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Lorne Abony '94, CEO of FUN Technologies



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Roma Khanna '93, Senior Vice President in Charge of Content for CHUM Television in the Much Music Studio, Toronto ON.

# From the Dean



## DEAR ALUMNI AND FRIENDS:

It is with great excitement that I bring greetings from the office of the Dean here at the Faculty of Law – excitement because there is, as ever, so much going on here at Windsor Law that continues

to make this a great law school. Not a day has gone by during my time as Acting Dean that I have not felt incredibly proud to be associated with this outstanding institution, of which I have been privileged to be a part for many years.

This past semester has been a tremendous adventure, and I have enjoyed every minute of it.

I have become reacquainted with impressive successes of so many of our alumni. I never fail to be inspired by all of the extraordinary things our alumni are accomplishing, by taking leading roles in their professions and their communities. As a professor here at the Law School, I find it immensely rewarding to read of your achievements.

This, I'm sure, you will find to be an engrossing issue indeed of *Nulli Secundus*, in which our editor, Karen Momotiuk '96, has focused her attention on some of our alums working in the entertainment, intellectual property, and information technology industries—some of whom demonstrate that you do not have to be a lawyer to be a successful Windsor Law alum. This issue includes a spotlight on the Law School's groundbreaking Intellectual Property Legal Information Network.

As well, Windsor Law is the alma mater to the honourable Robert Nicholson '77, currently Canada's Minister of Justice and Attorney General. Law III student, Jody Johnson, caught up with him for an interview about life on the Hill. Our alumni are touring the globe, and the first installment of a fun, new series called "Where has your *Nulli* been?" is debuted here, with class of '04 grad Alwin Kong at Machu Pichu, Peru.

As always, our faculty members have an extensive variety of initiatives they are focusing their energies on, many of which are featured here. In addition, you'll find photos and descriptions of our three alumni dinners, held in Windsor, Toronto, and Ottawa in November. A good time was had by all, and the photos speak for themselves. And speaking of photos, attendees of the 1976 and 1981 reunions will want to check out the photo galleries starting on page 21.

Gregory Monforton '79 and Graeme Mew '86, two successful Windsor Law grads, also speak frankly in this issue about what it means to be a lawyer, and the many social responsibilities that come with it.

In addition, we all know how vital philanthropy is today—more than ever before—for the survival of our prized institutions. This issue hones in on the importance of ongoing alumni support, showcasing what Windsor Law grads are doing to create lasting legacies, and what giving back means to them.

It has been a true pleasure for me to serve as Acting Dean, here at Windsor Law, and I look forward to the coming months, as I continue in this position, prior to the return of Dean Bruce Elman. The many of you whom I have met and worked with throughout this time have made this a truly dynamic experience for me.

Enjoy this issue of *Nulli Secundus*—it is your Windsor Law magazine, made for you and by you.

All the very best,



**BRIAN MAZER**  
ACTING DEAN OF LAW



# Owning IT

BY LAURA ELINSON

**AS** the door swings open to Lorne Abony's Toronto office of FUN Technologies, it is appropriate that a ping-pong table is the first thing to meet the eye. This is, after all, a company with 25 million registered online users that has built its mega-fortune on the world's simple desire to play games.

Abony '94 was not playing games, however, when he recently sold a 51 percent controlling interest in FUN Technologies to the American media conglomerate, Liberty Media, for US \$196 million. Neither was *The Globe and Mail* when it awarded him a spot on its prestigious Top 40 Under 40 list last year. FUN is a force to be reckoned with.



FUN Technologies has grown to 350 employees and occupies six offices in Canada, the U.S. and Great Britain. Its focus is online skill-based (as opposed to chance-based) gaming and fantasy sports. Games are primarily accessible via the Internet, with the venues of interactive television and stand-alone kiosks becoming increasingly popular. FUN's fantasy sports division, fanball.com, offers league-hosting software, real-time sports statistics, and interactive games for the Internet and other convergent media platforms. Fanball.com also provides users with online fantasy sports contests, and has exclusive distribution agreements with such organizations as AOL, Microsoft, Disney, and NASCAR.com. It also owns fanball.com Radio and produces such print publications as *Fantasy Football Weekly*, one of America's top-selling fantasy sports publications.

After receiving his J.D./LL.B. in 1994, Abony earned his MBA from the Columbia Business School and began to practice securities law at Aird and Berlis LLP in Toronto. Abony found a lawyer's lifestyle too predictable for his keenly entrepreneurial taste. As a lover of video games and a man with an eagle's eye for market opportunities, Abony used his legal education to venture into the world of business. Today, the 37-year old Abony is known as the youngest CEO of a TSX-listed company. Only a member of the dot-com generation (with a youthful love for hockey pools and video games) could win over this sector. "We live in exciting times where young people can capture large markets that are available because of the eruption of technology." International borders are only suggestive when it comes to doing business in today's marketplace. As he finds himself at the helm of a growing international company, with international legal representation - his decision to pursue a combined J.D./LL.B. degree during his stay at Windsor is paying off in many ways.

Abony's inaugural undertaking



Lorne Abony '94 was awarded the *Globe and Mail's* prestigious Top 40 Under 40 distinction.

took the form of Petopia.com, a San Francisco-based provider of pet supplies and services. He sold it to PETCO in December 2000. In the wake of his Petopia success, his idea for FUN Technologies came to fruition. Today he is a man who is very happy with his decisions. "I love, love, love what I do," Abony declares. "If I had to do it all over again, I would do it the exact same way."

Why does he love it so much? "We wake up every morning and, basically, we are in uncharted water. It is not like being in the hotel business, where there is a proven business model and it has been done the same way for 100 years and you can kind of tweak it a little bit - maybe add a new offering to the room service menu. In our business, we are doing things every day that have never been done or tried before. We create new business models and that is incredibly exciting."

Abony believes that his legal education primed him to begin thinking about the business world in an important way. "My law school education and the people at Windsor - and this is very genuine - were fundamental in teaching me how to

think about problems, how to challenge traditional ideas, how to subject thoughts to rigorous scrutiny," he says. "My thinking from law school helped us build an international business worth over half a billion dollars."

Abony also appreciated Windsor's sense of community and the fact that his professors seemed to care so much about his education. "It was a small little place and I loved it. Honestly, I went to McGill, Windsor and Columbia and I loved Windsor. "I thought it was the best of the three." In a moment of pressure to desperately recall his favourite hang-out as a student at Windsor law, Abony admits, however, that he spent relatively little time actually at law school when he was a student. He was smitten by business at an early age, and ran a company, called Tickets, which defended people in traffic court. He was already juggling his fledgling business career with a law student's agenda. He describes himself as the hardest-working human being he knows, but he still manages to keep fun at the top of his list.

**W**hen Cyril Drabinsky '81 took over a company called Filmhouse from its ailing president twenty years ago, he knew almost nothing about the film lab industry. Fresh out of law school, and running a home entertainment division for Cineplex Odeon (a company founded by his brother, Garth), Cyril was testing the waters in a field he knew little about. "I figured I would give it a shot," he explains, "and if it did not work out, I could always go back to practising law." Twenty years and a host of big-name movies later, Cyril now finds himself at the head of Deluxe Laboratories, one of the most respected film editing and post-production companies in the world. With projects such as *Star Wars* and *Da Vinci Code* in its repertoire, and clients like 20th Century Fox, Miramax,



Cyril Drabinsky '81 heads Deluxe Laboratories and has worked on projects such as *Star Wars* and *The Da Vinci Code*.

and Paramount Pictures, it is no wonder that Deluxe orchestrates sales of over one billion dollars every year and keeps the film industry on its toes with its emphasis on cutting edge technology and quality production.

Cyril is thankful to Windsor Law for encouraging him to explore his career options before settling into a traditional legal career. He has still not shut the door to a career in law but his success in film production continues to propel him along a different path.

The cutting edge technology that has made Deluxe a name in Hollywood is also responsible for linking Drabinsky's current line of work with the legal world he was once a part of. Aside from the daily contracts and negotiations that make up a day at Deluxe, he adds, "in my business, especially on the digital side, we are creating new systems, new software that are proprietary to our business. We need to make sure that we

have protection with regard to those tools and to the software that we have developed that helps us differentiate ourselves from our competitors. That's something that happens every day in our business."

And what is Deluxe's business? The company's responsibilities begin as soon as the movie has finished shooting and the director has made his or her final editing touches. Deluxe is then called upon to "colour time" the original negative picture, either digitally or photo-chemically, so that each scene on the screen runs smoothly into the next, despite being a collage of random shots with varied lighting and weather. Deluxe is also able to use its digital technology in creative ways to generate a host of special effects. These can be dazzling, like those seen in the *Star Wars* movies, or can be as subtle as the alteration of an actor's eye colour throughout a picture. Ultimately, once a picture is shot, edited

and colour-timed, Deluxe creates the very prints that are distributed to theaters around the world.

For a man with a law degree whose childhood dream was to be a professional football player, it seems remarkable that the film production industry is where Cyril feels most at home. Ask his University of Windsor classmates, however, and their responses are likely to lack surprise. He admits that his favourite activities outside the classroom were preparing for and performing in coffee house skits, and encouraging professors to get involved by forcing them into costume. He humourously recalls "getting certain professors to dress up as Batman and Robin."

Cyril appreciated being taught by people who were not afraid to become part of the crowd and have fun with their students. Cyril also fondly recalls the many rehearsals and jazz shows that he and fellow Windsor alum Lonny Hall '80 performed for their friends and professors over their years together at Windsor Law. By third year, Cyril was head of the entertainment committee with pal Michael Rotenberg '81, who, incidentally, also found a career in entertainment (he is now a successful Hollywood film producer). "We just had a great time putting on the shows and interacting with the whole school. It created a lot of spirit and it was a lot of fun." Particularly fond for Cyril is the memory of getting on stage and singing an altered version of *My Way* to conclude a show, the new lyrics of which were intended to strike chords with students and professors alike. "Those were great nights."

Cyril feels lucky to have had the University of Windsor as a part of his life. "I think it helped me grow as a person because I was with a lot of people who were more mature and worldly than I was. I think it helped in my growing up," he says. Cyril was



Roma Khanna '93 in the Much Music Studio.

one of the few students in his class who were admitted after only their second year of undergraduate study. "I was pretty young in the class. I think the average age was 27 or 28, in our first year class. We had a police officer, people on a wrestling team, nurses... I think we had a doctor too. I was overwhelmed with the work experience that a lot of people had, coming into first year law school at Windsor," he says. Cyril believes he had an eclectic class because it reflected the first year that the university considered students' backgrounds before admission. "I think it made for a special class. It was a very close-knit group of people."

Cyril Drabinsky is a Windsor Law success story. As advice to current and future law students (as well as lawyers), he says that "the opportunities for becoming involved in activities beyond traditional law are endless and offer important options that can open your career in ways that would otherwise go unnoticed. Take a chance."

**I**n the wake of the Much Music Video Awards, the grounds surrounding the Wesley Building (better known as the Much Music Building) on Toronto's Queen Street West, are bustling with post-awards activity. Crews work diligently to disassemble stages, while tourists stare into the network's famous windows, hoping to catch a glimpse of a straggling star. Citytv news anchors and Much Music Video Jockeys mill about in the lobby, carrying coffee, trying not to bump into each other. In the midst of the hubbub, Roma Khanna '93 is in her office above the chaos, offering me the only twenty minutes of free time she will have today.

