commons exclusively for Law students. It takes over the lower floor of the William R. Lederman Law Library and gives students a place to study, convene and practise their legal skills.

The modern, 6,000-square-foot space boasts a large open-concept study area, five rooms for moot practices and small-group meetings, a large study room for graduate students, 56 study carrels and two banquet seating areas. The Learning Commons reflects advances in the teaching and practice of law with a more connected, collaborative and leadership-oriented focus.
Advocacy Institute co-founders saluted nationally

BY KEN CUTHBERTSON

Alumnus Owen Rees and Professor Grégoire Webber of Queen’s Law have been awarded one of Canada’s most prestigious civilian honours. Rees, Law’02, a partner at the highly regarded Toronto boutique litigation firm Stockwoods, and long-time friend Webber, the Canada Research Chair in Public Law and Philosophy of Law, received Meritorious Service Medals at a ceremony in Ottawa on Dec. 11. The medals, established by Queen Elizabeth II to recognize civilians’ “highly professional acts that are of considerable benefit … to the nation,” were presented by Governor General David Johnston, Law’66, LL.D’91.

Rees and Webber were honoured for contributions to the legal profession, primarily their work in launching the Supreme Court Advocacy Institute (SCAI). This independent, non-profit agency, which is celebrating its tenth anniversary in 2016, has been instrumental in improving the quality of legal advocacy in Canada.

“In our legal system, vigorous, well-presented, and effective advocacy is of service to the courts in presenting fully the various sides of the issues that come before them,” says Chief Justice of Canada Beverley McLachlin. “We welcome the [Institute]’s contribution to the Supreme Court of Canada and to the public by providing both novice and experienced counsel with a forum in which to refine their advocacy.”

Rees and Webber, both Montrealers, met in 2003 while clerking at the Supreme Court – Rees for Justice Louis LeBel, Webber for Justice Ian Binnie. “When Owen and I attended hearings on the cases for which we’d prepared legal briefs for the judges, sometimes we thought that the Court could be getting more assistance from counsel,” says Webber.

Both men were aware of the Supreme Court Institute (SCI), a program based at Georgetown University law school that promotes awareness of issues of importance to the United States Supreme Court. The centerpiece of the SCI’s activities is a moot court program that offers lawyers the opportunity to “test-drive” legal arguments they intend to make in their submissions to the Supreme Court.

“We wondered if there was room for a similar initiative here in Canada,” says Rees. “If so, we knew it would have to be purpose-built for Canadian needs. That meant it had to be low-cost, accessible to all, and national in its scope.”

With help and encouragement from Justice Frank Iacobucci, the Institute was born. Iacobucci, who was about to retire from the bench, agreed to serve as its chair. “I didn’t hesitate,” he recalls. “My reasons were simple. First, the aim of the proposal was to improve oral advocacy before the Court, which would be to the benefit of clients, the Court and the legal profession for their involvement. Second, Owen and Grégoire were law clerks in whom my colleagues and I had confidence and who were ideal to create and organize the Institute.”

Not surprisingly, the initiative garnered enthusiastic support from Canada’s legal community. That support has only continued to grow in the years since 2006. When the first moot court sessions were held in 2007-2008, they took place in Ottawa, Toronto and Montreal. Today, the Institute sends out invitation letters to every lawyer who’s been granted leave to appeal to the SCC, and the moot courts now are staged in several other major cities across the country. At first, about 20 per cent of eligible lawyers availed themselves of the opportunity to take part; in 2014-2015, that number was close to 50 per cent.

“We wanted to make sure the program would be free and available to any lawyer who’s scheduled to argue a case before the SCC,” says Webber. “Some of the larger firms in Canada and various federal and provincial Justice Departments have their own in-house programs; however, we felt there was a real need for a non-partisan program that would be available to lawyers from smaller firms and cities across the country and wouldn’t be seen as just a central-Canada initiative. In that sense, the Institute helps level the legal playing field.”

Rees echoes those words. “Grégoire and I saw the Institute as both a vehicle to help promote advocacy skills and a way for us to give back to the legal profession and the Court,” he adds.

“Being awarded a Meritorious Service Medal obviously is a special honour, but we’re really accepting it on behalf of the many people who have helped set up the SCAI and make it a success – in particular Frank Iacobucci and all of the talented advocates who selflessly volunteer their time and legal expertise when they act as advocacy advisors during practice sessions or serve on our national and regional committees.”

The Meritorious Service Medal (Civil Division) recognizes a deed or an activity that has been performed in a highly professional manner, or according to a very high standard. It is a circular silver medal bearing the Royal Crown.
“We wanted to make sure the Advocacy Institute program would be free and available to any lawyer who’s scheduled to argue a case before the Supreme Court of Canada.”

– Professor Grégoire Webber

Meritorious Service Medal winners Owen Rees, Law’02, and Professor Grégoire Webber (right) with Governor General David Johnston, Law’66, LLD’91, at the special Rideau Hall ceremony on Dec. 11.
Our globe-trotting faculty’s latest career highlights

Professor Sharry Aiken presented papers on “crimmigration” at Toronto conferences convened by the Canadian Association for Refugee and Forced Migration Studies and the Refugee Research Network. She was appointed Vice-Chair of the Canadian Centre for International Justice and continues as Legal Affairs Committee Co-Chair for the Canadian Council for Refugees.

Professor Bita Amani, Co-Director of Feminist Legal Studies Queen’s, co-organized an FLSQ conference on gender and wellbeing. With a chapter on novel food regulations published, she’s working on copyright exhaustion and “reproduction” and will present her co-authored “The Jus of Use: Trademarks in Transition” in Orlando and New Orleans.

Professor Martha Bailey wrote articles for the International Survey of Family Law and Persuasions. Her “Marriage Law in Jane Austen’s World” presentation to the Jane Austen Society conference in Kentucky was widely reported.

Professor Beverley Baines taught a class on recent Canadian religious lawyering jurisprudence to graduate students at the European University Institute (EUI), Florence, and presented papers on competing rights (LEAF Symposium), Canadian women and legal pluralism (EUI), parité and constitutional culture (Queen’s), and women’s constitution-making in Canada (EUI).

Professor Nick Bala published and presented on topics ranging through parental alienation, access to family justice, shared parenting, youth justice, international child abduction, child welfare agency involvement in family cases, and experts’ roles in family cases. A new edition of the Contracts casebook he co-authors was published last fall.

Professor Kevin Banks, Director of Queen’s Centre for Law in the Contemporary Workplace and Editor-in-Chief of the Canadian Labour and Employment Law Journal, published on employment standards and both workplace discrimination and social inclusion. He continues as Panel Chair in the first international arbitration on labour law obligations under a free trade agreement.

Professor Art Cockfield published work on tax haven data leaks (Florida Tax Review), new tax reporting standards for multinational firms (Canadian Tax Journal), and David Foster Wallace’s views on tax policy and how to be an adult (Pittsburgh Tax Review).

Professor Christopher Essert spent most of 2015 studying homelessness and why it is wrong. He taught a new course about it and lectured on it to audiences in Toronto, Athens (Georgia), London and Oxford.

Professor David Freedman is now an LSUC-certified specialist in estates and trust law. He spoke and published articles on the law of summary judgment, limitations, trustee accounting and family trusts.

Professor Leslie Green, after funded research on “Right Speech,” gave a public lecture at a conference he organized on “Right Speech, Counter-Speech, and the Case of Myanmar” at St. Antony’s College, Oxford. He also presented “The Forces of Law” (forthcoming in Ratio Juris) at the University of Bocconi, Italy.

Professor Lynne Hanson continued to pursue interdisciplinary teaching strategies in mental health law and reviewed a book for the Canadian Journal of Law and Society. She was also elected President of Queen’s University Faculty Association.
Professor Tsvi Kahana, Academic Director of the Queen's/Tel Aviv Faculty Exchange and Research Program, organized a major international campus conference – “Constitutional Cultures: Identities, Texts, Institutions” – for the program supported by the Jeremy and Judith Freedman Family Foundation. He also co-edited Boundaries of State, Boundaries of Rights: Human Rights, Private Actors, and Positive Obligations (forthcoming, Cambridge).

Professor Joshua Karton published on corrupt contracts and on international arbitration, winning the James Crawford Prize in International Dispute Settlement. While on sabbatical (2015–16) he visited the National Taiwan University and Chinese University of Hong Kong and worked on his Mandarin.

Professor Lisa Kerr was published in the Supreme Court Law Review and co-authored opinion pieces with Anthony Doob. She gave public talks at NYU, Western and Queen’s; taught Criminal Law and Sentencing and Prison Law; and co-coached the Gale Moot team with Professor Don Stuart.

Professor Erik Knutsen wrote for the Connecticut Insurance Law Journal about insurance coverage for intentional and criminal conduct; delivered papers at Canadian and Irish conferences on medical malpractice, civil procedure, and injury and insurance law; and was academic advisor and presenter at the National Judicial Institute’s annual civil law program.

Professor Kathleen Lahey, Co-Director, FLSQ, published “The Alberta Disadvantage: Gender, Taxation, and Income Inequality” report, organized FLSQ’s international conference on “Women and Tax Justice,” presented numerous papers on gender, taxation, and economic development internationally, and is conducting comparative fiscal policy research funded by SSHRC, Wallenberg (Sweden), and the European Commission’s Horizon 2020 program.

Professor Nicolas Lamp wrote about special treatment of developing countries in international trade law for the Journal of International Economic Law and drafted the case for the 13th ELSA Moot Court Competition on WTO Law. He presented at such overseas conferences as the European Society of International Law’s annual meeting.

Professor Allan Manson spent the winter term as Keeley Visiting Fellow at Wadham College, Oxford, co-teaching a graduate seminar in criminology and working on new editions of The Law of Sentencing and Sentencing and Penal Policy in Canada. He retires on June 30 (see pg.18).

Professor Mary-Jo Maur co-chaired the LSUC’s Family Law Summit and published papers on costs in family law and on international abduction of children. She developed and taught Introduction to Legal Skills, plus an online introduction to Canadian Law for undergraduate students.


Professor Cherie Metcalf, Associate Dean (Academic), taught Public and Constitutional Law and co-supervised the Laskin Moot team. She presented her research at the University of Toronto, Yale Law School, and the Constitutional Culture conference at Queen’s Law.

Professor Wanjiru Njowya wrote chapters for The Autonomy of Labour Law (Oxford) and European Labour Law (Kluwer), paid tribute to Lord Bill Wedderburn in the Industrial Law Journal, and contributed to “The Fissured Workplace” symposium published in the Comparative Labor Law & Policy Journal. She was awarded a grant to visit Durham Law School in England.

Professor Bruce Pardy published Ecolawgic: The Logic of Ecosystems and the Rule of Law (ecolawgic.com); contributed to the Journal of Human Rights and the Environment and the Asia Pacific Journal of Environmental Law; and presented at the 5th biennial conference of the Journal of Environmental Law and Practice.

Professor Patricia Peppin presented on off-label drug prescribing and the standard of care to the International Academy of Law and Mental Health Congress in Vienna and to the National Health Law Conference in Ottawa. She won a Law Students’ Society Teaching Award.

Professor Michael Pratt, Associate Dean of Graduate Studies and Research, administered the PhD and LLM programs, spearheading several initiatives, including a specialized LLM in Political and Legal Thought. He is also revising a casebook on the law of remedies and writing a paper on the concept of betterment in the law of damages.

Professor Darryl Robinson spent his fall sabbatical at the University of Toronto’s Centre for Ethics, writing three articles and working on two books. He presented his international criminal law research at events in New York, Geneva, The Hague, Mexico City, Amsterdam, Canberra, and Bergen.


Professor Jean Thomas wrote her first book, Public Rights, Private Relations (Oxford), conducted peer reviews for the journal Canadian Women and the Law, and was a faculty advisor for Queen’s Law Journal.

Professor Mark Walters presented papers in both Canada and Britain on public law topics. His work still focuses on constitutional scholar A.V. Dicey and the rights of Canada’s Indigenous peoples.

Professor Grégoire Webber, Canada Research Chair, received a Governor General’s Meritorious Service Medal for his work with the Supreme Court Advocacy Institute (see pg. 6). He helped launch the Colloquium in Legal and Political Philosophy; presented his research in Chile and at Oxford, Princeton and Harvard; and has work forthcoming in the Oxford Journal of Legal Studies.

An agent of justice for human rights victims

Equality rights advocate Fiona Sampson honoured for using legal remedies to change behaviours – and enforce consequences

BY MARK WITTEN

Fiona Sampson, Law’93 (Artsci’85), is driven to seek justice for the disadvantaged wherever human rights are violated and to change the system that allows violators to go unpunished. Her commitment has brought accolades in the past, with two more distinctions being given this year: membership in the Order of Canada and a Humanitarian Award from Queen’s Alumni Association. Previously she had been named one of Canadian Lawyer magazine’s “Top 25 Most Influential” lawyers and one of Safe magazine’s 50 “Global Heroes” working to end violence against children.

Sampson is the founder and executive director of the equality effect, an international network of human rights advocates working collaboratively to ensure governments in Commonwealth countries uphold, enforce and protect the rights of women and girls.

“The equality effect got ... legal rape protection for all 10 million girls in Kenya. We filed a constitutional claim; we won and made legal history.”

appeared before the Supreme Court of Canada on several occasions and worked on many LEAF interventions, including R v Ewanchuk (1999), the influential sexual assault case that confirmed “No Means No” on the issue of consent. She also served on the Ontario Human Rights Commission.

Sampson’s human rights advocacy is also rooted in her personal experience as one of the last thalidomide victims born in Canada. “I have a keen interest in changing a climate of impunity, government and corporate, that allows liability to go unpunished, and in using legal remedies to change behaviours and social norms by enforcing consequences,” she says.

Since 2013’s “160 Girls” ruling, the equality effect and Canadian police have worked with Kenyan police – peer-to-peer training – to help law enforcement better handle rape cases and take action against perpetrators. In January, Sampson travelled to the Kenyan capital, Nairobi, to launch a public legal education initiative. Community members will receive much-needed education about the “160 Girls” decision, related girls’ rights and police obligations. “Though our major legal victory secured justice for those 160 girls,” Sampson says, “now we’re working with the police and communities in Kenya to make it real on the ground for the country’s 10 million other girls, too.

