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## WHERE ARE OUR ALUMNI-IN-LAW?

The Faculty of Law likes to remain in touch with all of its graduates, in order to invite them to events and mail them the latest alumni magazine. We try to maintain accurate records of our alums throughout the world. For many classes, our records need to be updated.

We would like to locate alumni who have lost touch with the Faculty. If you know the names and contact information of any McGill Law Alums, let us know.

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# MOT DU DOYEN



## « FIDÉLITÉ, SECOURS ET ASSISTANCE » AU SEIN DE LA FAMILLE DES JURISTES DE MCGILL

« MCGILL, C'EST MA TROISIÈME FAMILLE » LANÇAIT YVES FORTIER, BCL'58, LLD'05, entouré des membres de ses deux autres familles – ses enfants, son épouse Carol Fortier, BA'59, et ses collègues du cabinet Ogilvy Renault – lors d'une fête marquant son doctorat honorifique de l'Université il y a quelque temps.

Le bénévolat donne aux juristes de McGill non seulement un sentiment d'appartenance à la Faculté, mais aussi un air de famille. Inspiré sans doute par ce que le Code civil appelle dans un tout autre contexte une obligation réciproque de « fidélité, secours et assistance », M<sup>e</sup> Fortier n'a pas hésité quand la principale Heather Munroe-Blum et le vice-principal Marc Weinstein, BA'85, BCL'91, LLB'91, lui ont demandé de coprésider, avec notre diplômé Eugene McBurney, LLB'77, et le sénateur Michael Meighen, BA'60, la campagne de financement que McGill a lancé l'automne dernier.

That feeling of family was highlighted again when, this past May, Yves's class celebrated its 50th anniversary with a full day of activities at the Faculty. It would have been hard not to notice that this class – filled with ambassadors, ministers of the Crown, appellate court judges, brilliant advocates, public servants and business people of distinction – features some of McGill's most steadfast volunteers. Senator Yoine Goldstein, BA'55, BCL'58, sits on the Faculty Advisory Board; Justice Joseph Nuss, BA'55, BCL'58, convened the class reunion and has for years spearheaded the René Cassin Human Rights Lectures in the Faculty; Justice Jean-Louis Baudouin, BCL'58, LLD'07, has helped students launch McGill's new health law journal; Robert Benson, BCL'58, and Donald Johnston, BCL'58, BA'60, LLD'03, are raising funds to honour former Supreme Court judge Gerald Le Dain, BCL'49, LLD'85, their beloved teacher who passed away this year. And like graduates in every class, others in the fabled class of '58 have helped in moots, on Faculty committees and in a hundred other ways.

Nothing in my deanship has brought me more pleasure than working with Law volunteers – from McGill's "volunteer-in-chief," Chancellor Richard Pound, BCom'62, BCL'67, to recent graduates such as David Sandomierski, BCL/LLB'08, who has taken charge of this year's Class Action Fund for new graduates. Nothing has struck me as more urgent than finding a way to thank them for this generosity. The Faculty Advisory Board – 20 firm friends who put themselves in full service of the Faculty – thought about a way to do this in style. Led by Board Chair James Woods, BA'70, BCL'73, LLB'74, Awards Chair Graham Nesbitt, BA'58, BCL'63, and Robert Yalden, the group decided to create a new prize to celebrate McGill's favourite sons and daughters. Naming the award for volunteerism in the Faculty of Law after one of McGill's greatest champions, James A. Robb, BA'51, BCL'54, was a natural. A longtime president of the McGill Alumni Association, Jim has served the University in every imaginable capacity, and in recent months has helped me raise money for a chair and two major scholarships. The first James Robb Award was presented in June to Marie Giguère, BCL'75, who has been a McGill Governor, Douglas Hospital board member and Faculty of Law volunteer almost continuously since graduating.

The establishment of the James Robb Award recognizes the critical role of volunteers in the Faculty of Law's many successes. Here are but a few examples from the past year:

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Yves Fortier

Gordon Echenberg, BA'61, BCL'64, joined colleagues at the Centre for Human Rights and Legal Pluralism as a prime mover in one of the Faculty's biggest-ever conferences in October 2007. Mark Feldman, BCom'67, BCL'70, has worked closely with me to create internships for "civil society and the rule of law." James A. Grant, BA'58, BCL'61, and Robert Raizenne, BCL'80, were instrumental in establishing the H. Heward Stikeman Chair in the Law of Taxation. The Hon. Allan Hilton, BCL'73, LLB'74, organized a hearing of the Quebec Court of Appeal in the Moot Court in January, to the delight of the second-year class. Claire Rothman, BA'81, BCL'84, led a project that saw the creation of the Melvin Rothman, BA'51, BCL'54, Entrance Scholarship in honour of her father, while Edward (Ted) Claxton, BA'79, BCL'82, has undertaken to do the same for his own father, John Claxton, BCL'50. Peter Nesgos, BCL'79, LLB'80, LLM'82, DCL'84, played an essential role in helping the Institute of Air and Space Law land an historic gift from the Boeing Corporation. Derek Guthrie, BA'57, BCL'60, and Charles Gonthier, BCL'51, LLD'90, continued longstanding volunteer service on the *McGill Law Journal*, where they once shone as students, as did Michael Bergman, BCL'75, LLB'76, Alexander Pless, BA'94, BCL'98, LLB'98, Bruno Guillot-Hurtubise, BSC'91, BCL'95, LLB'95, and Jan-Fryderyk Pleszczynski, BCL/LLB'00, on the board of the McGill Legal Information Clinic.

I have had special help launching a Faculty of Law Advisory Board in Toronto from Brian Pel, LLB'85, Marie-Andrée Vermette, LLB'95, BCL'97, and Neil Finkelstein, BA'73, LLB'79, among many others. And, in this tenth year of the Young Alumni Advisory Board, let us pay special tribute to the tireless efforts of Dominique Lapierre, BCL/LLB'98, in bringing young alumni back to the Faculty.

This theme of volunteerism also dominated Convocation this year as Roy Heenan, BA'57, BCL'60, LLD'08, who has given so much of his legendary energy to the Faculty of Law alongside his many other endeavours, was honoured for a life of *pro bono publico* in service of the law, higher education and the arts, when he received a honorary LLD. Roy was resoundingly cheered by our public-spirited graduates, the newest members of the great McGill family. The generosity of the class of 2008, as much outside the classroom as inside, finds expression in their shared sense that Law students, like Law graduates, must take up a place in the public square as part of their identity as jurists.

Le nouveau docteur Roy Heenan offre, par sa carrière exemplaire, une piste d'explication pour la générosité exemplaire de la promotion 2008. Certes, M<sup>e</sup> Heenan a connu un succès sans commune mesure dans le secteur privé en fondant un cabinet d'avocats prospère et respecté. Mais de concert

avec cette activité professionnelle, il a toujours mené une espèce de pratique parallèle, exercée *pro bono publico*, pour le bien public. Vivre dans la cité, guidé par un souci constant de l'altérité – voici le message que je retiens de cette tradition de bénévolat qui anime la famille des diplômés de la Faculté de droit de l'Université McGill.

Graduates of this great Faculty that I have met over recent months are equally engaged in helping the legal community better serve the public. Take the example of Bernard Amyot, BCL'82, LLB'83, the volunteer president of the Canadian Bar Association, who has spoken out powerfully against the assault on the judiciary and the rule of law in Pakistan; or recent graduate Robert Israel, BCL/LLB'06, who not only helped Law students found Innocence McGill but has also worked tirelessly in service of those wrongly convicted, without any hope of financial return to himself. Our graduates are not only *bâtonniers* and law society benchers, but chairs of hospital boards, libraries, museums, community centres and charitable foundations, pressing the skills they acquired as lawyers into use for the public good.

This is *pro bono publico*, and speaks to a life of sharing the gift of one's legal education – financed in part by the whole community – in the public square. This fine McGill tradition reminds us that we will be ultimately unhappy with the great dignity of a legal education unless we somehow give back to the community that helped us become jurists.

Fidélité, secours et assistance – thanks to the family of McGill Law graduates!

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Dean Nicholas Kasirer and Marie Giguère

NICHOLAS KASIRER, DEAN OF LAW

# STUDENT NEWS AND AWARDS

## MURDER IN THE MOOT COURT

This winter, Actus Reus took the stage in the Faculty of Law's Maxwell Cohen Moot Court for a production of *Blood Relations*, a dramatic mystery by Canadian playwright Sharon Pollock. The play is a "trial by theatre" of the infamous Lizzie Borden, who was accused of murdering her father and stepmother in 1892. Historical re-interpretations of this murder have multiplied the theories of what really happened, with various accounts pointing to the family maid, the local doctor, a visiting uncle, an older sister, a student of Lizzie's and Lizzie herself. In *Blood Relations*, the "facts" are used to build a strong case of collective guilt and responsibility, with the audience participating as judge, jury – and accomplice.

Joyce Tam, a BCL/LLB student who played the defence lawyer in *Blood Relations*, draws parallels between acting and law. "Both are about stories," she says. "Both are about people. You learn to understand a situation, work through it and present it to others. It has helped for mooting as well – the skills I developed on stage have definitely come to my rescue behind the podium."

Though he has just completed his BCL/LLB degree, Kyle Gervais, a four-year Actus Reus veteran who directed this year's production, plans to return as a volunteer in the fall and has no doubt that the theatre company will live on. "It's a great McGill institution," he says, "and this year we had a great class, mostly first-year students. I fully anticipate that they'll take up the torch."

Indeed, last year marked the 50th anniversary of *My Fur Lady*, a McGill Red and

Inset lower left - Actus Reus 2008: Stephanie McKinnon, Julia Kennedy, John Lofranco, Colleen Kelly, Kyle Gervais, Alika Hendricks, Patrick McIntyre and Gregory Ko. Not shown are Joyce Tam, Miriam Fortier, Alison Glaser, Allison Rhoades and Seth Earn

White Revue production that in 1957-58 dealt a wildly successful comedic poke at the Canadian establishment. That year, over ten Law grads lent a hand in the musical, which garnered unanticipated success and eventually toured Canada, giving 402 performances at 82 venues, including the Stratford Festival.

James de Beaujeu Domville, BA'54, BCL'57, worked on the *My Fur Lady* score and Timothy Porteous, BA'54, BCL'57, who was later appointed to the Order of Canada for his political, cultural and volunteer contributions, helped write the lyrics. Justice James Hugessen, BCL'57, played the role of Rex Hammerstein, a reporter for *True Canadian Romances* magazine. Donald MacSween, BA'56, BCL'61, co-wrote the lyrics with Porteous and Erik Wang, BA'54, BCL'57, and like Porteous, went on to become director general of the National Theatre School.

As Kyle and others prepare for a first-ever October production in 2008, the torch of McGill Law's strong theatre tradition is indeed in good hands, just as it has been for more than half a century.



## MOOTS

McGill's Faculty of Law is known for its mooting prowess and this year is no exception

### THE JESSUP

**Damian Hornich, Balkees Jarrah, Elizabeth Neelin-Robinson and Sybil Thompson** took part in the Canadian Rounds of the Jessup International Mooting Competition, held in March in Saskatoon. Students worked on timely issues concerning terrorism and human rights, and Balkees received the second prize for oralists, while Damian ranked fourth among 60 participants. The McGill team, coached by Assistant Professor Mark Antaki, BCL'96, LLB'96, and Cara Cameron, BCL/LLB'01, was described by other competitors as a "formidable opponent."

### THE KAWASKIMHON

**Anna Mazur and Akino Kawashi** participated in the Kawaskimhon Aboriginal Law Moot held at the University of Alberta in March, where

the problem involved 18 teams negotiating an end to a complex boundary dispute between native peoples. This year, participants also crafted a negotiation proposal based on principles of native law, along with the usual factum. "It was fascinating to watch participants not only negotiate their party's concerns in different registers than they might be used to, but also develop a workable process along the way. Our team played a key role in mediating between parties and in breaking down oppositional thinking," said Assistant Professor and coach Kirsten Anker.

### THE LASKIN

**Anne Merminod, Lindsay Aagaard, William Fyfe and Pierre Gemson** won the top prize at the Laskin Moot held in early March in Winnipeg. Coaches Alexander Pless, BA'94, BCL/LLB'98,

of Justice Canada, and Alana Klein, BCL/LLB'02, the Faculty's Boulton Fellow, were justifiably proud of them. Given the competition's focus on constitutional and public law, and its requirement that members of each team plead in both official languages, it was especially fitting that McGill did so well with this year's topic, which dealt with federal funding for a minority-language preschool education program.



Anne Merminod, Lindsay Aagaard, William Fyfe and Pierre Gemson

## CÔTÉ COUR

### VINCENT-JOËL PROULX À LA COUR INTERNATIONALE DE JUSTICE

Récipiendaire d'une Bourse John Peters Humphrey en droit international et organisation du Conseil canadien de droit international, de la Bourse d'études supérieures du Conseil de recherches en sciences humaines du Canada et d'une bourse d'études supérieures de McGill, Vincent-Joël est actuellement doctorant en droit international à l'Université McGill et poursuit ses études sous la direction du professeur agrégé René Provost. Il travaillera comme auxiliaire juridique à la Cour internationale de justice de La Haye en 2008-2009, ainsi qu'à la Cour d'appel de l'Ontario en 2009-2010.

### CLERKSHIPS

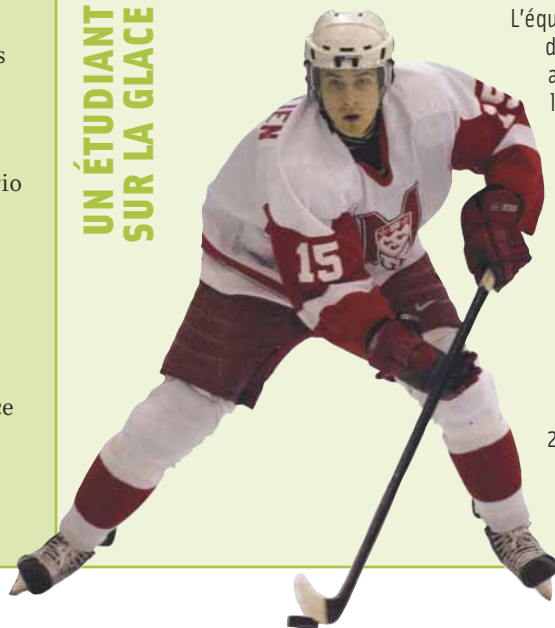
Six McGill Law students were selected to clerk at the Supreme Court of Canada for 2008-2009. They are **Laurence Bich-Carrière**, BCL/LLB'08 (Justice Binnie); **Ivo Entchev**, BCL/LLB'08 (Justice Rothstein); **Pierre Gemson** (Justice Deschamps); **Katie Gibson**, MBA'07, BCL/LLB'07 (Justice Charron); **Olivier Plessis** (Justice Abella); and **Parul Shah**, BCL/LLB'07 (Justice Charron).

## JOURNALS

Last fall, the *McGill International Journal of Sustainable Development Law & Policy* published two new issues for its third volume: one dealing with HIV/AIDS in the context of sustainable development, and the other highlighting corporate social responsibility in the mining industry, environmental rights in international law and Canadian legislation pertaining to fair-trade products.

La *Publication en droit de la santé de McGill*, qui lançait son premier numéro en avril 2007, a cherché tout particulièrement cette année à recruter des francophones pour consolider son équipe de rédaction. Le second volume aura donc davantage d'articles en français.

## UN ÉTUDIANT SUR LA GLACE



L'équipe de hockey des Redmen s'est distinguée magnifiquement cette année en remportant la Coupe de la Reine dans le tournoi organisé par Sports Universitaires de l'Ontario. C'est la première Coupe remportée par McGill depuis 1946. Les Redmen ont pu compter sur les services de l'ailier droit **Éric L'Italien**, BA'07, un étudiant en première année de droit. Eric, qui porte le chandail n°15 depuis 2004, a trouvé le temps dans son horaire d'études chargé de jouer 24 parties cette saison, comptant 7 buts et 16 aides et s'offrant même un tour du chapeau lors d'une partie contre Ryerson.

### THE MANFRED LACHS

In April, the McGill team won the First Runner Up award at the North American Regional Competition of the Manfred Lachs Space Law Moot, held in Washington D.C. The team was composed of three Institute of Air and Space graduate students, **Anne Marie Hébert**, **Oleksiy Burchevskyy** and **Robert Jarman**. Anne Marie also won the award for Best Oralist and their written brief came in second. The team wishes to thank its coach Ram Jakhu and the many people who helped in the preparation.

### LE MIGNAULT

**Kerianne Wilson** et **Adele D'Silva**, BA'05, ont reçu le trophée pour le 2<sup>e</sup> meilleur mémoire (mémoire des intimes), rédigé avec l'assistance de leurs coéquipiers **Myriam Couillard-Castonguay** et **Rafal Jeglinski**, BA'04. Alexandre-Philippe Avar, BCL/LLB'01, Philippe Dufort-Langlois, BCL/LLB'05, et Jean Lortie, BCL/LLB'89, trois diplômés maintenant chez McCarthy Tétrault, ainsi que la



Rafal Jeglinski, Adele D'Silva, Myriam Couillard-Castonguay et Kerianne Wilson

professeure adjointe Lara Khoury, les ont entraînés. Joshua Krane, BCL/LLB'08, Marcelo Garcia, BA'01, BCL/LLB'07, et Frédéric Desmarais, étudiant de 3<sup>e</sup> année – gagnants du concours de l'an dernier – ont également prodigué leurs conseils. McGill sera l'hôte de la prochaine édition du concours.

