



The Dean's Laptop



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I love the beginning of a new academic year! Third year students -- whether they have worked in a clinic, a small firm, a boutique, or at a full service national firm -- arrive back after their summer experiences having a better sense of the realities of legal practice. Their studies should be more meaningful to them as a result. Second year students have had a plethora of experiences from tree planting in British Columbia to working at summer camps in the Maritimes to helping those less fortunate in Africa. Some have even toiled away in law firms. And, of course, it seems that everyone has travelled somewhere. We cannot wait to see our friends, classmates, and perhaps even a professor or two.

But it is the incoming first year students who are the most excited and exciting. There is, I dare say, a sense of wonder and awe. I am always excited to see how they will adapt to their new environment -- their classes, their professors, the visiting speakers, the diverse student body, the intense and sometimes passionate debate that surrounds so many issues in our law school community, and even the active social life that characterizes our institution.

So, it is primarily to the Class of 2011 that I am writing the first message in our new monthly, mostly on-line publication, **WINDSOR LAW Matters**. The first important idea in the study of law is that "Law -- in both theory and practice -- is about relationships". Why do I say this? Well, as you are going to learn, at the heart of almost every legal dispute, there is a relationship. A contract, for example, is about a relationship between the parties to the contract and, generally, when we study Contracts, we are learning about the breakdown of that relationship. When we study Torts, which you will do in 2nd year, you will learn that there is a relationship between the individual and the whole world, particularly those "neighbours" to whom the individual owes a duty of care. Once again, and perhaps unfortunately, our study of Torts

is about the failure to take care. Labour law is about the relationship between employers and unionized employees, wills and estates concerns deceased individuals, their family, and their heirs, international law deals with the relationship of sovereign states one to another and is increasingly about the relationship of sovereign states to national entities within those states. *All Law is about Relationships*.

Similarly, legal practice is about relationships -- the lawyer's relationship with her clients, with her staff, with her colleagues in the firm, and with other lawyers. It is important that all of those relationships are characterized by personal respect, compassion, tolerance, honesty, and civility -- in a word, professionalism. We, in this law school, try to inculcate a sense of professionalism in our students. It is important to us -- essential really -- that you learn the meaning of "ethical lawyering", no matter what type of career you intend to practice. And you will learn another related lesson very quickly. A reputation for "unprofessionalism", for "unethical lawyering", is very easy to acquire and difficult to change. You begin to acquire your reputation from the first day of law school. You will remember those classmates who broke a rule on an exam, made disparaging comments about others, who hid a law review volume with an important article in it, who did not submit their part of a group assignment on time, who may have spoken condescendingly to a staff member, who wrote a hurtful entry in a blog, or who tried to take advantage of a system that generally relies on the honourable conduct of its students. Those classmates are the ones you will not trust either during your law school career or when you get out into the profession. In the legal profession we say that your only real asset is your "good name". Starting right here, right now, you will either acquire a reputation for "ethical lawyering" or you will not. That choice is yours.

Student Services Office



Assistant Dean
(Student Services)
Francine Herlehy

Knowing is not enough; we must apply. Willing is not enough; we must do.

Johann Wolfgang von Goethe

Another year is off to a great start! Welcome back to all returning students and a hearty welcome to the newest members of our Windsor Law community!

The Student Services Office is the gateway to services and resources available within the Faculty, the University, and the community. Our goal is to ensure that you get the most out of your academic experience and have access to a broad range of opportunities, both in and outside of the classroom.

We have some great things in store for you this year!

We will host our 3rd Annual Family Open House on Saturday, September 20th for the members of our first year class. Invitations have been placed in the student mailboxes in the General Office.

On Friday, October 3rd, we will officially launch "Project Serve", a joint faculty/student initiative to facilitate a day of community involvement. Students can participate at any number of organizations on a variety of volunteer projects.

In October, the inaugural "Lunch and Learn" lecture will kick off a series of speakers that will provide information on a variety of topics of interest to law students and new professionals.

On October 6th, we will host "Breakfast with Bruce" and on November 19th watch for "Pizza with Bruce". Both events provide a casual opportunity for students to chat with Dean Bruce Eiman and members of our faculty and staff. Be sure to grab a coffee and muffin on the way to class or a slice of pizza after class.

