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OPEN HOUSE CELEBRATES DOWNTOWN CLINICS

Community Legal Aid and Legal Assistance of Windsor celebrated their new co-located clinic offices downtown in June.

The new space will provide opportunities to coordinate the clinics' individual client representation, community development projects and to support community initiatives such as having an Aboriginal Justice Coordinator on staff to provide a bridge between the aboriginal community and the justice system.

Clinic Director **Marion Overholt** says that being in one location will streamline services to the community. "It means that an individual will now be able to access a variety of legal and social work services at one accessible downtown location." Overholt applauds the vision of the University of Windsor and Legal Aid Ontario in recognizing the importance of providing a one stop location for the community's legal and social work services. ■



Dean Chris Waters, Dave Field, Legal Aid Ontario, ED Marion Overholt, Tanya Lee, Law Foundation of Ontario and President Alan Wildeman Celebrate the Official Opening of the Downtown Legal Aid Clinics.

WINDSOR LAW WELCOMES NEW FACULTY

Jeffery Hewitt, Assistant Professor, Comparative Law in Relation to Indigenous Peoples



Jeffery is General Counsel for Rama First Nation. His research interests

include Indigenous legal orders, public law, human rights, business law and the intersection of art and law. He recently earned an LLM from Osgoode and has been teaching there along with practicing. Jeffery joins us in September.

Valarie Waboose, Assistant Professor, Indigenous Legal Traditions and the Legacy of Residential Schools



Valarie Waboose is currently our Ron Ianni Scholar in Residence. She recently

completed her PhD at Trent University. Her areas of expertise include Indigenous Legal Traditions and Residential Schools. Valarie joins us in September.

Kristen Thomasen, Assistant Professor, Law and Robotics



Kristen is finishing her PhD at the University of Ottawa and will be our Law and Robotics

specialist. Her interests include drones, robots and privacy. She has clerked for the Alberta Court of Queen's Bench and for Madam Justice Rosalie Abella at the Supreme Court of Canada. Kristen joins us in January.

Vasanthi Venkatesh, Assistant Professor, Law, Land and Local Economies



Vasanthi is finishing her PhD at the University of California Berkeley. Her research

focuses on law and social movements, citizenship and immigration, and critical legal approaches. She holds degrees from the University of Toronto, the Fletcher School at Tufts, and Purdue University. Vasanthi joins us in January.

THE INTERNATIONAL INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY LAW CLINIC



Building upon a long history of successful international collaboration between the University of Detroit Mercy School of Law and the University

of Windsor, Faculty of Law, the clinic is the first international intellectual property clinical program of its kind. The clinic combines UDM's United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) Certified Patent

Law Clinic with UWindor's Intellectual Property Law clinical program to create a clinical program where clients can acquire international intellectual property protection and students learn to practice intellectual property law in a global context.

The IIPLC is currently in discussions with the Canadian Intellectual Property Office (CIPO) to become Canada's first and only CIPO certified clinic. Although still a work in progress, the clinic is currently developing an intensive curriculum which would allow Canadian law students to acquire their mandatory two year patent agent exam training qualifications while still in law school, a first for any Canadian law school.

The clinic enjoys a tremendous working relationship with the Elijah J. McCoy USPTO Satellite Office in Detroit, with students regularly attending training sessions and workshops at the Detroit USPTO relating to conducting searches and patent examination training. In the Winter of 2016, the clinic, in collaboration with the Detroit USPTO, hosted a first of its kind International Patent Drafting competition, with plans to continue this competition in subsequent years. The Clinic plans to host similar events in collaboration with CIPO beginning in Fall 2016, and is also in the process of forming a collaborative initiative with a network of European IP clinics to provide students with exposure to European intellectual property practice. ■

INTERNATIONAL CLIENT CONSULTATION COMPETITION

Windsor Law was proud to host the International Client Consultation Competition for 2016. The event drew teams from nineteen countries, including Iran for the first time, and our Windsor Law students ensured their experience was one they'll never forget.

Last year, the Windsor Law team won the National competition and went on to compete for the International Competition in Lincoln, Nebraska. The subject area for this year's competition was matrimonial law. ■



2016 STUDENT CLERKSHIPS



Clockwise from top left: **Clare Hopkins** – SCJ (Hamilton); **Randall Lau** – SCJ (Oshawa); **Natasha (Tasha) Donnelly** – SCJ (Windsor); **Anjali Rajan** – SCJ (Brampton); **Jenna Ward** – Federal Court (Justice Brown); **Gillian Moore** – Court of Appeal for Ontario

STUDENTS TO WORK WITH WALPOLE ISLAND FIRST NATION

Through funding from the Debwewin Summer Student Program (Ministry of the Attorney General) and Windsor Law, two Windsor Law students will be living and working with Walpole Island First Nation, Bkejwanong Territory.

Walpole Island First Nation invited the students to work under the direction of **Chief Dan Miskokomon** and **Professor Valarie Waboose** from May through August. These positions are paid and there is a stipend for living expenses. Duties include research, consultation, working with community members, and conducting presentations, all within an Indigenous community framework.