### LE SOPINKA

Après avoir remporté le premier prix du Concours Guy-Guérin en février lors de la ronde régionale, **Monika Rahman** et **Mareike Newhouse** se sont emparées de la Coupe Sopinka et ont raflé trois des cinq prix individuels, soit meilleur

exposé préliminaire (Monika), meilleure argumentation finale, (Mareike) et meilleur plaideur global (Monika). Ce dernier prix vient d'ailleurs avec une invitation au colloque annuel de l'*American College of Trial Lawyers*. Le professeur agrégé Ron Sklar a confié qu'« au cours de mes six ou sept années comme entraîneur, je n'ai vu d'équipe dominer le concours Sopinka aussi magistralement qu'elles. Elles ont été superbes. » Lori Weitzman, BCL'84, LLB'85, et Lucio Garcia, tous deux avocats de la Couronne pour la province du Québec, ont joué leur rôle d'entraîneurs avec enthousiasme.



Ron Sklar avec Monika Rahman et Mareike Newhouse

## PRIZES AND HONOURS



Joshua Krane

**Joshua Krane**, BCL/LLB'08, a remporté le premier prix (catégorie 1<sup>er</sup> cycle) du concours de rédaction juridique de la Chaire de notariat de l'Université de Montréal pour son article «Beneficiary-Initiated Modification of Trusts: A Comparative Examination».

Son article, rédigé sous la supervision des professeurs Madeleine Cantin Cumyn et Lionel Smith, sera également publié dans la *Revue générale de droit*.

La doctorante **Anna Conley**, LLM'07, a remporté le premier prix du Concours de l'Association québécoise de droit comparé pour son mémoire de maîtrise, *A Comparative Law Analysis of US Judicial Assistance*, qu'elle a préparé sous la direction du professeur adjoint Frédéric Bachand. Son



Anna Conley

mémoire, dont le jury a dit qu'il « apporte une excellente contribution au droit comparé », a aussi été publié dans la *World Arbitration and Mediation Review* (Vol. 1, no. 5, 2007). À son tour, **Julia Nicol**, BCL/LLB'08, a remporté le prix de 1<sup>er</sup> cycle pour son article, «The Legal Clinic in the Malian Context:



Julia Nicol

Why Available Legal Services Are Not Used», un travail préparé sous la supervision de la professeure agrégée Adelle Blackett.



Sybil Thompson

BCL/LLB students **Sybil Thompson** and **Kyle Gervais** were the 2007 recipients of the Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada Students for Development Awards. The \$10,000 prize is given each year to young Canadians who take part in credited internships in developing countries. Last summer, Sybil did a human rights internship at the African Middle East Refugee Assistance (see p. 6), while Kyle interned with the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda in Arusha, Tanzania. Working in the Trial Chamber Support Section, Kyle assisted judges with legal research, analyzed evidence and assisted with court procedure. He says his internship gave him “new insight into the impact of international law on individuals.”



Kyle Gervais

BCL/LLB students **Nafay Choudhury**, BA'06, and **Hugh Meighen** were among the McGill students awarded Scarlet Keys this year. Nafay was instrumental in organizing a conference on economic potential in the Gulf and an awareness week on Canada's role in Afghanistan, while Hugh initiated and co-chaired the Canadian Constitutional Affairs Conference in January 2008 (see p. 30).

## SEVEN YEARS OF HUMAN RIGHTS INTERNSHIPS

Ten students were again selected for three-month human rights internships last summer, marking the seventh year of this highly successful program. All ten reported rich and educational experiences. We've highlighted three of them here:



**Malcolm Dort** joined the Cambodian League for the Promotion and Defense of Human Rights (LICADHO) for the summer, where his tasks included drafting analysis sheets on cases the League was following, researching forced evictions, observing criminal trials arising from land disputes,

conducting a research project on the powers of the Cambodian Bar Association to restrict lawyers' work, and drafting and editing material for the LICADHO website. "This internship experience surpassed my expectations," he says. "I learned an enormous amount about the face of a compromised judiciary, the links between natural resources and rights abuses, the impact of corruption on everyday lives, the attitudes of the international community towards Cambodia, the difficulties of working at a local rights organization critical of an abusive government and much more."



**William Fyfe** joined the Human Rights Commission of Pakistan in the midst of the crisis over President Musharraf's removal of the country's Chief Justice. It was a very busy time for lawyers and human rights activists alike, and William was able to attend multiple hearings at the Supreme Court of

Pakistan, participate in seminars on democracy and judicial independence, and take part in weekly protests against the government alongside colleagues from the Commission. Finding himself in a volatile – at times violent – political climate, Fyfe says he gained "exposure to the country's complexities and contradictions beyond what is usually available in the press," and learned a great deal from his time in a turbulent environment. "My internship exposed me to the impact of human rights work in a country that is becoming increasingly important to Canadians and the international community," he says.

Gagnante d'une bourse de l'Association des universités et collèges du Canada (AUCC) (voir p. 5), **Sybil Thompson** est allée au Caire faire son stage auprès du *Africa and Middle-East Refugee Assistance* (AMERA), une ONG qui prodigue de l'aide juridique et psychosociale aux réfugiés. Sybil a travaillé comme conseillère juridique, aidant des réfugiés à préparer leurs demandes d'asile ▶

# A LIVELY YEAR RIGHTS WORKING

## THE HRWG'S VITALITY IS PROOF OF THE VIBRANT COMMITMENT TO HUMAN RIGHTS AND SOCIAL JUSTICE AMONG STUDENTS AT THE FACULTY

With over 50 members, the Human Rights Working Group is the Faculty's largest student club. Grouped under 13 different portfolios that address a broad range of human rights concerns, we've enjoyed a dynamic year with activities ranging from guest lectures to demonstrations to film screenings.

### APATHY IS LAME

At the end of the fall semester, we held a letter-writing campaign themed "Apathy Is Lame," inviting McGill students to demonstrate their support for a number of causes.

Students rose to the challenge and submitted over 300 letters, postcards and petition signatures for such issues as: the US detention of Canadian Omar Khadr, who was a minor at the time of his arrest; Canada's unfulfilled commitment to the Global Fund to fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria; the government's inaction regarding the ongoing genocide in Darfur; the closing of the Court Challenges Program and the Law Commission of Canada; as well as the restrictions placed on Status of Women Canada.

The success of our letter-writing campaign highlights the broad range of problems about which law students are passionate.

### PUTTING THE "ACTIVE" IN ACTIVISM

The HRWG's portfolios involve a wide variety of issues, from educating youth about human rights to researching ways to prose-





# R FOR THE HUMAN GROUP

JULIA TURVEY  
AND SAM WALKER

cute war criminals living in Canada. As well, the HIV/AIDS and Public Health Portfolio, which focuses on securing global access to essential medicines, has had another particularly busy year. In 2007, the Portfolio's activists were consulted on the Canadian Access to Medicines Regime (CAMR) and were offered standing in a parliamentary committee. This year, they pressured the government to make CAMR work.

Members published articles in newspapers and organized a number of awareness-raising activities – perhaps their most spectacular was the “die-in,” staged for World AIDS Day in McGill’s Leacock Building. They also produced a video about generic drugs, which can be viewed on YouTube.com and on the HRWG site.

## HUMAN RIGHTS INTERNSHIPS BURSARIES

With summer arriving, the HRWG once again distributed its Human Rights Internship Bursary grants, shared equally among all Law students engaged in an unpaid human rights or social justice summer internships. Since 2002, the HRWG has distributed over \$40,000 to support over 60 internships, allowing students to assist 40 organizations in 21 countries. The fund is made possible through the generosity of the Law Students Association, the student body as a whole and our committed alumni.

As we complete our tenure as HRWG coordinators, we are proud to have helped carry on McGill’s long-standing dedication to human rights.

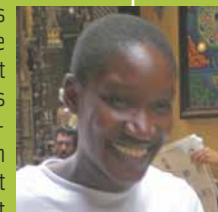
Find out more about the Human Rights Working Group and our portfolios by visiting us on the Web at [hrwg.mcgill.ca](http://hrwg.mcgill.ca).

*BCL/LLB students Julia Turvey and Sam Walker were general coordinators of the Human Rights Working Group for the 2007-2008 academic year. Their video can be seen at [youtube.com/watch?v=Yqfhh\\_5IbUc](http://youtube.com/watch?v=Yqfhh_5IbUc).*



1. “Die-in” in the Leacock Building for AIDS awareness
2. Students prepared over 300 letters and postcards
3. (left to right) Héloïse Apestéguy-Reux, Sam Walker and Julia Turvey participating in the letter-writing campaign

▶ en Égypte, et démêlant des cas complexes exigeant une analyse juridique détaillée. On a souvent fait appel à ses compétences en français pour interviewer des clients francophones, ce qui a rendu sa contribution très précieuse. Sybil a également accompagné ses clients devant le Haut Commissariat des Nations Unies afin de les représenter lors de demandes en appel pour contester des refus d'accorder un statut de réfugié. Son plus grand défi a été « de surmonter mes sentiments d'impuissance, car je ne pouvais pas régler tous les problèmes qu'affrontaient mes clients », comme se procurer un logement et du travail ou pouvoir aller à l'école. Elle confie que ça lui a causé des moments de stress, mais qu'en même temps, c'est ce travail direct avec les réfugiés qu'elle a trouvé le plus enrichissant. Elle décrit son expérience comme étant « mémorable et déterminante », car elle a enrichi son éducation tout en aidant un organisme qui a un impact concret sur la vie des gens.



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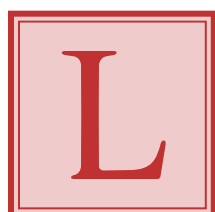
International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda  
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Arusha, Tanzania

The Human Rights Internships program is supported through the Faculty of Law Development Fund and other alumni funding.

# THE CAREER DEVELOPMENT OFFICE AND YOU

CATHERINE BLEAU, BCL/LLB'04  
AND LIANNE BARSKI, BCOM'97

**MCGILL LAW ALUMNI PLAY A ROLE IN HELPING STUDENTS CHOOSE CAREERS**



Last summer, the Career Development Office (CDO) launched its new **Alumni Directory** – a comprehensive list of enthusiastic grads willing to volunteer their time and experience to help Law students succeed. Since then, we've called upon our alumni for all the Faculty's career-related events, matching students with questions to professionals with answers. Already, we're seeing the enormous value of these interactions and we're more convinced than ever that alumni involvement is crucial to our students.

Deux fois par année, le CDO fait appel aux anciens de McGill pour son programme de simulations d'entrevues. Les étudiants profitent de l'expérience et des connaissances de ceux et celles qui ont déjà vécu cela... nul doute que vous vous souvenez de ces journées complet-cravate et jupe-nylons durant lesquelles on alterne cours et entrevues sur le campus à l'automne, sans parler de la course aux stages en mars! Il va sans dire que les commentaires reçus lors de ces rencontres sans formalité donnent de la confiance et de l'entrain à vos futurs collègues.

In February, the CDO invited the Honourable Chief Justice of the Federal Court of Canada, Allan Lutfy, BCL'67, and Justice Sean Harrington, BCL'68, to lead one of its Area of Practice dinners. Following the event, second-year student Owen Ripley wrote to thank us for organizing this evening: "I thoroughly and whole-

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heartedly enjoyed myself! Chief Justice Lutfy and Justice Harrington were engaging, inspiring and informative. The dinner greatly improved my knowledge and understanding of the Federal Court."

En octobre dernier, M<sup>es</sup> Kim Isings, BCL/LLB'05, et Francine Lewis, BCL/LLB'96, ont partagé leur passion pour le notariat avec les étudiants, lors d'un dîner-rencontre organisé en collaboration avec la Chambre des notaires. Ana Gray Richardson-Bachand, une étudiante de 2<sup>e</sup> année, a beaucoup apprécié l'échange, remarquant qu'il est « très intéressant de constater le dynamisme des jeunes professionnels. Le notariat semble se diriger vers de nouveaux secteurs d'activité et offre de plus en plus de perspectives. La force de la profession semble être le fait qu'on est réellement maître de son destin... Que l'on peut travailler à son compte ou faire partie d'une petite équipe – et développer les champs d'expertise qui nous intéressent. Je pense qu'il serait profitable de répéter l'expérience et ainsi démystifier davantage de domaines de pratique. »

Nous sommes choyés par un généreux cercle de contacts et de pairs, œuvrant dans une multitude de secteurs à travers le monde. Au nom de la Faculté, nous vous remercions de votre intérêt pour le développement des futurs juristes de McGill. Nous encourageons aussi ceux et celles parmi vous qui aimeraient partager leurs expériences professionnelles avec nos étudiants à nous contacter.

Reconnect with McGill Law and become one of our alumni contacts by communicating with Catherine Bleau, interim director of the CDO: [catherine.bleau@mcgill.ca](mailto:catherine.bleau@mcgill.ca).



L'étudiante en droit Marie-Alice Remarais a apprécié les rénovations faites tout récemment à nos bureaux, tandis qu'elle consultait la collection de ressources du CDO.

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## PARLEZ-VOUS FACEBOOK?

If you have joined the millions of other people on Facebook, look up the McGill Law Alums group at [www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=2263819331](http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=2263819331), or through the Alumni section of the Faculty's website. With over 600 members so far, it's a fun way to stay in touch with your former classmates.

## FREE E-MAIL FOR LIFE

The McGill Alumni Association offers all graduates free e-mail for life with a Web-based, 100MB account. If you like, our e-forwarding option can send all incoming mail from your McGill account to the e-mail address of your choice. To join the Alumni Online Community and enjoy other special privileges, visit [www.alumni.mcgill.ca/aoc/request-id.php](http://www.alumni.mcgill.ca/aoc/request-id.php).

Class Action 2008

## CLASS OF 2008 ACTION FUND

Since 1989, each graduating class has contributed to its Class Action fundraising initiative – a project selected and supported by students. This year, McGill Law's Ewa Krajewska, David Sandomierski and Lien De Brouckere led the charge to renovate Room 202, which is used as both a classroom and a lecture hall for visiting speakers and for workshops. The facelift will mark the Class of 2008's lasting commitment to the Faculty and to future students. To find out more about this project, visit [www.alumni.mcgill.ca/?id=Nzc5](http://www.alumni.mcgill.ca/?id=Nzc5).

# DIX ANS DÉJÀ!

## LE COMITÉ CONSULTATIF

## DES JEUNES DIPLÔMÉS CÉLÈBRE SA 10<sup>e</sup> ANNÉE

**DOMINIQUE LAPIERRE**  
BCL/LLB'98, YAAB PRESIDENT



Big smiles at the Young Alumni Coffeehouse, November 2007

For the past 10 years, the Young Alumni Advisory Board (YAAB) has been helping young graduates stay in touch with each other and with the Faculty. And what a great decade it has been – we look forward to another!

Chaque année, diverses activités sont organisées pour les jeunes diplômés par le Comité consultatif, dont un cocktail estival et un Coffee House automnal, lesquels souligneront tout spécialement cette année notre anniversaire. Nous espérons vous y voir en grand nombre: ce sont de belles occasions de revoir vos anciens camarades de classe!



Dominique Lapierre

Souignons également le recrutement de représentants du Comité consultatif à Londres, Toronto et New York: Will Paterson, BCL/LLB'06, Eric Gilman, BCL/LLB'02, et Jason Crelinsten, BCL/LLB'05. Les jeunes diplômés de la Faculté pourront ainsi garder le contact malgré la distance qui les sépare de leur alma mater.

Ten years after graduation, the Class of 1998 is relinquishing its “young” status this year and it's the perfect time to come back to the Faculty for the Young Alumni Barbecue, as well as this fall's Homecoming Weekend, October 16-19, 2008. Get ready for class reunions and a veritable cornucopia of activities organized by the McGill Alumni Association.

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Finalement, le financement demeure au coeur de l'actualité universitaire. Je vous invite à feuilleter la présente revue afin de découvrir tout ce que la Faculté a accompli dans la dernière année. Le tout vous convaincra certainement de contribuer aux audacieux projets qui visent à assurer la pérennité et le succès de la Faculté de droit.

Do you want to organize a young alumni event or discover your YAAB representatives? Visit [www.mcgill.ca/law/alumni/yaab](http://www.mcgill.ca/law/alumni/yaab).

# THE JAMES ROBB AWARD

LYSANNE LAROSE

## HONOURING THE EFFORTS OF SELFLESS FACULTY VOLUNTEERS

**E**n 2007, le Conseil consultatif de la Faculté créait un prix qui rend hommage au superbe travail bénévole qu'effectuent les diplômés et amis de la Faculté de droit, un prix qui célèbre ceux et celles qui donnent si noblement de leur temps et de leurs efforts pour appuyer la Faculté dans ses entreprises d'éducation et de recherche. Il fallait donner un nom à ce nouveau prix. C'est sans hésitation que le Conseil a tranché : le prix serait nommé en l'honneur de James Robb, QC, AdE, BA'51, BCL'54, loyal diplômé et ami de la Faculté de droit!

In his student days, Jim Robb was always on the go. As a member of the first volume of the *McGill Law Journal's* editorial board, president of the McGill Union, president of the Students' Society of McGill University and managing editor of the *McGill Daily*, he was constantly active. His efforts both inside and outside the classroom earned him a place in McGill's prestigious Scarlet Key Society.