“This doesn’t feel like work,” she adds. “Like being in love, it’s all-consuming. I don’t have any choice about doing it.”

The raping of young girls is an epidemic in Kenya; one in three girls is raped by the age of 18,” she says. “The equality effect got access to justice for 160 girls who had been denied it and legal rape protection for all 10 million girls in Kenya. We filed a constitutional claim; we won and made legal history.”

Sampson’s passion for legal advocacy work was fueled as an undergrad and in law school at Queen’s, when she spent summers volunteering on First Nations reserves in Northern Ontario and interned with legal teams working on indigenous land claims.

“My professors exposed me to equality law, feminist legal theory and aboriginal rights – issues that were controversial and contested ground in academia and mainstream society,” she says. “That lit me on fire in terms of advocacy work, got into my blood and continues to course through it today.”

Those in Canada for whom she has dedicated more than 20 years as a human rights lawyer include First Nations people, refugees, disabled persons, and victims of violence. As staff lawyer and then director of litigation at LEAF (Women’s Legal Education and Action Fund), she
Fiona Sampson, Law ’93, founder of the equality effect, connecting with a girl in Malawi she calls “one of our beneficiaries on the ground.”
When he finished grammar school in St. Kitts in the 1950s, all Wilfrid Peters wanted was to get a clerical job with the local government and buy a motorcycle. Fortunately for him, for Queen’s and for Ontario, his stern father had other ideas: “Forget the motorcycle; you are going to Canada to further your education!”

Over the almost seven decades since he left the Caribbean, the obedient son, now 82 and retired in Toronto, has been a commerce and then political studies student at Sir George Williams University (now Concordia) in Montreal; the second black graduate of Queen’s Law (1962); and a member of Ontario’s civil service, eventually becoming a senior law officer for the Attorney General, and counsel to the Chief Electoral Officer.

He never did buy that motorcycle, but he did fulfill a love for motorized speed by purchasing a 1971 Datsun 240Z sports car that he still carefully maintains.

His story is notable for the colour-blind welcome he received from Queen’s throughout his law studies. Asked if he experienced any discrimination at Queen’s, he declares emphatically, “None whatsoever!”

Professor Stuart Ryan continued the personal touch, helping Peters find an articling position with a prestigious Ottawa firm and phoning then-Immigration Minister Ellen Fairclough to sort out his work permit/landed immigrant status. A long association with Queen’s ensued, with Peters serving on the Law Advisory Council (1994–1999) and the University Council (1995–2007).

His post-articling job search in 1960s Toronto was not so positive. He applied to 80 law firms and had many interviews but no offers. Private sector law firms just didn’t want a black lawyer, he says. “I had wasted my time pounding the sidewalks.”

Reverting to his boyhood goal, government service, Peters had a different reception when he responded to a notice from the legal branch of Ontario’s Department of Lands and Forests (now the Ministry of Natural Resources). He got the job; one of his memorable duties there was an annual trip through Northern Ontario, representing the Provincial Land Tax Collector in assessment disputes before District Court judges. He won every case.

In 1981 he transferred to the Attorney General’s Crown Law Office, providing legal advice to several ministers and representing the AG before Legislature committees, courts and tribunals.

His Queen’s Law days served him well in this role. “Professor J.A. Corry’s Constitutional History course was particularly helpful,” he says, “especially the 1689 Bill of Rights enacted at Westminster, which forbade the monarch to enact laws without the approval of Parliament.” Peters would cite that constitutional pillar whenever a minister of the Crown suggested using an Order-in-Council to achieve some goal when there was no statutory authority for doing so. “No,” he would insist, “you must introduce a bill and face the Legislature.”

Peters’ bosses in the Crown Law Office under then-Attorney General Roy McMurtry were impressed by his sagacity, service and diligence; in 1984 he was awarded the designation Queen’s Counsel.

From 1996 to his retirement in 2008, Peters served as a legal and labour relations advisor to Ontario’s Chief Electoral Officer, interpreting the Election Act and regulations and vetting Requests for Proposals.

Reflecting on the challenges and rewards of his public service career, it’s still his time at Queen’s that Wilfrid Peters calls “the best days of my life.” Eventually, when son Christopher expressed interest in adding to his British LLB, he “highly recommended” his alma mater. Last June it was a proud father, ‘greatly pleased,’ who watched Christopher receive an LLM from Queen’s Law.
Wilfrid Peters, QC, Law’62, in his Toronto home library thousands of miles from his Leeward Islands homeland.
Touchdown!
Gaels’ Hall of Famer Jock Climie scores in double careers

BY GEORGIE BINKS
It’s all about balance, says Jock Climie, Law’94 (Arts'89). Over the past 26 years he has combined his life’s two great interests – football and law – to master two complex careers: a CFL player while a Justice Canada lawyer and now a partner with Ottawa’s Emond Harnden LLP while TSN’s popular go-to football analyst.

It was when Climie was studying law at Queen’s that he learned a balancing act that would carry into his professional life. He was in first-year law and his fourth year with Queen’s Golden Gaels when he was drafted by the CFL. “I asked the dean (John Whyte, Law’68) if I could take off one semester every year so I could play. He cleared the path for me to do that. I went to law school in the winter and played football in the summer and fall. The most challenging part was staying in shape while I was on campus.”

While playing for Queen’s, Climie had made such a mark that in the 1996 book Gael Force: A Century of Football at Queen’s, author-coach Mervin Daub (Com’66) wrote that he was “probably the greatest receiver ever to play for the Gaels.” That put him in the Queen’s Football Hall of Fame (an honour shared with his proud dad and ’60s Gael Bob Climie) and made him one of 12 Law graduates elected to the Hall. After holding the 1988 record as the receiver with the most yards (1,091) in one season in Ciau football (now CIS, Canadian Interuniversity Sport), Climie played for the Toronto Argonauts, Ottawa Rough Riders and Montreal Alouettes from 1990 to 2001. He was named a CFL East All-Star in 1993 while playing for Ottawa and again in 1996 and 1997 while playing for Montreal. He was also awarded the Lew Hayman Trophy as top Canadian player in the CFL’s East Division in 1997.

Climie had winning moments off the field as well. Working primarily in labour law since joining Emond Harnden in 2000, he has often attracted sports-related clients. He acted for the Ottawa Senators in a wrongful dismissal suit 10 years ago and for the Alouettes on several files. In one high-profile case, he acted for Alouettes owner Bob Wetenhall, who, along with every other team owner in the league, was being sued by Mike Lysko, a former CFL commissioner who’d been fired. Climie says, “From a legal perspective it was quite simple. I was successful in court by having him removed from the list of defendants. When Lysko appealed, I was successful at the Court of Appeal too.”

Now Climie combines practising law with his work at TSN – broadcasting 10 weekends a year, four games a weekend. “It’s my passion,” he says. “I love the CFL and I love to be part of the broadcast.”

Climie enjoys the variety, too. “Trying to break down a play or a game in a 30-second sound bite in front of a million people on national TV is very different from advising law clients on the phone or running an arbitration.”

One of his high points at Queen’s Law was winning the Advanced Criminal Law Prize in Professor Don Stuart’s class. “He was the pre-eminent criminal law professor in the country and he gave me the prize. It was a big honour. To learn from him was wonderful.”

Something else he learned at the school was the value of his work-life balance. “The social part is important too,” he says, “so I found a way to train for football, get a law degree and still have fun with my friends.”

That’s worked well so far and likely will for whatever career may come next for Jock Climie.

“Jock Climie was probably the greatest receiver ever to play for the Gaels.”

– Professor Mervin Daub, former Gaels’ captain and coach
Queen’s Football Hall of Fame

12 Law grads cited – ’63 to ‘01 – for their roles in ‘A Legacy of Excellence’

These honorees are presented in order of their Law degrees.

Kent Plumley, Law’63 (Sc’60)
Gaels 1958-1962
Kent Plumley was inducted into the Hall of Fame twice – as player and then builder. Excelling on the Gaels’ defence, he was named to retiring coach Hal McCarney’s All-Time Team for performance, physical toughness, intelligence, and leadership on and off the field. Kent was team captain in 1959, a CFL draft pick in 1960, a Canadian Press all-star in 1960 and 1962, and part of the league coaches’ 1962 “Dream Team.” In Queen’s 1961 Yates Cup victory (11-0) over McGill, he memorably set up the game’s only touchdown on a fumble recovery. Three decades later, as a Queen’s Trustee, he began campaigning to upgrade the Gaels’ home stadium. For his strong advocacy and generous family contributions to Richardson Stadium’s renewal, Kent received his second induction, a posthumous honour in 2015.

John Erickson, QC, Law’65 (Arts’62)
Gaels 1960-1964
The success of the Gaels’1960s running game was largely due to the size and mobility of players like guard John Erickson and their ability to open holes and provide pass protection. John was co-captain in 1964 and won the Jenkins Trophy as Queen’s top scholar-athlete in 1965. After graduating, he played a CFL season with the Toronto Argos. He died in 2011.

Guy Potvin, Law’68 (Sc’65)
Gaels 1963-1967
A member of the “Hamburger Squad” in 1963, Quebec’s Guy Potvin played on two winning Yates Cup teams (1964, 1966). He was also a three-time OQIFC all-star at defensive half, having led that league in interceptions one year and shared the lead in team scoring in another. Despite being a CFL draft pick by Hamilton in 1965, he entered law school instead and continued with the Gaels.

Don Bayne, Law’69 (Arts’66, MBA’01)
Gaels 1963-1968
Don Bayne quarterbacked the Golden Gaels to victory in their first-ever Canadian College Bowl in 1968, also earning MVP honours and the Teddy Morris Trophy as that game’s outstanding player. He turned down a CFL draft by Ottawa in 1967 to finish his LLB. First named to Queen’s Hall of Fame as a player, he earned a second induction, as a builder, in 2015. He had been a sustaining president and benefactor of Queen’s Football Club, became a leading advocate for the current update of Richardson Stadium, and has since been “an MVP” in the restoration of Queen’s athletic fields.

Brian Parnega, Law’70 (Arts’66)
While not the size and weight of some line-mates, Brian Parnega’s quickness and agility more than compensated. His ability as a “pulling guard” and “lead blocker” bolstered the Gaels’ awesome 1960s running attack. He won the Queen’s Royal Todd Trophy (top rookie) and was a conference all-star (1965, ’66 and ’68), and despite a 1965 CFL draft to Saskatchewan, he chose to enter Law.

Jim Turnbull, Law’70
Gaels 1967-1969
His 1968 Vanier Cup performance made Jim Turnbull a league all-star and Saskatchewan draftee. Starting at defensive back, he also excelled in kick-off duties and as punt and kick-off returner. Coach Hal McCarney called him a “defensive genius” for his strategic use of opponents’ game films. His analysis of Manitoba’s offence before 1968’s Western Bowl victory preceded the Gaels’ Vanier Cup win.

Queen’s Football Hall of Fame has also inducted the 1964, 1968, 1978, 1983 and 1992 championship Gaels teams, each of which boasted players who are now Queen’s Law alumni.
Heino Lilles, Law’71 (Arts’67, MSc’68)
Gaels 1963-1970
An integral part of the Gaels’ “Silver Sixties” teams, Heino Lilles – defensive back turned fullback – became one of the highest all-time scorers in Queen’s football history, with 168 career points despite serious injuries. He was a 1966 CFL draft pick, and earned the Johnny Evans MVP Memorial Trophy in his final Gaels year and the 1971 Jenkins Trophy as Queen’s most outstanding scholar-athlete.

Jim D’Andrea, QC, Law’82 (Arts’77, MA’80)
Gaels 1975-1979
Gaels co-captain 1977-1979, Jim D’Andrea played on the 1978 Vanier Cup championship team. In 1976, he led the OQIFC with seven interceptions. A league all-star at defensive back for his last four years, he accumulated a career total of 15 regular season interceptions, three in playoffs, and two three-interception games with two TDs. He was co-winner of the 1978 Johnny Evans Trophy as Gaels MVP. Jim turned down a CFL draft to Hamilton, choosing to enter law school. (See QLR’12 for a D’Andrea father-and-son profile.)

John Yach, Law’91 (Artsci’88/PHE’88)
Gaels 1984-1988
Though a rookie linebacker, John Yach was moved to defensive end to contain the run and the quarterback. His combination of athletic ability, quickness, strength and competitiveness would set a benchmark for this position. As part of the defensive squad’s touted “Bookends” combination, he was a four-season league all-star (defensive back). As inside linebacker in 1988, John effectively shut down opposing ball carriers before they hit the open field, became an OQIFC all-star, Lou Bruce Trophy winner, and a Ti-Cats draft pick.

Jock Climie, Law’94 (Arts’89)
Gaels 1986-1989
Known for his ability to catch the ball despite being double- and triple-teamed, Jock Climie led the league in reception yardage in 1988 and ’89. He set the all-time CIAU season record for reception yards (1,091), was the OQIFC 1988 MVP, and was twice named OQIFC all-star and CIAU all-Canadian. Jock ended his Gaels career with 2,310 yards and in his final season was awarded the CIAU Russ Jackson Award for leadership, athletic ability, academic success and community service. While in law school, he began a 12-year, three-city CFL career (Toronto, Ottawa, Montreal).

Vince Panetta, Law’95 (Com’88, MIR’89)
Gaels 1984-1988
A consummate team player, Vince Panetta excelled in three positions: tight end, offensive guard and fullback. He earned numerous “player of the game” awards, including the 1987 Johnny Evans Trophy as Gaels MVP. While captain in 1988, he received the Ted Reeve Award for outstanding academic achievement, courage, team loyalty and fair play.

