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NO SIBLING RIVALRY AT WINDSOR LAW:

TWO PAIRS OF SIBLINGS SHARE EXPERIENCES

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FOUR TEAMS. FOUR WINS. FOUR MOOTS.

#WINDSORWINSMOOTS

In the past few weeks, Windsor Law students have brought home the Cup from four competitive moots - the Niagara International Law Moot, the Donald G. H. Bowman National Tax Moot, the Warren K. Winkler Class Actions Moot and the Canadian Client Consultation Moot. They also garnered multiple individual wins including several top oralist prizes and awards for the quality of their written submissions. Our Client Consultation team advanced to the International finals in Lincoln, Nebraska, and our IP Moot team headed to the Oxford University Intellectual Property Moot, having received a coveted invitation to participate.

These achievements illustrate the excellence and diversity of Windsor Law's programs and the commitment of its professors to ensuring student success. Known for its focus on access to justice and transnational law, Windsor Law prepares its students to achieve their goals and master a broad range of skills, including research, oral and written communication, project planning, interviewing, client advising and teamwork

Windsor Law's commitment to excellence and investment in its students begins on day one. Each student is hand picked by an admissions committee that carefully considers every application received through a holistic lens. The only school in Canada to consider criteria in addition to LSATs and grades when evaluating every candidate, Windsor Law supports students in achieving success so that they can excel in their future careers. As this year's moot competitions demonstrate, the results are enviable. ■



The Niagara International Law Moot
Winner

Kyle Kuepfer, Christopher Macaulay, Josh Marcus, & Kevin Wisnicki; Coached by: Professor Maureen Irish



The Warren K. Winkler Class Actions Moot
Winner, Best Team and Best Facta for both Plaintiff and Respondent

Juliene Cawthorne-Hwang, David Johnston, Katelyn Scorer (Runner Up for Best Advocate Award), Kathleen Tate; Coached by: Professor Jasminka Kalajdzic



The Donald G.H. Bowman National Tax Moot
Winner, Best Team

Khaled Gheddai, Khalid Karim (Best Advocate Award), Jillian Mulroy, Zev Smith; Coached by: Marcela Aroca and Chuck Andary '13.



The Canadian Client Consultation Competition
Winner

Shaun Bernstein, Andrea Fammartino, Chres Lee, David Sazant; Coached by: Ashley Lavigne '13, Sharon Murphy '00 and Jennifer Suzor '86

REPRESENTING WINDSOR LAW IN OXFORD, ENGLAND AT THE OXFORD INTERNATIONAL INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY MOOT 2015



Three Windsor Law students - Victoria Asikis (Law III), Hakim Kassam (Law III) and Stephanie Pietrangelo (Dual JD Law III) - participated in the Oral Proceedings at Oxford University's invitation-only moot competition in England this month. The competition received a record number of entries this year and we are extremely proud that our law students were selected.

Hakim Kassam was very excited to participate in this prestigious moot. "Being shortlisted for the Oxford International IP Moot is a major accomplishment for our law school," he says. "Our team has been extremely lucky to practice before some of Canada's best intellectual property lawyers, and we have a top coach in Professor Chapdelaine to help us excel in the competition."

The competition is open to all law students registered at any law school,

worldwide. In September, a hypothetical problem was provided and our students submitted their entry. On the basis of a blind review of written submissions, our students were selected. In recent years, 25-30 teams have been invited to compete (including from the United Kingdom, France, the United States, Canada, China, Japan, India, Singapore and Australia)

The students had more than 20 practice sessions with faculty members and legal practitioners from Windsor and

Toronto, other alumni and students. These oral practice sessions were key to their learning experience and to their success in the Oxford competition. ■

We are grateful to the following firms for their sponsorship of our team:

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WINDSOR'S SECOND ANNUAL IN-HOUSE COUNSEL DAY

Students from Windsor Law's Corporate and Commercial Law Club organized the second annual "In-House Counsel Day" in February. The day provided opportunities for students to connect with alums and to learn about career possibilities.

Students and staff had the pleasure of welcoming back alums who generously agreed to share their career experiences and advice with students. Panel discussions led by our guest alums introduced students to the roles of in-house counsel in a variety of legal environments.

Co-Chair of the Corporate and Commercial Law Club, Rowan Groenewald said, "Being able to network with and learn from Windsor

Law alumni who are in a variety of in-house roles is extremely valuable. The legal market is evolving and so is the role of the in-house lawyer, and with so many students eyeing in-house roles at some point in their careers, it's great to have alumni volunteering their time to give students a head start."