Mr. Robb's dedication as a student volunteer continued as an alumnus. He acted as a governor of the University from 1991 to 1996, after which he was elected president of the McGill Alumni Association (MAA) from 1996 to 1998. In 2003, he received the MAA Award of Merit for his contributions and, in 2007, he was appointed Emeritus Lawyer (AdE) by the Quebec Bar. To this day, Jim Robb remains an active volunteer for and advisor to McGill and especially the Law Faculty.

Never content to give only of his time, Jim Robb has long contributed his resources as well, supporting and encouraging others to donate toward such initiatives as the *H. Heward Stikeman Chair in Tax Law*, the *Hon. Melvin L. Rothman Entrance Scholarship in Law*, and the *Class of 1954's Fiftieth Reunion gift*.

The James Robb Award was officially announced in June 2007 at a Faculty Advisory Board event at the home of Dean Nicholas Kasirer. Dean Kasirer toasted Jim as "a distinguished practitioner and one of McGill's favourite sons."



1. Katherine and James Robb

2. Principal Heather Munroe-Blum, James Robb and Dean Nicholas Kasirer

3. James Robb shares a few thoughts with members of the Faculty Advisory Board and friends

# LES PRIX F. R. SCOTT DE SERVICE EXEMPLAIRE

LYSANNE LAROSE



(left to right) Dean Kasirer, Alex K. Paterson, Maurice Forget, Pierrette Rayle, John H. Gomery, Pierre Legrand et Madeleine Cantin Cumyn

**Le Prix F. R. Scott de service exemplaire** a été créé par la Faculté de droit et son Conseil consultatif en 2004 pour honorer les diplômé(e)s qui ont contribué de manière significative au droit et à la vie de la Faculté, tout en fournissant à la communauté service et leadership exceptionnels. Le prix est nommé en l'honneur de Francis Reginald Scott, poète canadien, homme de lettres et expert constitutionnel qui fut doyen de la Faculté de droit entre 1961 et 1964.

Le 2 avril 2008 lors d'une soirée cocktail à la Faculté, l'honorable John H. Gomery, QC, BA'53, BCL'56, et Madame la juge Pierrette Rayle ont reçu le Prix F. R. Scott de service exemplaire en reconnaissance de leurs insignes contributions au droit. Les nombreux invités ont apprécié l'allocution enlevée d'Alex K. Paterson, BCL'56, LL'D'94, qui, avec Pierre Legrand, BCL'56, avaient la mission de présenter John Gomery. À son tour, Maurice Forget, BCL'69, accompagné de Madame le professeur Madeleine Cantin Cumyn, a partagé quelques vignettes plaisantes sur son ancienne camarade de stage, Pierrette Rayle.

Pendant ses études en droit, John Gomery est l'un des rédacteurs de la *Revue de droit de McGill*. Admis au Barreau du Québec en 1957, il pratique toute sa carrière au sein du cabinet qui est devenu aujourd'hui Fasken Martineau. Il est nommé juge à la Cour supérieure du Québec en 1982, et dirige aussi la Commission du droit d'auteur du Canada entre 1999 et 2004. En février 2004, il est élu président de la Commission d'enquête sur le programme de commandites et les activités publicitaires du gouvernement du Canada.

Une spécialiste en droit de la famille, Pierrette Rayle a pratiqué toute sa carrière au sein du cabinet Fasken Martineau. En tant que membre de la Sous-Commission du Barreau du Québec sur le droit de la famille, elle fut déléguée à la Commission parlementaire du Québec sur la réforme du droit de la famille (1978-1988). Éluë membre du Conseil du Barreau de Montréal (1989-1993), elle est la première femme à accéder au poste de Bâtonnier en 1992. Durant ces années, elle est aussi chargée de cours aux facultés de droit de l'Université de Montréal et de l'Université McGill. Elle est nommée à la Cour supérieure à Montréal en 1995, puis promue à la Cour d'appel du Québec en 2002.

On June 6, 2007, Professor William A. Tetley, CM, QC, BA'48, was awarded the F. R. Scott Award for Distinguished Service during a ceremony held at the Faculty of Law. James Woods, BA'70, BCL'73, LLB'74, chair of the Faculty Advisory Board, spoke about Professor Tetley's accomplishments and exceptional commitment to the Faculty before presenting him with the award.

William Tetley practised law in Montreal for 18 years with Martineau, Walker, Allison, Beaulieu, Tetley and Phelan. He was elected to the National Assembly in 1968 and was made a cabinet minister two years later – a post he held until retiring from politics in 1976 to join the Faculty of Law. At McGill, he taught and published principally in private international law and maritime law. He is the author of major works translated into many languages including Japanese, Chinese and Russian. In 2006, he published *The October Crisis, 1970: An Insider's View* and is currently working on his memoirs.

Long-time associates, friends and family came to celebrate with Professor Tetley (fourth from right)



# NEW HYDRO-QUÉBEC SCHOLARS IN SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

LYSANNE LAROSE



Jaye Ellis

L'été passé, Hydro-Québec s'engageait à verser 500 000 dollars à McGill pour soutenir deux professeurs de droit dans la recherche sur le développement durable. Au cours des cinq prochaines années, ce don soutiendra les deux Boursiers Hydro-Québec en développement durable et leur permettra d'appuyer les activités des étudiants intéressés à ce domaine. Si, a priori, droit et développement durable ne semblent ne pas avoir beaucoup en commun, Richard Janda et Jaye Ellis, les deux professeurs récipiendaires des Bourses Hydro-Québec, soulignent qu'il existe en fait une multiplicité de connexions.

"Sustainable development pulls together the things I'm interested in," explains Associate Professor Richard Janda, BCL/LLB'85. "It's all about the relationship between the law and justice in a variety of settings. This is the golden thread that runs through my work; each field I've worked in has a dimension of sustainable development and of stewardship for future generations."

Assistant Professor Jaye Ellis, BCL/LLB'92, DCL'01, the other Hydro-Québec Scholar, says sustainable development "plays a growing role in the decision-making processes of policymakers, judges and others. It will weigh their decisions toward environmental protection, conservation and habitat preservation."

Ellis et Janda collaborent avec le Centre de droit international pour le développement durable dans leurs efforts pour mesurer l'impact qu'ont les pratiques durables sur le comportement des entreprises. Ils travaillent également sur un projet en matière de justice et de consommation mondiale d'énergie.

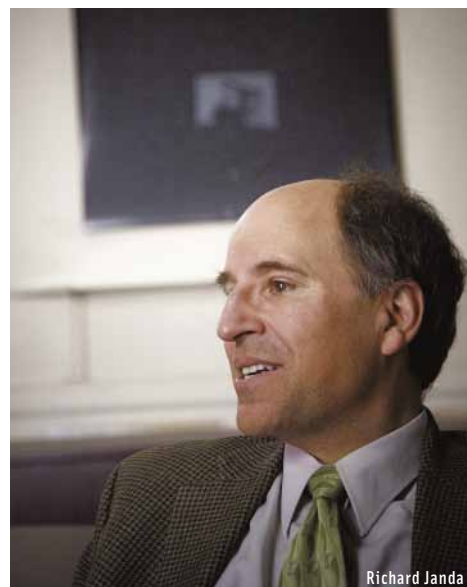
"Our energy use threatens the planet," says Janda, "but only a handful of the world's people have sufficient access to energy. At the same time, our energy supply is far from being reliable since most of it seems to be located in troubled areas. We're trying to create a balanced portrait of this three-way paradox."

As well, Ellis aims to help define sustainable development in concrete legal terms, rather than as a policy idea. "I want to clarify what sustainability means as a principle of law and explore the impacts of such a principle on legal systems."

Le financement d'Hydro-Québec aidera les deux boursiers à concrétiser leurs aspirations en permettant la remise de bourses de recherche, le recrutement de nouveaux chercheurs, le soutien d'activités étudiantes et la création d'un réseau interdisciplinaire de chercheurs qui réunira des spécialistes de la question du développement durable de partout.

Janda says the funding will also help him "focus on the relationship between public and private goods, and examine how we can shape legal regimes that make sustainable development an integral part of how the world operates."

"It's all about balancing environmental, societal and economic needs against each other," he says. "It's about putting them in equilibrium; we can't legislate sustainable development, but we can oblige governments and corporations to take all three of these needs into account when formulating policies."



Richard Janda

# BOEING GIVES LEGAL SCHOLARSHIP WINGS

PASCAL ZAMPRELLI



On February 8, 2008, McGill's Institute of Air and Space Law (IASL) announced a \$500,000 gift from Boeing Aerospace, the largest investment Boeing has ever made in a law school. Boeing's only condition in making this gift was that a majority of the money go directly to students. McGill was delighted to agree.

The resulting Boeing Fellowships will be awarded annually to outstanding graduate students in the IASL's Master's and doctoral programs. The rest of Boeing's initiative will support the Boeing Educational Outreach Program, which conducts educational programs in underdeveloped parts of the world. The first of these took place in New Delhi in April.

At the announcement, Michael M. Fortier, federal Minister of Public Works and Government Services, pointed out that "Boeing's

of Boeing's mission. "Boeing fully recognizes the value of and need for increasing intellectual capital in the aerospace industry," he said. "We need to continue to attract and train the brightest people in the world. If we don't, the industry will not grow and prosper."

While this investment may not provide any direct returns for Boeing in the short run, forward-thinking firms know that when their industry benefits, they benefit. "When the ocean rises," says Gordon, "all ships rise with it."

Naturally, a large majority of Boeing's university partnerships involve engineering, but Gordon also sees the value of collaboration in the social sciences, such as law. "So much of our business today is dependent on laws and regulations," he says, "and these aren't engineering solutions – these are people solutions."

The IASL has welcomed its first two Boeing Fellows and the impact is being felt already. Catherine Doldirina, a doctoral student from the Ukraine studying the intellectual property aspects



Michael Goldbloom, Vice-Principal, Public Affairs; Roger Schallom, Boeing; Oleksiy Burchevskyy, Boeing Fellow; Bob Gordon, Vice-President, Boeing Capital Corporation; Michael M. Fortier, Minister of Public Works and Government Services; Principal Heather Munroe-Blum; Professor Paul S. Dempsey; Catherine Doldirina, Boeing Fellow; Dean Nicholas Kasirer; Zornitsa Kerezov, Boeing; and Professor Ram Jakhu.



Catherine Doldirina and Oleksiy Burchevskyy

choice to bring business to our region is a clear indication of the talent and abilities of the IASL, which has demonstrated that it has what it takes to advance this important field of research. It has the competence, the expertise and the ability needed to get in on the action – and now has a great opportunity to showcase its abilities."

For Bob Gordon, Vice-President at Boeing Capital Corporation, striking up partnerships with universities is a natural part

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**Bob Gordon**

of data generated in space, sums it up bluntly: "If I hadn't gotten the money," she says, "I couldn't have come."

Catherine developed an interest in space law while doing graduate work in Germany. At the time, her supervisor told her she "had to apply to McGill." She agreed, but knew that she would face a rough road if she had no funding. "It's about being able to focus," she says. "In Germany, I had three jobs. I liked what I was doing, but it's no way to work."

Oleksiy Burchevskyy, also from the Ukraine, is preparing his Master's thesis on the legal aspects of fascinating new hybrid vehicles that can both travel by road and fly at low altitudes. He is quick to echo Doldirina's sentiments. "I had doubts about whether to continue my studies or start full-time work, but after receiving the Fellowship, my hesitations vanished."

For Doldirina, Burchevskyy and future Boeing Fellows, the sky is the limit.

# A GLIMPSE OF THE FUTURE

## *Making legal history, one jurist at a time*

**IN OCTOBER 2007, THE UNIVERSITY LAUNCHED ITS MOST AMBITIOUS** fundraising initiative ever, *Campaign McGill - History in the Making*. As part of this unprecedented drive, the Faculty of Law is calling on alumni and friends to help us grow into a fully polyjuridical, multilingual and international institution – one that will profoundly transform the teaching and practice of law around the world.

To achieve this vision, we will recruit an even more diverse student body and offer tomorrow's lawyers practical, life-changing experiences through internships and community service. We will increase their opportunities for dialogue with legal scholars, practitioners and policy-makers from across the globe. And we will hire more renowned polyjuridical scholars, giving them the resources they need to explore today's burning legal questions – both inside the classroom and out in the field.

The Faculty has identified the areas of academic strength that will ensure McGill's place in the ranks of the world's elite law schools:



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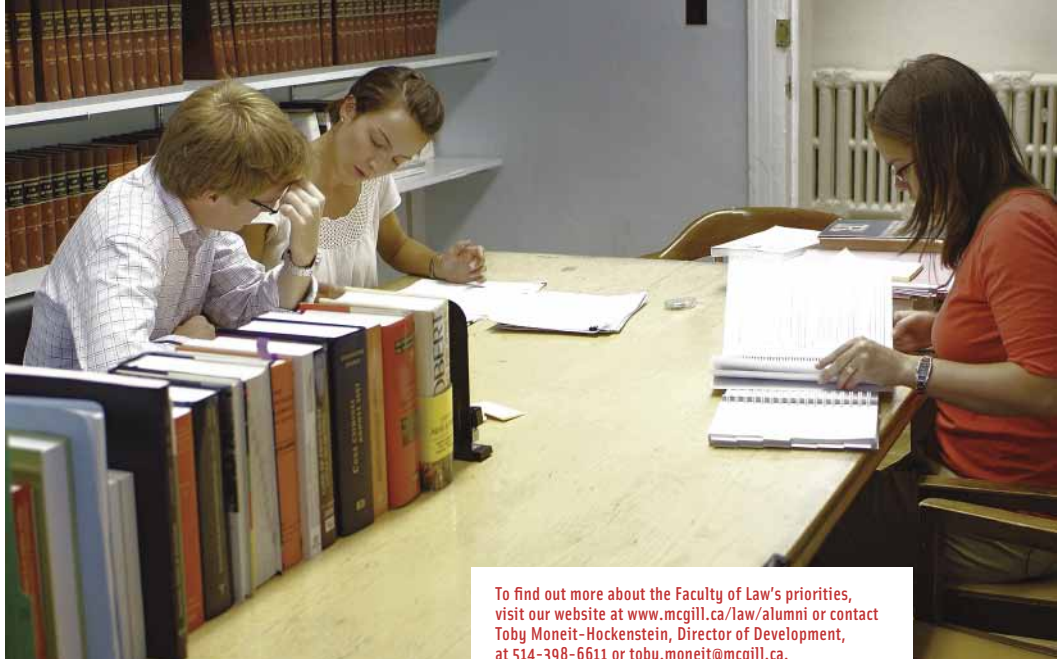
### **LE DROIT DE LA SANTÉ**

Les Canadiens considèrent la santé comme l'une des questions de société les plus importantes à l'heure actuelle. L'accès aux services de santé, le vieillissement de la population, la bonne gouvernance des établissements de soins, la recherche et les biotechnologies, les problèmes liés à l'environnement, les maladies infectieuses et chroniques, la santé des Autochtones – voici quelques-uns des sujets qui préoccupent la société canadienne. Devant ce constat, des membres de la Faculté ont mis sur pied le Groupe de travail sur le droit de la santé. Ce groupe vise à faire avancer la recherche tant sur le plan universitaire que social, avec la collaboration des autres centres de recherche de la Faculté dont les travaux ont un impact direct sur le droit de la santé.

### **INTERNATIONAL COMMERCIAL LAW AND DISPUTE RESOLUTION**

As trade becomes increasingly global and complex, the world is looking for new ways to resolve conflicts between states, private companies and other organizations – ways that do not necessarily involve litigation. McGill Law has an established expertise in this area – our scholars are leading the way in international commercial law and dispute resolution, while our new research group on Private Justice and the Rule of Law is examining the dynamic inter-relationships between private and public justice. This area is taking on ever greater importance as courts continue to recognize the rights of parties to agree on their own sets of informal “laws.”





To find out more about the Faculty of Law's priorities, visit our website at [www.mcgill.ca/law/alumni](http://www.mcgill.ca/law/alumni) or contact Toby Moneit-Hockenstein, Director of Development, at 514-398-6611 or [toby.moneit@mcgill.ca](mailto:toby.moneit@mcgill.ca).

### HUMAN RIGHTS AND LEGAL PLURALISM

In an era of globalization and post-colonial self-determination, the protection of human rights remains one of the most pressing concerns around the world. At the Faculty, this is reflected both in a flourishing of teaching and research and in a student body that is deeply engaged in defending civil liberties and justice.

McGill's Centre for Human Rights and Legal Pluralism is a nexus of interdisciplinary research, dialogue and outreach. Through the work of its members, the Centre brings to light the importance of multiple legal orders, ethical inquiry, local knowledge and social power within civil society. As René Provost, the Centre's director, explains, "Every day, our students and scholars engage critically with some of the most compelling social challenges of our modern era. They contribute to meeting the challenge posed by the disregard for human rights around the world."

### LA JURILINGUISTIQUE ET LE DROIT COMPARÉ

L'économie mondiale actuelle requiert des individus multilingues et cosmopolites capables de diriger nos institutions publiques, privées et à but non lucratif, et de relever les défis de la mondialisation. Qui plus est, les lois bilingues du Canada et du Québec constituent un terrain tout en nuances qui nécessite des juristes pouvant passer d'une langue à l'autre avec finesse.