The opportunity to work in collaboration with Chief Dan Miskokomon, Professor Waboose and the political advisor, **James Jenkins**, provides the students with a diverse perspective on the governance of the Bkejwanong Territory. 2L students **Areez Remtulla** and **Liza Bakhshi** say they are grateful to have the opportunity. “Undertaking legal work for Aboriginal peoples requires understanding the Aboriginal way of life and their unique



perspective,” says Liza, and they both feel living in Walpole gives them the opportunity to see things in a different light.

Liza and Areez will contribute to the legal framework of the Walpole Island territories while working closely with the band members to change, update and create new by-laws that are more relevant to the current community. In addition, they will organize and present workshops for the community to educate them of their legal rights and to protect them from the traditional legal enforcement. ■

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CLASS OF 2016

A beautiful sunny day welcomed our graduates and their families to Windsor Law’s 44th Convocation, Reception and traditional Open House on Friday, June 17. **Alex Treiber**, Dual JD, was Valedictorian for the Class of 2016. **Maude Barlow**, national chair of the Council of Canadians and chair of the board of Washington-based Food and Water Watch, received an honorary Doctor of Laws degree at convocation. ■



2016 SOCIAL JUSTICE FELLOWS

Michelle DiCarlo (MSW/JD) will be working with the Human Rights Legal Support Centre in Toronto.

Rohan George (JD) will be working with the Ontario Justice Education Network in Northwestern Ontario.

Jessica-Lynn Hicks (JD) will be working with the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime in Nairobi.

Safiya Husein (JD) will be working with the John Howard Society of Ontario in Toronto.

Renee Mahoney (JD) will be working with the Defence for Children International in Gaza.

Katie Wooton (JD) will be working with the Women’s Legal Education and Action Fund in Toronto.. ■

FACULTY NEWS

AND ACCOLADES

WINDSOR LAW WELCOMES NEW DEAN, CHRISTOPHER WATERS



We are delighted to announce the appointment of **Dr. Christopher Waters** as Dean of the Faculty of Law at the University of Windsor, effective April 1, 2016. Chris knows the University of Windsor well from both academic and administrative perspectives: a member of the Faculty of Law since 2007, he also served as

Associate Dean of Law from 2009-2012. He has earned a reputation as an outstanding teacher and an effective administrator, with a leadership style that inspires and motivates students, staff, and faculty. Chris took on the role of Acting Dean in August 2015.

PROFESSORS RETIRE: BRIAN ETHERINGTON & LARRY WILSON



Professors **Brian Etherington** and **Larry Wilson** have been pillars at Windsor Law for many years. In Larry's case, this goes from involvement with an incredible variety of social justice contributions in the 1970s (leadership on the Community Law Caravan and pre-paid legal services among them) to, more recently, work establishing the joint

Law-Social Work program and serving the Downtown Mission. Brian has been an outstanding labour law scholar and teacher. He was the editor-in-chief of the *Canadian Labour and Employment Law Journal* from 1994-2004 and continues to write seminal texts in his field. He has a deep commitment to experiential learning and regularly hired actors to give students practical experiences in his labour arbitration course. Today he is one of Canada's leading labour arbitrators. These two leave big shoes to fill.

The Professor Brian Etherington Fund in Labour Law will support students with a passion for labour law. This fund will provide funding for moot teams, will bring in guest speakers on topics of labour law and arbitration, will provide workshops linking students and practitioners for experiential learning opportunities, will provide library and digital support and resources, and will support conference travel. It is our hope that this fund will build on the many years of devoted service that Professor Etherington has brought to Windsor Law and our students.

To donate to this fund or to make a gift in honour of Brian's retirement, please contact the Alumni and Fund Development Office at 519 253-3000 x 2920, or email karenm@uwindsor.ca. You can also go online to make your gift at www.uwindsor.ca/donate. Please specify the Professor Brian Etherington Labour Law Fund when designating your gift. ■



DAVID TANOVICH Professor David Tanovich received an Outstanding Faculty Research Award (Established Scholars/ Researchers category) from the University of Windsor.

The Committee was impressed with his standing in scholarly/legal circles and his contributions to public discussions of matters such as racial profiling and sexual assault.



MYRA TAWFIK Professor Myra Tawfik was appointed to a two-year term as EPICentre Professor in Intellectual Property Commercialization and Strategy.



JULIE MACFARLANE Professor Julie Macfarlane was honoured with the prestigious Mundell Medal for 2016. The award was created in 1986 by former Attorney General Ian Scott to honour Ontario authors who have made an exceptional contribution to legal writing.

PAUL DUBÉ Windsor Law alum Paul Dubé was appointed as Ontario's seventh Ombudsman for a five-year term, as of April 1, 2016. Mr. Dubé graduated from the Faculty of Law with a JD degree in 1991. While here, he was awarded the Cassels Brock and Blackwell Centennial Prize for Legal Practice Skills for his clinical work at Legal Assistance of Windsor (LAW).