Brad Elberg, Law’01 (Arts’93)
Gaels 1990-1993
The dominant running back of his era, Brad Elberg anchored the offence for Queen’s 1992 Vanier Cup victory. In that peak year, he was all-Canadian, OQIFC’s MVP (22 TDs) and single-game rushing record setter (284 yards), set Queen’s single-season record (937 yards), and in playoffs alone rushed for another 496 yards, 136 of them and three TDs in Queen’s 31-0 Vanier Cup shutout of St. Mary’s. OQIFC all-star in 1991 and ’92 and captain in 1992 and ’93, Brad went on to a successful CFL career with the Ti-Cats, Blue Bombers and Argos.
Allan Manson:
Sentencing expert has left the classroom behind, but not his quest for justice and fairness

By Ken Cuthbertson

Allan Manson, one of the longest-serving and most well-respected professors at Queen’s Law, will officially retire on June 30, 2016. He taught the final class in his distinguished 39-year career in December and then spent the winter term as the Keely Visiting Fellow at Oxford’s Wadham College.

As Manson’s colleague and friend, Justice Patrick Healy of the Court of Quebec, Criminal and Penal Division, says, “Allan is one of a small handful of legal scholars in Canada who are acknowledged experts in correctional law and sentencing. His influence in both areas is enormous. People heed his opinions; I often call him to seek his advice and hear his ideas.”

Healy notes that Manson enjoys a “stellar” reputation in the Canadian legal community. In no small measure, this is because he writes clearly and well. Being as prolific as he is authoritative, Manson is the author of the seminal 2001 book *The Law of Sentencing*, co-author of a half-dozen other legal texts (including collaborations with Queen’s Law colleagues Don Stuart and David Mullan), and he has also written scores of articles on thorny legal issues – particularly legal privilege and ethics.

Despite such exemplary scholarly credentials, Manson is no ivory tower academic.

After earning his LLB at Western in 1972 and LLM at the University of London in 1973, Manson articled in his hometown of Toronto. There he toiled for two years as a sole practitioner (1975–1977) before coming to Queen’s in 1977 at age 29 as a special lecturer and Associate Director of the Correctional Law Project (now Prison Law Clinic) started by Professor Ron Price in 1974. By 1975, that initiative had already grown to include a Clinical Correctional Law course that offered students opportunities to help provide free legal assistance to inmates in the five area prisons. Under the guidance of Price and then Manson (1979–1981), the Project earned a national reputation, championing dozens of test cases on prisoner rights at various levels of the Canadian court system.

“Allan expanded the scope of the Correctional Law Project, taking it to a whole new level,” recalls Don Stuart, who has been teaching criminal law at Queen’s since 1975.

“He’s an excellent teacher with a flair for the laws of evidence and an eye for legal detail. He also sees the bigger picture. Allan thinks well on his feet. He has a lively sense of humour, is dedicated, passionate, and can be feisty at times. It quickly became obvious, even in 1977, that Queen’s needed to find a way to hire Allan and keep him here.”

Then-Dean Bernie Adell evidently agreed, for he did exactly that. Practical experience and the kind of hands-on training Manson embraces have long been central to the Queen’s Law curriculum and student experience.

Lisa Kerr, a newly hired faculty member who faces the daunting challenge of taking over the Sentencing and Imprisonment course Manson has taught in recent years, says “Professor Manson is a gifted teacher, not just because of his wealth of knowledge about criminal law, sentencing and evidence, but because he ties together everything he teaches with personal stories or observations that ground theoretical principles in real-world experiences.”

While Manson is a private person and Kerr has known him for only about three years, that’s been long enough for her to discern he’s neither mellowing nor becoming more conservative as the years pass. “Allan’s politics are pure, and I imagine he’s still as fired up about justice and fairness as he was on Day One of his Queen’s Law career,” she says.

Manson’s passion for pedagogy likewise remains undimmed. His colleagues and students alike recognize it, and he’s a two-time winner of Law Students’ Society teaching awards. Likewise, Manson wins kudos from his former students.

What Nathan Gorham, Law’03, a founding partner of Rusonik, O’Connor, Robbins, Ross, Gorham & Angelini – Canada’s largest criminal law firm – best remembers about a Manson-taught class echoes Lisa Kerr’s observations. Gorham recalls how Manson often shared anecdotes about visiting his clients in jail or prison. “Not only is he a knowledgeable and gifted teacher,” says Gorham, “he’s genuine and a truly sincere person.”

– Nathan Gorham, Law’03

Peter Wardle, Law’84, a partner in the Toronto firm Wardle, Daley, Bernstein LLP, agrees. And he recalls how Manson made students aware that most legal issues are...
multi-dimensional by often ending a class with “a very definitive statement that was followed by a pause and a loud ‘BUT ...’”

Manson’s own diverse career experiences have informed his perspectives, leading him to consider the “big picture” when grappling with legal issues. His CV includes government consulting roles, a stint as a Deputy Territorial Court Judge in the Yukon, six years as an Ontario Human Rights Board of Inquiry panel adjudicator, five years as director of the Ontario Law Reform Commission’s study of the coroners’ system, and significant contributions to education while on the University Senate and the Canadian Association of University Teachers’ Academic Freedom Committee.

In addition to all of this and to his inspired teaching and superb legal writings, Manson is a staunch defender of justice and equity in the legal system, in society, and in the workplace.

Among the many causes he has championed – a list far too lengthy to include here – Manson eloquently and
persuasively argued the case for granting inmates the right to vote. He fought for legal rights and humane treatment of inmates, particularly in the notorious and now-shuttered Kingston Penitentiary and neighbouring Prison for Women, and he vocally opposed the Harper government’s controversial “life without parole” fixed sentencing.

“Allan led the fight to unionize the Queen’s University Faculty Association in 1995,” recalls Don Stuart. “Then he served as QUFA president for a time, negotiated the first collective agreement, and pushed for equitable and generous treatment of younger academics across the board at Queens.”

Manson’s passion for doing what’s “right” has been contagious. Peter Wardle remembers coming to law school not knowing what area he wanted to work in. “But when I took Professor Manson’s classes I was so inspired by his enthusiasm, integrity, and dedication to the law that I decided to become a litigator.”

What’s more, 22 years into his own legal career, Wardle continues drawing upon lessons he learned in Manson-taught classes. His respect for his then-mentor was only buttressed when the two teamed up to represent clients at the Cornwall Public Inquiry (2005-2009) into the response of the justice system and other public institutions to allegations of on-going abuse of young people in that Ontario city. “Allan was well respected by all the lawyers who worked on the inquiry,” Wardle recalls. “He always had an interesting and unique perspective on the issues.”

While Allan Manson has officially left teaching and will soon have the ‘Professor Emeritus’ honorific added to his credentials, it’s likely that he will continue writing and speaking out on issues he feels passionate about. As current QUFA president Lynne Hanson, LLM’93 (Artsci’81, MA’85), one of Manson’s teaching colleagues, puts it, “A commitment to social justice … has been Allan’s lifelong goal.”
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Sixty Years of Influence

Alumni from each decade share recollections of Queen’s Law

BY LISA GRAHAM

It took strong negotiations, limitless determination and an iron will to establish Queen’s Law in 1957 – traits that have defined our Faculty. Since then, the cumulative vision of eight successive Deans has produced one of Canada’s top law schools, boasting state-of-the-art facilities, influential scholarship and cutting-edge teaching methods. The heart of the Faculty, however, has always been its students, and so, as Law prepares to celebrate its 60th anniversary, QLR invited some alumni to reminisce about their time here, shining a light on some bright moments from our shared past. On the following 14 pages, they make it clear that two aspects of the student experience have been constant since 1957: the high quality of their legal education and a sense of community that endures long after graduation.

Fast-forward to March 2016: Dean Bill Flanagan inside the Macdonald Hall Atrium with incoming 2016-17 LSS President Nima Hojjati, Law’17.

1957
Queen’s Faculty of Law, approved by the Law Society of Upper Canada and Queen’s Board of Trustees, is founded, and opens in September with three faculty members, 24 students and two staff in a University Avenue house, with lecture space on Richardson Hall’s ground floor.

1958
William R. Lederman is appointed Dean.

1959
Master of Laws program launched.
Student representatives added to Law Faculty Board.

1960
Macdonald Hall, named for Sir John A., opens as Law’s official home.

1966
Macdonald Hall is expanded.

1967
First-year enrolment passes the 100 mark.

1968
Queen’s Law Journal begins publication.

1969

1970
Queen’s Law Students’ Legal Aid Society is founded.

1972
Correctional Law and Legal Assistance Project is established.
Woman’s Law Caucus is founded.

1974
Queen’s QUIC-LAW project becomes Canada’s first computerized legal database.

1978
Bernard L. Adell is appointed Dean.

1982
Denis N. Magnusson is appointed Dean.

1980
Macdonald Hall is further expanded.

1982
Macdonald Hall is expanded.

1988
Daniel Soberman is appointed Dean.

1998
Queen’s Law Milestones
Large crowd attends the ribbon-cutting for Macdonald Hall in 1960.

2003 renovations give Queen’s Law a hallmark glass atrium entrance.

1957-1960

1987
John D. Whyte is appointed Dean.

1990
Computer Lab opens in the Law Library.

1992
Education Equity Program is introduced.

1993
Donald D. Carter is appointed Dean.

1994
Faculty of Law Advisory Council, composed of alumni, is established.

1995
John D. Whyte is appointed Dean.

1996
Macdonald Hall renovations upgrade classrooms and Lederman Law Library.
Career Services Office opens.

1997
Curriculum reform expands perspectives while maintaining a focus on foundational legal skills.
First combined program (MIR/LLB) and joint Civil Law/Common Law program are launched.
International exchange programs are established.

1998
Alison Harvison Young is appointed Dean.

2000
PhD in Law program is launched.

2001
“Global Law Programs” are introduced at the Bader International Study Centre, Herstmonceux Castle, U.K.

2002-2003
Macdonald Hall renovations feature a glass atrium, full accessibility, a first-rate moot court, and state-of-the-art teaching spaces.

2003
Bill Flanagan is appointed Dean.

2004
Centre for Law in the Contemporary Workplace opens – a Canadian first.
Elder Law Clinic is established.

2005
Bill Flanagan is appointed Dean.

2008
Queen’s Business Law Clinic is established.

2009
Queen’s ranked one of Canada’s top three law schools by Maclean’s magazine – a position it maintains.

2010
Introduction to Canadian Law (LAW-201) is offered to 300+ undergraduate students.

2010
Centre for Law in the Contemporary Workplace opens – a Canadian first.
Elder Law Clinic is established.

2012
Family Law Clinic is established.
First blended learning course is offered.

2015
David Allgood Professorship in Business Law is established.

2016
Queen’s Law Clinics (Legal Aid, Prison Law, Business Law, Elder Law, Family Law) are co-located in downtown Kingston.
Macdonald Hall opens Learning Commons.

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1957-1960:
A small school with a big future

It was a cold but clear day on January 18, 1957, when Queen’s Vice-Principal Alec Corry arrived at the Royal York Hotel in Toronto. He’d been sent to speak for Principal W.A. Mackintosh, the Ontario universities’ chief negotiator, to determine whether the end to the Law Society of Upper Canada’s century-old monopoly of legal education was in sight. Negotiations had been lengthy and sometimes acrimonious. An apprehensive Corry ended up alone with two LSUC Benchers, but they struck a deal that night. The LSUC agreed to recognize university law degrees on par with Osgoode Hall’s, and history was made. Corry hid his surprise when asked if he’d be ready for a Queen’s law school by September. “Of course I will,” he responded confidently.

That’s the tale he told to members of Law’60, the first graduating class from Queen’s Law. It included Geraldine Tepper (Arts’56). “When Dr. Corry said he would do something, he did it,” she says.

He confessed he had no idea then who he’d recruit for faculty, but it didn’t take him long. In May, after Queen’s Trustees approved a Faculty of Law, new Acting Dean Corry – a lawyer and veteran law professor – hired Professors Stuart Ryan and Dan Soberman and two staffers. That September, they welcomed 24 students to a small brick house on University Avenue.

One year later, William R. “Bill” Lederman arrived as the school’s pioneer dean; Geraldine arrived as a second-year transfer student. “Dean Lederman was the best teacher I’ve ever had,” she says, recalling that the courses he taught – constitutional law and conflict of laws – were subjects that students at other law schools found incredibly difficult. “He was a master at making difficult concepts simple. That’s an art,” she adds. “He enjoyed empowering his students with knowledge and he was very self-effacing.”

The sophomore class of 16 men and two women was a close-knit cohort characterized by great seriousness, good humour (yes, there were some pranksters), and total gender equality. They “became a family.” The second woman was Mary-Alice Murray, a former Latin teacher who would return to Queen’s Law as its first Secretary (later “Registrar”) in 1962. “We called ourselves sisters-in-law and became long-time friends,” says Geraldine. “Classmates used to say, ‘She brings out the best in everybody.’ Mary-Alice gave this law school its soul when she joined it as Registrar. You could say we gave the school our class treasure.”
Geraldine recalls how in those early years “everybody was on the team, everyone was on a level field,” including faculty members, who became friends with the students.

Another professor she remembers well is Stuart Ryan. “We used to call him ‘the encyclopaedia,’” she says. “Today he would be ‘Mr. Google,’ because if you wanted to know anything, you asked Professor Ryan.”

Faculty used the casebook as a teaching tool; students read cases knowing they would be put on the spot and quizzed on the material the next day. “Being a small class, we were really quizzed,” Geraldine laughs. “Your chances of not being asked something were next to zero, and nobody wanted to be embarrassed.” Because her grades were good, Geraldine’s classmates delegated her to tell Dean Lederman they were getting too much work. His response: “Wait until you get into practice!”

The basement of Morris Hall, a new men’s residence by the lake, became the second temporary home for the fledgling school in 1958. The assigned area housed classrooms and stacks of books for a law library.

There was a big drawback for Geraldine and Mary-Alice though; no women’s washroom except for one allocated to the cleaning women. The clever classmates quickly figured out a solution; trading free legal advice for access. “We were treated like royalty,” Geraldine recalls with a smile. “We became those ladies’ legal gurus, passing out advice at no charge, and we never waited for a stall.”