Certains des outils qu'emploient justement les juristes pour démêler les subtilités du droit sont produits par le Centre de recherche en droit privé

et comparé du Québec (CRDPCQ). Les gouvernements du Québec et du Canada consultent ouvertement le CRDPCQ pour piloter des programmes de réforme du droit, particulièrement en ce qui a trait à la codification, au droit comparé et aux questions de droit et de langue. Comme le rappelle le directeur du Centre, Lionel Smith : « Paradoxalement, notre compréhension d'un système juridique se raffine quand on l'examine depuis la perspective d'un autre, tout comme on se comprend mieux à travers le regard de l'autre. C'est là tout l'attrait du droit comparé. À McGill, nous bénéficions de multiples perspectives, car notre environnement n'est pas seulement bijuridique, mais aussi bilingue. »

### INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY LAW AND POLICY

With technological advances being announced daily, the percentage of wealth held in real and personal property is fast being overtaken by the percentage of wealth held in intellectual property (IP) assets. As rapid innovation creates new assets and opportunities for wealth, there is a rush to protect them through copyrights, trademarks and patents. As Centre for Intellectual Property Policy (CIPP) director Wendy Adams explains, "the landscape of IP law is shifting rapidly, and policy-makers don't always have sufficient information to fully grasp the ramifications of their decisions, or to examine how the law allocates these assets, allows fair use and so forth."

This is where the CIPP comes in. Through its work, the CIPP offers useful policy

options to governments, the business community, researchers and developing economies. The CIPP also provides training in IP and IP management in developing countries to help increase their economic sustainability. It also encourages a global conversation about how IP law and policy can foster creativity, innovation, cultural growth, health, sustainable development and access to information.

### INTERNATIONAL TRANSPORTATION LAW

Transportation breaks down barriers, integrating disparate cultures and economies. Our transport networks are the circulatory system of a living, breathing globalized world, creating interdependence and stability among nations. This new global business milieu calls for legal practitioners, scholars, policy-makers and judges who can address complex legal problems from various perspectives, legal systems and languages.

McGill's Faculty of Law is well-positioned to help shape global norms in international transportation. The Institute of Air and Space Law and its research centre are educating the next generation of specialized lawyers and producing groundbreaking research in transportation. Meanwhile, the Faculty's maritime law program is headed by Professor William Tetley, one of the world's foremost authorities in the field, and is a magnet for researchers and students interested in maritime trade, mobility and enterprise.

# CAMPAIGN MCGILL: HISTORY IN THE MAKING

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## WITH ONLY SLIGHTLY LESS

fanfare than is usually reserved for events under the big top, the McGill community gathered under a jumbo tent on the downtown campus to celebrate our historic Campaign launch on October 18, 2007. The event kicked off the University’s 86th Homecoming Weekend and first-ever Parents Weekend, and featured the announcement of a landmark objective: \$750-million in private support over five years.

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At the press conference announcing the launch, Principal and Vice-Chancellor Heather Munroe-Blum applauded “the most ambitious launch goal in the history of Canadian university fundraising” and told the crowd that “it reflects our belief in the importance of our teaching and research objectives, our faith in the future and the strength of our ties to our alumni and friends in Montreal and Quebec, across Canada and around the world.”

The highlight of the morning was the announcement of three major Campaign gifts:

- Hydro-Québec invested \$10-million in scholarships, graduate fellowships, chairs and research in Engineering, Science and Law;
- John McCall MacBain, BA’80, and his wife Marcy created a new \$5-million

graduate fellowship program in the Faculty of Arts; and

- The Hon. Michael Meighen, BA’60, and his wife Kelly donated \$5-million to establish the Kelly and Michael Meighen Endowment for Student Advising and Support.

Following the press conference, Dean Nicholas Kasirer, BCL/LLB’85, Associate Professor Payam Akhavan and Nahum Gelber, BA’54, BCL’57, whose generosity helped make the Nahum Gelber Law Library a reality, clinked glasses with key donors and friends of McGill at the Leadership Luncheon.

Also in attendance was David Sandomierski, BCL/LLB’08 – a former editor of the *McGill Law Journal*, Supreme Court Chief Justice Beverley McLachlan’s newest clerk and one of McGill’s many budding history makers. David says he was “excited to meet people who were really curious about the Faculty and who were still giving back after many years away.”

“Meeting donors reminded me that giving back to one’s community is a lifelong project. Their genuine concern made me want to pledge to follow suit as my career develops.” The recipient of four privately funded prizes and awards, David sees his accolades as extra motivation – not that he needs any.

“The awards were a thorough surprise and a real incentive to pour my heart into my studies and my time here. Given the scarcity of such awards, I felt an extra obligation to channel my energies into the betterment of the Faculty.”



Dean Nicholas Kasirer and Nahum Gelber, BA’54, BCL’57, in conversation during the Leadership Lunch

When the call went out for students and recent grads to showcase their school spirit in a promotional video for *Campaign McGill: History in the Making*, Julien Morissette, BCL/LLB’08, and third-year Law student Christine Beltempo were eager to face the cameras. Professors Payam Akhavan and Rosalie Jukier answered the call as well, inviting McGill’s camera crews into their classrooms.

Catch glimpses of the Faculty of Law and the entire McGill community in the Campaign video at [www.mcgill.ca/campaign/about/library](http://www.mcgill.ca/campaign/about/library), and explore the site for more information about this exciting chapter in McGill history.

# THE LATIN AMERICAN INITIATIVE

## LA FACULTAD DE DERECHO DE MCGILL AHORA TAMBIÉN HABLA ESPAÑOL



Assistant Professor Víctor Muñiz-Fraticelli, Beatrix Nuñez Rivas, Consul General of Uruguay, and Dean Nicholas Kasirer celebrate the launch of the Latin American Initiative, January 22, 2008

L'espagnol, la deuxième langue la plus parlée aux États-Unis, arrive également au 2<sup>e</sup> rang mondial en terme de croissance. Alors que les échanges commerciaux entre l'Amérique Latine, le Canada et les États-Unis croissent chaque année, la connaissance du droit latino-américain représente un précieux atout pour qui veut faire des affaires dans les Amériques.

Assistant Professor Evan Fox-Decent



The Faculty of Law has long been proud of its bilingual nature, where students learn Canada's two legal systems in a fully bilingual environment. Some, though, knew we could do even better.

Two years ago, a group of professors began looking into adding Spanish to the mix. The interest was there, since many faculty members were already working on Latin American legal issues. A committee was struck and the Latin American Initiative was born.

As part of its mission to study law throughout the Americas, the Faculty has committed to teaching one Spanish-language law class each year. This winter, Assistant Professor Evan Fox-Decent taught a course on the Inter-American Human Rights System in Spanish – an historic first for legal education in Canada.

Also this winter, in cooperation with the Latin American Legal Studies Association (LALSA) student group, the Faculty hosted a series of lunchtime workshops in Spanish, where professors,

students and invited speakers gave presentations on subjects as varied as the Brazilian constitution's implications for indigenous people, the protection of fundamental rights in Colombia and legal frameworks to promote the use of renewable energy in Latin America.

According to LALSA president Tanja Tolppanen, BA'05, one of McGill's strongest assets is that "it is so international – especially the Faculty of Law. It's already bilingual and there are a lot of people who speak Spanish as well. International law is 'our thing.'"

The Faculty hopes to expand the initiative by reaching out to its law journals and fully including Spanish "as one of the languages of legal scholarship at McGill," according to Assistant Professor Víctor Muñiz-Fraticelli, a native of Puerto Rico who joined the Faculty in August 2007 (see p. 20). As well, there are plans to expand the student exchange program to include more Latin American institutions.

Muñiz-Fraticelli says that law firms with clients who have interests or origins in Latin America have also expressed interest. "We can promote this initiative to students not only as pure legal scholarship, but also as something very relevant to legal practice. Once you line up faculty interest, student interest and interest from the legal profession, you have a winning combination."

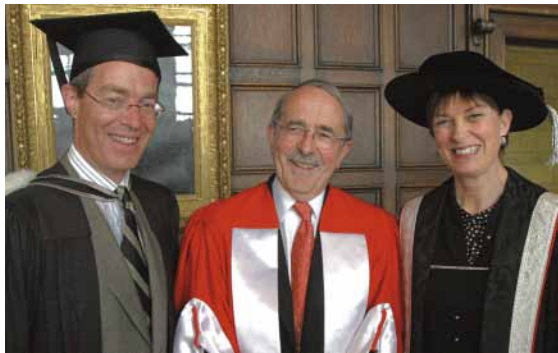
Graduate students Nelcy López Cuéllar, Carlos Iván Fuentes and Melissa Martins Casagrande were among the presenters of the Faculty's Spanish-language lunchtime talks.



## CONVOCATION 2008: PRO BONO PUBLICO

*"There is a palpable generosity in this great class that has been made plain in the powerful community you have helped build at 3644 Peel over the last three or four years. Many of your professors have remarked to me that this group has evinced an unusual degree of solidarity... It is as much outside the classroom as inside that this finds expression, in your shared sense that law students must take up a place in the public square as part of their identity as jurists. This is the source of profound pride for me as a professor and profound optimism for me as a citizen. You have given full meaning to that lawyerly expression pro bono and in so doing, reminded all of us that the full expression – pro bono publico – emphasizes not just generous behaviour, but giving of one's time and energy 'in the public good.'"*

Dean Nicholas Kasirer



Le doyen Nicholas Kasirer et la principale Heather Munroe-Blum avec monsieur le juge **Jean-Louis Baudouin**, BCL'58, (au centre) qui recevait un diplôme de droit honoris causa de l'Université McGill le 1<sup>er</sup> juin 2007 pour ses contributions distinguées à la littérature juridique et à l'administration de la justice.

## LAW'S NEWEST DOCTORS HONORIS CAUSA

**AT THE SPRING 2008 CONVOCATION, THE UNIVERSITY BESTOWED AN HONORARY DOCTORATE UPON ROY LAUCAUD HEENAN, OC, BA'57, BCL'60**

Célebre juriste canadien, Roy Heenan est l'un des plus illustres diplômés de McGill. Sa profonde connaissance du droit du travail et de l'emploi, du commerce international, des libertés civiles au travail et du droit administratif et constitutionnel a très largement contribué à faire de Heenan Blaikie, dont il est associé fondateur et président, l'un des plus éminents cabinets d'avocats au Canada.

Mr. Heenan is a tireless and devoted champion of higher education. He has taught as an adjunct professor at McGill for over 25 years, and was chair of the Faculty of Law's Advisory Board during the adoption of the transsystemic legal education program and the construction of the Gelber Law Library. In the broader academic community, Mr. Heenan lectures regularly at many Canadian universities and is a board member of the Canadian Institute for Advanced Legal Studies. For over two decades, he has participated

in the organization of the prestigious Cambridge Lectures in Law. He is also the founding director and current chairman of the Pierre Elliott Trudeau Foundation, which has supported a nationwide network of fellows and scholars in a wide range of disciplines.

A devoted patron of Canadian art, Roy Heenan brings his fabled energy and enthusiasm to the promotion of the arts in Canada. His influence on the arts community in Quebec has been particularly significant.

Chancellor Dick Pound, BCom'62, BCL'67, our newest LLD honoris causa Roy Heenan, Principal Heather Munroe-Blum, OC, and Board of Governors Vice-Chair Stuart Cobbett, BA'69, BCL'72, at Spring Convocation



Undergraduate student **Gregory Ko** (centre left), the first recipient of the *Hon. Melvin L. Rothman Entrance Scholarship in Law*, gets acquainted with **Mel and Joan Rothman** and **Dean Kasirer** (right) at the Dean's Festive Cocktail, held December 13, 2007.



**Justin Douglas**, étudiant de première année en droit, pose une question aux six juges des Cours suprêmes des États-Unis et du Canada qui s'étaient réunis à la Faculté pour un panel organisé par l'*American College of Trial Lawyers* en septembre 2007.

Le 7 mars dernier, madame **Shirine Ebadi**, Prix Nobel de la paix 2003, était accueillie à la Faculté par le professeur agrégé **Payam Akhavan**. La célèbre avocate et activiste iranienne a prononcé une allocution percutante sur les droits de la personne et l'Islam.



**H. Heward Stikeman Chair in Tax Law Lunch** at the Montreal University Club.

Back: **James Robb**, QC, BA'51, BCL'54; **Kimberley Brooks**, holder of the Stikeman Chair; **Robert Raizenne**, BCL'80; **Dean Nicholas Kasirer**, BCL/LLB'85. Seated: **Mary Stikeman**, BSc'58; **James Grant**, BA'58, BCL'61.

**Mariya Azbel** (left), enjoying the Pre-Convocation reception in the Atrium with her parents, **Valentina and Arkadiy Azbel**, and **Professor Tetley** (centre left).



En février 2008, la très honorable **Beverly McLachlin** (assise) est venue parler de l'histoire du bilinguisme à la Cour suprême du Canada suite à l'invitation lancée par le Club de la constitution canadienne.



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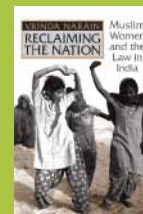
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Two volumes; 3,288 pages.

**KIMBERLEY BROOKS**

Associate Professor Kimberley Brooks was appointed to the H. Heward Stikeman Chair in the Law of Taxation in July 2007. Since then, Kim has enhanced McGill's tax program both inside and outside the classroom. She has already coordinated a scholarly paper workshop for undergraduate students and helped graduate students put together a tax workshop, in addition to inviting a number of guest speakers and reaching out to the Montreal tax community. She was rewarded for her efforts when, at the May 2008 Convocation, she was presented with the 2008 Durnford Teaching Excellence Award. Students cited her engaging and dynamic teaching style, her sense of humour and the depth of her knowledge of tax law.

Kim has enjoyed meeting McGill alumni who have gone on to practice tax law and she is impressed with their commitment to McGill's tax program. "It's remarkable how many of McGill's tax alumni stay involved with the Faculty after they graduate," she notes. "Indeed, the tax program here relies heavily on their contributions."

**VÍCTOR MUÑOZ-FRATICELLI**

Assistant Professor Víctor Muñoz-Fraticelli holds a joint appointment at the Faculty of Arts's Department of Political Science and the Faculty of Law. Following his study of government and philosophy at Cornell, he returned home for law school at the University of Puerto Rico, then clerked at the Supreme Court of Puerto Rico. Later, he completed a Master's and started a doctoral degree in political theory at the University of Chicago, where he focused on connecting political philosophy and law. He is now completing his dissertation on *The Structure of Pluralism*.

Víctor is passionate about law, politics, philosophy, contemporary liberal theory, and the theory of private law and its relationship to sovereignty and constitutionalism. Fluent in three languages, Víctor is part of the Spanish-language initiative (see p. 17).

# NOUVELLES DE LA FACULTÉ



member of the transdisciplinary Intellectual Property Modeling Group at McGill's Centre for Intellectual Property Policy, **Wendy Adams** is developing a computer model to convey a complex understanding of innovation governance as the interaction of legal rules, institutions and practices. The model provides policy-makers and researchers with a clear representation of innovation governance. Adams's article describing the development process is forthcoming in *Artificial Intelligence and the Law*, an international journal that focuses on innovative AI systems used in the legal domain. This summer, she took over the directorship of the Centre for Intellectual Property Policy and was elected to the rank of associate professor.

**Payam Akhavan** travelled to Bangladesh this year to work as counsel for detained Bangladesh Awami League president Sheikh Hasina and presidium member Sheikh Fazlul Karim Selim. In February, Minister of Foreign Affairs Maxime Bernier announced Payam's appointment to the board of directors of the Montreal-based International Centre for Human Rights and Democratic Development. Payam also hosted numerous guest speakers at the Faculty, welcoming Iranian dissident Akbar Ganji and Nobel Prize winner Shirin Ebadi, among others.



Kirsten Anker

This spring, **Kirsten Anker** received her PhD from the University of Sydney for her thesis on *The Unofficial Law of Native Title: Indigenous Rights, State Recognition and Legal Pluralism in Australia*. Since last year, Kirsten has been teaching "Aboriginal People and the Law," a course that stimulates conversation between indigenous and non-indigenous commentators on their respective legal traditions.

**Frédéric Bachand** a été très actif en matière d'arbitrage. En novembre, il s'est rendu en Turquie afin de participer à une conférence sur l'arbitrage commercial international organisée par la Chambre de commerce d'Istanbul. En décembre, il présentait un panel de trois spécialistes de la Commission chinoise d'arbitrage économique et commercial internationale. Frédéric a également accompagné les étudiants de la Faculté qui participaient au Concours de plaidoirie Willem C. Vis à Vienne.



Frédéric Bachand

**Blaine Baker** and **William Foster** were in Toronto in January at an alumni event celebrating 40 years of McGill common law teaching (see p.23).

**Adelle Blackett**, BCL/LLB'94, was selected as Law's representative at the McGill Senate last September. This March, her recently established Labour Law and Development Research Network received a major boost from the Leaders Opportunity Fund, allowing it to establish a Labour Law and Development Research Laboratory. Adelle will use this new resource to build a database of information on labour law and development, with an emphasis on pluralist and transsystemic law. The Network of scholars from developing and industrialized countries holds monthly research videoconferences and annual meetings at McGill.



Adelle Blackett



Angela Campbell

With funding from the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council, **Angela Campbell**, BA'95, BCL/LLB'99, is studying the way in which women in polygamous families understand and are affected by formal rules and laws governing marriage in Canada. As well, she has just received funding from *La Fondation du Barreau* to examine how Quebec courts evaluate requests for child custody and access by parents coping with alcoholism and drug dependency.

**Madeleine Cantin Cumyn** a pris sa retraite en 2007, mais c'est bien une retraite active, car elle continue de prononcer des conférences et elle travaille sur plusieurs publications, dont une traduction de sa dernière conférence Wainwright.