Khanna is the senior vice president of content for CHUM Television, which has 33 stations around the country, such as Much Music, Citytv, A-Channel

and Star!, as well as channel formats around the world. She guides all of CHUM Television's domestic and international content creation, program acquisitions and distribution efforts. She also oversees the programming, independent production, in-house production, international distribution, interactive and creative services units of the company. Today, she finds herself busy with such celebrated projects as the VJ Search series and Canada's Next Top Model, which she readily admits is her favourite.

Prior to joining CHUM, Khanna was Executive Vice President at Snap Media (now QuickPlay Media), Canada's leading producer of interactive content related to television, where she was involved in the production and creation of interactive projects for television programs including *Degrassi: The Next Generation*, *FashionTelevision*, and *Open Mike with Mike Bullard*. Before this she was the Manager of Legal and Business Affairs for Sony Music Canada. She also practiced corporate/commercial law with Davies, Ward & Beck in Toronto. She has been involved in producing various film and television projects, including music videos, television commercials and an independent feature film, *Stuff*.

It is apt that Khanna's childhood dream was to become a rock star. She is the one entertaining the public, deciding what kind of programming (and music) will make the cut for CHUM's networks. What Khanna finds most exciting – and most challenging – is keeping her finger on the rapidly changing pulse of pop culture. Lagging behind the zeitgeist is not an option. "The challenge here is always doing your best in what can often be a quickly evolving marketplace. Technologies change and the way people watch television changes. Trying to keep relevant and keep your relationship with your audience as strong as you can keep it is the goal."

Roma is no stranger to entertaining

the public. Besides working as a DJ at the University of Windsor's radio station for almost three years, Roma and a few friends also used to perform beat poetry at coffee houses. She admits being a groupie in her younger years, following musicians like David Bowie, David Sylvian and the Cult around on their local tours. In retrospect, nothing but the world of entertainment would suffice for this lover of the arts.

"My undergraduate degree is a science degree from the University of Toronto. I ended up writing both my MCAT and my LSAT and not really knowing which way I wanted to go," she says. She realized that her heart was in the entertainment world and law school emerged as the clearest path toward it.

She discovered the details that make Windsor Law unique, and embraced the little things that made her experience here a success. "Windsor Law was the right place for me because it embodied a lot of the values that are important to me: a sense of balance between academia and social consciousness, and an emphasis on the human side of law." Windsor Law also offered her an excellent venue to explore and contribute to social topics – such as Women and the Law – that always interested her. "I was able to participate in a lot of groups that connected me to particular social issues in a way that I hadn't connected before," she explains. But to her, it was the people she met at Windsor, more than anything, that made the experience memorable. "When I think about Windsor, my thoughts are connected to the friends that I made. These people are my family now," she says.

Participating in the Laskin Moot had a particularly profound effect on Khanna and she describes it as perhaps the most important experience of her law school career. "If there's one thing that really resonated in my life, it was working with professor Myra Tawfik on



Lonny Hall '80 with the Gemini Awards he received for producing Food Network's *The Surreal Gourmet*.

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Roma Khanna '93

the Laskin Moot. I won a great award while doing it, which was fantastic, but connecting with the people who were doing it was amazing. To this day, I am still one of the organizers of the Laskin Moot, even though my life has nothing to do with law anymore,” says Khanna. “Once a year, I go and hang out with lawyers and judges and law students and help them with that competition. Getting involved with that was a fantastic thing to do.”

**I**f not for the two Gemini awards glistening by a window in the corner of his office at Hall Weber LLP, Lonny Hall's humble demeanour may convince you that his legal career has been as soft-spoken as his voice. It doesn't take much digging, though, before Hall's wealth of knowledge and passion for music and entertainment come bubbling to the surface. They have facilitated Hall's extraordinary career in Entertainment Law and put him face to face with the likes of Rompin' Ronnie Hawkins, Eugene Levy, Gregory Hines and Elton John.

For eight years, Lon Hall '80 has been executive producing three different television series for the Food Network and the Life Network: *Pet Project*, *Crash My Kitchen* and *The Surreal Gourmet*, the last of which earned him the two Gemini awards. He is also currently collaborating with Lord Richard Attenborough (the famed director of *Ghandi*), and Shirley MacLaine, on

a film called *Closing the Ring*, also starring Christopher Plummer.

For those readers wondering what an executive producer's role is in the production of a film or television show, Hall explains: “I put the money together. I finance the production, deal with the broadcaster and the bank and organize the tax credits - most television and film productions in this country get partially financed by federal and provincial tax credits.” This sounds almost like the role of a lawyer in any large corporate endeavour - until you consider that in order to get this job done well, Hall and his partners usually find themselves waist-deep in creative questions. This is where Hall begins to treasure his line of work. “A lot of what we do as lawyers in film and television goes beyond traditional legal work. Our clients often rely on us, not just to draft a contract or negotiate a deal, but to help them find appropriate partners with whom to work on projects and to advise them on what is a good deal.”

Hall particularly enjoys questions of errors and omissions, which relate to the insurance policies that film and television productions must buy as a condition of sale to distributors and broadcasters. These policies protect the Producer and everyone the Producer sells the film to, in the event that someone sues for copyright infringement, defamation, or misappropriation of personality, for example. These legal questions have recently found Hall rolling up his

sleeves with the directors, writers and producers of such projects as the *Conrad Black Story*, which is scheduled to air on CTV before the end of the year.

One might say that although law is close to Hall's heart, entertainment may very well be in his genes. Hall admits that growing up with Monty Hall (of the popular 60's game show, *Let's Make a Deal*) for an uncle certainly gave him a taste for the world of entertainment, inspiring him to eventually leave behind the world of traditional corporate commercial law in favour of something more unique and familiar. But Hall's uncle wasn't the only one to offer him a glimpse of the entertainment world that would later become an important part of his working life. In addition to working as a DJ for CHUM in order to subsidize his own law school education, Hall's father was a regular panelist on the Canadian version of the popular 60's game show *To Tell the Truth* and Hall fondly remembers accompanying him to the studio where the show was filmed.

Although Hall eventually found his ideal working environment in the entertainment world, the transition was not immediate. As a lawyer fresh out of law school, Hall was more interested in the big business on Bay Street than in finding his own niche in the legal world - something many motivated young lawyers can relate to. “I came out of law school wanting to work in a big blue-chip firm, wanting to be a securities lawyer and I got what I wanted,” he says. “I discovered as a young lawyer



J. Bradley White '96 discovers his niche in IP law at Oslers LLP in Ottawa.

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“Friendships formed fast and furious because most of us were from out of town... When we came back for our 25<sup>th</sup> reunion, all the good feelings came back. The people made our time at Windsor Law great.”

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Lonny Hall '80

in my first couple of years that you should be careful what you ask for. It wasn't how I wanted to spend the rest of my life.” In fact, Hall once dreamed of making a career of music, something that's always been close to his heart. “I have always been an amateur musician - a piano player and singer. All of my law school classmates will remember that.” Indeed, Hall often played in a jazz band on campus, led by fellow law student Bill Gale '80 who still plays at bars and charity events. Hall was the “convener of all things social” throughout his three years at Windsor Law. His organization of parties, mock trials, and talent shows prepared him for his career.

Hall also insists that these experiences are what made Windsor Law such a special place for him. “Friendships became fast and furious because most of us were from out of town and it was too far to go back and forth every weekend,” he says. Hall chaired his class's 25th anniversary reunion last year, where fifty alumni gathered and relived old times. “All the good feelings and friendships just came back. It was the people that made the time there great.”

**Prior** to applying to Windsor Law, J. Bradley White '96 was a chemistry student taking the fast track to a career in the sciences. After earning his Masters degree in chemistry from the University of Waterloo, Bradley was offered a

scholarship to pursue a Ph.D., but declined in order to attend law school. He craved a career that could offer him the opportunity to exploit his analytical skills and have more personal interaction on a daily basis than might be available in a laboratory. Bradley's challenge was to find a way to integrate his scientific expertise with his desire for a career with more personal contact.

The evolving specialty of Intellectual Property was on its toes, searching far and wide for candidates with Bradley's very background. After discussing law school with a friend in the field, it became evident that intellectual property law was more than just a good fit. With new therapeutics developing at break-neck speed and pharmaceutical corporations growing even faster, there was - and is - an immense need for new litigators who have the potential to be equally as savvy in the courtroom as in the laboratory. Bradley had discovered his niche in the world of IP law.

His next step was to find a program that fit his needs, and Windsor Law was an obvious choice. At the time, it was one of few schools that offered specialized, individual courses in IP.

Bradley is now both a registered U.S. and Canadian patent agent, and works as a patent litigator and partner with Osler, Hoskin & Harcourt, LLP in Ottawa. His practice focuses on the highly competitive field of pharmaceutical litigation. According to Bradley, this has become the most active area of IP litigation in the Federal Courts of Canada

and appears to be “driving the growth in most of the IP firms or departments around the country”. The work makes up at least 80 percent of the Osler's current IP litigation practice, and all of the patent litigation is presently handled out of their Ottawa office.

His schedule includes little down time, much travel, and a steady stream of high-stress work situations. A scientific background has proven to be of central importance to his concentration in pharmaceutical litigation, which requires him to prepare affidavits with top experts in the field. These experts can be retained from almost anywhere in the world, and this is where Bradley's frequent globe-trotting becomes a necessary part of his job description.

Bradley is grateful that Windsor could provide him with a specialized, IP-focused curriculum. “Of all my schooling, the best time I had was at law school,” says Bradley. “Although there aren't many of us here in Ottawa, there is still a core league of classmates of mine from law school that I remain in contact with to this day.”

Windsor's admissions policy seemed to select students from varied backgrounds who chose to approach law from different angles. In the end, he believes, it is simply their motivation and their dedication to their chosen fields that sees many of them achieving great things in their careers. Certainly, Bradley has struck a balance between science and law that remains a rare and valuable feat in the world of IP.

# IPLIN • The Intellectual Property Legal Information Network

BY LAURA ELINSON

In 1987 an academic alliance between three law schools lit the pilot light for a new approach to intellectual property (IP) law at Windsor Law. With the creation of the Intellectual Property Law Institute (IPLI) – a three-way partnership between the University of Detroit Mercy, Wayne State, and the



Left to right, Haran Aruliah, Jocelyn Cleary, Nisarg Munshi, Michelle Mulchan and Adam Tracey with Professor Myra Tawfik.

University of Windsor, designed to offer students a rich IP curriculum – the importance of IP as a cutting edge discipline was established. Professor Myra Tawfik was recruited to lead Windsor Law with its new IP approach.

After more than a decade of teaching and contributing to the evolution of IP as a legal discipline through IPLI, Myra now finds herself leading her own wave of change in the world of IP at Windsor Law. With the creation of IPLIN in 2004 – the Intellectual Property Legal Information Network – students are given the rare opportunity to put theory into practice by applying their knowledge of IP law to actual questions from the greater Windsor-Essex community. IPLIN provides experiential learning opportunities so students can associate what they are learning with actual issues or files.

IPLIN's potential for helping the community at large is what makes it most unique. Through funding secured from the Law Foundation of Ontario, Myra and her students were able to compile data confirming that the Windsor community was underserved when it came to the provision of information regarding IP rights. IPLIN's mission took form: the provision of a dedicated website accessible to the greater Windsor community, the creation of an outreach service in the form of free public workshops, and the contribution of basic legal advice on IP matters to community members, free

of charge. Currently in its first year of stable funding, IPLIN's popularity is growing, offering Windsor a glimpse of what this program can achieve in the future.