As the term rounds out, we will host information sessions for those interested in studying abroad, either on an Exchange or a Letter of Permission, and for those interested in our Social Justice Fellowship Program.

Of course, we continue to provide academic and indebtedness counselling.

Most of you have now heard about *The Windsor Law Alumni Fund for the Enhancement of Student Life* which was established by our alumni to support activities that enhance the law student experience outside of the classroom. The Fund supports students' attendance at various conferences domestically and internationally on substantive law topics, ethics and professionalism. The Fund also provides financial support to various student initiated events within the Faculty including speakers, outreach events and community fundraising initiatives. Applications are available in the Student Services Office or online at www.uwindsor.ca/law/studentsservices.

Project Serve

A joint effort of Student Services Office and the External Outreach Committee

Friday, October 3, 2008

Windsor Law students, faculty and staff will have an opportunity to assist community organizations in the Windsor area in a variety of ways. This launch will lay the foundation for ongoing community engagement efforts.

Make your time at Windsor Law matter. Get involved in ***Project Serve***.

Watch your email and the Announcements for further information.

Law Library

September and October is a busy time for the law library! First year law students visit the law library to get their student cards activated, to get their passwords for online legal research databases, and to get help getting started with law school projects. The law library is ready to assist all students and faculty with their legal research questions. Whether you are working on an essay, or doing projects for LRW, the Reference librarians are ready to help!

Here's some of the things we're working on:

In September and October, the law library offers a number of learning sessions. Watch for more information in the coming weeks!



Reference Librarian
Annette Demers



New from the Paul Martin Law Library:

Irwin Law Electronic Books Collection

Irwin law published a number of law textbooks that can supplement your research and learning. Many of these textbooks are now available online through the Paul Martin Law Library website! To access the ebooks collection, visit: <http://www.uwindsor.ca/lawlibrary> and click on the "Electronic Textbooks" link on the left menu.

New from the University of Windsor library system:

PastMasters. This is an invaluable tool for researchers and those writing essays. This online database presents the works of : Aristotle, Bacon, Bentham, Descartes, Hegel, Hobbes, Hume, Kant, Locke, Marx and Engels, Plato and many more.

Access this database by visiting <http://www.uwindsor.ca/library> Choose Find Journal Articles and Research Tools by Title. Then choose Intelix Past Masters.

Did you know? Canadian legal publisher Maritime Law Book recently announced the introduction of a new website which allows searching of Canadian case law for free. Check it out at: <http://www.mlb.nb.ca/cf-docs/FreeSearch.cfm> If you forget where it is, a link is also available from the Law Library website. Don't forget - free Canadian legal materials have long been available through the Federation of Law Societies of Canada's database, CanLII: <http://www.canlii.ca>.

The library is the temple of learning, and learning has liberated more people than all the wars in history.
Carl Thomas Rowan

Re-imagining Access to Justice—Symposium to Honour Rose Voyvodic

The Faculty of Law, University of Windsor, will host a symposium on Friday, September 19, 2008, to honour our colleague, Rose Voyvodic. As a lawyer, teacher mentor, community activist, and scholar, Rose worked tirelessly to advance the cause of social justice until her passing in 2007.

Date: Friday, September 19, 2008

Time: 8:30 a.m.—3:45 p.m

Location: Moot Court

For more information please visit www.uwindsor.ca/law and click on "Law Events Calendar." There is no conference fee; however, please confirm your attendance by email to apratt@uwindsor.ca



Alumni & Fund Development Office

I have always loved the energy that September brings!! The three Septembers which mark your law school experiences will be defining months unlike any others in your life. Few occasions compare with the September when you begin law school as a Law I. Law II allows you to look ahead to a course calendar full of choices and new directions. Law III marks the beginning of the first chapter of your career - the transition from law student to lawyer as you move towards new jobs, perhaps grad school, and (for most of you) becoming licensed to practice law.

Regardless of where you fall on the September spectrum, there is one thing I know for sure... your Windsor Law experience matters to us. We want you to feel included in Windsor Law's history - which hits its **40th**

anniversary this month. Our doors have been open for 40 years, and the celebrations will be significant. We have three alumni dinners, two major colloquia and are hosting a national moot competition in March. It is going to be an amazing year!