Engaging keynotes were delivered by distinguished alums Lorraine Shalhoub '86, Vice-President – General Counsel/ External Affairs and Public Policy, Fiat Chrysler Automobiles, and Jennifer Mercanti '00, Assistant Vice-President and Chief Counsel, Manulife Financial. Both Lorraine and Jennifer delivered a very candid and inspiring talk about their career paths, challenges faced and strategies for success. ■

We are grateful to the following alums for their participation:

Lorraine Shalhoub '86 Vice President, Legal & External Affairs Public Policy, Fiat Chrysler Automobiles

Jennifer Mercanti '00 Assistant Vice President & Chief Counsel, Manulife Financial

Shelby Askin-Hager '99 City Solicitor, City of Windsor

Carolyn Gora '91 College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario

David Mueller '08 Director of Corporate Development & General Counsel, Valiant Corporation

Patty Simpson '80 City of Toronto, Senior Solicitor

Michael Holder '95 Bank of Montreal, Private Client Group

Lynn Guthrie '98 Shoppers Drug Mart

Kai Brown '05 Price Waterhouse Coopers LLP

FACULTY UPDATES

Professor Laverne Jacobs

In 2014, Professor Laverne Jacobs was chosen to hold the prestigious Fulbright Visiting Research Chair in Canadian Studies at the University of California, Berkeley. During her time at Berkeley, she was also a Visiting Scholar at Berkeley Law's Center for the Study of Law and Society, participated in activities organized by the Disability Studies Group, and conducted a study on the intersection of disability

rights and regulation. She also organized an international symposium at Berkeley Law called *Exploring Law, Disability and the Challenge of Equality in Canada and the United States*. She has received SSHRC funding to continue her research which has been featured in the global publication *International Innovation*. For more information on the project, visit the project website: www.lawdisabilitysocialchange.com.

Professor Jacobs' primary research interests are in the areas of domestic and comparative administrative law, disability rights, human rights, socio-legal theory, and qualitative empirical methodologies. She teaches courses in public law, is Editor-in-Chief of the *Windsor Yearbook of Access to Justice* and the Director of Windsor Law's new LLM program. ■



Professor Gemma Smyth



Over the past two years, Professor Gemma Smyth has interviewed clinicians at Ontario's legal clinics and clinic students at the University of Windsor Faculty of Law about their experiences and views regarding clinical legal education. This study resulted in data that clearly demonstrated the need for further education and support for clinic students, particularly as they enter a clinical program for the first time.

Professor Smyth partnered with Professor Kim Nelson in the

School of Creative Arts to create primarily video-based materials on a wide range of clinical subjects including reflective practice, trial skills, interviewing and client counseling, and critical perspectives on poverty in clinic practice. Funded by the University's Strategic Priority Fund, this project contains completely open-source, free materials for clinical law students.

The website, clinicallaw.ca contains videos and exercises aimed at teaching clinical law

skills to students entering our clinical programs. For viewers who wish to choose videos outside a course format, Professor Smyth also hosts a youtube channel at www.youtube.ca/clinicallaw/, which has generated more than 6000 views from Canada, the United States, Hong Kong, Australia, and elsewhere around the world. We are now integrating Professor Smyth's work into our clinical legal education programs. ■

Dr. Anneke Smit

A special edition of the *Oñati Socio-Legal Series*, edited by Professor Anneke Smit with Professor Jane Matthews Glenn of McGill University and Véronique Fortin, PhD candidate at the University of California-Irvine, was published on 2 March 2015. The journal issue, *"Indignation, Socio-Economic Inequality and the Role of Law"*, contains articles that stem from a workshop of the same name held at the Oñati Institute for the Sociology of Law in Oñati, Spain

in May 2013. The articles take as their starting point the Occupy and Indignation movements which arose on both sides of the Atlantic in the early years of this decade, protesting the growing wealth disparity between the "1% and the 99%". Professor Smit also contributed one of the articles, entitled, *"Expropriation and the Socio-economic Status of Neighbourhoods in Canada: Equal Sharing of the Public Interest Burden?"*

The primary workshop funding was granted by the Oñati Institute on a competitive basis, supplemented by a grant from the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC) and financial support from Windsor Law School, McGill Law and the University of California-Irvine School of Social Ecology. The articles are available through open access at <http://opo.iisj.net/index.php/osls/issue/archive>. ■



FACULTY NEWS

AND ACCOLADES

DR. JULIE MACFARLANE RECEIVES DISTINGUISHED UNIVERSITY PROFESSOR HONOUR



Professor Julie Macfarlane has recently been honoured by the University of Windsor with the title of Distinguished University Professor.