When asked about IPLIN's success, Myra is quick to praise the students who have become involved with the project. She has received a lot of help from IPLI and the law school admissions

program, which attracts students with surprisingly varied backgrounds. "We are getting a large number of students who have done graduate work in engineering or science, and are interested in the IPLI curriculum because they want to practice in IP when they are done," she says. Because of the IPLI program, we attract students who come in with a keen desire to work in these areas and they arrive with the backgrounds needed in order to do so."

Windsor Law students have a leg up when it comes to addressing questions in fields such as patent and intellectual property law and information technology, which is becoming increasingly science-oriented. It is no wonder, according to Myra, that so many successful IP grads boast the University of Windsor as their alma mater. Students praise Myra's dedication to the advancement of her students and credit her for being the professor responsible for their passionate pursuit of a career in IP law.

#### WINDSOR LAW'S IP AND PATENT LAW INSTRUCTORS

Windsor Law is proud to offer many courses in IP and Patent Law and would specifically like to recognize Peter Wells, Don MacOdrum, and Keith Bird '97 as well as professors Sukanya Pillay '90 and Myra Tawfik for their contributions in this area.

# Faculty News

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## **BILL BOGART**

Bill Bogart delivered a Martin Wesley Lecture to the Humanities Research Group in January; the revised text of the lecture will appear in the *Annual Review of Law and Social Sciences*. He is at work on a report on the regulation of problem gambling; the research is

supported by the Ontario Problem Gambling Research Centre. In December, he will deliver a paper at Oxford University at a conference sponsored by Oxford and Stanford Universities on international trends in class actions and other forms of complex litigation.

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## **BRUCE ELMAN**

Dean Bruce Elman began a much deserved six month sabbatical leave on January 1st. In early January, he spoke to the North American Legal Co-Operation Section of the American Association of Law Schools (AALS) at its Annual Meeting in Washington,

D.C. Dean Elman spoke on "The Challenges Facing Legal Education in Canada." The session was hosted by the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade (DFAIT) and was held at the Canadian Embassy. Dean Elman was also scheduled to speak at the Eighth Colloquium on the Legal Profession sponsored by the Chief Justice of Ontario's Advisory Committee on Professionalism. The Colloquium was to be held on March 2nd at the University of Western Ontario in London but, due to inclement weather, was postponed until late May. Dean Elman will be out of the country at that time and his paper will be delivered by Associate Dean Mary Gold. The theme of the Colloquium is The Challenge of Leadership and Dean Elman's paper is entitled *Professional Responsibility and Ethics: A Leadership Role for Canada's Law Schools*. Also speaking at the Colloquium are Windsor Law alums Diana Miles '88, Director of Professional Development and Competence for the Law Society of Upper Canada, and Judith Potter '89, a Bencher of the Law Society. In March, Dean Elman inaugurated a new, as yet informal, Exchange Program with the Louis D. Brandeis School of Law at the University of Louisville. He delivered a general lecture to students focussing

on "Hate Speech and Freedom of Expression in Canada" as well as a faculty seminar which was more directly focussed on "Hate Speech: The Canadian Approach." Professor John Cross of the Louisville faculty will pay a reciprocal visit to Windsor in October. Professor Cross specializes in Intellectual Property and Native American Law. While at Louisville, Dean Elman had discussions with Dean Jim Chen and Professor Russell Weaver regarding formalizing and extending the Exchange Program.

During Dean Elman's absence, Professor Brian Mazer is reprising his role as Acting Dean.

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## **DAVID TANOVICH**

In 2006, David Tanovich was promoted to Associate Professor with tenure. He continued to have a busy year traveling across the country speaking about racial profiling and his new book *The Colour of Justice: Policing Race in Canada* (Irwin Law, 2006). Stops included

McGill University, the University of Ottawa, a Judicial Education conference in London, Ontario, and the Criminal Lawyers' Association annual conference in Toronto where he presented his paper *Where Are All Of The Lawyers: The Absence of Racial Profiling Litigation in Canada*. His Ottawa talk was broadcast on CPAC's Podium. Some of his media appearances in 2006 included a one day marathon of 10 CBC radio morning shows, an interview with Michael Enright on CBC's Sunday Edition and a feature interview entitled "Justice is White" in the Ideas section of the *Toronto Star*. Professor Tanovich saw his new book favourably reviewed by Royson James in *Literary Review Canada* and Matthew Behrens in *Quill and Quire* while his racial profiling research was cited with approval in the first civil appellate decision *Peart v. Peel Regional Police*. In 2006/2007, Professor Tanovich published *The Further Erasure Of Race In Charter Cases* and completed the eighth edition of his casebook *Evidence: Principles and Problems* (Carswell) with Professors Delisle and Stuart. The year also saw him win the Canadian Association of Law Teachers (CALT) Scholarly Paper Award for his article *Law's Ambition: The Reconstruction of Role Morality in Canada*. He is the first Windsor Law recipient. He was also awarded the Students' Law Society Faculty award

for exemplary teaching and dedication to Windsor Law. In 2008, Professor Tanovich will launch two new initiatives. He will be teaching a seminar entitled *Racial Profiling and the Law*, the first of its kind in Canada. He will also be facilitating group-supervised research in social and criminal justice where students will have the opportunity to engage in social justice praxis.



**LARRY WILSON**

Larry Wilson and his co-authors, Drs. Kim Harper and Rosemary Cassano of the School of Social Work at the University of Windsor recently completed a research study, *Supporting Child Witnesses Through the Criminal Court Process: Experiences of Children*

*and Their Caregivers*. The project was funded by the Ontario Victim Services Secretariat, Ministry of the Attorney General. Teams of law students and social work students conducted in-depth qualitative interviews with child victims of abuse, their caregivers and the professionals who were involved with them as they made their way through the criminal justice system. The purpose of the research was to explore, from the perspectives of these participants, particularly the children, what was helpful and unhelpful with respect to the preparation and support children and families received before, during and after the child testified in court. The report contains a number of recommendations for changes to current procedures and legislation, including a proposal to allow the use of videotaped testimony as an alternative to court appearance. The research was presented at the 2007 Annual Conference of the American Society of Social Work and Research held in San Francisco in January.



**MYRA TAWFIK**

Professor Tawfik has published *No Longer Living in Splendid Isolation: The Globalization of National Courts and the Internationalization of Intellectual Property Law* and has been awarded a University of Windsor Humanities Research Group Fellowship

for 2007/2008 that will permit her to significantly advance the research for her book project on 19th century Canadian copyright law history. She was also a recipient of the Student Law Society Teacher of the Year Award for 2007.

## Loss of a Legend: Rose Voyvodic '82



BY MICHELLYNE MANCINI

Stellar professor. Ardent advocate. Endearing mentor. These are just some of the ways in which Windsor Law alumni are remembering a dear friend and colleague, Rose Voyvodic '82.

“I can still see her walking towards me, her big, beautiful smile.” Felicia Smith '82, remembers Rose the first time they met up in person following law school, many years after graduation. “She hadn’t changed a day.”

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Acting Dean Brian Mazer

Graduating from Windsor Law in 1982, Rose Voyvodic was called to the bar in 1984, and immediately opened a practice with fellow grad Shirley Jackson. Rose focused on representing victims of crime, and offered assistance to refugees—an area of law which was not then covered by Legal Aid. “Personal gain was never a factor in how Rose lived her life,” recalled Shirley.

In 1986, Rose began working with Legal Assistance of Windsor (LAW), becoming its director in 1988. Access to justice and human rights were to become those things to which Rose would devote her life. By 1988, Rose had earned the prestigious honour of being named Windsor’s Woman of the Year. Among the many volunteer initiatives that garnered Rose the award was her work at the Woman’s Incentive Centre. “She was woman of the year every year to me, but titles were nothing she sought,” recalled Shirley.

Rose held the post of director at LAW until 2002. From 1999 to 2001, she was also the Human Rights Commissioner at the University. In addition, from 1998 to 2002, she held the position of Director of the University’s Clinical Law Program.

Doctor Emily Carasco recalled Rose’s extensive work with immigrants. “Rose didn’t think in terms of Canadian or non-Canadian; she believed that every person was a human being deserving of fundamental respect and dignity, and she would do everything she could to achieve that dignity for someone. She was really very committed to social justice.”

“Rose was a great teacher and mentor,” according to Acting Dean Brian Mazer. “She had a broad career which demonstrated these talents, and I can recall her having those skills even as a young student.”

Classmate Felicia Smith remembered that “Rose always helped you. Law can be a very competitive program, but Rose always shared her notes; she always shared her knowledge. She was a teacher from the beginning.” So many of Rose’s friends and colleagues recall Rose’s deep commitment to the disadvantaged; as Professor Dick Moon reflected, “she modeled in the classroom a concern for others, whatever their problems or circumstances.”

In 2003, Rose acquired her Master’s Degree in Law from the University of Ottawa. That same year, she became an Associate Professor at Windsor Law, specializing in clinical education.

Peter Hrastovec ’82 recalled that “Rose was a gifted educator.” Her students surely thought the same: in 2006, they awarded her the Student Law Society Teaching Award.

Rose Voyvodic touched those around her with the strong beliefs that she lived by. According to her colleague, Professor Sukanya Pillay ’90, “Rose was the embodiment of integrity, ethics and social justice. She was deeply committed to her clients, to human rights, and to a fair and just legal system. She advocated tirelessly for those discriminated against in every arena. She made access to justice a reality for thousands through her work at the Law School, Legal Assistance of Windsor, and in the larger local and international community. Personally and professionally, she is unparalleled. At the Law School and at LAW we are compelled to carry on her legacy of utmost professionalism in law.”

Rose continued to inspire those she knew until the very end of her short life. On Saturday, April 14, 2007, she was honoured with the Essex Law Association’s Charles Clark Award. Though Rose was not well enough to attend the ceremony, her life’s work garnered a standing ovation.

Rose was a very active member of the Windsor community, and over the course of her career she was a member of a vast array of committees outside of the University, including the Women’s Enterprise Skills Training Board, the Windsor Police Services Employment Equity Committee, the Windsor-Essex Bilingual Legal Clinic, the Third World Resource Centre, the Police Services Board of Inquiry, the Mayor’s Committee on Women in the Workforce, Legal Aid Ontario’s Area Subcommittee on Immigration, the Detroit/Windsor Refugee Coalition, the United Way’s Community Planning Task Force, the Chief Justice of Ontario’s Committee on Teaching Professionalism, and the Association of Community Legal Clinics of Ontario.

Dean of Law Bruce Elman was deeply saddened by Rose’s passing. “Rose’s life was characterised by a deep sense of commitment, first and foremost to her family, as well as to the Law School and the University, the legal profession, and the pursuit of social justice,” he said.

Rose has left behind her loving husband and soulmate, Rod Catford ’89, and their two children, Bob, 14, and Jane, 12.