September also launches our **Annual Giving Campaign**, where we personally telephone our 5000 alumni and request donations for both the physical and technological space in the law school, and for student financial aid. We employ 18-25 law students each year, and if you need a **part-time job networking with lawyers**, I would welcome you to our fundraising team. Applications are due on September 18th!

Welcome to September 2008 at Windsor Law!



Director of Alumni and Fund Development,
Karen Momotiuk

We are what we repeatedly do. Excellence, therefore, is not an act but a habit.

Aristotle

Office of Career Services



Director of Career Services

Anna DeCia-Gualtieri

Whether you are returning to Windsor Law or starting your first month of law school...Welcome! The Career Services office is eager to assist our law students in assessing potential career paths and in developing successful career search strategies. For those who are not familiar with what our office has to offer you, we provide career services to students, including career development seminars and individual career counselling. As many of you know, our office coordinates recruitment activities such as Career Fairs, Panel Discussions and On-Campus Interviews ("OCI's"). Externally, we actively promote our students and programs to create and augment employment opportunities for you. Resources are also available including employer directories and profiles, graduate studies information and career development tools and libraries.

I am the new Director of Career Services and I am thrilled to be part of Windsor Law...again, only this time as a staff member! I am a Windsor Law Alumna from the Class of 2001 and was called to the Ontario Bar in 2002. I practised commercial and estate litigation with McTague Law Firm LLP until my appointment at Windsor Law in August 2008. I look forward to meeting each and every one of you!

If you are still actively seeking articles, it is important that you contact our office. We are here to help you with your search! We maintain a (cont'd on page 6)

Focus on Faculty



Assistant Professor
Muharem Kianieff

Muharem Kianieff joined Windsor Law in August 2008 having previously been an Adjunct Professor and Ph.D. candidate at Osgoode Hall Law School in Toronto. During his time there, he taught banking and negotiable instruments, trusts, and law and economics.

He is very excited at the prospect of becoming a member of the law school and Windsor communities. "I look forward to meeting other members of the law school community and doing my part to be an active member of the community here. I want to make a positive contribution and advance some of the social justice causes that this faculty is renowned for."

Prior to coming to Windsor, Professor Kianieff studied Political Science and Economics at Trent University in his hometown of Peterborough. From there, he received his LL.B. from Osgoode Hall Law School of York University before moving on to graduate work at Osgoode where he received his Ph.D. under the supervision of Professor Benjamin Geva. His Ph.D. dissertation was on the emerging electronic payment products and systems that are used to pay for consumer purchases made over the internet.

During his tenure at Osgoode, Professor Kianieff has been the recipient of the *Harley D. Hallett Graduate Scholarship* on three occasions and served as the Acting Book Review Editor of the *Banking and Finance Law Review*. He has published in major Canadian Law Journals and was the co-author of Professor Geva for a book chapter published by the International Monetary Fund.

Professor Kianieff's research interests include business and commercial law, banking and negotiable instruments, payment systems, electronic commerce, and law and economics theory and discourse. This fall he will be teaching Secured Transactions and next winter he will be teaching Sales, and Business Associations.

Want to know what our faculty are up to? Visit www.uwindsor.ca/law and check out "Law Faculty in the News".

Peter DeBoer '95 was recently named the head coach of the Florida Panthers of the National Hockey League. Peter was an extraordinarily successful coach at the junior level. He is one of only five coaches to have posted 500 wins in the Ontario Hockey League (OHL). He finished his career as a junior coach with 539 victories.

This past season, Peter led the Kitchener Rangers to a 43-11-0-4 record. They won the Ontario Hockey League championship but lost to Spokane in the Memorial Cup. (In 2003, Peter led Kitchener to the Memorial Cup championship.) He was named the Ontario Hockey League coach of the year in 1999 and 2000. Prior to taking up his position with Kitchener, Peter coached the Detroit Whalers and the Plymouth Whalers, also of the OHL. He played for the Windsor Spitfires.