Students socialized in an upstairs common room where the legal issues of the day fuelled discussions and debates. In Canadian law, adultery was still the only grounds for divorce, abortion was illegal and capital punishment was a big media topic due to the high-profile Caryl Chessman case. “We talked a lot about laws we thought should be changed.”

On weekends, students got together for parties. Mary-Alice’s University Avenue house was a popular hangout. At the Lederman home, the Dean’s wife Edna always welcomed his students. Another highlight was going to Golden Gaels football games (still on campus) and doing the Oil Thigh. “Everybody at Queen’s was very much a Queen’s person,” says Geraldine.

Corry would say, ‘I know you people had some pretty raw situations, but I’m going to make it up to you,’ recalls Geraldine. He did just that, inviting all Law’60 grads to be his guests on two occasions: his installation as Queen’s Principal in 1961 and, for those attending the 1962 bar admission in Toronto, a brilliant Granite Club talk by Queen’s Chancellor Leonard Brockington on “The Crisis in the Middle East” – topical even today.

“That being a small group, we did enjoy some really wonderful privileges,” says Geraldine. “Not one of us would want to be anything other than members of the first graduating class.”
The 1960s:  
Law, football and rock & roll

The Vietnam War, draft dodgers, racial segregation, and the assassinations of Martin Luther King and Robert Kennedy: these were major events and issues in the late 1960s that shocked the world and became main topics of conversation for Queen’s Law students. Two of those students were Law’69 classmates Don and Sheila (Smith) Bayne.

“Those events were on the minds of all students,” recalls Sheila. “There was lots of discussion when we’d meet after class or in the law school’s coffee shop – the hangout for students in between classes.”

Macdonald Hall, which had been home to the law school since October 1960, had just undergone a major expansion when Don, Sheila and their classmates entered first year in the fall of 1966. It was a period of rapid growth, with some 100 new students admitted each year and a faculty roster of 18.

Dean Bill Lederman, who was leading the expansion, was still a popular teacher, too. “Bill Lederman was a formal and classic teacher, a master of his field,” says Don, recalling the dean’s Constitutional Law class. “He presented information in a very organized and understandable way.” While Don didn’t yet know he’d become a criminal lawyer, he equally liked pragmatic teachers like Stu Willoughby, a local criminal lawyer who talked about making money – what he called the “coin of the realm” – in the practice of law.

Sheila’s first memory of Queen’s Law was its “very exciting atmosphere,” she says. “The school was fairly new; I liked our profs and most of them were very young.” One

Don Bayne, Law’69 (Arts’66, EMBA’01), is a founding partner with Bayne Sellar Boxall in Ottawa. A criminal defence lawyer, his most recent high-profile client is Senator Mike Duffy. Don is Law’69’s Permanent Class President and has served on Queen’s Board of Trustees.
of them would be a future Governor General of Canada. “David Johnston (Law’66, LL’91) was probably only a year or two older than we were. Our profs gave us tremendous guidance about law and life and were good friends.”

Classes were held in the underground theatres, where faculty members lectured and used the case study method to teach legal principles. The small size of the classes and the student body meant students spent each day together, which Don and Sheila credit with producing an “unusually close” group who became life-long friends. Then there was Registrar Mary-Alice Murray, Law’60, who Sheila says was “loved by all and had her finger on the pulse of students’ well-being.”

The first-floor lounge was always full of students playing cards, enjoying coffee and chatting or doing their school work. The running joke there was whether someone would have a discovery similar to one discussed in class: Donoghue v. Stevenson, the famous torts product liability case about a snail found in ginger beer. There was also a small lounge for women (there were six in Law’69’s class of 100). They wore mini-skirts with nylons to school. “The skirts were really short,” says Sheila, “and really cold.”

The ’60s marked a golden era of football at Queen’s, and on a team geared for excellence, Don was the star quarterback. Since the Queen’s Golden Gaels were always in the playoffs those years and won the national championship in 1968, a lot of hard work and commitment was required from the players throughout the fall season. That was especially true for Don and his 20 teammates from law school over his three years in the LLB program. “Our days were long because practices were after classes and we got home late,” recalls Don. “It was busy because we had to do well in a professional school, too.”

Students from Law and all other faculties filled Richardson Stadium beside Macdonald Hall to cheer on their Golden Gaels, but they weren’t the team’s only supporters. “In lectures every Friday, the profs would wish the team good luck,” Don recalls fondly. “The principals (Corry, then Deutsch) were enthusiastic supporters and would come into the dressing room. The football team was very much part of the life of Queen’s in those days.”

There were lots of football and law school parties to go to for the young couple – who knew each other before law school and were married in the summer after first year. One of the hotspots was the first Law House, “Res Ipsa Loquitur,” an Earl Street residence where a number of law students lived together and hosted parties. The music scene was huge with the Beatles and Rolling Stones being played everywhere.

“Close, friendly, personal and intimate” that’s how Don describes the 1960s culture at Queen’s Law. “My best memories are the friendships (that continue still) and the quality of the experience.”

Sheila Bayne, Law’69 (Arts’66), began her career as a general practitioner in Ottawa before becoming Vice-Chair, Board of Directors, Homestead Land Holdings. The Baynes maintain a summer home on Wolfe Island and regularly play host there to past and present Football Gaels.

Sheila Bayne, Law’69, on the Macdonald Hall sidewalk with classmates in 1968.

1960s Snapshot:
Favourite musical groups: Beatles, Rolling Stones
Favourite Hangouts: Law Lounge coffee shop, Student Union (later John Deutsch University Centre), Res Ipsa Loquitur (Law House), The Manor
Fashion Icon: Twiggy

► The 1970s
The 1970s:
Knockin’ on the Charter’s door

Canada, mid-1970s. It was the pre-Charter era. Issues of gender, race, aboriginal rights and socio-economic status were among the hot topics of discussion throughout the nation and within its law schools, and Queen’s would soon become an influential centre for constitutional law. Among the 450 law students immersed in this era of dramatic change was Nick Bala, Law’77.

“In class, some of our profs were saying, ‘This country needs an entrenched Charter of Rights!’ They pushed us to study the issues. Some of us rolled our eyes, but we would soon see their huge impact.’ Those ‘pushing’ professors included Beverley Baines, Law’73, a feminist advocate who took centre stage in the struggle to ensure the Charter included gender rights; Noel Lyon, a strong proponent for Aboriginal rights, who’d become widely known for opposing implementation of the 1970 War Measures Act; and young scholar (and future Dean) John Whyte, Law’68, who co-authored a constitutional law text with former Dean Lederman.

“There were just two national TV networks: CTV and CBC,” Nick recalls, “and the school’s influence was so well established when the Supreme Court decided the Constitution Reference in 1981 that two of our constitutional law scholars, both former Deans, were lead commentators: Dan Soberman on one and Bill Lederman on the other.”

The school had come a long way towards a more gender-balanced student body. All but one of 98 graduates in Law’70 were men, but Nick’s Law’77 class was one-third women. Several 1970s alumnae became judges, among them Heather (Forster) Smith, Law’71, now Chief Justice, Superior Court of Justice; and Annemarie Bonkalo, Law’76, former Chief Justice, Ontario Court of Justice.

One year before Nick’s class entered law, a popular movie called The Paper Chase portrayed the tremendous pressures to succeed in law school and featured a professor using the intimidating Socratic method of teaching. “That movie had

To paraphrase a popular 1976 movie title, “A Star (Prof) Is Born.” Nick Bala (left), Law’77, in the Law Library in 1975, explaining his take on a case to classmates.
“The 1980s defined our expectations,” says Nick, “but what we got at Queen’s Law was very different, and that’s probably one of the reasons I was so happy here. Professors were very supportive and concerned about individual students. There was a lot of support among classmates, too, and from significant people like the Registrar, Mary-Alice Murray (Law’60), who even handed us our grades in sealed envelopes.”

Nick found tremendous diversity in teaching styles and was struck by how interactive law classes were. While some did use a classic, Socratic dialogue of question after question, Nick also learned a lot from them. “Ours was a very fortunate, privileged, educational experience,” he reflects. Among the classes that stood out for him were Advanced Evidence with then-Judge Ron Delisle, Law’64, and Family Law with Judge George Thomson, Law’65 (later LL.D ’07). “Having people who made decisions in the courts come to teach students made me realize law is a living discipline,” he says. Professor Sonny Sadinsky, Law’63, also stands out for “bringing to life” Civil Procedure and Ethics.

Nick himself often tutored classmates — foreshadowing his future career. Course outlines were shared among students then as today, but in the ’70s they were handwritten and photocopied, so students knew exactly whose notes they were getting. They nicknamed his “the Nicky notes,” and Nick was happy to share them. “Many of my classmates said, ‘Nick, you’re going to be a professor,’ and I said, ‘No, I’m going to be a lawyer.’ But they were exactly right.” Three years after Convocation, he was a faculty recruit.

Many students volunteered with the fledgling Queen’s Law Students’ Legal Aid Society, and Nick became an executive member. During his three years there, the organization became more established. It hired Joe Dewhurst as first full-time review counsel and bought a van so students could serve clients in rural areas as distant as Sharbot Lake. When the Correctional Law Project was established under Professor Ron Price’s supervision, it became a model for credit-based clinics.

It wasn’t all work for students in the 1970s (or any other decade), but the social scene thrived at or close to home. Macdonald Hall’s then-licensed student lounge became a hot spot, drawing students back at night for more than just studying. Dances were a big campus thing, and law students often danced to the beat of their own house-band, Honkey and the Head-Notes. For much of the decade, this band, with its rotating membership, rocked the lounge on weekends, performing hits by the Rolling Stones, Beatles and Grateful Dead.

Then there was the new Law House, which would be a hub of social activity over the next two decades. The Law Students’ Society rented a former family home at 170 Barrie Street, near Union. Law students rented an upstairs apartment and the main floor hosted the infamous PORTS. Students and many faculty members gathered there regularly for the Friday after-school ritual. “I was blown away that any prof would show up for our social events!” Nick exclaims. He soon would be one of them.

“It was a very intense but social and supportive environment,” Nick muses. “I’ve really been impressed over the last 40 years with how that sense of community we felt as students continues to be a very important part of the Queen’s Law experience.”
The 1980s:
Time to define a new era in law

September 28, 1981, ushered in an unprecedented transformation in Canadian law with the Supreme Court’s ruling on the Constitution Reference. Carman Overholt and his Law’84 classmates, who had just started law school, had a front row seat for studying all the developments before and after the patriation of the Constitution and enactment of the Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

“It was such an important year in terms of the Canadian legal system!” says Carman. “We didn’t realize then how it would really transform Canadian society and affect our legal careers.”

Macdonald Hall hosted many visiting experts on the subject, including Chief Justice of Canada Brian Dickson and others from the courts, government and academia. “We were all very excited and interested in learning how the law was changing,” says Carman. “We soon realized, too, what a strong faculty our school had in constitutional law, notably Bill Lederman, Noel Lyon and John Whyte (Law’68).”

Carman recalls the curriculum as balanced in public and private law and his professors as “accomplished and interesting.” They included Don Carter, Law’66 (“a great mentor whose style of analyzing cases and challenging his students made the material really interesting and, in fact, prompted me to practise labour and employment law”) and then-Professor Thomas Cromwell, Law’76, who taught Civil Procedure at 8:30 a.m. (“such a terrific teacher he made an often dry topic entertaining”).

Then there was Professor Hugh Lawford. Carman remembers him for his “wonderful sense of humour,” for generating excitement about technology with his idea for QUIC/LAW (Canada’s first computerized legal database), and for one other reason: “Lawford was known to select two or three students in the first week of term whom he would call upon in every single class. I was one of them in Conflicts – and I was always prepared.”

Brash and enthusiastic, Carman ran for student government and was elected a Faculty Board rep in first year. He co-chaired a committee with Professor Don Stuart that played a key role in a very controversial issue: removing the Lord’s Prayer from Queen’s Convocation ceremony. “Dean Bernie Adell was troubled because students of many faiths, including Christian, thought Convocation should recognize the community’s diversity. As a result of this committee’s report, Law was one of two schools (Theology being the other) that stepped forward to advocate for the change that was approved by Queen’s Senate.

Carman Overholt, QC, Law’84, founder of the boutique litigation firm Overholt Law in Vancouver, is also founding Chair and President of Access Pro Bono (formerly Pro Bono Law of B.C.) and a past CBA (BC) president. Recognized for leadership in labour and employment law by such directories as Best Lawyers in Canada and Lexpert, he frequently lectures on the subjects and is an advisor to Queen’s Centre for Law in the Contemporary Workplace. He remains Law’84’s Permanent Class President and is a former Dean’s Council member.
for 1982’s Convocations. I was very proud of my Faculty and how the University addressed the matter in a very respectful way.”

Carman also jumped right into an extensive involvement with Queen’s Legal Aid: first as a volunteer, then as a hired caseworker for two summers, its elected public relations officer, and ultimately its appointed Director. Carman recalls Deans Bernie Adell and Denis Magnusson being very supportive of QLA and many students participating in the school’s first experiential learning opportunity. “My involvement with Legal Aid made my Queen’s Law experience very special,” he says. “It really showed me – and many others – the practical side of what we were learning in the classroom and gave us a rewarding opportunity to apply our legal education.”

Under review counsels Joe Dewhurst, Law’66, and Pat Olsen, QLA students worked hard. They appeared frequently before both criminal and civil courts and enjoyed getting to know the Kingston bar. “By the end of law school, my good friend and classmate Ian Donaldson, who used to prepare for trials at night when his peers were out socializing (he’s now a QC), became recognized as counsel because of his terrific work on behalf of clients in Kingston.”

As QLA Director, Carman was responsible for complex issues. Working with all the caseworkers, he also organized the publication of the clinic’s manual (8th ed.) that earned the respect of seasoned lawyers for its handling of poverty issues that were important for Kingston cases and many others in Canada. “Its popularity really inspired me in terms of my concern for access to the legal process for everyone.”

There was also a social side to the 15 to 20 QLA summer students. “We played baseball in the prisons against the inmates,” he says, “but the security clearance we had to go through gave me a sense of what prison life is all about, so that contributed to a very full, rich experience.”