# In Good Company

## Alumni and Friends Gala Dinners



**W**indsor Law's three alumni dinners continue to demonstrate the commitment our alumni have to maintaining their connection with both the Law School, and their classmates. Our dinners in Windsor, Toronto and Ottawa were held in November 2006. We also hosted three reunions, for the Classes of 1976, 1981 and 1996. Windsor Law would like to thank the following alumni for all their efforts this year:

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|---------------------------------|------------------------|
| Justice Mary Anne Sanderson '74 | David Robins '97       |
| Carole Curtis '76               | Vishva Ramlall '98     |
| Master Robert Beaudoin '79      | Nicole Riggs '99       |
| John Hall '81                   | Adam Segal '00         |
| Andrew Sanfilippo '81           | Andrew McKenna '00     |
| Kevin Ross '82                  | Alicia Tymec-Stein '00 |
| Mark Sazio '84                  | Melanie Gardin '00     |
| Gerri Wong '84                  | Tom Meehan '00         |
| Thomas Reaume '87               | Sean Grayson '01       |
| Sean Sadler '87                 | Jay Strosberg '01      |
| Ivana Baldelli '88              | Allison Smith '01      |
| Ian Hull '88                    | Greg Wrigglesworth '01 |
| Tom Serafimovski '88            | Lauren Bale '02        |
| Betsy Kane '89                  | Zane Handysides '02    |
| Justin de Vries '91             | Michael Dunn '03       |
| Mary Jane Moynahan '94          | Karen Smith '04        |
| Ted Betts '95                   | Alwin Kong '04         |
| David McNevin '95               | Phil Chandler '04      |
| Tom Sutton '96                  | Kai Brown '05          |
| J. Bradley White '96            | David Palumbo '05      |
| Sarah Crossley '97              |                        |



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## Tour Highlights:

- Visit the City of Sails, Auckland, the largest Polynesian city in the World.
- Experience the glow worm caves of Waitomo.
- Bask in the thermal waters of Rotorua, and take in the geysers and boiling mud of Whakarewarewa.
- Take the lake steamer TSS Earnslaw and visit a working sheep station in the foothills of the Southern Alps.
- Visit Mount Aoraki, the highest mountain in the Southern Alps and enjoy the tranquillity of the famed Hermitage Hotel.
- Spend a night in Christchurch; that most English of cities outside England. You can even take a punt on the Avon!
- Enjoy a trip on the TranzCoastal Train that hugs the rugged Kaikoura coastline. You may even see a whale!
- Sail through the Marlborough Sounds and visit Wellington, the cultural and government capital of New Zealand.
- Stay in the fabled Chateau Tongoriro on the slopes of Mount Ruapehu.
- During the tour you may make optional visits to enjoy the best boutique wineries of Central Otago and Martinborough, and sample the Worlds best Pinot Noir and Sauvignon Blanc wines.
- You may also enjoy up to three rounds of golf on some of the most picturesque golf courses in the South Pacific (clubs provided).
- If you enjoy hiking, there are plenty of opportunities to take half day hikes through New Zealand's fabled wilderness environments. It really does look like 'Lord of the Rings'.
- In addition to the Remedies Symposium there will be educational evening lectures throughout the tour. Hear Kerry Howe, distinguished New Zealand historian on the settling of the Pacific; Dean Bruce Elman on the Constitutional aspects of Health Care in Canada; a special visit to the New Zealand legislature and discussion on the impact of electoral proportional representation, and join Elman and Berryman for a discussion on future directions in legal education.



## **12 Nov Depart Toronto**

Fly with Air Canada to Los Angeles and then join Air New Zealand's award winning service across the Pacific Ocean. Crossing the dateline en route and arrive in Auckland the morning of 14th November.

## **14 Nov Arrive in Auckland**

Welcome to New Zealand! You will be met by a Southern World representative and transferred to your hotel.

**Accommodation:** Hyatt Regency Hotel – Regency room (3 nights)

## **15 Nov In Auckland**

Today, enjoy any of the fantastic tour options that we have to offer you:

- Bay of Islands Full Day Trip. Includes: Cruise and Lunch  
**Cost:** \$215.00 CAD per person, based on Seat in Coach  
\$279.00 CAD per person, based on private coach, min 10 pax  
\$224.00 CAD per person, based on private coach, min 15 pax  
\$195.00 CAD per person, based on private coach, min 20 pax
- Auckland Sightseeing Tour. Includes: Kelly Tarltons and return ferry to Devonport. Pax make their own way back to hotel.  
**Cost:** \$85.00 CAD per person, based on Seat in Coach  
\$99.00 CAD per person, based on private coach, min 10 pax  
\$85.00 CAD per person, based on private coach, min 15 pax  
\$76.00 CAD per person, based on private coach, min 20 pax

## **16 Nov In Auckland**

The Second International Symposium on the Law of Remedies - Advancing the Common Law of Remedies: Praxis and Pedagogy Throughout the Commonwealth takes place today. Please note separate registration and reduced cost for those taking this tour option. If not attending the Symposium enjoy visiting the sights of Auckland.

## **17 Nov From Auckland to Rotorua**

Today you will meet your coach in Auckland, and travel to Rotorua, stopping in Waitomo for a guided tour of the glow worm caves. Arrive Rotorua in the afternoon.

**Accommodation:** Millennium Hotel – (2 nights)

## **18 Nov In Rotorua**

This morning enjoy the sights of Rotorua, including a visit to Te Puia Maori Arts and Crafts Institute as well as Te Whakerewarewa Thermal Reserve.

**Optional:** Golf Rotorua (Arikikapakapa) Golf Course

**Cost:** \$129.00 CAD per person.

**Includes:** Transfers, green fees, club hire and electric cart for 2 pax min. GST included.

## **19 Nov From Rotorua to Queenstown (Dinner incl.)**

This morning you will be transferred by coach to the Rotorua airport for your domestic flight to Queenstown. Upon arrival, you will be met and greeted by a Southern World representative, assisted to your private coach and transferred to your hotel.

- TSS Earnslaw Cruise on Lake Wakatipu to the Walter Peak Sheep Station. Dine like a sheep shearer tonight (dinner included).

**Accommodation:** Mercure Grand Hotel St Moritz – (2 nights)

## **20 Nov In Queenstown**

Today you are free to go as you please with a great variety of optional tours to pick from. There will be a hospitality desk open for 2 hours for clients to book any type of tour they desire, or they can pre-book as a group.

### **Optional Tours**

- Wine Tour based on private charter including Lunch and GST  
**Cost:** \$229.00 CAD per person. (min 2 pax req'd)
- Wine Tour based on Seat-in-Coach and including Lunch and GST  
**Cost:** \$126.00 CAD per person
- Shotover Jet based on no transfer (tour departs from "The Station" cnr Shotover and Camp Streets) including GST

**Cost:** \$95.00 CAD per person

- Dart River Safari including GST

**Cost:** \$205.00 CAD per person

- Milford Day Tour including Cruise based on coach transfer including GST  
**Cost:** \$189.00 CAD per person based on Seat-in-coach

\$253.00 CAD per person based on private coach, min. 10 pax

\$200.00 CAD per person based on private coach, min. 15 pax

\$174.00 CAD per person based on private coach, min. 20 pax

**Lunch (buffet):** \$26.00 CAD per person (not included in above prices)

- Millbrook Golf (min 2 pax) including transfers, green fees, club hire and electric cart and GST

**Cost:** \$290.00 CAD per person

## **21 Nov From Queenstown to Mt Cook (Dinner incl.)**

Today you will travel by coach to Mt Cook. Arrive early evening. Dinner will be served tonight at the hotel for you.

**Accommodation:** Hermitage Hotel – Mount Cook Wing room (1 night)

## **22 Nov From Mt Cook to Christchurch (Breakfast and dinner incl.)**

This morning, after enjoying breakfast at your hotel, you will travel by coach to Christchurch. Upon arrival, you will check into the hotel. This evening enjoy evening cocktails and canapés onboard the Christchurch Tram, followed by dinner at Annie's Wine Bar. An awesome experience not to be missed!

**Accommodation:** Millennium Hotel – (1 night)

## **23 Nov From Christchurch to Wellington via Kaikoura and Picton**

This morning, you will be transferred by coach to the Train Station where a representative will assist you in boarding the TranzCoastal Train to Picton and then take the interisland ferry to Wellington. Upon arrival in Wellington, you will be met and greeted by your coach driver, who will then transfer to your hotel with a brief orientation tour enroute.

**Accommodation:** Holiday Inn – Superior Room (2 nights)

## **24 Nov In Wellington**

Today you are free to enjoy yourself and the tranquil life in this city. There will be a hospitality desk open for 2 hours for clients to book optional tours on their own. They can also prebook as a group and there are a number of great tours available.

### **Optional Tours**

- Martinborough Wine Tour including lunch, private coach and GST  
**Cost:** \$235.00 CAD per person based on min 10 pax  
\$192.00 CAD per person based on min 15 pax  
\$178.00 CAD per person based on min 20 pax
- Full day Wellington Sightseeing tours (2 options)  
**Cost:** \$46.00 CAD per person for City and Coastline Tour (2.5 hours)  
\$75.00 CAD per person for Kapiti Coast Tour (4 hours)
- Palliser Bay and Lord of the Rings Tour (full day) including GST  
**Cost:** \$154.00 CAD per person  
Private Coach (4 hours) cost  
\$64.00 CAD per person based on min 10 pax  
\$43.00 CAD per person based on min 15 pax  
\$36.00 CAD per person based on min 20 pax
- Te Papa – general admission free of charge. Some experiences (optional) at own expense.

## **25 Nov From Wellington to Tongariro (Dinner incl.)**

Today you will depart by private vehicle to Tongariro. Enjoy the scenery along the way. This evening a delicious dinner will be served at your hotel.

**Accommodation:** Bayview Chateau – Premium room (1 night)

## **26 Nov From Tongariro to Auckland and depart. (Breakfast incl.)**

Today, after breakfast you will be free in the morning to either do some golfing or perhaps a half-day nature walk before being transferred to the Auckland Airport, with group departure assistance provided. Board your international flight home. Optional packages to Australia or a Pacific Island retreat are available on the return sector.

# The University of Windsor Law Alumni and Friends Tour

## Tour Costs:

- CAD \$5,300.00 per person
- Single Room Supplement:  
CAD \$2,052.00 per person
- Breakfast supplement:  
CAD \$203.00 per person

## Included in above:

- Hotel accommodation based on twin share as per itinerary
- Economy airfares from Toronto return, and internal New Zealand flight.
- All Government taxes on accommodation (GST)
- Airport greet and transfers by private, air-conditioned coach with driver
- Meals as indicated on itinerary
- Hotel portorage
- Goway travel bags and neck pillows

## Excluded from above:

- All departure taxes
- Personal items
- Meals unless listed in itinerary
- Beverages
- Tips & Gratuities
- Early check-in & late check out of rooms (standard check-in time is 2pm and check out 10am)
- Insurance
- Visa/passport handling fee

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## To Register:

To register your interest, or to learn more about the FIRST EVER LAW SCHOOL ALUMNI AND FRIENDS TOUR, visit the REMEDIES SYMPOSIUM AND POST CONFERENCE TOUR WEB SITE at [www.uwindsor.ca/law/remedies](http://www.uwindsor.ca/law/remedies)

Or e-mail Jeff Berryman at [jberrym@uwindsor.ca](mailto:jberrym@uwindsor.ca)

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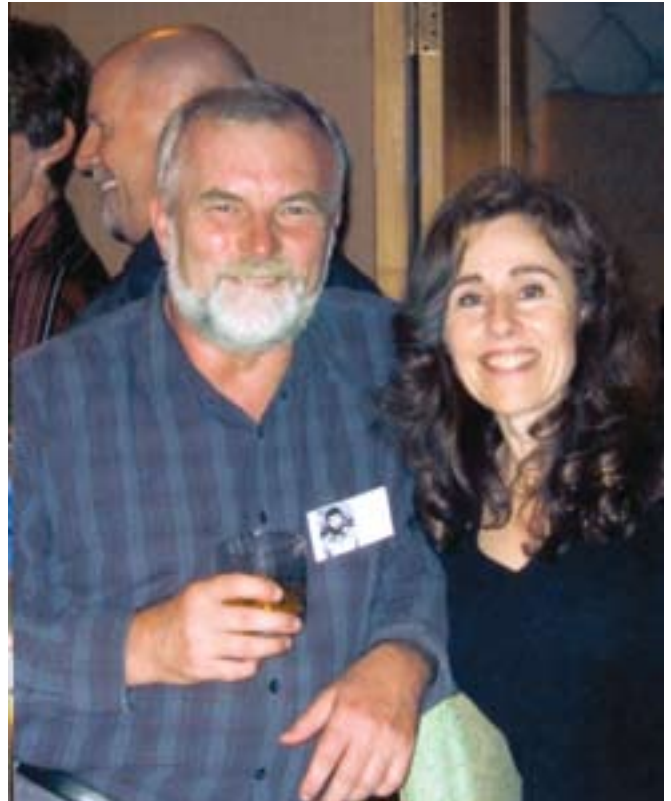
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# Bringing Back the Seventies

## CLASS OF 1976



# Back to the Future

## CLASS OF 1981



# Law School News

## Moot Points



Michael Lerner with Andrew Franklin Law I, winner of the Prestigious Lerner's Cup. Windsor Law students' commitment to the moot program is at the heart of its success.