Madeleine Cantin Cumyn



Helge Dedek

Former Boulton Fellow **Helge Dedek** was appointed assistant professor last summer. His doctoral thesis on reliance-based contractual liability was awarded the prize for the best thesis in any discipline at the University of Bonn last year – the first time a jurist has been so recognized. Paradoxically, says Dean Kasirer, the prize is designed to encourage young scholars to stay in Germany as an “alternative to seeking greener pastures, snowier landscapes and transsystemic contractual obligations elsewhere.”

As director of the Institute for Air & Space Law (IASL), **Paul Stephen Dempsey**, DCL'86, hosted the McGill ICAO Conference on Aviation Safety, Security and the Environment (see p. 28) in Montreal and helped organize other air and space law conferences in Macau, New Delhi, Dubai and Singapore. He also participated in the European IASL alumni reunion in Lisbon in May.



Paul Stephen Dempsey

En 2008 et 2009, **Fabien Gélinas** sera professeur invité à l'Institut d'études politiques de Paris où il dispensera des enseignements en droit des contrats internationaux et en droit de l'arbitrage commercial international, et au *National Law Institute University* en Inde, où il effectuera des recherches sur les technologies de l'information et de la communication dans l'administration de la justice. Il poursuit actuellement ses travaux à

**VRINDA NARAIN**

LLM'97, DCL'06, Boulton Fellow

After completing her BA and LLB at Delhi University, Vrinda Narain practised law for several years in New Delhi, focusing on constitutional, administrative and family law. She has also worked with an NGO engaged in law reform and human rights, and spent the 2006-2007 academic year as a research fellow at the University of Toronto's Munk Centre for International Studies.

Vrinda has an abiding interest in transdisciplinary research. She is concerned with deconstructing binary approaches to law, interrogating the public/private dichotomy and problematizing culture. Fluent in English, Hindustani and Russian, she has worked on family law reform in Afghanistan and has engaged in debates on public policy, religious freedom and multiculturalism in Canada through her work with the Women's Legal Education and Action Fund.

**MARIE ANNIK GRÉGOIRE**

Boursière Wainwright junior

Après avoir obtenu son baccalauréat à l'Université de Montréal, se méritant la Médaille de la faculté de droit, M<sup>e</sup> Grégoire a pratiqué plusieurs années en litige dans divers cabinets de Montréal. Sentant l'appel de l'enseignement et de la recherche, elle a complété en 2001 sa maîtrise toujours à l'Université de Montréal, et son mémoire s'est mérité le Prix Minerve 2002. En mai 2008, elle défendait sa thèse de doctorat à McGill.

M<sup>e</sup> Grégoire enseigne le droit des personnes physiques et des contrats de louage, entreprise et cautionnement, et supervise un concours de plaidoirie en plus de participer à des projets de recherche du Centre de recherche en droit privé et comparé du Québec, notamment une nouvelle version du *Dictionnaire du droit de la famille*.

**ALANA KLEIN**

BCL/LLB'02, Boulton Fellow

After five years of scholarly pursuits, work and activism, Alana returned to her native Montreal to join the Faculty of Law as a Boulton Fellow this academic year. She earned the Elizabeth Torrance Gold Medal as Law's top graduating student, then clerked for Justice Louise Arbour at the Supreme Court of Canada, which reinforced her interest in human rights, constitutional and criminal law. Alana pursued her Master's and doctoral studies at Columbia Law School, examining the role of participatory governance in realizing social and economic rights, and worked with a Canadian NGO on HIV/AIDS-related human rights issues. She has also served on Ontario's Human Rights Commission.



## KILLAM LAUREATES

William Dawson Professor of Law **Stephen Smith** won a prestigious Killam Research Fellowship from the Canada Council for the Arts. The funding will enable Stephen to devote two years of



full-time research to a project entitled *Court Orders and the Replication, Transformation and Creation of Rights*.

Stephen is the Faculty's fourth professor to be recognized by the Killam Program. Previous recipients

include **Roderick A. Macdonald** who won the Killam Prize in 2007, along with **H. Patrick Glenn** and **Paul-André Crépeau** who received Killam Research Fellowships in 2001 and 1984 respectively.

Awarded to ten people yearly and with an approximate value of \$70,000, Killam Research Fellowships are intended to help scholars with outstanding research ability and substantial publications engage in research projects of broad significance and widespread interest. Since the program was created in 1968, 43 McGill professors have received Killam Research Fellowships.

## PRIX DU BARREAU

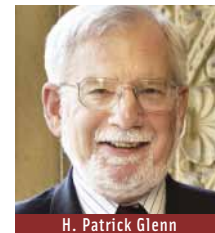
Le jury du Concours juridique de la Fondation du Barreau du Québec a décerné le premier prix à **Lara Khoury** dans la catégorie « Monographie » pour son livre *Uncertain Causation in Medical Liability* (Éditions Yvon Blais, 2006).

**Robert Leckey** a remporté le premier prix du Concours juridique de la Fondation du Barreau du Québec dans la catégorie « Manuscrit d'un article juridique » pour son texte *Prescribed by Law/Une règle de droit*. En janvier, il organisait la 2<sup>e</sup> édition d'une conférence informelle réunissant des professeurs adjoints des facultés et des écoles de droit de la région.



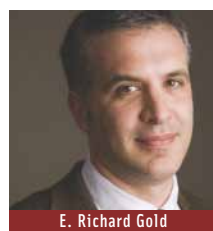
la tête d'une équipe de recherche sur la justice privée financée par le Fonds québécois de la recherche sur la société et la culture.

**H. Patrick Glenn** published "Legal Traditions and Legal Traditions" in the *Journal of Comparative Law*, as a response to a multi-author review of his book *Legal Traditions of the World*. He also lectured in Japan, Finland, Sweden, Holland, Germany, the US and Ontario.



H. Patrick Glenn

**Jane Matthews Glenn** is an active supporter of the Faculty's Spanish-language initiative (see p. 17) and was recently invited to present a paper at a conference organized by the *Sociedad Cubana de Derecho Agrario*. Titled "Los OGM en derecho canadiense: Después del proceso *Hoffman v. Monsanto*," her lecture addressed the impact of genetically modified crops in Canadian agriculture.



E. Richard Gold

**E. Richard Gold** and the members of the Centre for Intellectual Property Policy now have a blog where they discuss various intellectual property news items: [www.cipp.mcgill.ca](http://www.cipp.mcgill.ca).

Last October, we were both delighted and saddened when **Patrick Healy**, BCL'81, was appointed to the Court of Quebec's Criminal and Penal Division in Montreal. Patrick taught Criminal Law, Criminal Procedure and Evidence for 16 years, and left a definitive mark on the intellectual life of the Faculty.

Last summer, **Ram Jakhu**, LL.M.'78, DCL'83, was elected a Fellow of the International Association for the Advancement of Space Safety, for his contributions to the scientific body of knowledge in the field of space safety. He also received the Distinguished Service Award from the International Institute of Space Law for his achievements in space law. Jakhu was a driving force behind the Air Transport, Law and Regulation Workshop & Conference, held this April in New Delhi. He was also elected to the rank of full professor this spring.



Ram Jakhu

**Pierre-Gabriel Jobin** est le plus récent titulaire de la chaire Wainwright en droit civil, succédant à Madeleine Cantin Cumyn. Il a d'ailleurs élaboré un site web dédié à l'histoire et aux activités du Fonds Wainwright ([www.mcgill.ca/wainwright](http://www.mcgill.ca/wainwright)). Il a également été très actif dans l'organisation d'ateliers de droit civil et de la conférence annuelle Wainwright.



Rosalie Jukier

**Rosalie Jukier**, BCL/LLB'83, spoke at an International Association of Law Schools Conference last October in Suzhou, China, lecturing on how law faculties can become more transnational, more interested in "the other" and more intellectually pluralistic. Her mock transsystemic class in a break-out session proved so popular that there was standing-room only! She also spoke at the American University's Washington College of Law, again highlighting the importance of integrating a multitude of perspectives, including those from different legal traditions, into law courses. In March, Rosalie was honoured for her



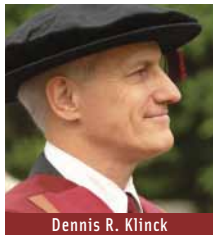
educational endeavours and her community service by Temple Emanu-El-Beth Sholom, where she was invited to speak during Jewish Women's History Week on how to bring justice into our daily lives.

En septembre 2007, **Daniel Jutras** était l'hôte de la Table ronde sur l'enseignement du droit, qui s'inscrivait cette année sous le thème des «Fondements d'une formation juridique cosmopolite». Depuis l'été dernier, il agit comme avocat spécial auprès de l'enquête interne menée par l'honorable Frank Iacobucci, LL.D.'03, qui, dans la foulée du Rapport O'Connor sur l'affaire Maher Arar, examine les actions des responsables canadiens relativement à Abdullah Almalki, Ahmad Abou-Elmaati et Muayyed Nureddin.



Daniel Jutras

Lors d'une visite éclair à Paris en janvier 2008, **Nicholas Kasirer**, BCL/LLB'85, a donné un cours à l'École nationale de la magistrature sur la fiducie et le droit comparé à un groupe de juges français et européens. Il est aussi allé rencontrer un groupe d'anciens basés dans la région parisienne et a été interviewé sur l'enseignement du droit transsystémique à l'émission *Le droit commun* sur Radio France. Pour écouter l'entrevue : <http://media2.campus.mcgill.ca/misc/kasirer2007.wma>.



Dennis R. Klinck

At the June 2007 Convocation, the Law Students Association presented **Dennis R. Klinck** with the John W. Durnford Teaching Award for the second time in his career, citing his meticulously prepared and substantial teaching and his extremely dry wit. He recently completed a book-length manuscript entitled *The Conscience of Early Modern English Equity*.

**David Lametti**, BCL/LLB'89, was named research director of the Centre for Intellectual Property Policy. He has taken up the challenge of articulating the Centre's research agenda and securing funding for its various projects, with particular attention to copyright and property law theory. He also succeeded **Geneviève Saumier**, BCom'87, BCL/LLB'91, as Associate Dean (Academic). Geneviève served in this role from September 2005 to May 2008.

*Proximity, Levinas, and the Soul of Law* by **Desmond Manderson**, DCL'07, was shortlisted by the Canadian Federation for the Humanities and Social Sciences for the Raymond Klibansky Prize for best English-language book in the humanities. He spent his 2007-2008 sabbatical in Australia and took on his new responsibilities as Associate Dean (Research) upon his return in September.

**Frédéric Mégret** was invited by the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia to train its senior lawyers on hybrid courts. His work on the idea of resistance in international law is leading to various publications on resistance to genocide, slavery, colonization, apartheid, deportation and violations of human rights, and has given rise to talks all over the world. Recently, it led him to explore the role that "athletic disobedience" might have in bringing attention to human rights violations in the context of the Beijing Olympics. He also continues to pursue his interest in the theory of the laws of war, with a focus on the fate of prisoners

**Roderick A. Macdonald** was awarded the Sir John William Dawson Medal by the Royal Society of Canada for his contribution to legal research and scholarship. His nomination reads: "Engaging with history, literary theory, philosophy, aesthetics, anthropology, semiotics, sociology and political economy, he has challenged and re-challenged our understanding of law as well as its connection to social structures and social imagination. No other author has opened up such a radical inquiry into the relationship between law and society." He was also recognized by the University of Ottawa's *Section de droit civil*, receiving its highest honour – membership in its *Ordre du mérite* – as one of the leading civil law scholars in the modern history of Quebec private law. Currently on sabbatical, Rod is writing a *Treatise of Civil Law Dealing with Security on Property*, to be published by McGill's Quebec Research Centre of Private and Comparative Law. He also climbed Avalanche Peak in New Zealand and even found time to send off a letter of reference by e-mail when he reached the summit.



## GET-TOGETHER IN TORONTO

The Law Faculty launched its celebrations of the 40th year of common law teaching at McGill with a warm get-together of 40 close friends. **Ian Bandeen**, BCL/LLB'86, and his wife Libby opened their beautiful and historic Toronto home to the festivities, which were made even more special through the attendance of five McGill Law professors past and present. Dean **Nicholas Kasirer**, BCL/LLB'85, was accompanied by Professors **William Foster** (McGill Law professor since common law courses were introduced to the Faculty) and **Blaine Baker** (McGill Law professor since 1981) as well as Madame Justice **Alison Harvison Young**, BCL/LLB'83, (McGill Law professor from 1988-1998, now of the Ontario Superior Court) and **David Stevens** (McGill Law professor from 1983-1999, currently a partner at Gowlings Toronto).



## HAIL MARY AND MARIA

**Maria D'Amico** of the Institute of Air and Space Law (IASL) and **Mary Lourenço**, CertHRMgmt'97, of the Nahum Gelber Law Library earned two of five annual Principal's Awards for Administrative and Support Staff for their exceptional work last year. They received their well-deserved awards at the Fall 2007 Convocation ceremonies, along with a \$5,000 prize.

Maria D'Amico's nomination read: "She is so energetic, so helpful and so delightful to work with, it is difficult to know where to begin. She puts 110 per cent into everything and has an impressive positive attitude. She is an ambassador for McGill and the IASL." Those who know Maria will certainly agree with this glowing assessment!

Mary Lourenço, who started working at McGill in 1980, said in an interview: "I feel so honoured and grateful. I appreciate it all the more because it's a result of the hard work and dedication of everyone who works here [at the library]. I really enjoy what I do. I am in contact with so many great faculty members, students and external users, and to get an award for that is a little overwhelming."

## UNVEILING OF THE MICHELIN MEMORIAL

On June 8, 2007, family and friends of Steve Michelin, BA'86, BCL/LLB'90, and Rob Michelin, BA'86, MA'88, BCL/LLB'92, gathered on the lawns of the Faculty for the unveiling of the Michelin Memorial – a dark stone bench flanked by two white flowering magnolia trees.



"These two trees were planted in memory of Steve Michelin (B.A. 1986, B.C.L., LL.B. 1990) and Rob Michelin (B.A. 1986, M.A. 1988, B.C.L., LL.B. 1992) by their classmates, friends and family.

While at McGill, Steve and Rob formed life-long friendships and made many contributions to the life of the University.

These trees and the Steve and Rob Michelin Memorial Scholarships, also established by their classmates, honour two men who were dearly loved and are deeply missed.\*

during the Crusades and an exploration of how non-lethal weapons may radically change the war paradigm.



Pierre-Emmanuel Moyse

**Pierre-Emmanuel Moyse** a été nommé professeur adjoint à la Faculté de droit en 2007 après avoir été *Wainwright Junior Fellow* en 2006. Pierre-Emmanuel s'intéresse aux réponses du droit aux technologies, à la propriété des intangibles et à l'histoire du droit. Il agit également à titre d'avocat-conseil dans de nombreuses causes de propriété intellectuelle. Il a récemment défendu avec succès la cause *Kraft Canada c. Euro-Excellence*, devant la Cour suprême du Canada. Cette cause d'intérêt national concernait l'utilisation du droit d'auteur par Kraft pour limiter la distribution de produits de chocolat fin sur le marché canadien. Il mène actuellement un cycle de conférences et un programme de recherche sur le droit de la concurrence et l'innovation technologique au sein du Centre des politiques en propriété intellectuelle de McGill (voir p.26).

**Tina Piper** was awarded a major grant from the Canadian Foundation for Innovation, with support from the Quebec government, for her IsPACE project – *Intellectual Property in a Creative Environment*. Housed at the Centre for Intellectual Property Policy, the project explores the interface between public policy, economic development and intellectual property. It will be used to propose improvements to Canadian innovation policy and intellectual property laws, and to advise private and non-profit enterprise.



Tina Piper



René Provost

**René Provost** a été invité par l'Organisation des États américains à titre de représentant canadien dans le cadre des *Jornadas de derecho internacional* au Nicaragua, événement annuel où chaque pays membre est représenté par un juriste spécialisé en droit international. «J'ai eu l'occasion de parler des implications d'une approche pluraliste au droit international humanitaire, une vision du droit avec laquelle la majorité des participants n'étaient pas familiers», a-t-il rapporté. «De telles rencontres offrent des occasions précieuses de tisser des liens avec des chercheurs de l'Amérique latine, et ainsi de renforcer l'un des axes de développement du Centre sur les droits de la personne et du pluralisme juridique.»

**Colleen Sheppard** is the principal researcher on a Community-University Research Alliance initiative that is working with McGill, other universities and three Montreal-based community organizations to launch a multi-year project called "Sustaining Public Responsibility for Equality Rights: Engaged Citizens and Organized Communities." She is also participating in a research project on equality and non-discrimination in China, focusing on systemic discrimination against girls and women through the lens of a lifecycle approach. Sponsored by the Canadian International Development Agency, she joined researchers from Canada and China at a symposium at Peking University's Research Centre for Human Rights to discuss the prevention of discrimination and the promotion of equality in China.



Lionel Smith

**Lionel Smith** a pris la direction du Centre de recherche en droit privé et comparé du Québec l'été passé, à la suite de **Jean-Guy Belley**. L'année 2007 s'est avérée fort bien remplie : après plusieurs années d'études à temps partiel à l'Université de Montréal, il a reçu un second LLB en droit civil québécois. Il a aussi été élu membre de l'*American Law Institute*, il a présenté ses travaux lors des conférences à Toronto, Edinburg et Sydney, et il est devenu professeur titulaire.