As reported in the *National Post*, Florida General Manager, Jacques Martin, had high praise for Peter. He stated: "He is a great hockey mind who will complement our coaching staff very well. He has been very successful in the junior ranks and I am confident that he will help our franchise accomplish its goals".

Congratulations, Peter, and best wishes!

Focus on Alumni



Want to know what our alum are up to? Visit www.uwindsor.ca/law and check out "Law Alumni News".

JD/LLB Program Office

As the new Assistant Director of the J.D/LL.B Program, I want to begin by thanking everyone for the warm welcome and your continued patience as I learn the ropes in my new position. As you all know, Jennifer Henderson, our Program Director, gave birth to a healthy baby girl on August 9, 2008, and will not be returning until January 2009. We wish her family all the best.

As the academic year begins, we would like to welcome the Class of 2011, and our returning students. Orientation and the commencement of classes can be overwhelming but, everyone here is committed to

making your experience rewarding. Please feel free to stop by my office should you have any questions or concerns. I will be at the University of Detroit Mercy Monday through Wednesday, Rm 323, and at the University of Windsor Thursday and Friday, Room G112. I am honoured to be part of the J.D/LL.B team, and I look forward to getting to know all of you.

Amy Smith

Assistant Director of the JD/LLB Program

Career Services Office (cont'd from page 4)

confidential list of students looking for articles and advise them of articling postings that come up throughout the year. We recommend that you attend the upcoming seminar on September 11th to obtain further details on search tips, resume preparation and the Law Society of Upper Canada Licencing Process deadlines. Although you may find yourself frustrated at this time, do not despair. Many positions do become available through the school year. It may comfort you to know that almost all of the students who returned to Law III last year without positions are now articling!

The Vancouver/Calgary and Toronto OCI deadlines are here! We have collected numerous applications! Successful candidates for Vancouver and Calgary OCI's will receive their interview schedule by September 17th. Vancouver and Calgary interviews will be held in Toronto at Osgoode Professional Development Centre on September 22, 2008. For Toronto OCI's, the firms will advise CADO of the candidates they wish to interview by the end of September. Toronto interviews will be held in Windsor at the Caboto Club on October 21, 2008. To all who have applied, best of luck!

There will be more summer positions available. Recruitment cycles for Ottawa, London and Hamilton positions will be occurring through the Fall and into early 2009. More information about those cycles will be available soon through our new software program, Symplicity. Stay tuned!

Professor Richard Moon was recently named by the Canadian Human Rights Commission to conduct an independent study of hate on the Internet. Read about this and other faculty in the news at www.uwindsor.ca/law.



"A new downtown office will make **University of Windsor Mediation Services** more accessible to clients", says director Gemma Smyth. The satellite office of about 120 square metres is located at 450 Pelissier Street and includes a conference room facility to accommodate mediation sessions on-site. "We are also in closer proximity to the Superior Court, the police station and other social and community agencies to liaise with them more frequently and efficiently," says Smyth. "We continue to mediate residential tenancies, employment, business, interpersonal, elder, victim offender and neighbourhood disputes."

She says the satellite location was made possible by the generosity of two major donors: the City of Windsor, which has provided the space; and Osler Hoskin Harcourt LLP, which made a cash donation. She also notes the assistance of the Law Foundation of Ontario and individual donors.

The service will keep its office in the Ianni Faculty of Law building for telephone and in-person client intakes, as well as program management meetings for clinic students through the academic year.



What do William Trudell, Steven Rogin, Peter Hockin, Paul Macklin, and Ronald Fritz all have in common? Read "The Dean's Laptop" in the October issue of WINDSOR LAW Matters.

**The Chief Justice of Ontario's Advisory Committee on Professionalism
Eleventh Colloquium on the Legal Profession
Professionalism and Serving Communities**

Location: Ron W. Ianni Law Building University of Windsor (Moot Courtroom)
Date: October 24, 2008 9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

The essence of the legal profession is service. A lawyer must serve somebody. And the legal profession must serve everybody and this colloquium about professionalism examines how well today's legal profession is doing in its role of serving somebody and serving everybody with an emphasis on vulnerable and marginalized communities.