This honour is awarded to professors who "have distinguished achievements in teaching and wide national and/or international reputation for scholarship or creative or professional accomplishment." In addition to her achievements as a teacher

and an educator, Dr. Macfarlane has researched and written extensively on dispute resolution and in particular on the role of lawyers (for example, her best-selling 2008 book *The New Lawyer: How Settlement is Transforming the Practice of Law*). She is currently the Project Director of the National Self-Represented Litigants Project and the author of the National Self-Represented Litigants Research Study (2013). Her work has attracted considerable national and international attention from academics, practitioners, judges and the media. Congratulations to Professor Macfarlane for this well-deserved honour. ■

DR. ANDREW BUCK APPOINTED NEW DIRECTOR OF DUAL JD PROGRAM



Dr. Andrew Buck has been appointed Director of the Dual JD Program run by the Faculty of Law at the University of Windsor and the University of Detroit Mercy Law School.

Formerly Professor of Law at Macquarie University Law School in Sydney, Australia, he was also Associate Dean (Strategic Development) in the Faculty of Arts and Science at Australian Catholic University, and Associate Dean (Research) in the Faculty of Arts at Macquarie University. He also taught at The University of Western Ontario Law School and the Law School at the University of Florida at Gainesville.

Dr. Buck is the co-recipient of a teaching award from Texas State University for a course taught jointly between Texas State and Macquarie University which examined the politics of property rights in the United States and Australia. He has published six books in the field of legal history, particularly with reference to the history of property. ■

PROFESSOR JASMINKA KALAJDZIC



Professor Jasminka Kalajdzic collaborated with former Chief Justice Warren Winkler, Superior Court Justice Paul Perell, and Ontario Court of Appeal Legal Officer

Alison Warner, to publish *The Law of Class Actions in Canada*. Their book, published in January 2015 by *Canada Law Book*, provides a comprehensive treatment of the law of class actions. In his foreword to the book Justice Bob Sharpe notes that the "most significant modern development in civil justice in Canada has been the emergence of the class action." Class

actions have given rise to a substantial and complex jurisprudence. Professor Kalajdzic and her co-authors hope that the book will serve, in the words of Justice Sharpe, as "an essential reference point for all of us who work in the field."

Professor Kalajdzic recently received a research excellence award from the University of Windsor in the Emerging Scholars category. The quantity and quality of her research, the national and international networks she has built, and the reputation she has gained as an expert in her areas of research and scholarship – class actions and complex litigation, access to justice, evidence, and lawyers' ethics – made her a very deserving candidate for this award. ■

ALUMNI ON THE MOVE

Laurie Tannous '02.

Appointed Chief Executive Officer of the Institute for Border Logistics and Security at the Windsor International Airport in January 2015. The IBLs is a unique

partnership between the City of Windsor and the University of Windsor to champion the activities surrounding the movement of goods and people across the border, while maintaining both compliance and security. ■

STUDENT CLERKSHIPS PROVIDE “BEHIND THE DAIS” PERSPECTIVES

Windsor Law’s student clerkships program gives students the opportunity to clerk at an Ontario court and to interact with judges. Students do legal research in relation to specific, practical legal problems which judges must address in their day-to-day work. Students are evaluated based on their professionalism and contributions to the work of the Court, including preparing research memoranda.

Clerkships are offered in the Ontario Court (Provincial Division) Windsor Region for Criminal Law and Family Law, and in the Ontario Court (Provincial Division) in Newmarket. Windsor Law student Leann Sassine clerked with the Honourable Mr. Justice Douglas Phillips at the Ontario Court (Family Division). Leann describes her experience as follows:

“While at the courthouse, I spend most of my time observing matters in court. During breaks, Justice Phillips always takes time to sit down with me and discuss what I observed in court and gives me with an opportunity to ask questions. I have already learned so much about various aspects of court procedures and trials - things that go far beyond what is taught in the classroom.

Justice Phillips is great at providing feedback. He always responds to emails and makes a genuine effort to educate and provide mentorship. I am amazed at how someone who is so busy can still find time to give such priority to the students he supervises. It is an honour and a privilege to have an opportunity to participate in this program. Although it has only been a few short months, I have

gained a ton of insight and tips that will serve me well as a future lawyer.”

According to Associate Dean Reem Bahdi, the clerkships in Windsor and Newmarket give Windsor Law students an extraordinary opportunity to learn from judicial decision-makers. “We owe a significant debt of gratitude to the judges who provide their time and expertise to the program,” she says. “There is no way to replicate the mentorship they provide and the insights they share with students.”

Windsor Law would like to thank all of the judges who contribute to the mentorship opportunities and professional development that our clerkship program provides. ■

TIM HORTONS SERVES MORE THAN COFFEE TO WINDSOR LAW STUDENT

by Jenna Ward, Law II

Last summer I was lucky enough to land a student position with the in-house corporate counsel team at Tim Hortons. Little did I know my summer would also include four days of hands-on training in a Tim Hortons restaurant, a day of volunteering with the Tim Horton Children’s Foundation and the opportunity to meet and pitch a new product idea to the CEO. I was involved in the 50th birthday celebration, Camp Day, an off-site retreat and the annual shareholder meeting.