### Windsor Law congratulates the following moot teams:

**Kawaskimhon Aboriginal Law Moot, coached by Professor Ron George**

Tim McKeon  
Dan Meehan  
Tania Monaghan  
Carrie Robinson

**Arnup Cup Trial Advocacy Competition, coached by David Sandor '00 and Lisa White Law III**

Ewan Christie  
Fatema Dada

**Canadian Corporate Securities Law Moot, coached by Professor Julio Menezes**

Ian Matthews  
John Philp  
Steven Smyth  
Faran Umar-Khitab  
*Faran won Best Oralist*

**Gale Cup Moot, coached by Professor David Tanovich**

Jason Beitchman  
Amy Ohler  
David Smith  
Michelle Velvet

**Philip C. Jessup International Moot, coached by Professor Sukanya Pillay '90**

Marietta Hristovski  
Edyta Kowalewska  
Nikki Kumar  
Francesca Maio  
Sanja Popovic

**Philip C. Jessup International Moot, J.D./LL.B. of University of Detroit Mercy coached by Professor Cara Cunningham**

Samia Alam  
Sonal Kulkarni  
Keith Marlowe  
Jayson Thomas

**Bora Laskin Law Moot, coached by Professor Chris Wydrzynski '73**

Loretta Arci  
Michelle Kai  
Gavin MacDonald  
Rahim Punjani

**Bertha Wilson Moot, coached by Professor Leigh West**

Sarah Clarke  
Karen Jacques  
Andrea Macerollo  
Marian Wolanski

**Borden Ladner Gervais LLP Labour Arbitration Moot, coached by Michael Prokosh Law III and Jody Johnson Law III**

Laura Emmett  
Ashley Gibson  
John Lea  
Sandra MacKenzie  
*Ashley and John won first place  
John won Best Oralist*

**Niagara International Law Moot, coached by Professor Tom Denholm**

Christina Beninger  
Adam Chisholm  
Robert Choi  
Linh Dang

**Ontario Trial Lawyers' Association Cup coached by Francine Herlehy '89**

Samia Alam  
Sabrina Hussain  
Jessica Ko  
Eddie Lynde

*Jessica was awarded the Will Barristers Award for Best Opening*

**Sexual Orientation Law Moot Court Competition**

Lawrence Lavender  
Nicole Corriero  
Alexandra Ruso

# Giving Large

BY KAREN MOMOTIUK '96 WITH RON FRITZ '71, CAROLE CURTIS '76,  
GRAHAM GOW '80, JOHN HALL '81 AND FRANK PIZZIMENTI '85

The generosity of our alumni is both inspiring and obvious. Originating in the 1970s, the momentum and growth of the Windsor Law experience has made this particular LL.B. a valuable and marketable degree. I thought interviewing some of our major givers would provide me with insight into why they give, and might inspire alumni to continue to benefit the Law School where they earned their degrees.

I interviewed five alumni, each of whom give to the Law School in very different ways. Ron Fritz '71 created an endowed scholarship. Graham Gow '80 was dissatisfied with the 35-year-old “Pit and Gavel” area, and decided to give the Law School a makeover, with the help of a foundation he chairs. Carole Curtis '76 has consistently given to the Law School's Annual Fund since graduation and, every five years, takes on the major task of organizing the Class of 1976 for their anniversary reunions (last fall was the sixth time, for their 30th). John Hall '81 and his wife, Heather Morgan-Hall '81 donate unrestricted funds to support the school, and John has led major alumni projects such as the \$2000 4 2000\$ campaign and the Toronto Alumni Dinners. Second-generation Canadian Frank Pizzimenti '85 created the largest individual scholarship at Windsor Law in honour of his parents, whose emphasis on education inspired him to give back, in a big way. Here's what they had to say.

**In our publications, we try to show how our alumni and friends' generosity in giving helps us create programs, scholarships, fellowships and physical improvements to the Law Building.**

**Were you aware of how philanthropy and alumni giving affected the Law School when you were a student?**

**Graham:** I confess that when I was a student at the Law School, I did not give much thought to philanthropy or giving something back to the school as an alumnus. In those days, my focus was on scraping the funds together to pay for lunch on any given day.

**Ron:** I am from a different era. When I entered in 1968 as a member of the first class, we had no law alumni, as such. I remember when I started at the University of Windsor in 1966, I received an entrance scholarship that paid my tuition for the first year. I think I only paid the \$65 activity fee.

**Carole:** I learned how important it is to support the law school from my undergraduate degree at St. Michael's College at University of Toronto. The students understood that we needed to continue to financially support the college. I started giving to St. Mike's right after graduation, and committed to try to increase my donation every year. When I graduated from Windsor Law in 1976, I followed the same path. I knew the Law School needed additional funding to continue to compete with other Law Schools. The 1990's were very hard on education in Ontario, and the funding freeze has hurt universities.



From left: Carole Curtis '76, Frank Pizzimenti '85, Graham Gow '80, Heather Morgan-Hall '81 and John Hall '81. Not shown: Ron Fritz '71.

**Frank:** I was not aware as a student about alumni giving, and as for scholarships, I never inquired.

**John:** I was not aware other than in a very general sense that things did not run themselves. Now I know otherwise.

**It goes without saying that people with the ability to make major gifts have enjoyed career success. How did law school influence your career path and ability to give back?**

**Ron:** My classmates were an unusual bunch. Many of the students were older than the faculty who were teaching them. There was a huge demand for legal education in Windsor, but many people in that class already had families and careers - going elsewhere was not possible. I had always intended to pursue graduate work after my LL.B., which was the door to an academic career. Professor George Stewart encouraged me to pursue this. My father was a faculty member at the University of Windsor, and my desire to pursue academia came from him. I was fortunate that I received a Commonwealth scholarship in the U.K., and the expense of the program would have been prohibitive without it. When I was the Associate Dean at the University of Saskatchewan, it was then that I realized how financial aid impacted and benefited students.

**Graham:** Ralph Simmons, the Professor who taught me securities law in Windsor, somehow sparked my interest in that area of the law. As it happened, I graduated at a time when the economy was hot and there was strong demand for securities lawyers. Twenty-five years later, the rest is history. I have been practising securities law ever since.

**Carole:** There is no doubt that I am the kind of lawyer I am today because I went to Windsor Law. It was always a little bit different from the other law schools. Even in the early 1970's it was politically and socially different. The faculty included young professors, and professors from Commonwealth countries, and many of them were left in their politics. It changed, for me, the definition of a lawyer's role in society, and influenced my interest in social justice issues and working for the powerless in society.

**Frank:** Windsor Law was a great experience. They were the first Law School to accept me, so I decided to go there. I loved Windsor, the people were so friendly and I enjoyed the small town atmosphere and living in a border city.

**John:** Going to law school gave me the ability to earn a higher income relative to society. The faculty at the Law School taught courses in a very practical way. I feel they gave me the grounding to be a very practical lawyer.

**Many of our gifts are so creative – they add to the substance of our program, and physical space. Did you have a role model or mentor who influenced your style of giving?**

**Ron:** My parents were strong believers that if you had the financial means, you had a responsibility to help those who did not. They were my role models.

**Carole:** Windsor Law was an important part of my life and played a significant role shaping the adult I became and the lawyer that I became. It was not too long after the 1960's and there was still an atmosphere of the sixties activism around the law school. Frank Borowicz, Craig Patterson, Neil Gold, John McLaren, Charles James, Terry Arnold, Roger Bailey, Chris Levy, James Lockyer were all professors whose political perspectives on law and society have stayed with me a long time.

**Frank:** Windsor is a blue-collar town and the Law School used to consist of students and professors who were really down-to-earth people with a great deal of comraderie. They influenced me.

**John:** Heather's and my parents were always very good at giving back, both in terms of dollars and of their time.

**Can you tell me about the moment when you decided it was time to make a major gift to the Law School? What made you say "Now is the right time to do this"?**

**Ron:** A few years before starting to donate to Windsor Law, I created a scholarship at the University of Saskatchewan College of Law. I donated to a prize for the student who graduated second. That idea percolated with me, since I have ties to the University of Windsor, that I should do something at both schools.



As Windsor Law approaches its 40th anniversary in 2008, alumni contributions have created a modern learning environment and eco-conscious enhancements.

**Graham:** I was at the law school a year ago for a student interview event and I noticed that the downstairs area was dark, deserted and, frankly, pretty tired. It occurred to me that with some new lighting, furniture and other improvements, it would look a whole lot better. My involvement as Chairman of the WB Family Foundation made it possible, with the support of Robert and Marilyn Beamish who fund the Foundation, to provide the funds to make the necessary changes. The result has been a very comfortable lounge and lunch area which, I believe, is now being used far more regularly by the students.

**Frank:** I had been thinking about doing something, and I just tried to think of what would be important to my parents. They came from poor villages with pockets that were empty but hearts that were full of desire to provide a better life for their children and future generations to come.

**John:** I've always been making donations, although the donations have increased in size over the years, with my ability and overall finances. It is a function of one's earnings along with the other things that are happening in your life.

**Did your gift have the effect you wanted it to have?**

**Ron:** I did not create the scholarship to receive a thank you. At some stage, I won't be here, but the scholarship will be.

**Frank:** The terms of reference ensure that the recipient of the scholarship is not just the top student, but someone who is committed to helping others and has financial need.

**Graham:** When I was back in September, the rooms downstairs seem to have 100 percent more activity and they are far more comfortable than they were before the renovation.

**John:** I have always been involved in alumni events. In the last couple of years, I have been increasingly involved in the organizational aspect and the direction the dinners are taking in the future. I thought the \$2000 4 2000\$ campaign was a

very good idea. It put a fresh focus on giving to the Law School, not the same old, same old, even for people who had not given before. As for people who were already donating, they gave more and everything started to crystallize.

**What might you say to inspire others who might want to give a major gift, but haven't done so yet?**

**Ron:** Do not think you have to do it all at one time. Both scholarships I have created were funded over a period of time. People would be surprised how quickly capital grows. You can build the changes in your life into your giving, but you have to be committed to seeing it through.

**Graham:** The University of Windsor provided me with the opportunity to attend law school, and a quality of education that I will always be grateful for. I help teach the advanced securities law course, and now I have helped, through the WB Family Foundation, in a modest financial way to the renovation of the school. For those who have practised law for a few years and can afford to give back to the school, with either their time or their money, the sense of satisfaction is immense.

**Frank:** There must be hundreds of alumni who have the same story as mine regardless of what corner of the earth they come from, race or religion. What a wonderful way to say "thank you," by setting up an endowment that is going to be there forever, in the name of your parents?

