



The Dean's Laptop



Dean Bruce P. Elman

Many Windsor Law alums have been appointed to the Bench in recent months. Check out **Alumni in the News** for these stories and other features on our alumni.

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Student Government, Mooting, and Engagement: This is a busy time of year as we all know. Among the major events were elections to renew the leadership of the Students' Law Society, the Windsor Review, CLA, and the host of student associations, organizations, and clubs that make life at Windsor Law so rich and vibrant. It is also a time to renew the student membership on the Faculty committees that play a major role in managing the affairs of the Law School.

It is also a time when we wind up the "mooting season". We have had an excellent year in mootng, not because we have won more awards and prizes than in previous years – although we have carted off our fair share of silverware - but because we have had more students participating in mootng and advocacy that ever before. Starting with the Zuber Moot Competition in November and culminating with the Lerner's Cup this week, many students have had the opportunity to engage in mootng and advocacy activities. Our mootng program is expensive but, in my view, it is well worth the cost.

The engagement of Windsor students in law school governance and their interest in, and dedication to, mootng and advocacy activities set Windsor Law apart from other Canadian law schools. This is confirmed by the 2007 results of the **Law School Survey on Student Engagement (LSSSE)**. A bit of background: **LSSSE** is administered to schools in the United States and Canada. Its importance is that it is a measure of whether, and to what extent, students are engaged in their education. To me, student engagement is an important measure of how well we are doing in delivering a first-rate legal education. Students answer a number of questions as part of the survey. Schools are measured on these questions and compared to the aggregate data of the schools in their peer group on the same questions. Our peer group this year was

Dalhousie, Osgoode, Ottawa Civil, Ottawa Common, UBC, Manitoba, UNB, Saskatchewan, Toronto, Victoria, Western, and University of Detroit Mercy. Almost 4500 Canadian law students participated in **LSSSE**.

Three questions are particularly instructive: Two questions deal with the opportunity for involvement in "enriching educational activities". One question dealt with participation in governance: "Have you or do you plan to be a member of a student-faculty committee before you graduate?" Our results (compared to the Peer Group) were as follows: 39% of Law 3 students (18% for the Peer Group) said that they have been or intend to be a member of a student-faculty committee before graduation; 31% (20%) of Law 2 students and 48% (27%) of Law 1 students indicated that they have been or intend to be a member of a student-faculty committee. This is an excellent result. A question on mootng also dealt with the opportunity for involvement in "enriching educational activities": "Have you or do you plan to do competitive mootng at your own university before you graduate?" 63% of Law 3 students (37% of the Peer Group) said they have been or intend to do competitive mootng before they graduate; 72% (46%) of Law 2 students and 82% (54%) of Law 1 students said that they have or intend to participate in a competitive moot before graduation. Another terrific result!

A third question asks students to evaluate their entire educational experience at law school. Students were asked to rate their experience in one of four categories: "Excellent", "Good", "Fair", or "Poor". 78% of Law 3 students rated the Windsor Law educational experience at "Excellent" or "Good" compared to 76% of the Peer Group; 88% of Law 2 students (78% of the Peer Group) and 91% of Law 1 students (84% of the Peer Group) rated the Windsor Law

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Office of the Associate Dean



Associate Dean Mary Gold

By the end of the month, classes and exams for the 2007/08 academic year will conclude. The class of 2008 is no doubt anticipating Convocation on June 13 at 4:00 p.m.. First and second year students, after a respite of two months, will begin registering for the 2008/09 academic year. I thought this would be a good time to remind you of the following:

The marks meetings are scheduled for Wednesday, May 14 to approve second and third year grades and Wednesday, June 4 for first-year grades.

If all goes well, the grades will be mailed to students using the address provided on the SIS on the day following the marks meeting. Grades are usually posted on the SIS on the Friday or the following Monday.

In order to ensure that you obtain your grades please check, and update if necessary, your mailing address on the SIS by May 1st.

Only students who are "financially eligible" can access the SIS in order to register for courses or add their names to waitlists. Thus you should check your account on-line to confirm that you will be able to register for courses during both the summer registration period and the Fall drop/add period.

Student Services Office



Assistant Dean
Student Services
Francine Herlehy

Wow, what a great year it has been! Since the creation of the Student Services Office in February, 2005, the office has been committed to both expanding and improving the delivery of student services at Windsor Law. This task has been rendered much more effective with the addition of **Mary Mitchell** this year. Many of you know Mary from her time as a Faculty Secretary.