Social activities were abundant throughout the academic year, too. “The LSS organized many activities to promote collegiality and make everyone feel welcome,” Carman remembers. The night before they registered, he and his soon-to-be-classmates gathered at Law House for a welcome from current students and faculty. “That’s where I met some people who became lifelong friends.” Law House continued to be a hotspot for their Poits get-togethers every Friday after class. Students also had fun playing shuffleboard in the lounge and sharing pot-luck dinners at their own homes and some professors’. Carman was one of several law students renting apartments in a triplex at 217 Collingwood Street – Law’84 classmates Robert Frater, Grant Huscroft and John Wiacek being his upstairs neighbours. That place became a second “law house,” where they hosted dinners and barbecues for their friends.

“The hallmarks of all three years were warmth and collegiality,” Carman reflects. “We were clearly committed to the study of law and to education, while at the same time the notion was building that we had an important contribution to make to our community.”

1970s Snapshot:
Favourite hangouts:
Law House, Morrison’s, Lino’s, Choice of Kings
Popular fashion items:
Jeans and plaid shirts
Favourite music:
Pat Benatar, David Bowie, Chicago, Bruce Springsteen
Favourite movie:
E.T.
Favourite TV show:
L.A. Law

Law students march ahead of their float in the Homecoming 1983 parade out to Richardson Stadium on the West Campus.
The 1990s: Politics, perspectives and progression

“At a time when the social fabric of our country has evolved into a rich blend of different cultures and traditions … we have a more diverse group of students, each bringing separate but complementary backgrounds to mesh into a cohesive unit we call a school.”

LSS PRESIDENT JIN CHOI, LAW’93, RES GESTAE YEARBOOK 1993

Today, from his home in Seoul, Jin Choi recalls that “all Canadian law schools were challenging the establishment in the early ’90s, but the prevailing atmosphere of political correctness and the struggle for inclusion and minority rights was a little more polarized, noticeably so, at other law schools.” He was in a position to know. In 1990, after he and some friends resurrected the New Queen’s Counsel student newsletter and Jin became editor, he read the “much heated” newsletters from other schools. “We were fortunate at Macdonald Hall to have a very diverse and challenging yet somehow cohesive group of classmates.”

Jin, Law’s first Korean Class President, who had studied in Calgary and Toronto, returned to Canada for law school after spending two years working in Osaka, Japan. “Immediately I was taken with Kingston, the campus, the unbelievable Queen’s spirit and the camaraderie of the law classes.” He and two friends, one of Chinese and one of Japanese heritage, formed the Asian Law Forum, one of several minority interest groups, including the Black Law Students’ Caucus, the Multi-Heritage Collective, and Queen’s Law Lesbians Bisexuals and Gays. Queen’s Women and the Law (previously Women’s Law Caucus) was going strong in the decade that saw by its end women make up half the student population for the first time and also saw Alison Harvison Young appointed the school’s first female Dean.
Jin was interested in using law in a business career, but Professor Don Stuart would make a lasting impression on him and many others. For a moot exercise in Stuart’s first-year Criminal Law class, he asked for a show of hands: who would, and who would not, defend a convicted sexual predator? Students who indicated they could never defend him had to defend him and those convinced he had a right to a fair trial had to convict him. “It was an eye-opener because we realized the arguments were brilliant on both sides,” says Jin. “Very quickly at the beginning of the year Professor Stuart had put us all back on our heels and made sure we saw that not everything was black or white. In business, we negotiate agreements all the time and, in the end, you always accommodate. Law school really taught me to be accommodating.”

The highest-profile case of the ’90s wouldn’t take place until two years after Jin and his classmates graduated. The O.J. Simpson “Trial of the Century” would see students, faculty and staff alike glued to their TVs to watch the proceedings, and it made a hot topic for debate. However, there was a moment during Jin’s campus days when the many law school intramural athletes and sports enthusiasts were all watching the same program. It was in October 1992, when the Toronto Blue Jays won their first of two consecutive World Series titles, and fans (including Jin, who was with friends at Alfie’s pub) poured out into the streets to celebrate.

“Kicking back at Law House every Friday night for Poits, our biggest social event, was a must,” says Jin. As in the 1970s and ’80s, faculty members joined students there for a drink in the early evening. Professors Don Stuart and Nick Bala are the two Jin recalls most for being at student events. “When profs go to those things, it has an amazing impact on students.” Smokers in downtown establishments were also popular. “We went to whichever bar or restaurant gave the discount (drinks for $1.25).” After closing time, Lino’s Restaurant in particular was the place to go for poutine.

The law lounge was still a main spot for students to socialize, check their mailbox, read posters and memos for what was going on, and play pinball.

Technology was making inroads now. Students had the new computer lab, where they could go to type their essays, access QUIC/LAW and other legal databases and also communicate via a revolutionary medium: email. “It was quite innovative at the time,” Jin recalls with a laugh. “My five-year-old daughter would roll her eyes today, but then you had to put in a complicated series of DOS command codes to connect to the other server before you could actually write an email message.”

While Jin recalls that student involvement largely focused on the law school itself, he’s still proud that clinical programs like Queen’s Legal Aid and the Correctional Law Project provided opportunities to make a significant contribution to the Kingston community.

“I had and still have great admiration and respect for my classmates,” he says. “I feel extremely fortunate to have gone to school with them, have their friendship and be able, all these years later, to call upon them when needed. My time at Queen’s Law was a great instructive period of my life that I always want to keep a tie with.”

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1990s Snapshot:
Favourite TV shows: Friends, Seinfeld, O.J. Simpson Trial
Favourite songs: Nothing Compares 2 U by Sinead O’Connor, Vogue by Madonna, My Ever Changing Moods by Style Council
Must-have fashion items: Queen’s Law sweatshirt and the entrepreneurial Class of Law’93’s QL neckties, baseball shirts and caps

The 2000s
The 2000s: Building to meet Law’s digital future

In September 2002, Trevor Shaw arrived on campus from Elmvale, Ontario, ready to soak up everything his new environment had to offer. It was the new millennium, and the time was right for renewal at Queen’s Law. The Macdonald Hall entranceway was set for a major transformation. Brilliant new faculty members would replace some retiring legends, and classrooms would be upgraded with the latest technology.

Trevor had come with a laptop, as did virtually all of his Law’05 classmates. “We really were just on the cusp of using technology in the classroom,” he says, noting that some faculty members already used PowerPoint presentations and put their notes online. “It must have been a different experience for the professors to be looking at the backs of open laptops instead of students’ faces.” There were also emails sent on the listserv about all things— all the time,” he laughs. “Whether it was course notes, study groups or rides to Toronto, we were trying to figure out how to use these new technologies.” The Lederman Law Library and some teaching spaces would be wireless by his third year, but a challenge in this transition time was having sufficient electrical outlets for all students to plug in their laptops at the same time.

Eager to get involved with his new school, Trevor ran for and was elected Class President. He also joined the Tuition and Student Debt Committee. As part of that student initiative, he helped prepare a proposal for what was the big issue of the time: how high to raise tuition, which had been deregulated since 1998 for Ontario’s professional schools. The students’ proposed increase of 14 per cent was an alternative to one for 19 per cent promoted by Dean Alison Harvison Young. Both were presented to Faculty Board and to Queen’s Board of Trustees, and the latter was approved. “I was incredibly apprehensive about essentially standing up to the Dean in my first few months,” recalls Trevor. He needn’t have been. In their first interaction, near the academic year-end, “she actually complimented us on our
work and on how well we had represented the Faculty. I think she really appreciated our principled approach and respectful and rational argument.” When appointed to the bench in 2004, she invited Trevor and LSS colleague Carol (McFadzean) Inwood to the swearing-in ceremony.

“A period of ongoing construction” is how Trevor describes his first year in Macdonald Hall. The front of the building, where he remembered entering one of two small doors on a stone wall during his visit for Welcome Day the previous March, was all boarded up by September, and access was through side doors. Despite workers often moving about and disruptions in class, it was worth it in the end. “That glass atrium became the centrepiece of the school and part of its campus identity.”

Programs that stood out for Trevor were those with a global or experiential focus. He spent a spring semester in England studying International Public Law at Queen’s Herstmonceux Castle, appreciating the small classes that let him get to know his instructors and classmates on a deeper level. Like many students, he wanted to apply what he learned in class to the real world, so he volunteered at Queen’s Legal Aid in first year and took Clinical Litigation Practice the next year. “When you’re doing course work and you choose to do less than your best, you put only yourself at risk, but when another human is involved, you really see the law’s impact and the importance of studying it well. That reinforced my desire to help people.” He also saw the unique opportunity his peers had in the Correctional Law Project (now Prison Law Clinic), working with inmates in the Kingston area’s various institutions. “A number of very strong criminal lawyers who practice all across the country cut their teeth on that program.”

Trevor observes that “all the extramural social and sports opportunities also gave us a real chance to see the whole person, not just the side of classmates you’d see in lectures.” The socially conscious student body spent much of their extracurricular time together, organizing and participating in school events, many of which raised funds for charity. There were smokers, pub nights, coffee houses, fashion shows, the Paths Less Travelled Conference highlighting non-traditional careers, and the biggest social event, Lawlapalooza, showcasing their own musical and acting talents. It was students of this decade who re-started the annual Cover Your Crest fundraiser on the Macdonald Hall sidewalk, encouraging peers and passersby to toss money for charity on their freshly painted school logo.

Intramural sports continued to be a big part of student life, and the 2000s saw the resurgence of women’s hockey and start of a men’s rugby team, which is still going strong.

When looking back on his first few campus days, what Trevor remembers most is “the strong sense of community that defines Queen’s Law.” During Orientation, the first-years all received a warm welcome from upper-year students and faculty at various events, such as the popular boat cruise, and Trevor also met his future wife, Denise Sayer, Law’05 (now a lawyer with Paliare Roland Rosenberg Rothstein LLP in Toronto). “That sense of community stayed with me after graduation. My closest friends, to this day, are the people I met at Queen’s Law.”

2000s Snapshot:

First Queen’s Law video: Law’05 synchronized swimmers filmed at the Holiday Inn pool


Favourite TV shows: 24, The O.C., Sex and the City

Favourite movie: Old School with Will Ferrell

Favourite music: Beyoncé, Justin Timberlake, Black Eyed Peas, Eminem (whose Lose Yourself pumped up students for exams) – downloaded from Napster

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Trevor Shaw and classmate-wife Denise Sayer (middle) catch up with former Dean Alison Harvison Young at the ‘Celebrate Queen’s Law in Toronto’ reception in 2012.
2010-2015:
Law and its students go global and go social

What do the iPhone, Twitter and Taylor Swift have in common? They’re all cultural icons that hit their stride just as Law’10 classmates started their professional journey – a journey that would take many of this decade’s students from Macdonald Hall to places across the globe. One student taking advantage of the school’s multiplying international opportunities was Pam Sidey.

After first-year classes ended, Pam hopped a plane with 55 other students heading to Queen’s Herstmonceux Castle in England’s East Sussex to spend May and June immersed in the Global Law Programs at the Bader International Study Centre.

“That was an amazing experience!” she exclaims. On a typical day, students would share breakfast and lunch, attend classes, and in their spare time go walking or running on scenic trails or studying in one of Herstmonceux’s many beautiful spaces. “We’d roll out a picnic blanket in the spectacular rose gardens behind the castle,” she says, “and work on cases while sipping tea.” In the evening, students would either study or drop into the castle pub to engage with their instructors and the many guest lecturers. “That’s where the really good stories came out!”

Her “incredible” instructors included Dean Bill Flanagan, other Queen’s professors, and practitioners with first-hand experience of the subject material. Pam found the stories from International Criminal Court prosecutors and judges on issues facing international criminal law and the prosecution of war crimes “just unbelievable.” Then there were field trips to places like the International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia in The Hague and the Canadian Mission to the U.N. in Geneva. “Students having such access to institutions that make international law seemed amazing,” says Pam.

Now hooked on learning more about the law overseas, Pam applied for one of Queen’s popular exchange programs in her final year, flying Down Under with five classmates to spend the fall term at the University of Sydney. They studied hard, she says, “but it was really fun having a little bit of Queen’s Law and a lot of Australia at the same time.”

Spring 2008: Pam Sidey (right) and Law’10 classmates Bradley Allgood and Kate Kahn visit Battle Abbey in East Sussex while studying in the Global Law Programs at the Bader International Study Centre.

Grad Banquet 2010: Spirit Award winner Pam Sidey with Gavel Award recipient and her future husband, Pat Welsh.

Cabaret for a Cure 2014: Students danced up a storm and raised more than $414,000 for cancer research.
The experiences reinforced what Pam found special about Queen’s Law professors: the tone they set for students on day one. “Rather than ‘sink or swim,’ it was very much a tone of cooperation and encouragement,” she says. “They were always available to talk about the law and cases.”

Three faculty members stood out for her. Professor Bruce Pardy made his Property students read whole cases rather than excerpts. “That was brilliant,” she says, “and something I still do. It makes me a much better lawyer to have a better command of those ‘ambiguities’ (Pardy’s first lesson) in case law.” Professor Art Cockfield (Law’93) wrote a novella to introduce students to various tax problems. “That certainly spiced up tax law a lot!” While her class was studying Administrative Law, the Supreme Court of Canada ruled on Dunsmuir, drastically changing the standard of judicial review (to “reasonableness” and “correctness”). Pam recalls vividly that “when we walked into class, Professor Mark Walters (Law’89) said, ‘There has been a really critical and exciting change in the law, and we’re going to talk about it today.’”

Students got very involved in student and faculty governments, and Pam was no exception. She was one of Law ’10’s two elected Faculty Board reps, helped her class executive organize events, and served on the lss Club Governance Committee, tasked with deciding which clubs got funding and how much. “We had a very inclusive environment, and people were very enthusiastic about a lot of different things,” she recalls, “so we rewrote all the bylaws to be more consistent and fair about making sure everybody who wanted to run a club could and would have money for events that would contribute meaningfully to the law school community.”