**John:** There are two perspectives on this. If you look at it from a mercenary perspective, we were blessed with the ability to go to a school that gave you the ticket to make a living that is financially and intellectually rewarding. From a philanthropic perspective, it really is just the right thing to do. We all have a vested interest in Windsor being able to maintain and build on its status. Both perspectives lead to the same conclusion: give back.

# Advancement News

## Taking Stock Pays Dividends to Windsor Law

BY DAVID SMITH, LAW III

Alumni have always seen the value in donating to the Law School. In fact, a plan finalized by a coin flip created a major new bursary in 2006. The first award of the Berrill and Farmer Bursary will be given out this year, for \$2,500.00.

Peter Farmer and Fraser Berrill, along with their families, took the concept of “giving back” to a whole new level with a \$112,000 stock donation to finance the bursary, even before the changes to the *Income Tax Act* made it even more attractive to do so.

Peter, the President and CEO of Denison Mines Inc. and Fraser, the President and CEO of Renasant Financial Partners Ltd. had invested in each other's company. When it came time to decide which company's publicly traded stock to use as a proxy for the gift, they simply flipped a coin. Fate chose Denison Mines.

They are not relying on fate to get the next generation of lawyers through law school, however. They are active in their alma mater and are working to see it thrive and continue its success in churning out top-notch lawyers.

“It is the old issue of paying back and being grateful. We got a good education and a good lift to our careers,” said Fraser, also noting the ever increasing reputation for excellence that Windsor enjoys. “It is a combination of gratitude and pride in the success it has had over the years.”

Peter added “We still have all kinds of affection and gratitude for the place. I had a fabulous time and education.



From left: Terry Farmer '75, Peter Farmer '74, Paula Greenwood and Fraser Berrill '74.

My business and legal skills developed primarily in Windsor.”

They met in 1968 while undergrads at Queens University where they knew each other casually. Arriving in Windsor for law school in 1971, they rented the bottom floor of a house on University Ave near Sunset. They are good friends 35 years later, something they attribute, in part, to the character of Windsor Law.

“At Windsor Law, we developed life-long friendships. You can call your classmates and see if

they have run into the same problem, knowing they will help,” said Peter, who also met his wife Terry '75 while they were both students at Windsor Law.

As longtime donors to Windsor Law, the idea of setting up a bursary has been percolating for a long time. “I'm a big believer in bursaries,” Peter said. “Legal education is getting expensive. I want to help students get ahead. The criterion should be whether you are going to be good for the profession and have nothing to do with your economic situation going in.”

Fraser noted that costs are at an all-time high. “It is only going to get tougher as tuition continues to rise. In real terms, it is more expensive to get a legal education today than when we were going through.”

It is hoped that the Berrill and Farmer Bursary will serve as a vehicle for future donations. “Who knows? Maybe others will be inspired to do the same,” said Fraser.

# New Awards and Scholarships

Windsor Law Alumni is adding new scholarships and bursaries to aid current students.

## THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION TORONTO CHAPTER BURSARY IN LAW



From left: Jamie Johnson '87, Debbie Squillaro, Richard Kim '96, Bruce Elman, Ron Fritz '71, Karen Momotiuk '96 and Graham Gow '80 at the 2006 Alumni Golf Tournament.

This prestigious \$2,500 award will be given to an upper-year student who has demonstrated an involvement in alumni activities while in law school, as well as academic standing and financial need. Proceeds from the Humphry-Ianni-Landry Memorial Golf Tournament fund this award.

## THE IVANA BALDELLI SCHOLARSHIP



The Ivana Baldelli Scholarship in Law will be awarded annually to a student from Northern Ontario with financial need, and academic standing may be taken into consideration. Ivana has been a leader for our Ottawa alumni for many years.

## BORDEN LADNER GERVAIS LLP PROFESSIONAL EXCELLENCE AWARD

A \$1,500 award for a Law I student who demonstrates academic excellence, a commitment to the profession, service excellence, the highest standards of integrity, who offers innovative ideas, takes a collaborative approach and contributes to the community.

## THE R. LAWRENCE DESHIELD ENTRANCE SCHOLARSHIP IN LAW

This award is based on financial need and academic standing.

## THE MCTAGUE LAW FIRM LLP ENTRANCE SCHOLARSHIP



From left: Brian Chillman, Josephine Stark, Alex Szalkai, Michael Coughlin, Peter Kuker, Tom Serafimovski, Jerry Udell, Jeffrey Grant, Michael Wills, George King, David Amyot Seated: Anna Maria DeCia, Marnie Setterington Goens, Nancy Jammu-Taylor.

Windsor's oldest and most established Law Firm now has three major awards for Windsor Law. The McTague Law Firm LLP Entrance Scholarship is awarded annually to students with financial need and a demonstrated commitment to the community. Two McTague Law Firm LLP Awards are also given out to upper-year students who demonstrate academic excellence in the areas of Labour and Employment Law, and in Business Law. Windsor Law is grateful to all the partners and associates for making these awards possible.

## THE OGILVY RENAULT LLP AWARD

The Ogilvy Renault LLP Award will be presented annually to a Law I student based on academic excellence, contribution to the academic life of the law school and a demonstrated ability to work well with others. Windsor Law is grateful for their continued and impressive support.

## THE ROGIN FAMILY BURSARY IN MEMORY OF E. LINDSAY ROGIN



From left: Brian Mazer, Jillian Rogin Law II, Justice Stephen Rogin '71 and Whitney Rogin.

This award was established in 2007 in memory of E. Lindsay Rogin by the Honourable Justice Steven Rogin '71 and his daughters Jillian Rogin Law II and Whitney Rogin. It will be awarded annually to a student who has demonstrated outstanding achievement in feminist contributions to the Law School and financial need.

## THE MICHAEL A. WADSWORTH, Q.C. MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP



From left: Alan Stitt '88, Bernadette Wadsworth, Frank Handy '88 and Bruce Elman

The Michael A. Wadsworth, Q.C. Memorial Scholarship will be presented annually to a Law I student based on financial need, academic standing and involvement in sports. The scholarship was established in 2006 by the Stitt Feld Handy Group in memory of Michael A. Wadsworth, Q.C.

# Alumni News

## Presidents with Perspective

BY GRACE MACALUSO

Access to justice continues to influence the careers of two alumni who have assumed leadership roles in the advancement of human and civil rights. Gregory Monforton '79, who has a civil law practice in Windsor, is the president of the Ontario Trial Lawyers Association. Graeme Mew '86, a partner with Nicholl Paskell-Mede, lawyers in Toronto, is the president of the Commonwealth Lawyers Association.



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The mission of the Ontario Trial Lawyers

Association is "to fearlessly champion through the pursuit of the highest standards of advocacy the cause of those who have suffered injury or injustice," says Monforton. "That cause is in perfect alignment with Windsor Law's orientation toward the enhancement of access to justice. "It is more than just a turn of words," he adds. "It is a tool by which people's problems are solved. I really took to heart the notion that access to justice is crucial to a functioning democracy."

His primary goal as president was to bring about changes to unfair legislative policies governing Ontario's auto insurance industry. "I decided to seek the presidency because I believe the trial bar needed to push back against the enormous sway held over Queen's Park by the insurance industry," said Monforton. "Successive provincial governments have successfully eroded the rights of innocent car accident victims in Ontario solely at the behest of an increasingly powerful and profitable insurance industry."

Advancing human rights is also the driving force behind Mew's decision to lead the Commonwealth Lawyers Association. "The CLA's mission statement is to maintain and promote the rule of law throughout the Commonwealth

by ensuring that the people are served by an independent and efficient legal profession," explains Mew. "The CLA was active in supporting lawyers and law societies in several Commonwealth countries whose independence and liberties were under threat and was actively involved with a variety of human rights initiatives and access to justice projects." Windsor Law "always encouraged an international perspective

and I have no doubt that rubbed off on me too," Mew said.

Both men say that lawyers have an opportunity to take on leadership roles. "A legal education does afford a unique opportunity to step back and take a look at how the world works, in terms of its legal, economic and social systems," says Monforton. "Their legal education uniquely equips them with a perspective through which they can look at things and determine what they can do to make a positive difference."

"There is no question," adds Mew, "that as lawyers we are a privileged group. But the privileges we enjoy are not confined to the potential for personal economic betterment alone. We are also privileged because of the unique opportunities we are presented with as lawyers to serve our communities in myriad ways. Whether it is as a volunteer at a law centre, a director of a non-profit organization, a mentor to young lawyers, a bar association committee member or a pro-bono advocate, it all matters."

### BREAKING NEWS

At press time, Windsor Law alum Richard Halpern '82 was elected the new president of OTLA.

# Canada's Minister of Justice: The Honourable Robert Douglas Nicholson '77

BY JODY JOHNSON, LAW III



Robert Nicholson '77 at his office in Ottawa.

Windsor Law is proud to count Rob Nicholson '77 among its alumni ranks. Sent to Ottawa as the Member of Parliament for Niagara Falls, he was appointed Leader of the Government in the House of Commons and Minister for Democratic Reform in February 2006. His impressive resume includes a successful law practice in Niagara Falls, where he was born and raised. He was first elected to Parliament in 1984 and was re-elected in 1998, 2004 and 2006. He has served as Critic for Parliamentary Affairs and for Transport and was a member of the Standing Committee on Transport. He has significant federal experience, illustrated by his appointments as Minister for Science and Minister responsible for Small Business in the Kim Campbell government. As well, he was Parliamentary Secretary to the Leader of the Government in the House of Commons from 1989 to 1990 and Parliamentary Secretary to the Attorney General from 1989 to 1993.

Prior to attending Windsor Law's class of 1975, he attended Queen's University and received a Bachelor of Arts. Windsor, however, holds a special place in his heart. When asked about his Windsor Law days, Minister Nicholson said, "I have nothing but the best of memories from my time at the University of Windsor. I am forever grateful for that day in late April 1972, when I was accepted. It took me only a moment to accept and it was one of the best decisions of my life. The time I spent obtaining a first-class education from Windsor Law were three of the greatest years of my life. I had the opportunity to live in Electa Hall. The residence was great and the professors at the Law School could not have been more helpful. I am also a big fan of the City of Windsor. I loved its restaurants, the entertainment, its proximity to Detroit. I will be forever grateful for the opportunities presented by the Law School at the University of Windsor."

# Benchmarks

BY MICHELLYNE MANCINI

We have enjoyed an unprecedented year in judicial appointments, so we have been busy catching up with our seven newly robed alumni, as they reflected upon their recent appointments:

The Honourable **Harrison S. Arrell '74** (Superior Court of Justice) is a former partner with Sullivan Festeryga Lawlor & Arrell in Hamilton. He notes the similarities between the first days of law school and those on the bench: "There is the same feeling of nervousness and apprehension," he says. "There is a fear of the unknown. On the other hand, there is also that same instant camaraderie." Justice Arrell received the Bicentennial Award of Merit from the Law Society of Upper Canada in 1997 and the Lee Samis Award of Excellence from the Canadian Defence Lawyers Association in 2005.

The Honourable **Stephen Fuerth '76** (Ontario Court of Justice) was a partner with Benoit Van Raay Spisani Fuerth & Quaglia in Chatham-Kent, practising primarily in family law. He notes that there is a "freshness, and a renewal of spirit" when beginning one's work on the bench, and that "there is the same enthusiasm and eagerness" as when he began law school. "It is a life-altering experience," he says of judgeship. Justice Fuerth was the founding director of Legal Assistance Kent, a legal-aid funded community clinic. He has also been president of the Kent Law Association.