**Margaret Somerville**, DCL'78, is continuing her work on using ethics to prevent bioterrorism. A member of a working group at the World Health Organization, she headed to Sweden in June to give a keynote speech on the subject. She was also in Istanbul in April to help draft an international ethics declaration on transplant tourism and organ sales. Finally, she was an invited speaker at the Sydney Writers' Festival, where her book, *The Ethical Imagination*, was ranked 11th in sales among 800 books by 300 authors attending from around the world.

**Shauna Van Praagh** became the Faculty's Associate Dean of Graduate Studies in June 2007. As graduate studies are a high priority for the Faculty, she's working to increase international recruitment, boost the quality and *rayonnement* of our Master's and doctoral programs and enhance the overall graduate experience. As a result of her initiative, LLM students now have an array of study program options – interdisciplinary, thesis or course-intensive, and centre or institute-based – and our doctoral students have ever-increasing funding. In addition, Shauna is taking part in discussions about social diversity and law, through her writing on women and religion in *Lawyer's Weekly*; her participation in a McGill panel on "reasonable accommodation" held on the UN's International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination; and her contributions to an *atelier* presented to a multidisciplinary research group at the Sorbonne.



Shauna Van Praagh



Catherine Walsh

**Catherine Walsh** returned to the Faculty in September, invigorated by a sabbatical spent speaking at conferences and researching a major comparative study on secured financing and insolvency law. She is a member of the Canadian delegation to the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law's Secured Transactions Working Group, which explores intellectual property financing, an area of particular interest to both Catherine and the Faculty. She hopes to begin her larger comparative study this summer and looks forward to the challenge of teaching Professor **William Tetley**, BA'48's storied course on the carriage of goods by sea next year.



## RENTREZ DANS L'ORDRE... DU CANADA !

Le professeur **Armand de Mestral**, BCL'66, a été nommé membre de l'Ordre du Canada en décembre 2007 en reconnaissance de ses contributions à l'enseignement et au développement du droit constitutionnel canadien et du droit international. Humanitaire et juriste engagé, il a agi à titre de gouverneur et président de la Société canadienne de la Croix-Rouge et comme consultant auprès de l'Organisation des Nations Unies. Deux autres diplômés de la promotion de droit de 1966 ont également été ainsi honorés en 2007 ; il s'agit de **Mary Dawson** (à gauche sur la photo) et de **Peter Howlett**, pour son travail auprès des personnes atteintes d'une déficience intellectuelle et à titre de président des Amis de la Montagne, un groupe montréalais qui vise à protéger et à conserver le parc du Mont-Royal.

Encore en 2007-2008, l'honorable **Charles D. Gonthier**, BCL'51, LLD'90, président du conseil d'administration du Centre de droit international du développement durable à McGill, où il est *Wainwright Senior Fellow*, a été élu Compagnon de l'Ordre du Canada. L'honorable **Frank Iacobucci**, LLD'03, membre du comité consultatif de la Faculté et ancien juge de la Cour suprême du Canada a été élu Compagnon. Finalement, l'ex-sénateur **E. Leo Kolber**, BA'49, BCL'52, a aussi été fait Officier en reconnaissance de ses nombreuses contributions à la société canadienne en tant qu'homme d'affaires, philanthrope et bénévole.

## A SUPREME VISIT FROM INDIA

On May 23, 2008, McGill's Faculty of Law was deeply privileged to receive a delegation of representatives of India's Supreme Court – Mr. G. K. Banerjee, the Right Hon. K. G. Balakrishnan, the Hon. Arijit Pasayat, Mr. Gopal Subramaniam, and Mr. P. K. Sharma. The delegates enjoyed informal exchanges with faculty members on subjects such as transsystemic legal education, the challenges faced by Canadian and Indian Courts, and more. This was the only stop at a university on the delegates' tour, which also included time with the justices of the Supreme Court of Canada.



## LA COUR D'APPEL DU QUÉBEC SIÈGE À MCGILL

Le 25 janvier 2008, nous recevons la Cour d'appel du Québec dans la salle du tribunal-école Maxwell Cohen. Les juges Yves-Marie Morissette, René Dussault et Nicole Duval Hesler ont présidé l'audience. Les étudiants de la Faculté ont apprécié cette occasion d'observer les rouages de la Cour en action.



## INNOVATION ET CONCURRENCE EN PROPRIÉTÉ INTELLECTUELLE



The capacity to innovate is the driving force behind today's economy, and intellectual property rights are instrumental to such progress. In the last decades, though, critics have claimed that these rights hold a potential for abuse, to the detriment of fair competition and consumer welfare.

Prenant acte de cette nouvelle dynamique entre droits de propriété intellectuelle et libre-concurrence, le Centre des politiques en propriété intellectuelle inaugure cette année un nouveau programme de recherche intitulé « Innovation et concurrence ». Le programme, mené par le professeur adjoint Pierre-Emmanuel Moysé, comprend plusieurs projets de recherche portant notamment sur l'abus des droits de propriété intellectuelle et sur le régime des accords verticaux.

The Centre for Intellectual Property Policy will also launch an annual colloquium on competition law, innovation and intellectual property this fall. This initiative, which was made possible through generous support from **McMillan LLP**, will provide a forum for community-building in the IP field. This year's theme will be "Innovation to abuse? Exploring the interactions between intellectual property and competition law."

This colloquium will be a unique opportunity for students, policy-makers, scholars and legal practitioners from Canada, the U.S. and Europe to examine lessons learned from recent cases – such as *Microsoft* or *Kraft Canada* – and to explore interactions between innovation and competition law in today's rapidly-changing markets.



## PROUD TO BE CANADIAN PASCAL ZAMPRELLI

A special club celebrated a big birthday last year. Prime Minister William Lyon Mackenzie King was its first member. Since then, the Dalai Lama, Nelson Mandela and Raoul Wallenberg, a Swedish diplomat whose efforts saved the lives of thousands of Hungarian Jews during the Second World War, have been granted honorary memberships, which might tell you a little something about the values this club holds dear. On September 18, 2007, members of the McGill community joined the club: they became Canadian citizens.

To commemorate the 60th anniversary of Canadian citizenship, the Faculty of Law, in collaboration with Citizenship and Immigration Canada, held an extraordinary citizenship ceremony in the Maxwell Cohen Moot Court. Sixty members of the McGill community, hailing from 22 different countries, participated. Citizenship Judge Barbara Seal presided over the ceremony, which saw the group swear an oath together, receive their certificates and partake in a rousing rendition of their new national anthem. One of the participants was Diego Pereira, BCL/LLB'07, who was delighted to receive his citizenship in the same building where he studied law: "McGill has marked my life in many ways, and this has been a milestone for me. To have graduated from this outstanding university, to have gotten my citizenship here; it has been just great. I am very grateful; I love this country."



# CONFERENCES AND EVENTS

THE PAST YEAR HAS BROUGHT A WEALTH OF CONFERENCES, WORKSHOPS AND SEMINARS TO THE FACULTY. SUBJECTS RANGED FROM ARBITRATION, HUMAN RIGHTS, WAR AND TAXES TO INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY, LEGAL TOLERANCE AND ABORIGINAL LAW. HERE ARE BUT A FEW HIGHLIGHTS OF AN INTELLECTUALLY STIMULATING YEAR.

## THE INTERNATIONAL YOUNG LEADERS FORUM

The Global Conference on the Prevention of Genocide was preceded by a four-day event that brought together 36 young people from 23 countries

**AUDREY BOCTOR AND WILL PATERSON**

As recent graduates, we were thrilled to return to McGill to take part in the Forum. The four days spent in interactive workshops on topics ranging from the Psychology of Mass Violence to Civil and Armed Resistance were both moving and challenging. However, what we will remember most are the 34 other Echenberg Conference Fellows, whose determination and dedication to the field of human rights humbled and inspired us. Denise from Rwanda runs an organization called CINEDUC that presents films to young people in order to engage them in dialogue about reconciliation. Hovig from Lebanon works for the United Nations High Commission for Refugees in Beirut. Matt from the U.S. is stationed in Darfur with the U.N. Mission. Rosebell from Uganda is a journalist who focuses on international crime. The list goes on.

After such an intense four days, our expectations for the main conference were soaring and we were not disappointed. Words cannot describe the conference opening session. There, survivors of the Rwandan genocide, the Holocaust and the Cambodian killing fields told their stories to a packed, silent auditorium. Senator Roméo Dallaire, Sir Shridath Ramphal and Wole Soyinka commented and responded. These stories and responses set the stage for the stimulating and unforgettable conference that followed.



1. A small discussion group tackles a theme.  
2. Final day of the forum: plenary in the Maxwell Cohen Moot Court.

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1. Un panel spécial dans le superbe amphithéâtre Redpath sous la thématique « Face à l'histoire et à nous-mêmes: Que serait un monde sans génocide? », avec une liaison vidéo avec le Centre commémoratif de Kigali au Rwanda.

2. Mark Doyle (BBC), Colette Braekman (*Le Soir*), Brian Stewart (CBC), Roy Gutman (*Newsday*) and Mary Kimani (U.N. Department of Information) discuss "Shaping Public Opinion: The Role of the Media" roundtable, chaired by Professor Allan Thompson (Carleton School of Journalism)

3. Lt.-Gen. (ret) Roméo Dallaire autographs a copy of his book for delegate Uğur Ümit Üngör (Amsterdam) on the last day of the Conference.

4. Entre deux conférences, trois jeunes participants discutent et échangent leurs impressions.



## GLOBAL CONFERENCE ON THE PREVENTION OF GENOCIDE OCTOBER 11-13, 2007

Last October, McGill's Centre for Human Rights and Legal Pluralism, with Gordon and Penny Echenberg, hosted the world's first Global Conference on the Prevention of Genocide, which brought together survivors, witnesses, legislators, diplomats, activists and others whose lives have been forever changed by genocide. It opened a dialogue with the goal of exploring means of preventing genocidal violence, rather than focusing on ad hoc intervention. The International Young Leaders Forum that preceded the conference led to the drafting of a *Responsibility to Prevent* declaration by 36 young people. The *Imagining the Unthinkable: L'exposition du génocide* exhibit brought together exceptional collections of photographs, drawings and survivor testimonials, making a powerful visual statement on the horrors of genocide. The Conference was made possible by generous support from the Echenberg Family Foundation. Visit the conference website at <http://efchr.mcgill.ca> for video proceedings.

**MARIA MARCHESCHI**  
SPECIAL EVENTS  
AND ALUMNI  
RELATIONS  
ADMINISTRATOR

**CLASS REUNIONS**



**CLASS OF '52** On September 6, 2007, the Class of '52 celebrated its 55th graduation anniversary with a dinner at the home of Senator Leo Kolber, BA'49, BCL'52. Among the guests were several graduates who have taught in the Faculty, including former Law Dean John Durnford, BA'49, BCL'52. Special thanks go to both grads for organizing this event.



**CLASS OF '54** Although class reunions usually occur every five years, an enthusiastic Class of '54 met again on October 18, 2007, for dinner at Le Caveau. The closeness and amity of this class was evident in the laughter and smiles shared throughout the evening.

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**AVIATION SAFETY,  
SECURITY AND THE  
ENVIRONMENT: THE  
WAY FORWARD**  
SEPTEMBER 14-16, 2007

More than 325 representatives from government, industry, academia, and the legal and financial sectors around the world convened at the Hilton Bonaventure Hotel last September for this major event co-hosted

by the Institute of Air and Space Law and the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO). Issues such as emissions-taxing and the use of new security technologies were hotly debated. Although consensus might not have been reached on all points, everyone agreed that safety, security and the environment must figure at the top of the ICAO agenda. Many reiterated the industry call for harmonized standards, international solutions and cooperation between developed and developing states. The conference preceded ICAO's General Assembly, an event many participants attended as well.



**JOHN E.C. BRIERLEY  
MEMORIAL LECTURE**  
MAY 28, 2008

Professor Jan Paulsson gave a provocative and engaging lecture, arguing that "International Arbitration is not Arbitration," to a packed Maxwell Cohen Moot Court. The author of a number of leading books on arbitration and international law, Jan Paulsson has been President of the London Court of International Arbitration, President of the World Bank Administrative Tribunal, a member of the International Olympic Committee's *Tribunal arbitral du sport*, and a member of the WIPO Arbitration Consultative Commission.



**INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON  
CONTEMPORARY ISSUES IN AIR TRANSPORT,  
AIR LAW AND REGULATION**  
APRIL 21-25, 2008 NEW DELHI, INDIA

Asia is the fastest-growing aviation market in the world, and India is an integral driver of that robust growth. Information and knowledge are essential to capitalize on the economic opportunities being created in this part of the world. Accordingly, the Institute of Air and Space Law hosted a Workshop and Conference on Air and Space Law in collaboration with the Airports Authority of India, and the Center for Aviation Studies at the University of Petroleum and Energy Studies. The Workshop (April 21-23) served as a basic comprehensive introduction to Air Transport, Law and Regulation, while the Conference (April 23-25) addressed contemporary, cutting-edge issues facing air transport today.





**CLASS OF '57** The Class of '57 came out in strength to celebrate its 50th anniversary over dinner at the Atwater Club and cocktails at the home of Trevor Bishop, BA'54, BCL'57. Several grads in attendance had not seen each other for many years, and some travelled considerable distances to celebrate. Among them were former teacher James Hugessen, BCL'57, and Faculty benefactor Nahum Gelber, BA'54, BCL'57. Trevor Bishop deserves special thanks for organizing this memorable event.



**CLASS OF '58** The Class of '58 met at the Faculty on May 30, 2008 to mark their 50th anniversary. The day-long festivities included a viewing of the biography of F. R. Scott in the Moot Court, and provided an opportunity to reminisce about law school years, remember classmates and pay homage to remarkable professors such as F. R. Scott and the Hon. Gerald E. Le Dain. The event was organized by Justice Joseph Nuss, BA'55, BCL'58.

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**POP & POLICY – MUSIC FAST-FORWARD  
OCTOBER 3-6, 2007**

As part of the 2007 Pop Montreal International Music Festival, and in collaboration with the Schulich School of Music and the Centre for Intellectual Property Policy (CIPP), the Pop & Policy conference brought together musicians, fans, media, policy-makers, lawyers, industry reps and technology gurus to debate the challenges facing the music industry and music policy now and in the future. Panellists from across Canada and the U.S. met for four days of groundbreaking discussions about music copyright, distribution models, music formats and how Canada is poised to lead the way on many of these issues. You can listen to some of the presentations on the CIPP website at <http://cipp.mcgill.ca/en/events/presentations>.

**TABLE RONDE SUR L'ENSEIGNEMENT DU DROIT  
27-28 SEPTEMBRE 2007**

Plusieurs facultés de droit en Amérique du Nord et en Europe s'interrogent sur la nécessité de réinventer l'enseignement du droit. Au cœur de cette réflexion s'exprime le sentiment que la notion même du droit est transformée par le phénomène de la globalisation de la vie politique et des relations sociales et économiques. Des programmes tendant à la formation mixte en droit civil et en common law émergent un peu partout et de plus en plus de juristes s'intéressent à l'idée que l'enseignement du droit doit s'envisager de manière comparative et intégrée. Articulée autour du thème « Les assises d'une formation juridique cosmopolite », la table ronde fut une occasion pour les participants, venus de nombre d'universités, de poser un regard critique sur la formation juridique à la lumière de cette internationalisation.





▶ **CLASS OF '67** More than 25 members of the Class of '67 – including Chancellor Dick Pound, BCom'62, BCL'67 – gathered with their spouses at the Montefiore Club on November 3, 2007, to celebrate 40 years since graduation. It was the class's first reunion in many years, and many grads returned to Montreal for the event. The success of the evening was due in large part to the organizing talents of Michael Worsoff, BSc'64, BCL'67.



**CLASS OF '72** To mark their 35th anniversary, the Class of '72 met for cocktails on October 27 at the Faculty of Law. Thanks go to Marc De Man, BA'68, BCL'72, for his help in organizing this event. Among the attendees was Kip Cobbett, BA'69, BCL'72, vice-chair of McGill's Board of Governors.

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### ATELIER D'ARBITRAGE DE LA CHAMBRE DE COMMERCE INTERNATIONALE 30 AVRIL - 2 MAI 2008

En collaboration avec l'Institut de droit comparé et l'équipe de recherche sur la justice privée de McGill, la Cour internationale d'arbitrage de la Chambre de commerce internationale (CCI) donnait un atelier d'arbitrage à McGill au printemps, le premier de ce type au Canada. Une quarantaine d'avocats, professeurs et gens d'affaires provenant non seulement du Canada et des États-Unis, mais aussi de l'Amérique Latine, de l'Europe et du Japon ont participé à des séances intensives sur la pratique de l'arbitrage selon les règlements de la CCI.

## THE 2008 CANADIAN CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS CONFERENCE

Canada's law students converge to revisit constitutional debates



In January 2008, a group of McGill and Laval law students hosted the Canadian Constitutional Affairs Conference (CCAC). This event brought together student delegates from each of Canada's 20 law faculties and explored pressing constitutional questions in the company of major political, academic and legal figures of the past 25 years.

The CCAC is the first of its kind since 1961, when, at the height of the Quiet Revolution, a group of Laval students launched a similar event to discuss the linguistic duality of Canada. As second-year student and CCAC co-chair Hugh Meighen says, "With the 40th anniversary of Quebec City and the McGill Institute for the Study of Canada's *Charter@25* conference last year, we thought it would be a good time to take a fresh look at the Constitution and focus on federalism issues."

Drawing inspiration from this initiative, this year's McGill-Laval revival aimed to enlarge both the breadth and scope of the debate. For three days, 250 student-participants debated constitu-

tional issues ranging from asymmetrical federalism to native self-governance. The Conference provided opportunities for participants to hear panel discussions, question panellists and engage in debates with their fellow students.