Keynote Address: The Lawyer's Obligation To Represent Victims Of Human Rights Violations At Home And Abroad

-The Honourable Irwin Cotler, P.C., O.C., LL.D., Ph.D., M.P., Former Minister of Justice for Canada

Marginalized Communities: Moving Forward by Learning from our Past

- Kimberly R. Murray, Executive Director, *Aboriginal Legal Services of Toronto*
- Susan Ursel, *Green & Chercover*
- Yedida Zalik, Legal Project Co-ordinator, *Community Legal Education Ontario*

Workers: The Challenges of Economic Downturns

- The Honourable Mr. Justice Edward W. Ducharme, *Superior Court of Justice, Chatham, Ontario*
- Joseph Comartin, *MP Windsor—Tecumseh*
- Andrew Pinto, *Wray James LLP*

The Needs of Children and the Elderly

- Clare E. Burns, *WeirFoulds LLP*
- Gemma Smyth, Director, *University of Windsor Mediation Service*
- Louise Stratford, *Public Guardian and Trustee for Ontario*

Luncheon Address: Lawyers as Healers

-Dennis W. Archer, Chairman, Dickinson Wright PLLC, Past President of the American Bar Association and Former Mayor of Detroit

Survivors of Sexual Abuse: Who Represents Them?

- Sudabeh Mashkuri, Currently Manager of Legal Services, *Human Rights Legal Support Centre*
- Loretta P. Merritt, *Torkin Manes Cohen Arbus LLP*

Representing Clients with Disabilities

- Suzan Fraser, Barrister and Solicitor
- Lana Kerzner, Barrister and Solicitor, *ARCH Disability Law Centre*
- M. David Lepofsky, Crown Law Office, *Ministry of the Attorney General*

What Can We Do? Victims of Human Rights Violations Abroad

- John Lewis, International Human Rights Program Co-ordinator, *KAIROS: Canadian Ecumenical Justice Initiatives*
- Professor Stephen Sawyer, Clinical Assistant Professor, Senior Counsel, *Center for International Human Rights*
- Dr. Chris Waters, Faculty of Law, *University of Windsor*

Concluding Address: The Ethical Obligations of Law Students

- Professor David Tanovich, Faculty of Law, University of Windsor

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT www.uwindsor.ca/law AND CLICK ON "LAW CALENDAR EVENTS".

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

2008

September 16	Last day for course changes in Law
September 16	Windsor Law Clubs and Committee Day
September 17	ProBono Students Canada Launch with Mayor Eddie Francis
September 19	Rose Voyvodic Symposium—Re-imagining Access to Justice (see p. 3)
September 20	Windsor Law Family Open House
September 22	Women in the Law—Linda Rothstein
September 24	CTLJ & WYAJ—Professor William Schabas
September 26	Transition from Law Student to Lawyer (Career Services)
September 27	Asian Law Students' Organization's 7th Annual Windsor Law Golf Tournament
October 3	Community Outreach Committee—Project Serve
October 4	Carbolic Smoke Ball
October 6	Breakfast with Bruce
October 13	Thanksgiving Day (statutory holiday). No classes.
October 21	OCI's—On Campus Interviews
October 24	11 th Colloquium on Professionalism. No classes. (see p. 7)
October 25	Fall Convocation
October 29	CTLJ—Ruth Buchanan
November 19	Pizza with Bruce
November 24	Herb Gray Distinguished Lecture—Sheila Fraser
November 26	Bernard Cohn Lecture—Adrian Brooks
December 1	Last day of classes for Fall Semester
December 4	Examinations begin in Law
December 24 to 31	University offices closed for December Holiday recess
January 5	Winter Semester classes commence

*The above events may be subject to change. Check with the appropriate department for more details.

I will give you a talisman. Whenever you are in doubt, or when the self becomes too much with you, apply the following test. Recall the face of the poorest and the weakest man [woman] whom you may have seen, and ask yourself, if the step you contemplate is going to be of any use to him [her]. Will he [she] gain anything by it? Will it restore him [her] to a control over his [her] own life and destiny? In other words, will it lead to swaraj [freedom] for the hungry and spiritually starving millions? Then you will find your doubts and your self melt away.

Gandhi