As we move towards the end of the term, I wanted to report on the activity of the Windsor Law Alumni Fund for the Enhancement of Student Life. This Fund was established to support activities that enhance the law student experience outside of the classroom. The Fund supports students' attendance at various conferences on substantive law topics and on a variety of topics of interest to the profession. The Fund also provides financial support to various student-initiated events within the Faculty including speakers, outreach events and community fundraising initiatives. This year alone, over 80 students received direct funding from the Fund with many more attending the Fund supported activities. We are quite proud of this Fund and our ability to support the many ways you have sought out to enhance your legal education.

Many of you have benefited from the Emergency Loan Fund, which provides short term, interest free loans to law students in need. If you should find yourself in financial difficulty, applications are available outside of the Student Services Office and on our website.

We have just processed the applications for the Northwest Territories Clerkship. This Program, created in 1983, is unique to Windsor Law. What a terrific opportunity for our students to work alongside the Supreme Court Justices as they preside over a variety of legal matters. Former clerks speak of their time at the Court as one of the highlights of their legal education. We expect the Fall and Winter clerks to be named before the close of the term, so stay tuned.

The Student Services Office is available to provide academic counselling. Understanding the program requirements and charting out an academic program is no easy task. Please take advantage of our resources to ensure that your professional development needs are met. Good luck with exams and stay safe!

Office of the JD/LLB Program Director



JD/LLB Program Director
Juennifer Henderson

Given that this is the last issue for this academic year, I wanted to take this opportunity to wish our graduating students the best of luck. It has been my distinct pleasure to see you through your law school experience. I look forward to hearing from you after you graduate as you embark on your new adventures - bar exams, articling, working. I know you will represent well the joint program, the University of Windsor and the University of Detroit Mercy in whatever you choose to do.

As I write this piece, I cannot help but remember that August day three years ago, when I met my first incoming class. Although my predecessor had overseen your application process, I was now charged with the rest of the work. I only hope you have enjoyed your experience as much as I have enjoyed getting to know you and sharing these last three years with you. Again, I wish you the best of luck as you venture out beyond your law schools' walls. See you at Graduation!

Don't forget to check the **Windsor Law Pride Board** located to the left of the entrance to the Paul Martin Law Library. The Board displays stories of our faculty, alumni, and students in the news. This is but one way we can celebrate our successes, and share the pride in being a member of the Windsor Law community.

Alumni and Fund Development Office

If there is one theme that has resonated with students at Windsor Law for the past number of years, it is the simple fact that the restrooms in the lower common area are in desperate need of renovation.

With the tireless assistance of our team of Annual Giving Campaign Callers (with particular kudos to Leisha Murphy, Law II), the Alumni and Fund Development Office has embarked on a campaign to flush out the University of Windsor's position on the issue:) Our callers are used to soliciting donations for scholarships, bursaries, and fellowships, but this campaign was much closer to home.

The *Young Alumni Renovation Campaign* asks recent grads to donate \$20 to the campaign as a show of support. If, with the help of these grads, we can get to 200, we can effect the bathroom renovation with the help of a private donor whose only stipulation was that the students and young alumni demonstrate their commitment to the project.

This initiative has resulted in an incredible "yes-rate", almost 92% at last count. Thirty-two alums have participated within the first week, with \$1400 being raised so far.

We would love for the outgoing class of 2008 to make this their lasting class gift to Windsor Law. Don't flush your next \$20 down the toilet! Support your law school, AND get a tax receipt to show for it!

Call: (519) 253-3000 x 2920. **Click:** www.uwindsor.ca/donations (be sure to indicate the Young Alumni Renovation Campaign). **Cash:** You can drop off a cheque or pay by credit card.

Stop by the Career and Alumni Development Office in room G105 and we will be happy to assist.



Director of Alumni and
Fund Development,
Karen Momotiuk

Focus On Faculty



Professor Christopher Waters

A member of our faculty since July, 2007, **Dr. Christopher Waters** (BA) Toronto, LLB (Queen's), LLM (McGill), DCL (McGill) comes to us from the University of Reading in the United Kingdom, where he was a Senior Lecturer at the School of Law. Dr. Waters has very quickly become an integral part of the Windsor Law community.

When asked about his time at Windsor Law thus far, Dr. Waters had this to say. "After more or less living abroad – in the Caucasus, Balkans and UK – for a decade, it has been great returning to Canada and to a Canadian law school. I was concerned about feeling disengaged from my international experiences. Thankfully that hasn't been the case and I've managed to keep up my connections with colleagues and institutions in places where I've worked in the past. I was especially pleased to find a solid core of students at Windsor Law interested in and engaged with international affairs and international law. I have enjoyed teaching Transnational Corporations & Human Rights and Public International Law immensely. There are always new events and issues – take private military companies for example – to grapple with. I've also enjoyed teaching contracts – I have a bright, good-natured group who are somehow alert at 8:30am on Monday mornings. Overall, I am very pleased to be here – the collaborative spirit among faculty, students and administrative staff is refreshing."