One of the best parts about my summer at Tim Hortons was the exposure I had to a range of practice areas. I had the opportunity to learn about marketing law, securities and intellectual property law. In addition to memo-writing and legal research, I was involved in contract review, drafting corporate policies and preparing background materials for litigation files. My mentors encouraged me to

take on a variety of projects so I could learn more about what interests me. I thoroughly enjoyed interacting with our internal business partners and external counsel.

I was fortunate to work directly for Geoff Marr ’09, a Windsor Law alumnus. Geoff embodies the “Windsor spirit” in every way. He set me up for success by providing excellent mentorship and support throughout the summer. In addition to our weekly meetings, he was there to answer my questions about course selection, job applications and long-term career plans. Geoff continues to be an outstanding mentor.

I had an amazing summer at Tim Hortons and I’m grateful to Career Services for helping me prepare for the interview and for encouraging me to pursue this wonderful opportunity. It was my experience working with

external counsel that solidified my interest in private practice. I will be summering with Fasken Martineau this year and look forward to putting some of the skills I learned at Tim Hortons into practice! ■



JUST BALANCE

HEALTH AND WELLNESS AT WINDSOR LAW



Windsor Law launched a new program this year to enhance student wellness and mental health. Funded by the Ontario Government and developed in collaboration with all Ontario Law Schools, Just Balance supports the well-being of law students dealing with stress, anxiety, and other wellness and mental health concerns. Students logging in to www.justbalance.ca can access helpful resources both on campus and in the community.

While the program is available to all law students, it emphasises engaging the participation and influence of equity-seeking law students, including racialized, Aboriginal, Métis and Inuit, LGBTQ, and law students living with disabilities.

Prior to the development of the Just Balance website, students from seven Ontario law schools were surveyed. Students indicated they were most interested in information about navigating law school culture, worries about not feeling cut out for the study or practice of law, worries about their future, and managing their relationships and personal life. They also said they want to hear from other law students and find opportunities to talk about health and wellness in their own law schools.

According to Assistant Dean (Student Services) Francine Herlehy, "law students should know that there are options for a healthier and more fulfilling law school experience. The more we acknowledge the

things that affect law students' well-being, the sooner we will be able to influence systemic change, so that it is not just okay to ask for and receive help at law school, but it is easier and more comfortable to do so."

In addition to Just Balance, the Windsor Law Wellness Initiative (WLWI), a joint project of the Student Services Office and the Mental Health Law Club, was launched in September. The WLWI, through its presence on Facebook, Twitter and Pinterest, establishes a wellness theme for each month, and supports it through events, blog posts and other information sharing channels.

Dean Camille Cameron praised these programs, commenting that "the response to these initiatives has been very positive. We are confident that they will have an impact not only in law schools but, over time, in the professions and the workplaces our students will join after graduation." ■

NO SIBLING RIVALRY AT WINDSOR LAW SCHOOL

Windsor Law is well known for its remarkable sense of community; many of our students consider our law school an extended family, especially our first year students. It was, then, quite momentous for us when, in September 2014, we welcomed two pairs of siblings - Emily and Liza Quail and Jeffrey and Kelli-Ann Day.

Emily and Liza's mother, Margaret Nelligan, graduated from Windsor Law in 1984. While their path to law school was remarkably similar to hers, it played out on different coasts two years apart. Both majored in English Literature, Emily at UBC and Liza at Dalhousie, and each came to the decision to apply to law school after travelling and working in Asia. Their acceptances arrived a few weeks apart.

Jeffrey and Kelli-Ann shared an interest in law that developed in high school. They completed undergraduate studies at Carleton,

Jeffrey in Business and Kelli-Ann in Political Science, and made the decision to apply to law school. They were aware of the odds, but held out hope that they could attend together. When Kelli-Ann learned of her acceptance while checking her status online, she immediately called Jeff and encouraged him to check his own status. They were thrilled to learn he had been accepted as well. They kept it quiet for some time as the reality that not only were they going to law school, but they were going together, slowly sank in.

Not surprisingly, these siblings admit to being great friends. Living together for the first time since high school, they support and encourage each other in ways that only a sibling can - and they still argue about whose turn it is to do the dishes.

While pursuing their own extracurricular interests, Emily and Kelli-Ann with the Windsor Review of Legal and Social Issues,

and Liza and Jeffrey with Pro Bono Students Canada, they are relishing their time together in law school. They recognize that their professional goals, as yet to be defined, will likely take them in different directions after graduation, but in the meantime they are enjoying their shared law school experience. ■