The Honourable **David Harris '77** (Ontario Court of Justice) was a criminal defence lawyer in Oakville for 27 years. He has been a part-time assistant Crown Attorney for 20 years and is certified

as a specialist in criminal law. He has been a standing agent for the Attorney General of Canada and a Deputy Judge of Small Claims Court. He was also a member of the area committee of Legal Aid Ontario in Halton. He has been a speaker at legal and educational events for several law associations and schools, and published numerous articles. "I really had no idea what I was doing during the first few weeks at Windsor law," he says. "Fortunately, I had a much better sense of what was about to happen following my appointment to the bench. There was however the same feeling of having to adjust to the new situation, dealing with new people in a new place, and most of all trying to meet their high expectations."

The Honourable **Theresa Maddalena '79** (Superior Court of Justice) was a partner at Martens Lingard LLP. As Justice Maddalena discovered, the transition from lawyer to judge has its unexpected experiences: "It was emotional for me and for many of my clients. I had a long standing relationship with many of them; I had been through a lot with them. And now, suddenly, after 27 years in some cases, I would no longer be their lawyer. I really did not expect that." Justice Maddalena has acted on the Boards of the Niagara Sexual Assault Centre, Brock University Board of Trustees, and Chorus Niagara.

The Honourable **Drew S. Gunsolus '81** (Superior Court of Justice) was a partner at Staples, Swain & Gunsolus in Lindsay, Ontario. He notes that his time at Windsor Law helped prepare him for his judicial career: "I credit Professor

John Whiteside with teaching me how to deal with people. He never let his students forget the human aspect of the law." Justice Gunsolus has acted as the Children's Lawyer for the Attorney General of Ontario. In 2002, he was recognized as Citizen of the Year by the Lindsay District Chamber of Commerce.

The Honourable **Beth Anna Allen '84** (Superior Court of Justice) formerly a lawyer with the Financial Services Commission of Ontario, Ministry of Finance. "It is like an out of body experience," laughs Justice Allen. "One day you are an ordinary citizen, and the next, you are clothed in judicial robes, and others are asked to treat you with the highest respect. The first time you walk into the courtroom as a judge, you have not quite made that transition yet." Justice Allen has acted as Refugee Hearing Officer at the Immigration and Refugee Board.

The Honourable **Gregory Campbell '89** (Ontario Court of Justice) was a lawyer at Paroian Courey Cohen & Houston in Windsor, prior to working as a sole practitioner. Contrasting law school and judgeship, he notes that "both involve a sense of pride. On both occasions, I have been proud to have been given that opportunity. Clients and the community are best served when their interests are placed ahead of our own." Justice Campbell has a broad range of litigation experience, and a serious involvement at Windsor Law. He taught civil trial advocacy, has done much pro bono work for individuals and organizations, and instructed at the Bar Admission Course.

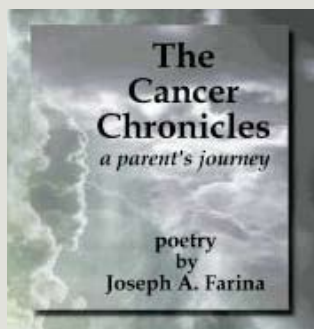
# The Cancer Chronicles

BY GRACE MACALUSO

Cancer, in today's society, touches nearly everyone. Joseph Farina '76 notes, "Some people cry. Some get angry. I did both and then sat down to write about it." The Sarnia lawyer channeled his conflicting thoughts and emotions into a 56-page book featuring 41 poems detailing his journey in dealing with his son Iggy's diagnosis and battle with Hodgkin's disease. Royalties are donated to cancer research.

Author Venera Fazio calls the collection "compelling, passionate and deeply moving. It is a loving father's tribute to his son's progress through cancer. These powerful poems transcend the specific journey, providing strength and compassion."

Joseph's work is featured in various anthologies in both Canada and the United States. He was a finalist in the *Sarnia Observer's* "My Hometown" essay contest and he received four honorable mentions in contests organized by the Ontario Poetry Society. He is a member of Sarnia's Writers in Transition, the Ontario Poetry Society, the Association of Italian Canadian Writers, and the Law Society of Upper Canada. Farina has practiced law in Sarnia since his graduation from Windsor Law 27 years ago.



# Sand, Sun and Fun: Southern Afghanistan, 2006

BY THOMAS FLAVIN, '98



Tom Flavin '98 sums up 6 months in Kandahar province in Southern Afghanistan.

I came to Windsor Law when I was 30, after ten years in the Canadian Forces. After graduation, I chased a dream by joining a law firm in Whitehorse. That turned out well – not only did I meet my wife there, but my articling experience was superb. I then decided to chase another dream and became a military lawyer. Since 2004, I have been based at 4 Wing in Cold Lake, Alberta.

In 2006, I prepared to deploy to Afghanistan to be the Senior Legal Advisor to the Canadian Task Force Commander. I spent most of the next four months getting ready, including two month-long exercises. The pre-tour training was worth it – allowing me to build a relationship with units I supported, as well as brushing up on my military skills, such as weapons handling, operating equipment, and tactical drills. Every day of training

beforehand was worthwhile. It meant, however, that what was billed as a six-month tour ended up taking me away for about eleven months.

Arriving in Southern Afghanistan in August was an unforgettable experience – four months' of anticipation followed by three hours squished into the back of a transport plane. I will never forget the intense heat and sun, the mud-baked buildings, and the exotic locals. As foreign as the place seemed to a guy coming from Northern Alberta, a sort of normalcy returned when the requests for legal advice began to roll in. They ran the gamut from routine contracts to more specialized files dealing with detainee issues, and targeting. Time passed fast because in HQ we worked long days, every day. We developed expertise in certain areas – the Battle Group lawyer on the law of armed conflict, the Provincial Reconstruction Team lawyer on development issues. I became quite conversant with the nuances of operating in a coalition where countries may agree on a common goal, but do not always agree on the details.

The proudest accomplishment of my team of lawyers was our work with the Afghan Independent Human Rights Commission. The AIHRC is a key institution – it is actually written into the new Afghan Constitution. The brave souls who work for AIHRC literally risk their lives to do so. I hope that by working in Kandahar and enhancing its role, we will have made a small but lasting contribution toward restoring Afghanistan's capacity to govern itself and to give the Afghans hope for a better future for their children.

# Alumni Achievements



**LAWYERS ON BLADES:** Windsor lawyers, including organizers Peter Hrastovec '82 and David McNevin '95, don their roller blades, skateboards and scooters to benefit the Windsor Children's Safety Village.

## THE NATIONAL POST'S "BEST LAWYERS IN CANADA" DESIGNATION

**Rodney Dale '73** has been recognized by the Legal Post as one of the Best Lawyers in Canada in Insurance Law. Rod is a partner at Lerner LLP.

**Douglas Los '73** a partner at Weaver Simmons LLP was recognized for his specialization in Legal Malpractice Law.

**Patrick McCarthy '75**, a partner at Borden Ladner Gervais LLP was recognized in the area of Insolvency and Financial Restructuring.

**James Bennett '79** a partner at Madorn Snyder LLP was recognized in the area of Insurance Law.

**Mary Margaret Fox '79** also a partner at Borden Ladner Gervais LLP was recognized in the area of Insurance Law.

**Lon J. Hall '80** a partner at Hall Webber LLP was recognized for his expertise in Entertainment Law.

**Jason Hanson '80** a partner at Osler Hoskin & Harcourt LLP was recognized in the Labour and Employment Law specialty

**Paul Jarvis '80** is a partner at Hicks Morley Hamilton Stewart Storie LLP was recognized in the area of Labour and Employment Law.

**Andrew Sanfilippo '81** a partner at O'Donnell Robertson and Sanfilippo was recognized for his specialty in Legal Malpractice Law.

**Peter Franklyn '82**, also a partner at Osler Hoskin and Harcourt LLP was recognized for his expertise in Competition and Antitrust Law.

**Peter Kryworuk '82** also a partner at Lerner LLP was recognized for his specialization in Legal Malpractice Law.

**Paul Tushinski '83** a partner at Dutton Brock LLP has been named one of the Best Lawyers in Canada practising in the area of Insurance Law.

**Robert Malcolmson '88** a partner at Goodmans LLP was recognized for his specialization of Communications Law.

## 1970s

**Gregory Goulin '74** is the Vice-President of the Ontario Bar Association.

**Douglas Green '74** is Senior Counsel at Heydary Hamilton PC

**Michael Beninger '76** practises at Bennett Jones LLP in Calgary, Alberta.

**Mark Handelman '76** is a Vice Chair and Senior Lawyer Member of The Ontario Consent and Capacity Board. In 2005 he earned a MHSC in bioethics from the University of Toronto Joint Centre for Bioethics.

**James Garvie '77** is a Partner at McCabe, Filkin & Garvie LLP

**Duncan Read '77** has been appointed as a Justice of the Peace for Ontario.

**Joseph M. Sereda '78** practices at Sereda & Sereda in Toronto.

**Michael Tamblin '79** has been appointed with the law firm of MacLeod Dixon LLP

## 1980s

**Andrew Kerr '80** is a partner at Kerr & Kerr in Windsor.

**Zenon Fedorowycz '81** is Senior Legal Counsel at Ontario School Boards' Insurance Exchange.

**Peter Hrastovec '82** a partner at Raphael

Partners LLP has been named Chair of the Windsor and District Chamber of Commerce.

**Stuart Mutch '83** has recently been appointed to the Immigration and Refugee Board.

**Loretta Stoyka '83** has joined as Senior Counsel at Miller Canfield Paddock & Stone, LLP.

**Robert Govaerts '84** is Chairman of the Board at Amsterdam Trust Corporation, Fred Roeskestraat in Amsterdam, The Netherlands.

**William T. Sullivan '84** is the Director, International Tax, Verizon in New Jersey.

**Jay Hoffman '85** is a partner at Miller Thomson LLP.

**Gina Leslie '89** has been named Chamber of Commerce's Representative on the new Board of Directors of the Regional Economic Development Board.

## 1990s

**Patrick Burke '90** is the Fire Marshal of Ontario, Community Safety and Correction Services.

**J. Paul Dube '90** after 14 years of practicing criminal law in New Brunswick, has returned to Ottawa to join Legal Aid Ontario's Criminal Law Office.

**Ian R. Mackenzie '90** has been appointed as a vice-chairperson of the Public Service Labour Relations Board in Ottawa.

**Kamleh J. Nicola '90** is at Torys LLP in Toronto practicing in the IP Litigation Group.

**Curtis Cusinato '91** has been named one of the Top 40 Lawyers Under 40 and is a partner at Stikeman Elliott LLP.

**Daniel Pinnington '91** is presenting at the 2nd Annual Solo and Small Firm Conference and Expo.

**Barbara Jo (BJ) Caruso '92** practices at the Corporate Immigration Law Firm in Toronto, and is the co-author of the Annotated Immigration and Refugee Protection Act of Canada

**Daniel Hicks '92** is counsel for the Government of British Columbia, Chilcotin Forest District.

**Larry Wells '92** practices at Wells & Associates Law Office in Edmonton, Alberta.

**Domenico Aversa '93** is the Managing Director at Morris Anderson & Associates in Cleveland, Ohio.

**Catherine Buntain-Jeske '93** is now at Aylesworth LLP in Toronto.

## ALUMNI ACHIEVEMENTS

**David Dembroski '93** is a partner at Stohn, Hay, Cafazzo, Dembroski & Richmond LLP.

**Karen Earl '93** is practicing at Nicholl Paskell-Mede.

**Lynn Kielbowich '93** is now counsel at The Toronto Star.

**Michelle Murtagh-Josic '93** has been promoted to the Dealer Network Infrastructure Manager of DaimlerChrysler Canada Inc.