"The major point that emerged is that today's law students look at the constitutional questions that arose in the 80's and 90's differently," Meighen says. "Many of us are too young to have experienced first-hand the constitutional climate that existed 20 years ago."

"We wanted to provide an environment for law students from all over Canada to come together and better understand the constitutional issues and how Canadians of different ages, backgrounds and regions are responding to them. Having delegates from all the Canadian law schools was very exciting."

Les organisateurs espèrent d'ailleurs continuer un débat national sur les questions constitutionnelles par le biais de leur site Web, [www.ccac2008.ca](http://www.ccac2008.ca), où l'on peut également consulter les actes de la conférence.





**CLASS OF '82** On October 20, 2007, the class of '82 met at Montreal's Fire Grill restaurant for their 25th anniversary celebration. The turnout was strong, thanks in large part to the enthusiasm of the organizing committee: Antoinette Bozac, BCL'82, LLB'83, Herbert Brownstein, BA'79, BCL'82, LLB'83, April Kabbash, BCL'82, BCom'83, LLB'84, Chris Koressis, BSc'78, BCL'81, LLB'82 and Ann Soden, BCL'81, LLB'82.



**CLASS OF '97** Large numbers of the class of '97 met again at Bice Restaurant on October 27, 2007, with many returning to Montreal especially for the event, which was organized by Adam Atlas, BA'93, BCL/LLB'97, Alison Breen, BA'93, BCL/LLB'97, Isabelle Gosselin, BCL/LLB'97, Sandra Nishikawa, BCL/LLB'97, Tania Tretiak, BSc'91, BCL/LLB'97, Lyanne Winkoff, BCom'93, BCL/LLB'97, and Rachel Young, BA'92, BCL/LLB'97.

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**LAW AS TRANSFORMATION**  
Grad students hold first annual conference

In March 2008, the Graduate Law Students Association (GLSA) held its first annual conference with great success. The two-day event was a reminder of our transsystemic Faculty's enormous influence on graduate legal studies in Canada and internationally.

The theme of the conference, "Law as Transformation," was meant to highlight the multiplicity of projects, interests and aspirations each participant would bring. We wanted graduate students to challenge the way they think about the world and about themselves – to conceive of law as transformation.

McGill's increased focus on graduate studies, coupled with graduate students' enthusiasm, gave the conference a great boost.

Kicking off with a memorable – and musical – keynote address from Professor Rod Macdonald, the conference was the scene of many stimulating presentations and a great diversity of submissions. In all, 43 graduate students from McGill and a host of other North American universities presented papers. Panels explored subjects as diverse as "Shifting Legal Formations in the Skies," "Transforming State Power," and "Human Relationships in the Legal Imaginary." The event was also a great opportunity to socialize and chat about our work and aspirations, and to talk with professors about academic careers.

We wish to thank Dean Nicholas Kasirer for his moral and financial support, and Shauna Van Praagh, Associate Dean, Graduate Studies, for her tireless efforts, along with the institutes, centres, associations and other groups that sponsored panels and events, and the many professors who acted as panel moderators or provided other support.

Visit <http://glsa.mcgill.ca> to find out more or to read some of the conference proceedings.

**ERIC POLLANEN AND MOHAMMAD NSOUR**



GLSA vice-president Eric Pollanen (left), BCL/LLB'01, is an LL.M student who researches property law theory with Associate Professor David Lametti. GLSA president Mohammad Nsour is a Jordanian lawyer who is finishing his DCL on the role of regionalism in the multilateral trade regime, under the supervision of Professor Armand de Mestral.



# A TRIBUTE TO THE *PATER PATRIÆ* OF HOCKEY

**JAMES G. A. CREIGHTON, BCL 1880,  
DRAFTED THE RULE BOOK OF ICE HOCKEY**

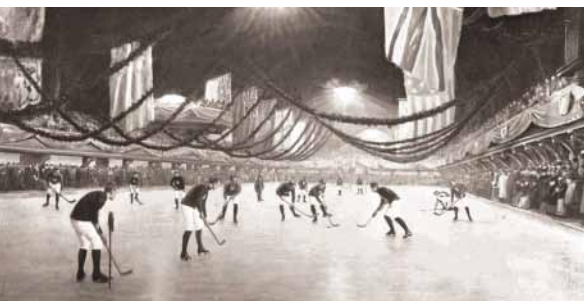
**ANDRÉS J. DREW**  
BA'03, BCL/LLB'07



The Habs are not the only great Montreal institution with cause to celebrate this year. Overshadowing the Canadiens' 100th anniversary, for McGill alumni at least, was the recognition by Prime Minister Stephen Harper of James George Aylwin Creighton, BCL 1880, as the "father" of organized ice hockey.

"The evolution of hockey, like any sport, was – and is – an incremental process, and James Creighton deserves recognition because he formalized the game, bringing it indoors, establishing fixed teams (originally nine players a side) and helping create the first written code, from which today's rule-book is descended," said Harper.

Of all the McGill Law alumni to have influenced the sport of hockey, James G. A. Creighton stands as the most significant. After completing a Bachelor's degree, he moved to Montreal and was employed as a civil engineer on the Lachine Canal and the city's port before enrolling at the Faculty of Law in 1877. A few years prior, Creighton had drafted rules for ice hockey after he and a small group of friends attempted to play lacrosse on skates at the Victoria rink.



He graduated from Law in June 1880 with first-class honours and practiced in Montreal until March 3, 1882, when he was appointed law clerk to the Senate, a position he held until his death in 1930. Creighton is credited with not only formalizing the rules of modern hockey, but also having organized the first indoor hockey game and participating in every reported Montreal hockey game from 1875 to 1879.

## LAW ALUMS LEADING THE WAY IN SPORTS

**Mike Richards** BA'60, BCL'63  
Two-time president of the Royal Canadian Golf Association

**David Schatia** BCL'62  
President of Octagon Hockey,  
NHL Hockey Agent

**Morden (Cookie) Lazarus** BA'62, BCL'65  
Entertainment lawyer and former sports agent

**Richard Pound** BCom'62, BCL'67  
Former head of the World Anti-Doping Agency

**George P. Springate** BCL'68, LLB'69  
Former Redmen footballer and Montreal Alouettes placekicker

**Hon. Ken Dryden** LLB'73  
Former Montreal Canadiens player,  
now a Member of Parliament

**Donald Meehan** LLB'75  
NHL Hockey Agent

**Larry Smith** BCL'76  
President and CEO of the Montreal Alouettes

**Donald K. Charter** BA'78, LLB'82  
Former captain of McGill Redmen Football

**Andrew Hertzog** BA'80, BCL/LLB'84  
President of Eurosport

**Michael Nelson** BCL/LLB'82  
President of Friends of McGill Redmen Hockey

**Farrel G. Miller** LLB/MBA'87  
Owner of the Junior de Montreal hockey team

**Claude Loiselle** LLB'98  
Assistant General Manager of  
the Tampa Bay Lightning

**Michael Spanier** BCL/LLB'98  
Sports lawyer

## LEGAL CLINIC ADDS WADA TO ROSTER

For over a quarter-century, the McGill Legal Information Clinic has been giving law students hands-on experience in community and public-interest organizations. Working with over 20 partner groups, the program has provided hundreds of credited internships to students who offer legal information to the socially disadvantaged and who make a direct, positive impact on people's lives.

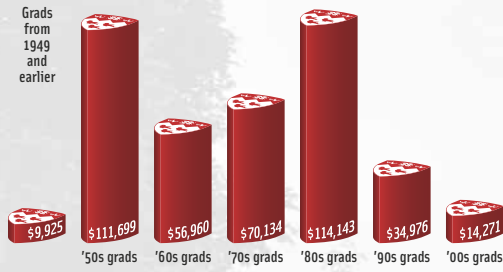
This year, the World Anti Doping Agency (WADA) joined the roster. Andrés Drew, BA'03, BCL/LLB'07, who was instru-

mental in bringing WADA to the Clinic, said "this partnership is exciting because it will give students exposure to the new field of sports governance, an area of law that transcends jurisdictions and legal systems. It's a perfect fit for McGill Law students, because they are trained to think about how governance and legal instruments can be applied to global regulation issues."

Two students took up Clinic posts at WADA's offices this May to review international anti-doping guidelines.



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Thanks to your contributions to the Alma Mater Fund, we are pleased to announce that the Faculty is committing \$500,000 to projects in which students and professors are conducting research together.

The emphasis the Faculty is able to place on this urgent priority is only one example of how your loyal support allows us to remain at the forefront of research and scholarship. With the help of our alumni and friends, we will continue to set ourselves apart as an innovative educational institution that is both research-intensive and student-oriented.

Merci!

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### FOR QUESTIONS ABOUT THE FACULTY'S DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVES

# ALUMNI NOTES

## 1950's

The Hon. **Donald J. Johnston**, PC, QC, BCL'58, BA'60, LLD'03, received the Grand Cordon of the Order of the Rising Sun of Japan, the second most prestigious Japanese decoration and the highest one that can be bestowed on a non-Japanese citizen. Donald received the decoration from Emperor Akihito of Japan at a ceremony in November 2006 at the Imperial Palace in Tokyo, in recognition of his accomplishments as secretary-general of the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development from 1996 to 2006. Johnston is counsel and a founding partner at Heenan Blaikie. He was recently appointed to the board of directors of the Montreal Economic Institute.

## 1960's

Over his 35-year career as a film producer and writer, **Lionel Chetwynd**, BCL'67, has earned Oscar nominations, an honorary doctorate and a presidential appointment, but the one prize that eluded him was a high school diploma. Chetwynd left Outremont High School (OHS) to join the army at an early age, but his former classmates belatedly rectified this at their 50th anniversary reunion last year, when fellow OHS alum Irwin Cotler presented him with a "diploma."

The Hon. **Irwin Cotler**, OC, MP, BA'61, BCL'64, will head the new International Coalition to Combat Anti-Semitism. Together with British MP John Mann, Cotler announced the group's launch in February at the annual Global Forum for Combating Anti-Semitism in Jerusalem.

In June 2007, **Mary Elizabeth Dawson**, QC, CM, BA'63, BCL'66, was named Canada's new ethics commissioner by Prime Minister Stephen Harper. A former associate deputy minister of justice with expertise in constitutional and administrative law, she is now responsible for enforcing the new *Conflict of Interest Act*, which sets out rules for current and former public-office holders. In May 2007, she was made a member of the Order of Canada for her "significant contribution to public policy in our nation" (see p. 25).

A director of the Canadian Omnium in 1997 and 2001, **Michael Richards**, BA'60, BCL'63, was a key figure in attracting the Presidents Cup, a premier golfing competition, to Canada. After nearly five years of preparation, the event was held in September 2007 at the Royal Montreal Club and proved a resounding success.

Richards was kept busy by his responsibilities, managing over 1,000 volunteers and 11 committees. *La Presse Affaires* and Radio-Canada named him Personality of the Week in honour of his leadership and determination. He practises corporate and commercial law as a senior partner in the Montreal office of Stikeman Elliott.

## 1970's

**Christopher Axworthy**, LLM'71, QC, was appointed Dean of the Faculty of Law at Manitoba University, and began his deanship this summer. A distinguished academic who also was active in politics, he is interested in corporate and contract law, with a particular focus on corporate and commercial enterprises pursued by Aboriginal communities.

**David L. McAusland**, BCL'76, LLB'77, was presented with the Lifetime Achievement Award during the 2008 Canadian General Counsel Awards, which were held in Toronto on June 2nd. McAusland, who has enjoyed a spectacular legal career with Byers Casgrain (now Fraser Milner Casgrain) and then Alcan, was appointed to the Board of Directors of Khan Resources in April 2008. He was also appointed by Public Safety Minister Stockwell Day in March 2008 to head the RCMP Reform Implementation Council.

**Edward S. Goldenberg**, BA'69, MA'71, BCL'74, LLD'04, recently joined Bennett Jones LLP's Toronto and Ottawa offices. After a long and distinguished career with the Government of Canada, he will focus his practice on strategic and governance issues, public policy and government relations matters. His book, *The Way It Works: Inside Ottawa* (McClelland and Stewart, 2006), was recently shortlisted for the seventh annual Writers' Trust of Canada's Shaughnessy Cohen Award for Political Writing.

**George Hendy**, QC, BCL'71, won the 2007 Douglas Miller Award for his dedicated service to the Canadian Bar, the profession and the community, as well as for his outstanding team spirit. The award was presented at the CBA Mid-Winter Meeting of Council in Mont-Tremblant. He is a partner in the litigation department of Osler Hoskin Harcourt LLP's Montreal office, where he specializes in corporate and commercial litigation including pension fund litigation, unfair competition, product liability and class actions.

**Hubert T. Lacroix**, BCL'76, MBA'81, became president and CEO of CBC/Radio-

Canada in January 2008. Formerly with the Montreal law firm Stikeman Elliott, Lacroix is an adjunct professor with the faculty of law at the Université de Montréal, where he teaches securities law and mergers and acquisitions in public markets. He serves on many boards, sits as a trustee of McGill's Martlet Foundation and is a director of the Montreal General Hospital Foundation.

In June 2007, **Roslyn Levine**, BA'72, BCL'75, LLB'76, was awarded the Canadian Department of Justice's John Tait Prize for her outstanding dedication during her 30 years with the Department, most recently as senior general counsel and deputy regional director. Her citation describes her as "a model of professionalism, competence and integrity, as well as a teacher and mentor for countless lawyers within the Department and the legal community at large."

Former Quebec Liberal environment minister **Thomas Mulcair**, BCL'76, LLB'77, ran for the federal New Democratic Party (NDP) in September 2007, winning the riding of Outremont in a by-election. This was the NDP's first Quebec win since 1990. Mr. Mulcair is now working in Ottawa as deputy leader of the NDP.

Former Canadian minister and secretary of state the Hon. **James S. Peterson**, PC, MP, DCL'70, joined Fasken Martineau's Toronto offices in 2007. He was appointed Ontario's chief trade negotiator in a round of talks with Quebec last November. He will seek to negotiate an agreement to bolster the Ontario-Quebec economic region, increase interprovincial investment and facilitate trade between the provinces.

**Marcel Strigberger**, BA'68, LLB'72, practises civil litigation as well as humour. He often appears as a keynote speaker or panellist on humour and the law, stress reduction in the legal world and more. You can read his jocular legal commentaries at [www.legalhumour.com](http://www.legalhumour.com).

After **Frank Van de Craen**, DCL'78, received his PhD in Law in Heidelberg in 1986, he joined the diplomatic service of his home country of Belgium, where he has been active for 20 years. In the fall of 2006, he was appointed Belgium's ambassador to Malaysia, after having served as his country's ambassador to Bolivia since 2003.

## 1980's

**Bernard Amyot**, BCL'82, LLB'83, a *accédé* à la présidence de l'Association du Barreau canadien pour 2007-2008. Il est

associé chez Heenan Blaikie au bureau de Montréal où il se spécialise en litige et en droit commercial. Très actif au sein de la profession juridique, il est administrateur de diverses sociétés commerciales clientes du cabinet et d'organismes de charité. En 2004, il était nommé administrateur de Xentel DM Inc. Il est également président du conseil d'administration du Collège Jean-de-Brébeuf.

**David L. Cameron**, BCL/LLB'83, a été nommé juge à la Cour du Québec, chambre civile, à Montréal en février 2008. Admis au Barreau en 1984, il a pratiqué le droit dans différents cabinets privés, principalement en droit commercial et corporatif, dans les domaines de la propriété intellectuelle et du droit des assurances. Au moment de sa nomination, il était associé au cabinet Nelson Cameron Champagne. Par le passé, il a aussi été chargé de cours à la Faculté.

Besides his full-time work as CEO of M & A Capital Corp., **Rick J. Goossen**, LLB'85, has also been an Adjunct Professor of Entrepreneurship & Strategy at Trinity Western University. In November 2006 he was awarded a PhD from Middlesex University in London for his research on theory and practice in entrepreneurship education. His thesis is the basis of his sixth book, *Entrepreneurial Excellence*, published by The Career Press in 2007.

**Julie Latour**, BCL'86, LLB'86, a reçue le Prix de la relève 2007 du Collège Jean-de-Brébeuf dans la Catégorie « Affaires et administration publique ». Le prix honore les leaders de la génération montante dont les réalisations, l'engagement et le rayonnement se reflètent sur toute la communauté. Ancienne Bâtonnier du Barreau de Montréal, Julie Latour est vice-présidente aux affaires juridiques chez Loto-Québec où elle travaille depuis 1994.

**Warren J. Newman**, BCL/LLB'81, has been appointed senior general counsel of the Constitutional and Administrative Law Section of Canada's Department of Justice. For two years he has been involved in the development of several legislative initiatives related to democratic reform, including the fixed-date elections legislation and the Senate tenure bill. He has appeared on numerous occasions as an expert witness before committees of the Senate and the House of Commons.

**J. Michael Nelson**, BCL/LLB'82, a former Redmen defenseman who last played in 1983-84, jumped back onto the ice this year for one more season of hockey. A

founding partner of Nelson Cameron Champagne, he is perhaps the Redmen's most passionate supporter, serving as president of the Friends of McGill Hockey alumni group for the past decade. When Redmen coach Martin Raymond decided to send his team to the CIS University Cup championship a few days early, Nelson and the Friends of McGill Hockey e-mailed an appeal to hockey alumni and, in less than three days, 44 Redmen boosters responded with pledges totalling \$9,500.