She was also one of two student members on the Faculty Appointments Committee (with her classmate and future husband, Patrick Welsh [Arts’06, MA’07]). “We sat at a table with Dean Flanagan and faculty committee members to discuss candidates collegially,” says Pam. “That’s a testament to a great Faculty and how involved its students are.” The professor they hired that year was international commercial law expert Josh Karton.

Popular activities included intramural athletics and social events such as smokers, Law Games, Lawlapalooza, open mic nights and, of course, Cabaret for a Cure. “We choreographed dances to songs from High School Musical and Glee,” Pam remembers. “It was so much fun, even if you weren’t a good dancer!”

Facebook had become a key way to communicate about these events or set up meetings – “and everybody would show up.” Today, virtually all students have smartphones and use Facebook and other social media regularly.

Students were very involved in volunteering for Pro Bono Students Canada, social justice groups, and serving meals at Martha’s Table. Like students before them, they were also eager for experience in clinical programs. With the school’s 60th anniversary approaching, its five co-located clinics offer more opportunities than ever.

“People were universally friendly and good to each other at Queen’s Law,” says Pam. “Students tried very, very hard to make sure everybody felt included and supported. Now, that’s a unique environment.”

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2010s Snapshot:

Favourite TV shows: Glee, Grey’s Anatomy, The Good Wife, Lost, Dexter, Survivor, Heroes

Popular Queen’s Law video: Sue Somebody (http://goo.gl/LzH1uM), Law’10’s remake of Use Somebody by Kings of Leon

Favourite hangouts: Elixir for “law-bombs,” The Grizzly Grill, Stages, Queen’s Pub, Grad Club, Joy Supper Club

Must-have fashion items: Lululemon pants, leggings and UGG boots for women; button-down or rugby shirts for men

Favourite music: Taylor Swift, Kanye West, Jay-Z, Rihanna, Katy Perry, Drake, Justin Bieber, Coldplay
BLENDED LEARNING:
Technology, teaching, and the future of legal education

September 2014 marked a school milestone, as Queen’s Law offered its first “blended” course, an undergrad survey course: Introduction to Canadian Law (LAW-201). Since then, a blended format has been introduced in a number of courses offered at the Faculty.

In a blended course, a portion of the traditional classroom instruction is replaced by online learning. The classroom is “flipped,” which means the typical lecture and “homework” elements of the course are reversed.

In a traditional lecture course, the materials are first delivered in class in a lecture format with detailed explanation by the professor. The students are then expected to go home and review the materials, figure out how to apply the knowledge (largely on their own and with little feedback from the professor) and prepare for the exam.

In a flipped classroom, some of the materials are delivered before class so more of the classroom time can then be devoted to learning how to apply the knowledge (with immediate feedback from the teacher). The goal is less downloading in class and more learning.

Queen’s Law is not alone in seeing, and seizing, these opportunities to teach differently; several Queen’s Law alumni are also pioneering blended learning in their areas of expertise.

Dean Bill Flanagan is championing the blended learning initiative at Queen’s Law, building on the pioneering work of Dr. Brenda Ravenscroft, Associate Dean (Teaching and Learning) of Queen’s Arts and Science.

Professor Mary-Jo Maur, Law’85, LLM’93, developed and directs the new mandatory first-year course Introduction to Legal Skills and also LAW-201, which includes guest lectures from eight other law faculty members, including Professor Nick Bala, Law’77, and Associate Dean (Academic) Cherie Metcalf, Law’02.

Professor Shai Dubey, Law’94, is MBA Program Director with Smith School of Business at Queen’s and Distinguished Faculty Fellow of Business Law. The school uses blended learning in its programs, including those for full-time and Executive MBA students.

Jayne Stoyles, Law’96, is Executive Director of the Canadian Centre for International Justice (CCIJ) and founder of the Philippe Kirsch Institute, which provides continuing professional development (CPD) programs to support the CCIJ.
How do you use digital technology to deliver blended learning in your course or program?

MAUR: I’m using a blended format in almost everything I teach now. In January I launched LAW-201 as a fully online version of the big survey course (about 350 students). Students don’t absorb teaching videos longer than 10 minutes, so LAW-201 is taught in modules. I do the first two; expert colleagues produce the others. They struggled at first to outline their subject in three 10-minute videos, but seeing how well students learn this way, they now participate enthusiastically.

Mainly we use narrated PowerPoints for online instruction; most readings are webpages, articles, and parts of our and other textbooks posted online. We assess students through an online midterm, a proctored, written final, and a number of synchronous online activities. My favorite is an online Jeopardy-style game. We offer other synchronous activities like forums, but the rest of the course runs asynchronously so students can work at their convenience and confirm their learning through an online quiz, crossword puzzle, forum, and a short written assignment.

LAW-201 is taught online in the summer and twice during the year, plus in blended form on-campus twice a year. Lectures have been cut back to 70 minutes weekly and add information to online material. For the rest of the course, there are one-hour tutorials with 25 students each.

I use much the same blend in the Introduction to Legal Skills course and plan to try it with Alternative Dispute Resolution. Three-hour seminars exhaust me and cost students their focus; online material means we can use class time to apply what students have already learned.

FLANAGAN: Excited about the improved outcomes for LAW-201, I tested blended learning with the 100 students in my Business Associations course last fall. I “flipped” a 60-minute lecture. The lecture, on the Canadian constitution and corporate law, typically involved about 40 PowerPoint slides and 30 pages of assigned reading of dense case excerpts. The materials were dry and the lecture format was not engaging so I dropped the entire lecture and instead asked the students to review the slides in advance of class. I also added a 20-minute voiceover to make the slides easy to follow. I then used the class time to review a set of related problems. I used a web-based polling software, called Poll Everywhere, to ask the class a number of multiple-choice questions. I gave the students time to review and discuss the questions, and then answer them. They could do this simply by logging onto the Poll Everywhere webpage with their laptop or smartphone. With a press of the button, I could display the class results on screen in the front of the classroom. The students were applying the materials, using the class time to learn, and getting immediate feedback from me. I was also learning about their own level of knowledge and understanding of the materials by polling the class and getting immediate feedback from them. It was far more engaging and fun than a traditional lecture, creating an entirely different learning opportunity for my students.

STOYLES: Our institute combines online and in-person events in subject areas not covered by other CPD providers. Last year we offered video material on demand and now we videotape instructors presenting an hour of several views on a topic, but still follow up with in-person seminars with opportunities for exchanges.

We’ve just launched an online certificate program in international criminal law. It has a module of 10 courses and a second module of 35 one-hour follow-ups. This program is mostly online, with follow-up, in-person events in various cities.

DUBEY: In my school’s full-time and Executive MBA programs, instructors record all D2L (Desire to Learn) classes so they’re available if students miss one. Faculty also post their research on the website free of charge. Course material is firewalled and behind a password for registered students.

Given the MBA’s 12-month compressed nature, it comes at students fairly rapidly. Three- to four-hour classes tax a student’s attention span, so I’ve recorded helpful vignettes, all 10 minutes maximum and presented on a split screen that shows both PowerPoint slides and the presenter. We monitor who watches and who doesn’t.

KIRA Talent is used for interviewing. EMBA candidates are offered pre-MBA courses, blended and online, so everybody can start at the same level. Assignments can be dropped online. Marking and grading can be done online. Our balanced learning technology can be helpful if learning-disabled students need special exam methodology.

Given your experience with blended learning, what do you see as this innovation’s benefits to students and instructors?

DUBEY: Its flexibility is a benefit. Students do a course at their own time instead of three- or four-hour lectures. Videos let them pause, go back, and review essential points; constant feedback
MAUR: I’d say the benefits are time, creativity and flexibility. Teachers don’t always consider that some students have jobs, play varsity sports or volunteer in the community. Blended learning also forces me to be very clear and to strategize long-term to ensure I cover all necessary information (and I can add updates with slides for new relevant cases, articles, etc.). I’d say the same attributes that make a PowerPoint so engaging make blended learning a huge benefit to both sides.

FLANAGAN: Students learn by doing, not just by listening. Studies show an average student’s ability to absorb information in a traditional lecture dramatically drops off after about 20 minutes. Rather than droning on, we teachers need to make class time more interactive and engaging by focusing more on applying knowledge, problem-solving and providing immediate feedback.

For example, I started my class with a multiple-choice question that required a basic understanding of the constitutional authority of the provinces and federal parliament to create corporations. Much to the shock of the students, 68 per cent of them got it wrong. I immediately had their attention in a way I never had when I gave a 60-minute lecture on the subject. They were curious to know how they had misapplied the material that had been delivered in the voiceover slides. We had an engaged and fun discussion of the question and the legal issues raised. Who would have thought this dry topic could generate this level of interest? I was astonished. The rest of the class continued in this vein; lots of discussion and curiosity.

Another question involved a simple fact scenario, similar to what a student might encounter on an exam. Dozens wrote short answers and I selected a few that I projected on the classroom screen and invited discussion. Rather than just a back and forth with a couple of students, I was having an active conversation with dozens. Students, some of whom might otherwise never say a word in class, were madly writing answers and engaging with the materials. It was remarkable.

STOYLES: People are busier because of all the ways we communicate and technologies that allow round-the-clock work. Lawyers who must fit mandated CPD into their schedules need a way that works for them and with opportunities to network in person, discuss ongoing cases, seek referrals, and such. They value being able to review material, share interesting links, and make recommendations. Our International Criminal Law programming can also reach many ex-pat lawyers still subject to Canada’s CPD requirements.

How can the challenges associated with blended learning be dealt with most effectively?

MAUR: The first challenge is to change the existing lecture-notes-exams culture. Blended learning means taking responsibility and learning in a new way.

This shift also challenges instructors. It works really effectively once we help students understand the trade-off between increased responsibility with flexibility and less lecture time. I give bonus points for participating in small online check-ins throughout the course – quizzes, puzzles, reflection forums, etc. – each worth one per cent for up to 8–10 per cent of their grade.

DUBEY: Canada’s learning methodology changed when standardized testing came to grade schools, bringing a trend toward more rote learning. Critical thinking requires people interacting and challenging each other’s opinions. In a blended format, it’s still necessary to include classroom time and in-person forums already mentioned. Flexibility can be a double-edged sword for procrastinators.

Another challenge for online-only courses is that verbal skills suffer if students hide behind the screen and miss the verbal and body cues that are also part of human communication. The solution: keep people engaged, have discussions.

STOYLES: Online CPD often means a lack of engagement. Clients might be catching up on home or office work, checking email or on a conference call while a video plays. That’s problematic when CPD’s goal is to improve practice and keep the profession updated. Another challenge is flat delivery on video recordings and webinars either because presenters can’t see their audience or CPD providers show only their PowerPoints on the screen. One solution is to use the split screen to make the presenter visible too and to develop technology that lets everyone see each other.

CPD must be so engaging with both video materials and in-person events that clients will show up for the live programs even if the whole course is available online. No more impersonal presentations by boring speakers! Our live events are like seminars. We facilitate real exchange by knowing who is coming, attracting people others will find engaging, and preparing everyone to contribute.

MAUR: Communicating well verbally requires practice. I see students who never participate in large lecture classes, but blended learning forces them to speak up in small tutorials and express written opinions in online forums.
DUBEY: I see many more positives than negatives. Teachers must learn how to engage their students every 10 minutes or so with a question or poll. The technology already exists for us to run classes where not everybody must come to the same place at a set time in order to talk to each other: live, online, virtual classrooms that participants can record for review. In most video conferencing, students still sit in standard classrooms, facing forward. Those at the back always see the back of somebody’s head when they speak. Cameras under development will let them look at classmates’ faces, and there will be teacher-student feedback.

FLANAGAN: As law professors, we are sometimes resistant to change. We typically teach much as we were taught years ago. We need to challenge ourselves and be open to new methods to enhance teaching and learning. At first, I was sceptical about whether a blended format would be useful in teaching law. I didn’t understand it. I thought law was too complicated to be taught successfully in such a format. But after trying it out, I was sold.

How have students, instructors and your institution reacted to the new learning format?

MAUR: Some students struggled at first, procrastinated, and thought the new assignments were optional. Even getting them to look at the software was challenging. Teaching LAW-201 for the third time, however, I can tell that students have talked among themselves about how it works and how to do well. Reaction to the online modules has become particularly positive.

DUBEY: The Smith School prides itself on continuously updating curriculum delivery. Newer faculty keep pushing the envelope and it doesn’t take long for new technologies to blend in and become a class’s reality. Besides teamwork, two other things improve the learning environment: simultaneous learning, with a professor lecturing and students commenting, and multiple learning avenues. For quiet students, learning on their own is an advantage; those more vocal want a chance to speak.

STOYLES: Our practitioners want top quality. New software means videos can have two people dialoguing or presentations broken up with questions and interactions with moderators. We’re trying the conference approach – more an expert seminar than one-way panel presentations. So we’re acknowledging all the expertise in the room to empower meaningful sharing. The payoff is growing interest in our live events.

FLANAGAN: At the end of my test class, I polled the students for feedback. Results showed 81 per cent had reviewed all or part of the voiceover PowerPoint materials in advance of class. I was astonished because past Faculty surveys indicate only a minority come to class prepared, and this number declines dramatically in upper years. Of those who reviewed the slides, 94 per cent found them easy to understand, and most importantly, 74 per cent said they preferred the “flipped” classroom to the traditional lecture format.

What innovations will further enhance blended learning?

MAUR: I use Lecture Capture. Students have Microsoft Surface Pro, now with a half-decent pen for taking notes. Poll Everywhere is engaging and fun, even during big classes, supporting everything from small questions to substantive topics.

DUBEY: We can do conferencing on Skype. A Smith grad has developed a way for students to pre-read a case study and to ask and answer four or five questions so that professors can better prepare for the live portion of blended format classes. Another next-wave technology will generate students’ and CPD clients’ digital profiles when they log in, so a bio and photo pop up, giving the presenter a sense of where it’s coming from.