**Karyn L. Pellatt '93** was married to Benjamin Caron on November 26, 2006, in Montreal.

**Lana Strain '94** is now counsel for Legal Aid Ontario.

**Joanne Houck '95** is practicing in Houston, Texas.

**Eugene S. Kosiwka '95** is counsel at Toronto Police Service in Toronto.

**Jill Fram '96** and Ron Lacey welcome their first child, Will, born on June 2, 2006 in Halifax.

**Keith Bird '97** has become a partner at Lang Michener LLP.

**Annelis Thorsen-Cavers '97** is at Rochon Genova LLP following the birth of her daughter Zöe.

**Sarah Crossley '97** has been appointed with Ogilvy Renault LLP, joining Employment and Labor Law teams.

**Dean Masse '97** is a partner in the Business Law group with McCarthy Tetrault LLP.

**Shelley Trewin '97** is now at Weiler, Maloney, Nelson in Thunder Bay, ON.

**David Amato '98** and Colleen Amato welcomed their new son, Evan, born on March 22, 2006. Evan weighed in at 7lbs and 1 oz.

**John Conway '98** is a partner with Lang Michener LLP.

**Keith Desjardins '98** is a partner at Gowling Lafleur Henderson LLP.

**Thomas Flavin '98** was married in Whitehorse, Yukon Territory on December 29, 2005 to Stacy Hennings.

**Amelia Leckey '98** and husband Mark Bailey welcome their daughter Paige Larkin Judith Bailey, born July 13th, 2006. Big brothers are Corbin and Parker.

**Edwin Ma '98** was married in Canmore, Alberta on August 12, 2006 to Rhonda Blair. They live in Alberta, where Edwin is Legal Counsel, International for SMART Technologies Inc.

**Sabina Mexis '98** is at Goodman and Carr LLP in Toronto.

**Andrew Miasik '98** is General Counsel & Corporate Secretary for Great Gulf Homes in Scarborough.

**Angela Nikolakakos '98** is a partner at Gowling Lafleur Henderson LLP.

**Jennifer Zubick '98** and her husband Jose Carvalho welcomed son Zachary in September 2004.

**Shelby Askin-Hager '99** is now counsel for the Legal Department for the City of Windsor.

**Eric Hoffstein '99** and Naomi Pliamm are delighted to announce the birth of their daughter, Mia Sophie, on November 16, 2006.

**Jeffery Millar '99** is an Associate at The Lankin Law Firm in Wood River, Illinois.

**Sofia Tsakos '99** is an associate with Cassels, Brock & Blackwell LLP in Toronto.

**Maureen M. Ward '99** practices at Bennett Jones LLP in Toronto.

### 2000s

**Rebecca Durcan '00** and Shane Smith welcomed Harrison Thomas Isaiah Smith into the world on March 8, 2006. Rebecca practices at the Health Law Group at Miller Thomson LLP in Toronto.

**Melanie Gardin '00** is an associate at Ducharme Fox LLP in the Personal Injury Group. She married business grad Jason Campbell in 2005.

**Phillip Shaer '00** is now at Mosaid Technologies Incorporated in Kanata, ON.

**Carmen Coccimiglio '01** is now Charterwell Technology's Vice President, Corporate Development in Calgary Alberta.

**Sandy DiMartino '01** was appointed Assistant Crown Attorney (Criminal) in Brampton, Ontario.

**Jennifer Armstrong '02** is an associate at Fasken Martineau DuMoulin LLP in Toronto

**Sarah Diamond '02** is an associate with Goodmans LLP, joining the Corporate and Securities Law group.

**Jason Kimelman '02** has formed the new law firm of Wolf & Kimelman Barristers & Solicitors in Toronto.

**Robert Soccio '02** is an associate with Cassels, Brock & Blackwell LLP in Toronto.

**Kevin Baker '03 & Karla Adamsons '05** were married on July 29, 2006.

**Angelina Clarke '03** has opened her own firm Clarke, A.Z., Professional Corporation in Mississauga, Ontario.

**Michelle Dobranowski '03** is with the Ministry of Government Services, Legal Services branch, Labour Practice Group.

**Douglas Green '03** and Tracy Hodge are delighted to announce the birth of their daughter Alexandra Clair Hodge-Green on January 22, 2006.

**Beth M. Jones '03** is counsel at Great West Life in London.

**Jill Makepeace '03** is an associate with Henein & Associates in Toronto.

**Jackie Missaghi '03** has joined the law firm of Morrison Brown Sosnovitch LLP.

**Liliana Ripandelli '03** is an associate with Osler Hoskin & Harcourt LLP in New York.

**Amanda Gaw '04** is a partner at Dally, Elliott and Gaw in Sarnia.

**Syll Kushner '04** is an associate with Gowling Lafleur Henderson LLP, joining the Real Estate, Environmental and Urban Development Law groups.

**Rachel Lammers '04** is now at Morelli Chertkow LLP in Kamloops, British Columbia

**Farah Malik '04** is an associate with Lenczner Slaght Royce Smith Griffin LLP.

**David Markowitz '04** has joined the law firm of Markowitz & Knowles LLP.

**Aubrey Sherman '04** has recently opened his own law office in the Berkeley Law Chambers in Cabbagetown/Toronto.

**Christina Barbato '05** has been appointed as an Associate with Rochon Genova LLP, joining the Insurance Dispute and Class Actions fields.

**Thelson Desamour '05** is an associate with the law firm of Carters Professional Corporation.

**Kim Duong '05** is an associate with Bell, Temple.

**Meighan Ferris-Miles '05** is an associate with McLeish & Orlando LLP.

**Scott Frew '05** is an associate with Aronovitch Macaulay Rollo LLP.

**Stephanie Holdsworth '05** is an associate with Miller Canfield Paddock & Stone LLP in Windsor.

**Colin Hornett '05** is an associate with Paterson MacDougall LLP, joining the Aviation, Municipal and Employment Law practice groups.

**Debra Loomis '05** is an associate with Chaitons LLP, joining the Insolvency Department.

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If you have an update for our **Alumni Achievements** section contact the editor at [Nulli\\_Secundus \(nulli@uwindsor.ca\)](mailto:Nulli_Secundus@uwindsor.ca)

# From the Editor



## DEAR ALUMNI AND FRIENDS:

When I had the pleasure of showing Lorne Abony '94 around the Law School before he gave the keynote address at our Windsor Law Alumni Dinner last fall, we got to talking about law, learning and life. Lorne's self-described passion for his job was evident in everything he said, did and noticed.

We talked about the connection people make between their work and their life. How people are at their strongest, brightest, and best when they are passionate about what they do on a daily basis. Lorne has certainly made that connection.

This issue of *Nulli Secundus* shows you alumni doing just that. Roma Khanna '93 allowed us the fabulous cover shot inside the Much Music television studio. She looks relaxed and confident, notwithstanding this was the only half hour she could fit into her schedule for the entire week. From the Class of 1980, Lonny Hall's award-winning legal endeavours and encounters with celebrity illustrate that drafting agreements and creative decisions can go hand in hand. From the Class of 1981, Cyril Drabinsky's work in the film industry gives new meaning to the term "action." And my law school classmate and friend Bradley White '96 demonstrates how his passion for science is taking him all around the world while litigating complicated IP matters.

Aside from the usual litany of what makes a successful legal professional (hard work, long hours, commitment to excellence) I find these grads draw new attention to the heart of the matter – it is a connection between what you do, and what you do for a living that can really make the difference between a job and a fulfilling career. It is not just an income – it is a living.

There are great things happening with our alumni since we last wrote to you. We hosted 17 separate alumni events this year, made approximately 8,000 phone calls during our phone-a-thon, and continue to increase the connection our alumni feel towards our Law School. The energy at our events shows in the pictures – it is a great time to get together and strengthen the bonds.

In "Giving Large," some of our top alumni donors talk about why they give back. They each had a vision of how they would best benefit the Law School, and saw it through.

I hope their generosity inspires you to make your own unique mark on Windsor Law.

We also said goodbye to a legend and a friend. Rose Voyvodic's profound impact on students, our community and our alumni was broader than we realized. We knew of Rose's own passion and integrity for her family and her career, but now that she is gone, we wish we had known more.

I hope this issue of *Nulli Secundus* encourages you to take a look around at your surroundings – right now, as you read this. I hope your impact on your work, your family, your friends, and your community is one that you want to be making.

Finally, I hope this issue inspires you to reconnect with your roots here at Windsor Law.

KAREN MOMOTIUK '96

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Previous issues of *Nulli Secundus* are available. Requests should be sent to my attention at [karenm@uwindsor.ca](mailto:karenm@uwindsor.ca)

## Where has your *Nulli* been?



Alwin Kong '04 is an associate with the law firm of Stikeman Elliott LLP in Toronto. Shown at Machu Pichu, Peru with *Nulli Secundus*.

Send us your photo! Next time you're scaling a mountain, surfing the great barrier reef or sipping champagne in Paris, bring your *Nulli Secundus* and your camera, and send us the results! ([nulli@uwindsor.ca](mailto:nulli@uwindsor.ca))



# Windsor Alumni and Friends Tour New Zealand

We are proud to announce the first ever Law Alumni and Friends tour to immediately follow the Second International Remedies Symposium in New Zealand in November 16th, 2007. Former dean Jeff Berryman hails from New Zealand and will lead the tour, together with his wife Carol McDermott '84, Dean Bruce Elman and his wife Nancy. Leaving Toronto on the 12th November, the tour will last fourteen days. The tour blends a number of elements:

- **RECREATIONAL** – Golf on some of New Zealand's most picturesque courses. There will be plenty of opportunities to do walking hikes through idyllic scenery.
- **CULTURAL** – Discover what it means to be in the largest Polynesian city in the world and experience the unique customs of New Zealand's indigenous people, Te Maori.
- **EDUCATIONAL** – In addition to the Second International Remedies Symposium we have created a number of evening after dinner lectures to discuss some legal (Constitutionalization of health care), some political (proportional representation), and some general knowledge topics (the settling of the Pacific).
- **GASTRONOMICAL** – Taste some of the finest and freshest produce before it gets exported.
- **OENOLOGICAL** – Yes, oenophiles will weep when they taste what New Zealand's boutique wineries have to offer.
- **ECONOMICAL** – We have secured a great rate on Air New Zealand, and have chosen hotels for their comfort, character, and proximity to the most scenic sites of New Zealand.
- **SEMI-INDEPENDENT** – The last thing most people want on a vacation is to be constantly on the road travelling. We have taken the hassle out of planning a truly remarkable experience in New Zealand.

For more details on this vacation of a lifetime, visit: [www.uwindsor.ca/law/remedies](http://www.uwindsor.ca/law/remedies) or the Faculty of Law homepage and click on Alumni Tour and Friends. See the tour insert with this copy of *Nulli Secundus*.

## Mark your calendar

### REUNION WEEKEND IN WINDSOR FOR CLASSES OF 1977 & 1982:

Friday September 28 to Sunday  
September 30, 2007

### CLASS OF 1977 REUNION:

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**Kevin Ross '82** at 519-640-6315 or  
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### CALGARY ALUMNI RECEPTION

Wednesday, June 20, 2007 5:30-7:00 pm  
at Borden Ladner Gervais LLP

### VANCOUVER ALUMNI RECEPTION

Monday, June 25, 2007 5:30-7:00 pm  
at Sheraton Wall Centre

### EDMONTON ALUMNI RECEPTION

Wednesday, June 27, 2007 6:00-7:30 pm  
at Whitten LLP

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