FACULTY BOOK LAUNCH

It has been a big year for scholarship at Windsor Law as we recently celebrated the publications of 11 of our faculty. Congratulations to Professors **Anneke Smit**, **Noel Semple**, **Julie Macfarlane**, **Jasminka Kalajdzic**, **Bill Conklin**, **Gemma Smyth**, **Ruth Kuras**, **Moira McCarney**, **Marcia Valiante**, **David Tanovich** and **Annette Demers** for their recent publications. ■



NORTH AMERICA'S FIRST TRANSNATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL LAW CENTRE



Windsor Law partnered with Wayne State Law to create North America's first Transnational Environmental Law Clinic in 2012. The clinic teaches students the skills and strategies needed to affect environmental policy in all three branches of state and federal government.

In the clinic, students participate in the lawmaking process by preparing policy papers and formal legislative testimony, commenting on rulemaking and permit decisions, and engaging in judicial review and enforcement litigation.

This summer, **Rojin Jazayeri** (Dual JD) will be working on a variety of pressing environmental justice concerns in Michigan, including water shut-offs for people without the ability to pay, the water crisis in Flint and the rise of urban agriculture in Detroit. ■

INTERNATIONAL LABOUR ORGANIZATION INTERNSHIP



The International Labour Organization (ILO) is a United Nations specialized agency based in Geneva, Switzerland. This summer, **Lindsay Craig** (JD) will be interning with the organization with the Office of the Deputy Director-General for Policy (DDG/P), joining a small team of senior advisers to the DDG/P and working closely with the Senior Counsellor to the DDG/P. She will be working under the supervision of Paul Martin Professor **Janelle Diller**. She will conduct research involving international instruments and the legal and institutional practice of the ILO and be

engaged, in particular, in the work of the Secretariat on the evaluation of the ILO Social Justice Declaration at the International Labour Conference 2016 and other matters involving the agenda of the International Labour Conference. Other tasks are expected to involve the development of inter-institutional arrangements with other international organizations concerning research and the relationship between the pursuit of social justice through decent work and such issues as development, migration, human rights and business responsibility. ■

MAKING LEGAL EDUCATION POSSIBLE: SOCIAL JUSTICE IN ACTION

We recognize the high cost of legal education. It's tough to go to law school, but financial barriers shouldn't compromise anyone's opportunity to attend. We're grateful to our alumni and friends for their continued support of our students through scholarships and bursaries -- helping us maintain our commitment to providing access to legal education for all.

This year, we gave just shy of \$2.5M – \$422,000 more than last year – in financial

support to our students. Approximately 75% of this support was based solely on financial need while the remaining 25% included awards, scholarships and prizes, many of which included a financial need component.

56% of our students received non-repayable bursaries and scholarships which breaks down to, on average, \$6,000 for single JD students and \$7,300 for Duals. More than 100 students received greater than \$10,000 and of those, 40 received more than \$13,000 – and 5 received over \$15,000, including

3 over \$17,000. To further assist our Dual JD students impacted by the low Canadian dollar, together with UDM, we created a special Exchange Rate Relief Bursary to help provide additional support to help offset their increased costs – more than \$100,000 was given through this special bursary.

With the ever-increasing cost of tuition we will continue to strive to make legal education accessible to all. Thanks to all our supporters for allowing us to provide opportunities for students in financial need. ■

JUSTICE

DOUGLAS W. PHILLIPS HONOURED



Justice Douglas W. Phillips was honoured with the 2016 Department of History Kulisek Prize for the permanent historical exhibition he created and installed at the Ontario Court of Justice in Windsor. The exhibit features aspects of the judicial history of Windsor, including studies of the historic courthouses, and biographies of judges and magistrates since 1858. Justice Phillips has given this entire collection to the Province of Ontario. ■

WINDSOR LAW ALUMS MAKE A DIFFERENCE TO OUR STUDENTS

Thank you for continuing your support for the **Windsor Law Alumni Fund for the Enhancement of Student Life**. Students may apply to this fund to support their participation in activities that will enhance their legal education. Funding is available to support attendance at various legal or law related conferences and to bring speakers to the law school to host events. Approximately thirty of our students benefit from this fund every year not including all of the students who benefit from speakers supported by the fund.

New Windsor Law LLM Scholarships

In September 2016, Windsor Law will welcome its first class of LLM candidates.

Students will be privy to a unique and innovative learning experience while pursuing research related to our institutional themes of Access to Justice and Transnational Law. In order to properly support our incoming class, we are pleased to provide scholarships to offset the cost of this graduate work. We have created two new scholarships and will be looking for partners to sponsor these awards on an ongoing basis to fund critical research and enhance the scholarship of Windsor Law.

To make a gift or to inquire about support, please contact the Alumni and Fund Development Office at uwindsor.ca/alumni.

The deadline to apply is January 15 for the following Fall term. For more information contact us at 519.253.3000 x4230, email us at gradlawinfo@uwindsor.ca or go to our website at uwindsor.ca/graduate-llm

SUHUYINI ABUDULAI '08: 2016 PRECEDENT SETTER AWARD WINNER



Congratulations to **Suhuyini Abudulai '08** on being recognized with a 2016 Precedent Setter Award!