MAUR: Already I’m surprised by how well I got to know students online. Instead of faceless masses, I saw individuality shining through in personalities and viewpoints – almost better than in lecture classes because they had direct access to me. It was more work for me responding to very pointed questions, but students were gratified. Some write about really enjoying the course and ask to continue communicating.

DUBEY: Well, the way even really young kids use technology today is going to affect the next generations we teach. They’re already communicating on multiple platforms. Imagine capturing all those feeds into our e-teaching and learning environments!

FLANAGAN: I remain excited about the potential of blended learning to enhance student learning and engagement in law school. In the next few years, I hope to see Queen’s leading the way among Canadian law schools in rethinking how to enhance learning outcomes for students and continue building on our long and proud tradition of student-centred learning.
Bridging Ethics and Business

Iconoclastic lawyer Shanti Atkins is transforming business culture with revolutionary software

BY KIRSTEEN MACLEOD

S hanti Atkins is passionate about technology's power to drive positive social change. "What I love most," she says, "is using compliance software to transform the way business has been done in the past. I'm also committed to creating a more ethical business culture – and to being at the forefront of this shift."

The Queen's grad – Law 98 (ArtsSc 95) – now an entrepreneur and senior business executive in the San Francisco Bay Area and a pioneer in governance, risk, and compliance, was named one of the 100 Most Influential People in Business Ethics in 2014 by the global, standard-setting Ethisphere Institute.

She's founder and executive chair of NAVEX Global, the world's largest ethics and compliance software and services company, with more than 9,000 corporate customers and reaching 40 million employees around the globe. Recognizing that issues with regulators, workplace standards or criminal laws can damage an otherwise healthy organization, Atkins set out to offer employee training to prevent mistakes and wrongdoing, hotlines and other online tools to report and track them, and services to correct them before they become liabilities.

Under her leadership, NAVEX has grown from less than $5 million in revenues
in 2004 to more than $100 million today. As well, Atkins serves on the boards of five other companies focused primarily on innovative software and technology-enabled services.

“T’m addicted to seeing cause and effect, which is why I’m drawn to small, entrepreneurial companies where I can see the impacts of time and investment and feel a close connection with what makes them grow.” Peloton Document Solutions is one such firm, offering the finance industry a web application that allows investment banks and other financial institutions to market deal opportunities in a dynamic new way.

A varied background feeds her work, she says. Before her law degrees (LLB Queen’s, LLM Harvard), she completed a BA in film studies and sociology at Queen’s. (“I have a creative side I nurture; it’s a big part of who I am.”) She worked as an employment lawyer briefly, and then moved into entrepreneurial technology, giving Queen’s Law credit for helping to stimulate that career direction. “It was absolutely fantastic. The law school community had a real sense of innovation and helped keep that spark alive for me.”

People from Queen’s Law also continue to exert an influence. “Dean Bill Flanagan is unequivocally one of the best profs I’ve ever had, and very leading edge when it comes to technology.” She laughs to recall what was considered revolutionary in 1995. “He posted class notes on an Intranet, and sent them via email. Back then, that was amazing, and really inspiring.” In Atkins’ view, the law school excels at creating an authentic community. “Not only did I meet some of my closest friends there, but its culture, the connectivity, has really stayed with me.”

Nowadays, in addition to her pioneering work in corporate governance and compliance, Atkins focuses on championing visionary business models that encourage a higher level of respect, integrity and inclusion.

“Lines are blurring between what we usually consider workplace or legal issues and social issues,” she explains. “In the future, global corporate communities will be harnessed for the collective good of the employer, employee, client, and others around the business – which has tangible business results.” Atkins uses climate change as one example. “How business operates obviously has a huge impact on the environment, and to try to section this off as a social issue, or a legal compliance issue, is short-sighted.”

Whatever the future holds, the ethics and compliance community is betting that Shanti Atkins will be at the forefront of coming transformations in the law of business and in harnessing technology for societal gain.

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In just seven years, Aaron Korman, Law’09, has gone from UN eco-hero for Pacific Palau to Bay Street entrepreneur ‘making hay’ for Canadian farmers.
A champion of the underdog on land and sea

Innovator and advocate Aaron Korman finds ways to preserve both Pacific Island nations and Canada’s family farms

BY MARK WITTEN

Aaron Korman, Law’09, loves the challenge of fighting for underdogs and devising entrepreneurial solutions that not only improve their situation, but also make the world a better place.

When he arrived in New York to intern at the newly established Palau Mission to the United Nations in 2004, he was excited about the opportunity to help this tiny island nation in the North Pacific create a sustainable economy and preserve its pristine coral reefs and diverse marine life.

“That was a transformational experience,” says Korman, an MSc graduate in political sociology. “The people making the most difference at the UN seemed to be lawyers, so it was an easy decision to go to law school.”

Korman returned to the Palau Mission in 2010 with new passion and purpose.

Queen’s Law had given him the legal training and advocacy skills to help create innovative environmental and economic initiatives and translate them into action. As Chief of Staff and Counsel and then Deputy Ambassador (2011–2014), he advised Palau’s President and other government officials on deep sea mining, oil and gas exploration, sustainable tourism and immigration.

He placed Palau at the forefront of international issues, leading a series of global environmental campaigns to curb deep sea trawling, conserve sharks from fin butchers, and reframe climate change (rising, warming oceans) as a threat to the existence of Palau and many other island nations.

“One great success,” he says, “was creating the large coalition behind the UN moratorium on bottom fishing in vulnerable ocean areas.”

Korman also helped create Palau’s Green Mortgage Energy Home Loan Program and UXO (unexploded ordnance of war) de-mining program, now models for the region. “It was like working at a start-up, using a whole arsenal of different skills,” he says, “but above all you had to know the law. People don’t take you seriously if you’re not smart about how to change things. Good diplomats, like good litigators, must be good storytellers to present an outcome that works and communicate the message across different audiences.”

Korman’s success in helping a small nation make a big difference was grounded in both his nitty-gritty Queen’s Legal Aid experience of litigating for the little guy and his high-level thinking for the prize-winning paper he wrote on Palau for the Developments in Global Governance course. “That paper was an amazing opportunity for me to think academically and reflect on what I’d done as an intern – very useful when I went back to the Palau Mission.”

In translating lofty principles into meaningful action, he was influenced as well by astute mentoring from the late Professor Stan Corbett, LLB’95.

“Professor Corbett imbued abstract constitutional principles with day-to-day relevance for people, businesses and society as a whole. His geniality and approach has stuck with me in everything I’ve done,” he says.

Back in Canada, Korman is using the legal, advocacy, communications, government relations and entrepreneurial skills he built up in Palau to help a Toronto-based start-up called Area One Farms Ltd. As its In-House Counsel and Director of Development, he’s helping it expand and fulfill its social and financial mission.

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Law’80 friends gather in India for Frank family nuptials

Proud parents and Law’80 alumni Lynne (Garland) and George Frank flew from Toronto to the city of Delhi in India in February to share in celebrating the wedding of their son Jeremy (Sc’08) and his bride, Anjali Malik. Among the guests were four long-time friends and Law’80 classmates, shown with them at the reception: (l-r) David Jebb, Dawn (Plaxton) Jetten, Lynne Frank, bride Anjali, groom Jeremy, Colin Jackson, Gurcharan Anand, and George Frank.

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1963

Thomas McMeekin, LLB’63, appointed a Judge of Alberta’s Provincial Court in 1976, died peacefully on Sept. 3, 2015, at the long-term care facility where he’d lived since 2004. He was 78 and had been diagnosed with MS in 1981. Survivors include his wife Alexandra, children Hilary (Joseph) Kuhach and Greg McMeekin, siblings John and Abigail, and extended family.

Kent H.E. Plumley, LLB’63 (BSc’60), 78, died peacefully in Ottawa on Sept. 2, 2015, following a long illness. Mourners in his extensive Queen’s family include wife Sandra (Macdonald) (Arts’66); five grandchildren; siblings Don, Law’63 (Sc’60) (David Smailes); five grandchildren, Christa (Com’94) (Kelly Holman) and Julia (Reich) (Arts’65); and Greg McMeekin, siblings John and Thomas McMeekin, LLB’63 (BA’63), an international law practitioner and labour arbitrator who was also tireless in community service, died in London, Ont., April 2, 2015, at 73. Among many accomplishments, he had been a professor at Western Law and 1970s advisor on International Law to the Canadian and International Red Cross societies, External Affairs, and the world conference adding new protocols to the Geneva Convention. His wife, Pamela (Godfrey) (Arts’64), survives him, plus children Mina, Robin and Noah, their spouses, and five grandchildren.

1966

Richard Gates, QC, Law’66, a Judge of the Superior Court of Justice in Windsor, Ont., since 2003, reached the mandatory retirement age (75) for all judges on Dec. 11, 2015. “I thoroughly enjoyed my time on the Bench,” he says. Before his judicial appointment, he practised as a trial lawyer at Bartle & Richards in Windsor for 35 years. Having acquired a great interest in the mediation process and being involved in countless cases as counsel and judge, he opened a mediation service in March. “Hopefully,” he says, “it will occupy some of my time in retirement.”

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1967

Christopher Riggs, QC, LLD, LLB’67, co-founder and former managing partner of Hicks Morley Hamilton Stewart Storie LLP, died in Toronto on Jan. 13 of lung cancer. Throughout his career, he argued seminal workplace law cases at all levels of tribunals and courts, including the Supreme Court of Canada. “Chris, a Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers, had a reputation as one of Canada’s leading labour, employment and administrative lawyers,” says Stephen Shamie, Law’86, managing partner at Hicks Morley. The firm has ensured remembrance by endowing a Christopher Riggs Administrative Law Scholarship at Queen’s. Among Chris’s survivors are wife Erica, three daughters – Julie Burn, Marion Riggs, and Katie Riggs (Arts’98) – and four grandchildren.

1971

John Robert “Bob” Conway, LLB’71, died of pancreatic cancer in Toronto’s Sunnybrook Hospital on Jan. 16. He grew up in St. John’s, NL, and practised in Gander before a move to Toronto, call to the Ontario Bar (1977), and a career as prosecutor with the LSUC and the Ontario Government. His survivors include wife Galina, stepsons Alexi and Alex, and brothers Tom and Gerry.

Victor Freidin, QC, LLB’71, died at 69 on Oct. 17, 2015, in Toronto, where he practised. Vic is survived by his wife, Jan (Wainright), daughter Carly, brother Norm, sister Audrey Revich, their spouses and children. In his memory, classmates are establishing the Vic Freidin Law’71 Memorial Award, an endowment to support Queen’s Law students who demonstrate an interest in advocacy.

1976

Dee Pitcher, LLB’76, 66, died unexpectedly on March 14, 2015, in Medicine Hat, Alta. He practised law there with McLean McDonald Wiedemann & Pitcher until a car accident forced his retirement in 1998. Dee is survived by his wife Lynda; children Kristen, Brent, Kerri, Cameron, Chad (Paige) and Katie; siblings Leron and Kent Pitcher and Richard Gates, QC, Law’66, a Judge of the Superior Court of Justice in Windsor, Ont., since 2003, reached the mandatory retirement age (75) for all judges on Dec. 11, 2015. “I thoroughly enjoyed my time on the Bench,” he says. Before his judicial appointment, he practised as a trial lawyer at Bartle & Richards in Windsor for 35 years. Having acquired a great interest in the mediation process and being involved in countless cases as counsel and judge, he opened a mediation service in March. “Hopefully,” he says, “it will occupy some of my time in retirement.”

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1978

Glen Agar, Law’78, has retired after practising in Kapuskasing, Ont., for 35 years, 25 of them as Executive Director/Lawyer at Clinique juridique Grand-Nord Legal Clinic. Now living in Ottawa and enjoying grandchildren, he’s planning more golf and travel.

1979

Diane McDowell, Law’79 (Arts’76), has joined Global Resolutions Inc. after a successful career as a litigator and senior partner at Rogers Partners LLP. Based in Toronto, she will be providing mediation and arbitration services throughout Ontario. She and her colleagues at Global Resolutions will also offer continuing professional development for Ontario lawyers, presenting seminars on mediation ethics and advocacy. Diane can be reached at diane@globalresolutions.com

Advocates’ medal to Sudbury lawyer

James Simmons, QC, Law’68 (Arts’65), won The Advocates’ Society Medal, the Society’s highest honour, for his significant contributions to the law profession and to the well-being of the community at large. Simmons, a founding partner of Weaver, Simmons LLP, was presented the award on April 14 in his hometown. Watch for the story in the spring issue of Queens Law Reports Online.
Law’79 alumnus succeeds fellow grad to lead Gowlings

A second successive lawyer with a Queen’s background now heads Gowlings as the firm’s new Chair and CEO. Peter Lukasiewicz, Law’79 (pictured right), took over from Scott Jolliffe, Law’76, on January 1. Peter assumed his new role while Gowlings and Wragge Lawrence Graham & Co., a leading law firm in the United Kingdom, launched a new international legal practice called Gowlings WLG. Peter and Scott will both serve on its global board.

“I am very much looking forward to continuing to expand Gowlings’ practice across Canada in each of the markets and sectors we serve,” says Peter, a managing partner with Gowlings since 2013. “At the same time, I am honoured to be leading the first Canadian law firm to co-found an international law firm, and I look forward to working with my colleagues at Wragge Lawrence Graham & Co.”

Peter is one of Canada’s leading commercial litigators and has been repeatedly recognized by the Canadian Legal Expert Directory and The Best Lawyers in Canada. He recently completed a term as President of The Advocates’ Society and has been involved in numerous boards and community organizations.

1980

Brigadier-General (Ret’d) Ken Watkin, OMM, CD, QC, Law’80, LLM ’90, has had his book Fighting at the Legal Boundaries: Controlling the Use of Force in Contemporary Conflict published by Oxford University Press.

In addressing violence reported daily in news headlines, such as the November 2015 Paris attacks, bombing in Syria, drone strikes against jihadist groups, hostage rescues, and criminal activity by drug cartels, the author looks at the challenges that arise in attempting to apply traditional interpretations of international law to counter these transnational threats. His analysis offers a holistic “operational law” approach focused on reconciling how the various bodies of law governing the use of force interface and overlap. Read more at https://goo.gl/Iy0qH8.