■ **Pierre Setlakwe**, BCL/LLB'86, joined the Montreal office of Stikeman Elliott last year as a partner in the Real Estate Group. He specializes in real estate law and municipal law on issues related to zoning and urban planning.

■ In June 2007, **M. Jacqueline Sheppard**, LLB'81, received the Litigation Management Award from the Canadian General Counsel Awards. She was also a finalist in the category of Business Achievement. Sheppard is executive vice-president, corporate and legal, and corporate secretary at Talisman Energy Inc.

■ **Martine Turcotte**, BCL'82, LLB'83, a été nommée au palmarès du Top 100 des femmes les plus influentes du Canada 2007 par le Réseau des femmes exécutives dans la catégorie «Corporative». Elle est chef de service juridique de BCE Inc. depuis juin 1999. Entrée à BCE en août 1988 à titre de conseillère juridique, elle a occupé de nombreux postes dans le groupe BCE, chez Bell Canada International, BCE Média et Bell Canada. Elle siège aussi depuis 1996 au conseil d'administration et au comité des finances du Théâtre Espace Go.

### 1990's

■ **Bram Freedman**, BA'87, BCL/LLB'91, has been appointed vice-president, external relations and secretary-general at Concordia University, where he will be responsible for university governance, external relations and the management of legal affairs and effective government. Previously, he was chief operating officer and director of external relations at Federation CJA, the central fundraising and community service organization for Quebec's Jewish community. Bram had previously worked at Concordia as assistant legal counsel, and then as assistant secretary-general and general counsel.

■ **Hélène V. Gagnon**, BCL/LLB'93, a été nommée au palmarès du Top 100 des femmes les plus influentes du Canada 2007 par le Réseau des femmes

exécutives dans la catégorie «Professionnelle». Elle est vice-présidente aux affaires publiques et communications chez Bombardier pour l'Amérique du Nord. Elle est aussi membre du comité des gouverneurs de la campagne caritative «Noël à la carte» de l'Association québécoise de la fibrose kystique.

■ Filmmaker **Hanson Hosein**, LLB'92, BCL'93, has begun work on *Independent America: Rising from Ruins*, a sequel to *Independent America: the Two Lane Search for Mom & Pop* (2006). In his new film, he takes to the regional roads for a 3,000-mile journey to investigate how "mom and pop" businesses – as opposed to "big box" stores – are doing in post-Katrina New Orleans. Hanson is director of the Master of Communications in Digital Media Program at the University of Washington in Seattle.

■ **Pierre Larouche**, BCL/LLB'90, is a professor in the European and International Public Law Department of Tilburg University (Netherlands) and director of the Tilburg Law and Economics Center. He was recently made a special adviser to Viviane Reding, Europe's Commissioner for Information Society and Media. He will provide advice on upcoming proposals for reforming the European regulatory framework for electronic communications.

■ **Jonathan Levinson**, BCL/LLB'95, was appointed chief of staff for Claude Lajeunesse, the former president of Concordia University, having held the position on an interim basis since February 2007. Levinson joined the Concordia community as assistant general counsel in April 2006 and was a part-time professor in the university's communication studies program last fall and in spring 2005, teaching communications, corporate and contract law. He is a member of the Quebec, New York and Massachusetts bar associations.

■ In July 2007, **Richard S. Sanders**, BSc'87, MSc'90, BCL/LLB'92, joined the Boston office of Cooley Godward Kronish LLP where he is a partner in the Litigation Practice Group. He specializes in all areas of intellectual property and commercial litigation including patent, trade-secret and non-competition litigation, and licensing disputes. His other areas of expertise include antitrust, unfair competition and general corporate/commercial litigation.

■ **Itai Nartzenfeld Sneh**, MA'92, LLB'93, is Assistant Professor of History for World Civilizations, Human Rights and International Law at the John Jay College of Criminal Justice in New York and a writer for the History News Service. He specializes in the history of human rights, American politics and foreign policy, terrorism and the Middle East. He recently published *The Future Almost Arrived: Why and How Jimmy Carter Failed to Change US Foreign Policy*. He taught a summer course at Columbia's Center for the Study of Human Rights.

### 2000's

■ This winter, **Daniel Ambrosini**, BA'03, BCL/LLB'07, MSc'08, helped teach a McGill course entitled Current Issues in Forensic Mental Health, which addressed topics such as fitness to stand trial, criminal responsibility, specific psychopathologies in the law, and risk assessment tools for evaluating dangerous offenders. After co-editing the first edition of the *McGill Health Law Publication* last year, he has gone on to pursue a PhD in the Department of Psychiatry at McGill, where he is working on issues related to mental health law. He received the Abraham Fuks Fellowship in Translational Mental Health from the Douglas Mental Health University Institute, which allows him to research methods of implementing psychiatric advance directives in a civil psychiatric hospital. He splits the rest of his time working with criminal law firms in London, ON and Montreal, QC.

■ **William Amos**, BCL/LLB'04, is currently working as staff counsel at Ecojustice (formerly the Sierra Legal Defence Fund) in Ottawa. Ecojustice filed an application for leave to intervene before the Supreme Court of Canada in September 2007, with respect to the appeal of a case decided by the Quebec Court of Appeal (*Ciment St-Laurent v. Barrette et al.*) and was granted leave to plead orally at the March hearing. Amos writes: "There is very little public interest in strategic environmental litigation in Quebec, but I'm trying to change that."

■ **Gaëlle Breton-Le Goff**, LLM'00, DCL'08, a remporté le prix de l'Association des professeurs et des professeures de droit du Québec pour sa thèse de doctorat intitulée *La contribution des organisations non gouvernementales à la justice internationale*, effectuée sous la supervision de René Provost. Co-fondatrice avec Anne Saris du Groupe de travail des doctorants de McGill sur la justice internationale, elle milite pour

mettre un terme à l'impunité entourant les violations des droits fondamentaux des femmes. Elle est chargée de cours à l'Université du Québec à Montréal où elle enseigne le droit international des droits humains.

■ Après avoir été reçue au Barreau du Québec et pratiqué quelque temps dans un cabinet de propriété intellectuelle à Montréal, **Carolyn-Ann Caron**, BCL/LLB'02, a été recrutée par le Cabinet Plasseraud à Paris où elle travaille depuis plus d'un an. Intervenant principalement dans les domaines de la pharmacie, des biotechnologies et de la chimie sur des questions de brevets et d'opinions, elle se dit ravie de ses responsabilités.

■ Aujourd'hui professeur à la Faculté de droit de l'Université Laval, **Charles-Emmanuel Côté**, DCL'06, a publié un ouvrage intitulé *La participation des personnes privées au règlement des différends internationaux économiques: l'élargissement du droit de porter plainte à l'OMC*, aux éditions Bruylant et Yvon Blais. Supervisée par le professeur Stephen Toope, BCL/LLB'83, la thèse de doctorat à la base du livre a récemment valu à Côté une mention spéciale du jury du Prix de l'Institut du droit des affaires internationales de la Chambre de commerce internationale à Paris.

■ **Marc Edmunds**, BCL/LLB'03, participated in the Canadian International Development Agency's International Youth Internship Program in Dhaka, Bangladesh in 2004-05, where he worked with the Bangladesh Rehabilitation Centre for Trauma Victims, an organization that fights torture and rehabilitates its victims. After writing the Bar exam and articling at a small firm in Ottawa, he was called to the Law Society of Upper Canada in 2006. He moved to Indian Residential Schools Resolution Canada (IRSRC) in September 2006 and joined the Department of Justice in June 2007, working as counsel on the IRSRC file.

■ **John L. Haffner**, BCL/LLB'06, a senior advisor (strategic planning) for Ontario Power Generation, is a co-author of a forthcoming book on Japan (Anthem Press) and is working with McGill's Richard Janda, BCL/LLB'85, and others on a second book on global energy policy. He was selected this spring to be a 2008 Yale World Fellow. Each year, the Yale program gathers 18 emerging leaders from around the world for an intensive semester spent exploring critical issues.

■ **Paul Hesse**, BCL/LLB'05, ran in last May's Manitoba general election as the Liberal candidate in Fort Rouge. Though Paul did not win the riding, his dynamic campaign engaged many young people in the political process.

■ **Jeffrey M. Kurzon**, BA'99, BCL/LLB'03, spent six months away from corporate practice at Sidley Austin as a volunteer on Senator Barack Obama's presidential campaign in New York, New Hampshire and California. In March he returned to his work as an associate at Sidley Austin in New York, but volunteers much of his free time through the grassroots group he organizes at [www.obamaNYC.com](http://www.obamaNYC.com).

■ **Benjamin Perrin**, LLM'07, received an Action Canada Fellowship and joined UBC's Faculty of Law as an assistant professor in August 2007. A former assistant director of the Special Court for Sierra Leone legal clinic at McGill, he has oriented his teaching and research towards the study of domestic and international criminal law, international humanitarian law and human trafficking.

■ **Robert Peterson**, BA'96, BCL/LLB'03, was recently named manager of planned giving of the University of Victoria and will oversee all aspects of gift planning for the University's Office of Alumni & Development. Since 2005, he has been a senior development officer (major gifts) at the BC Cancer Foundation. Prior to that, he practised law. Peterson began his development and outreach career at Human Rights Watch.

■ **T. Peter R. Pound**, BA'97, BCL/LLB'01, was featured as one of the Future Stars of America in the Times Online Business : Law section in February. The article noted that with his Canadian and British education, Pound is proof that a foreign legal education is not an obstacle to success as a US lawyer. Pound, who moved to Boston in 2003, joined Bingham McCutchen's securities litigation team after successfully completing the Massachusetts bar exam. According to Bingham partner Frances Cohen, "Peter's international experience is a real plus in that he's very comfortable working with clients from different

cultures." Pound was a member of the team that represented an electronic retail chain in a product protection dispute before the federal court. He recently assisted a major financial services company in a 20-day National Association of Securities Dealers arbitration.

■ **Pierre-Étienne Simard**, BCL/LLB'02, a été nommé président de la Jeune Chambre de commerce de Montréal (AJBM) pour 2007-08. On lui a aussi remis en octobre le prix « Avocat AJBM de l'année – Droit corporatif ». Depuis plus de trois ans, il se spécialise dans le droit des affaires chez Fasken Martineau, plus particulièrement en fusions, acquisitions et valeurs mobilières. Très actif, il siège également sur divers conseils d'administration, dont celui de l'Office franco-québécois pour la jeunesse.

■ **Richard Warman**, LLM'04, was awarded the Saul Hayes Human Rights Award from the Canadian Jewish Congress in June 2007 for fighting hate speech on the Internet. He has been the successful complainant in ten separate cases of Internet hate that have resulted, among other things, in the Canadian Human Rights Tribunal issuing permanent cease and desist orders, penalties and damages totalling more than \$75,000 – the first finding of liability on the part of an Internet service provider and the first Federal Court injunction dealing with Internet hate.

■ President and vice-chancellor of the University of Waterloo, **David Johnston**, LLD'00, was selected to head the Mulroney Inquiry in November 2007. His work consisted of reviewing the alleged financial transactions between former prime minister Brian Mulroney and Karlheinz Schreiber, and making recommendations to the government.

■ En janvier, **Grégoire Webber**, BCL/LLB'03, a défendu sa thèse de doctorat, *Limitation of Constitutional Rights as a Negotiating of Political Legitimacy*, à Oxford. Il est actuellement en poste au Bureau du Conseil privé du Canada à titre d'analyste en politiques. De plus, il est directeur général de l'Institut de plaidoirie devant la Cour suprême.

# In Memoriam

## THE HONOURABLE GERALD ERIC LE DAIN QC, CC, BCL'49, LLD'85 (1924-2007)

After serving in World War II, he obtained his BCL from McGill before pursuing his studies in France, obtaining a *Docteur de l'Université* degree from the Université de Lyon. Called to the Bar of Quebec in 1949, he first practised law with Walker, Martineau, Chauvin, Walker & Allison in Montreal. From 1953 to 1959, and in 1966 and 1967, he taught law at McGill. He became dean of Osgoode Hall Law School in 1967 and was called to the Ontario Bar the following year. Named a judge of the Federal Court of Appeal in 1975, he was elevated to the Supreme Court of Canada in 1984, where he served until his retirement in 1988. He wrote numerous leading judgments, particularly in the public law area, that are still widely referenced today.

## THE HONOURABLE LOUIS-PHILIPPE DE GRANDPRÉ QC, CC, GOQ, BCL'38, LLD'72 (1928-2008)

Called to the Bar of Quebec in 1938, he eventually founded the firm of Tansey, de Grandpré et de Grandpré. A formidable litigator, he left a deep imprint on the law firms he founded and developed. From 1960 to 1963, he lectured occasionally on insurance law at McGill. He sat on the Supreme Court of Canada from 1974 to 1977, after which he returned to private practice. His courage, tenacity and dedication to the legal profession will always be remembered.

### The 30's

Max Coblentz, BA'29, BCL'32  
Samuel Godinsky, QC, BA'27, BCL'30

### The 40's

Emile J. Colas, QC, BEng'46, BCL'49, MCL'50  
Alphonse Garneau, BCL'47  
Pierre de Grandpré, QC, BCL'48  
Murray Lapin, QC, BA'40, MA'41, BCL'44  
John Pye, BA'43, BCL'46  
A. Patrick Wickham, BCL'49

### The 50's

The Hon. Alphonse Barbeau, BCL'51  
Michael Cain, BA'50, BCL'53  
Harold Hershey Dermer, BA'56, BCL'59

### The 60's

Ronald Blumer, BA'65, BCL'68  
Martin Hollinger, BA'41, MA'42, BCL'66  
Walter Paterson Molson, BA'62, BCL'66

### The 70's

Francis Stark, LLB'77  
Barry Fridhandler, BCL'73

### The 90's

The Hon. Bertha Wernham Wilson, CC, LLD'93

Monica Matte, CM, épouse du professeur Nicolas Mateesco Matte, est décédée en mai 2008. Ceux qui l'ont connue se souviendront de sa droiture, de son altruisme et de son dévouement envers ses concitoyens.

Elaine Yarosky, BA'57, BLS'58, MLS'85, a reference librarian who worked in the Nahm Gelber Law Library in the late 1990s, passed away a few days before Christmas 2007.

## CROWNED WITH LAURELS

Jane Caskey, LLB'94, Sunny Handa, BCom'89, LLM'95, DCL'98, Desmond Lee, LLB'96, Christopher Naudie, BA'90, BCL/LLB'94, Martin Valasek, BCL/LLB'98 and Justin Vineberg, BCom'93, BCL/LLB'97, were included in the 45 Canadian lawyers under-40 honoured by LEXPERT last November at a gala dinner in Toronto.

## THE VIEW FROM OUTSIDE

CHARLES JALLOH  
BCL/LLB'02

# DEFENDING TAYLOR, DEFENDING JUSTICE



I still remember my first international criminal law class, with Professor Ronald Sklar. As latecomers jostled for seats close to the heater, our eminent professor walked in, distributed the syllabus and asked us to share our reasons for taking his course.

When my turn came, I didn't hesitate. I wanted to be an international criminal lawyer, prosecuting "bad guys" like Liberian president Charles Taylor, who was allegedly sponsoring a war in my native Sierra Leone in return for "blood diamonds."

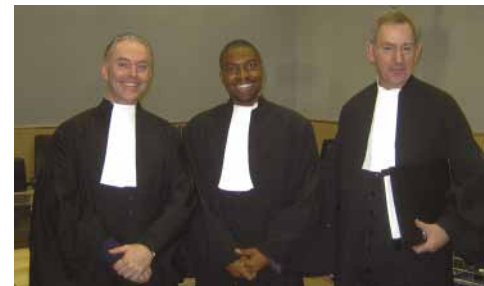
I write this from Tanzania, where I'm working as a legal officer at the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda (ICTR). I could not imagine, as I sat in Professor Sklar's class, that today I'd be working on significant international cases. Nor could I have foreseen that I would not only meet former President Taylor, but be forced to examine and refine my core beliefs, both as a person and as an international criminal lawyer.

Before joining ICTR, I was the legal adviser in the Office of the Principal Defender (OPD) at the Special Court for Sierra Leone (SCSL). As one of two provisional duty counsel assigned to Taylor in March 2006, I was among the first lawyers to meet the accused.

Charles Taylor (third from left, with hands covered) being transferred from the SCSL in Freetown, Sierra Leone to The Hague in June 2006



After Taylor's transfer to The Hague for security reasons in June 2006, I moved to the Netherlands and was asked to establish and run the OPD sub-office and ensure Taylor's well-being in detention, all of which required regular contact with him. When the trial opened, Taylor fired his counsel. As Duty Counsel, I was asked to fill in as interim counsel until a replacement could be appointed.



Charles Jalloh (centre) with two members of Taylor's permanent defence team, Andrew Cayley and Terry Mungard, in Courtroom II at the International Criminal Court in The Hague

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Though I later resigned from the SCSL for reasons of principle, I learned that at the end of the day, the outcome of Taylor's trial will matter little if history judges that his defence was not given the time and resources needed to properly defend him. I've learned as well that while it's easy to hang people like Taylor in the court of public opinion before he's even tried in a court of law, the quality of the defence afforded to an accused is a good barometer by which to measure the quality of the justice meted out.

As I look back today at my involvement in that historic trial, I also recall musing about bringing "bad guys" to justice in that first class with Professor Sklar. After some years in the trenches of international criminal law, my main lesson so far is that no case – even those involving unspeakable atrocities – is as black or white as I once believed.

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