1981

Brian Tsuji, Law’81, is a partner who heads the Immigration Department at DLA Piper (Canada) LLP. He had joined Davis LLP as Associate Counsel in 2010, becoming a partner just three months before Davis merged with the global firm DLA Piper LLP in 2015. On Oct. 30, 2013, Brian and partner Lesley Campbell welcomed a baby boy, Campbell Edward Tadayoshi Tsuji.

1982

Denise Barrie, Law’82, is the founder and President of Waymark Law Corporation, a pioneering law practice focused on coaching and supporting self-represented litigants. She received congratulations from Chief Justice Beverley McLachlin for her book Journey to Justice: A Practical Guide to Representing Yourself in Court and was featured in a documentary, “The New Litigants,” which aired on CBC’s The National on New Year’s Eve, 2015. From directing Queen’s Law Students’ Rural Legal Services to developing Waymark Law, promoting access to justice has defined her career.

Ralph “Ralf” Jarchow, LLB’82, 61, of Prouse Dash & Crouch in Brampton, Ont., died tragically Sept. 24, 2015, in B.C. after being struck by a truck on the last day of his 11-day bike ride to raise money for a new Peel Memorial Health Centre. Ralf was predeceased by daughter Jennifer and is survived by wife Valerie, children Robyn Miller (BED’10) (Terry), Megan (NSc’14), and Christian, and granddaughter Lauryn.

1985

Earl Marlin, CD, LLB’85, a Kingston practitioner who retired in 1998, died on Oct. 18, 2015, at 82. He entered law school in 1982 after a distinguished career with the Canadian Armed Forces. Earl’s survivors include wife Mary Lou (Artsci’82), children Beth (Artsci’83), Don (Sc’86) (Carolyn, Artsci’87), and Karen (Steven) Ferner, and eight grandchildren.

1987

D. Ross Warren, LLB’87, a lawyer in Ottawa West, died suddenly Aug. 26, 2015, in a Quebec wilderness place he loved. He was 57. His survivors include wife Sarah Hurman, daughters Emily and Maria Warren, step-daughter Laura glowacki, parents Bill and Mary, and five siblings, Patricia Steenbergen (Arts’68) among them.

1990

John Bonn, Law’90 (Meds’67), now retired after some 45 years of medical practice, continues advising the legal profession on medical malpractice and other health law issues. Since 2012 he has been Honorary Colonel to CF8 Trenton’s RCAF 424 Squadron, which made national news in 2013 by dramatically rescuing a crane operator atop a burning student residence under construction in downtown Kingston. John reports he’s now “the proud grand-dad to seven(!), including a member of Queen’s class of Phys-Kin’18!”

Astrid Stevens Daly, LLB’90, 51, died on Oct. 15, 2015, in Dunbarton, Ont. After graduation, she moved to New England and was admitted to the Massachusetts and New Hampshire bars. Returning to Ontario, she established the Daly Law Offices (Dunbarton) in 1998. Astrid was diagnosed
with metastatic cancer in 2005. Her life partner Ed Belanger survives, with daughters Eryn and Olivia Daly and extended family.

Wayne Garnons-Williams, Law’90, senior lawyer and principal director of Garwill Law Professional Corporation (www.garwilllaw.com), has been elected to a five-year term as President of the International Inter-Tribal Trade and Investment Organization (www.iitio.org).

Kathleen Grace Wootton, LLB’90, died in Toronto on Oct. 21, 2015, after a lengthy illness. She had practised as a barrister in Toronto (Stikeman Elliott and Genest Murray) and a solicitor in London, England (Freshfields), before choosing a public service career as Discipline Counsel for the LSUC and Senior Litigation Counsel at the Ontario Securities Commission. On Aug. 1 (Kate’s 51st birthday), an interview room at Queen’s Law Clinics will be named in her memory. Kate is mourned by husband Michael A. Smith, Law’90, sons Jack (14) and Nick (12) Wooton-Smith, parents John and Jean, siblings John Wootton Jr. and Abbie Gagne, and a large, three-country family.

1992

Erin M.S. Kleisinger (nee Stankov), Law’92 (Artsci’89), a partner at McDougall Gauley LLP in Regina, was elected Vice-President of the Law Society of Saskatchewan by its Benchers. She will serve as President of the Society in 2017. Erin was also awarded her Queen’s Counsel designation in December 2015.

Dean’s Council Vice-Chair wins Canada’s new award for top general counsel

Stephen Sigurdson, Law’84, helped lead a transformative acquisition last year for his company, Manulife Financial. On Oct. 1, 2015, Chambers and Partners recognized that accomplishment by making him the first winner of the Chambers Canada Award for Outstanding Contribution to the Legal Profession: In-House.

In a complicated multinational transaction in a highly regulated industry, Manulife acquired Standard Life Canada for CAD$4 billion, almost doubling Manulife’s assets in the group retirement business and bumping its rank up to second place nationally. It also added more than $6 billion in assets to Manulife’s Canadian mutual fund business. “The deal was a great example of teamwork between in-house and outside counsel,” says Steve. “Our in-house lawyers were front and centre on the transaction and worked seamlessly with our outside counsel – Osler for M&A and Torys on the financing aspects – on a very tight time frame.”

His nominators for the award, both private practitioners and in-house lawyers, were quick to point out his exceptional leadership qualities. “Steve was respectful of the contributions of his colleagues at the table, never underplaying their authority but quietly showing real leadership,” wrote one. “He was calm and positive in negotiations, looking not to win every point, but to find a path that worked for all parties,” said another. “If I had to have a GC on my side in a big transaction, it would be Steve.”

Read more at https://goo.gl/N3Q4Z1.

Stephen Sigurdson, Law’84, pictured at a Toronto alumni reception in April with daughter Laura, Law’13, and wife Leslie, Law’84.

Two Law’91 classmates on WXN’s latest list of Canada’s Most Powerful Women

As Judy Goldring (left) and Samantha Horn approach the 25th anniversary of their graduation from Queen’s Law, they have one more reason to celebrate: the Women’s Executive Network (WXN) named them both to its top 100 list of Canada’s Most Powerful Women for 2015.

“I believe women have greater opportunity and flexibility as part of the legal profession today than they did 25 years ago,” says Judy, Executive VP and Chief Operating Officer of AGF Management Limited, who was inducted into the WXN Hall of Fame at the Nov. 26 gala in Toronto. This honour is given to women nominated for the fourth time.

For the second consecutive year, Samantha, a partner with Stikeman Elliott LLP’s Toronto office and co-head of the firm’s Mergers & Acquisitions (M&A) and Private Equity Group, received her Top 100 Award in the KPMG Professionals category.

Read more at https://goo.gl/hS07TF.
Two new honours for Law’93 grad

Frank Walwyn, Law’93, Toronto, is now a Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers, one of the premier legal associations in North America. One month after his March induction, the senior litigation partner with WeirFoulds LLP received the Ontario Bar Association’s 2016 Award for Distinguished Service. Watch for the story in the spring issue of Queen’s Law Reports Online.

Emily Steed, Law’93, is an independent regulatory compliance specialist in New York City, where she helps start-ups and other organizations operationalize compliance and regulatory requirements. Previously, she worked with Skadden, the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, and KPMG, and also held in-house compliance roles with city and state governments and a non-profit educational foundation. Emily lives with her family in Cobble Hill, Brooklyn, and is on LinkedIn if you want to say hello.

1994

Darryl A. Aarbo, Law’94, a partner with Courtney Aarbo Fuldauer LLP in Calgary, was appointed Queen’s Counsel on Jan. 28.

Bruce Adamson, LLB’94, a project/e-discovery lawyer at Robert Half Legal in Toronto, died unexpectedly on Dec. 15, 2015. He was a graduate of Hollywood’s Musicians Institute, with a reputation for “hot guitar licks.” His former spouse Arianne Reid, their children Maggie and Robbie, his parents Torrance and Verna, and extended family survive.

1998

Nicole Zwiers, Law’98, is serving a governor-in-council appointment as an adjudicator with Canada’s Social Security Tribunal, General Division, Income Section.

2000

Lorna M. Yates, Law’00, is thrilled to announce a new partnership as of March 1: Cohen Peeters Yates LLP. The firm is located in the same mid-town Toronto premises as her former partnership, Ballantyne Yates LLP. Lorna continues to focus exclusively on family law in her practice but remains actively involved in several aspects of the Toronto Bar: an appointed Superior Court of Justice Bench and Bar committee member, a past Chair of the Ontario Bar Association’s Family Law Section, and a keen supporter of the Law Practice Program. You can reach Lorna at lorna@cpyfamilylaw.com.

2001

Chris Wolfenberg, Law’01 (LLM, Cornell), joined Fasken Martineau DuMoulin LLP as a partner in the Calgary office. He practises business law, focusing on public and private corporate and securities transactions in energy, mining and technology. Chris has been director and officer of a number of public, private and not-for-profit entities and has also founded numerous start-ups. Previously, he was a partner with Norton Rose Fullbright Canada LLP.

Former LSS President inspires and coordinates legal support for Canada’s refugee program

Jackie Swaisland, Law’06, knew she had to use her expertise as an immigration lawyer to help people caught up in the biggest refugee crisis since World War II. After other lawyers started asking her what they could do to assist, she got an idea: compile a list of those willing to work pro-bono with private refugee sponsorships. Last fall this initiative blossomed into the Refugee Sponsorship Support Program, with Swaisland as its national coordinator.

The program puts legal practitioners who want to help in touch with potential refugee sponsors, offering them in-person training on how to handle the complicated and difficult government process. Seeing legal professionals commit themselves so enthusiastically to this cause inspires Jackie. “The current refugee crisis is overwhelming. However, this support program has seen lawyers from across the country donating thousands of hours to help.”

Lawyers are still welcome to get involved. Sign up at www.refugeessp.ca. Read more at https://goo.gl/Jd7B45.

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Faisal Bhabha, Law’02, received tenure as Associate Professor at Osgoode Hall Law School in July 2015.

Lorraine M. Fleck, Law’05, co-founded the Toronto intellectual property law firm Fleck & Chumak LLP in April 2014 and has already had it recognized by Canadian Lawyer magazine as a top 10 IP law firm. World Trademark Review magazine has also recommended Lorraine as a Canadian expert for trademark enforcement, litigation, prosecution and strategy in its 2016 edition of the WTR 1000, a ranking of the world’s leading trademark professionals.

Rashesh Mandani, Law’10, has resigned from the City of Hamilton, where he was a solicitor for four years managing the legal affairs of the city’s facilities, recreation division and its $500-million waterfront redevelopment projects. He is now working full-time in his own practice, Mandani Law (www.mandanilaw.com) in Ancaster, Ont., in the areas of corporate law, immigration, wills and estates and real estate.

Patrick Welsh, Law’10 (Artscl’06, MA’07), and Pamela Sidey, Law’10, welcomed their daughter, Willa Welsh, on Dec. 13, 2015. Willa is Pam’s and Pat’s second child, and her big brother, Teddy (Law’38!), is very excited about his new baby sister.

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Husein Panju, Law’12, hosts and produces a law-themed podcast series called Lawyered. The first podcast of its kind, the bi-weekly show takes a critical look at current legal issues. Its educational format functions as informal continuing professional development for lawyers and as an access-to-justice initiative for non-lawyers. Season two of the show premiered in February and has featured interviews with Canadian lawyers, including Raj Anand, Dianne Saxe, Chris Barnett, Addison Cameron-Huff, Law’12, Scott Maitdment, Law’88, and Christopher Horkins, Law’11. Check out http://lawyeredpodcast.com/

New grad delighted that children and family law award carries her mentor’s name

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Queen’s Law on Parliament Hill

Governor General David Johnston (right), Law’66, LLD’91, congratulates Prime Minister Justin Trudeau at the Cabinet’s swearing-in ceremony on Nov. 4, 2015, in Rideau Hall.

Four Queen’s Law alumni won seats in Canada’s Parliament in last October’s federal election:

**Nathaniel Erskine-Smith, Law’10 (Artsc’07), MP (Liberal), Toronto Beaches-East York, Ont.**

**John McKay, Law’73, MP (Liberal), Scarborough-Guildwood, Ont.**

**Randeep Sarai, Law’01, MP (Liberal), Surrey Centre, B.C.**

**David Tilson, QC, Law’68, MP (Conservative), re-elected, Dufferin-Caledon, Ont.**

Judicial Appointments

**Peter Doody, Law’80,** was appointed to the Ontario Court of Justice in Ottawa on Feb. 24. As a partner at Borden Ladner Gervais LLP since 1990, he focused on commercial litigation, arbitration, administrative law and insurance law. He has been a sessional lecturer at Queen’s Law, acted as Senior Commission Counsel on the Elliot Lake Inquiry (2012–2014), chaired the board of the Great Canadian Theatre Company and helped its Lawyer Play Committee stage an annual benefit production starring lawyers and judges.

**Gregory Fitch, Law’85,** a Judge of the Supreme Court of British Columbia since 2011, was appointed to both the B.C. and Yukon Courts of Appeal on Sept. 1, 2015. Previously, he was a Director of Criminal Appeals and Special Prosecutions with the Ministry of the Attorney General in Vancouver and served with the National Joint Committee of Senior Criminal Justice Officials.

**Anne Krahn, Law’90,** was appointed Manitoba’s Associate Chief Judge on Sept. 9, 2015. She began her career as a provincial Crown attorney, attained an LLM from the University of Utrecht (Netherlands), became a federal Crown attorney in 2008, and was appointed to the Provincial Court of Manitoba in 2013. As an authority on the lawful use of wiretaps, she has provided legal advice and training to governments, police, corrections officers and others.

**Craig Parry, Law’96,** who practised in Kitchener for 17 years, was appointed to the Ontario Court of Justice in Kitchener on Aug. 26, 2015. His practice focused on criminal law, but he also acted as counsel in some family, immigration and civil matters. In 2008, he became Director of the Criminal Lawyers’ Association for Waterloo Region. His community work includes service on the local Elizabeth Fry Society board.

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