Dr. Waters teaches Public International Law, Transnational Corporations & Human Rights and Contract Law.

For all the latest developments at Windsor Law, go to our website at www.uwindsor.ca/law under "Breaking News in Law".

Focus on Sessional Instructors



William Willis '04
Sessional Instructor

William Willis graduated from Windsor Law in 2004. After summering, articling and practicing law at a large Bay Street firm, he returned home to Windsor to join McTague Law Firm. As a student, Will distinguished himself, not just for his academic success but for his commitment to the Windsor Law Community. We asked Will about this transition from Windsor Law student to sessional instructor and mentor:

"As a recent graduate of the University of Windsor Law School, and now as a sessional instructor, there is no doubt in my mind that Windsor Law provides students with an exceptional legal education.

During my three years at Windsor Law, the faculty and support staff were committed not only to providing a first class legal education but also to helping students achieve their career objectives, develop as professionals and build relationships that last well after graduation. Furthermore, the focus on giving back to the community and promoting integrity and civility amongst the profession ensured that my experience went well beyond the four corners of a textbook.

Since returning to Windsor to practice law, after having been an associate at a large firm in Toronto, I have remained active with the Law School by teaching the Securities Regulation course, judging student moots, and providing mentorship. I have truly enjoyed these experiences and feel privileged to continue to be involved with Windsor Law now that I am an alumnus."

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educational experience at "Excellent" or "Good". What conclusion can we draw from this? We cannot conclude that we are a better law school than our peers. What we can conclude is that legal education in Ontario and Canada is very good indeed and that there is very little difference in the quality of the student experience at any of our law schools. As far as I am concerned, that is a very positive result for Windsor Law and for legal education generally.

A Concluding Point: In the last couple of weeks there have been so many events that, inevitably, multiple conflicts arose. One day, I believe there were five or six events going on over the lunch hour. There is a positive aspect to this – as a community, we are regularly provided with a variety of luncheon options from which to choose. Further, for students, the abundance of food conveniently coincides with ever-diminishing bank accounts. Free food increases as student loan money is dissipated. But it is taxing our personnel and our building. We are going to look into adopting some measures to alleviate the problem. First, we will try to convince student groups that the academic calendar includes January and February and these are fine months to hold events and activities. For that matter, September,

October, and November are also perfectly reasonable months in which to hold events as well. This will be similar to our campaign to convince students and faculty that there is an afternoon on Fridays, just as with other days of the week. Seriously, we cannot do much about the space – the footprint of the building is the footprint. We are using all available space and, short of a new building or an addition on this building, we are not going to be able to expand the space. We are going to see if we can work some periods into the timetable which will be designated for organizations and clubs to hold meetings and events. However, I am not hopeful that this can be easily accomplished. Finally, we are looking into purchasing scheduling software that will, at least, keep everyone informed as to what events have been booked into which spaces in the building. We expect to have a system in place both in the building and throughout our new student portal that will provide everyone with timely and accurate notices of events. This may not help the conflicts but, at least, everyone will know what those conflicts are. We should all remember: Better a law school where too much is going on than one where too little is taking place.

Best of luck in your exams and have a Great Summer!

Visit us at www.uwindsor.ca/law.

Focus on Alumni

It is fitting that as tax time quickly approaches, we focus on an historic appointment of a Windsor Law alumnus. **Paul Dubé** was recently appointed Canada's first Taxpayers' Ombudsman. This new position was created "to enhance accountability and service to the public, and provide taxpayers with assurance that they will be treated fairly and with respect".

During his years at Windsor Law, Paul was awarded the Cassels Brock and Blackwell Centennial Prize for legal practice skills.

After graduating from Windsor Law in 1990, Paul joined his father's practice in Dalhousie, New Brunswick. In his 13 years of practice in Dalhousie, he defended a number of high profile cases, including homicide and narcotics cases. Paul served as president of the Restigouche Barristers Society for 12 years and was a member of the New Brunswick Legal Aid Committee for 10 years. He was an instructor for the New Brunswick Bar Admission course for several years. In 2004, he moved to Campbellton and, in 2006, went to Ottawa.

He was a co-recipient of the Canadian Bar Association Pro-Bono Award in 2003.



Law Library



Noticed the TV screen (with ads shortly) near the Reference Help Office on the entrance floor? The University has agreed to place these in the CAW Centre, Leddy (main) Library, and a few other spots. An office within the University's Public Affairs & Communications Department will review & deal with any issues on specific ads. This initiative is an effort to "keep down" the cost of student photocopies (around 5 cents) and assist with maintenance costs for the student photocopy machines, supplied under a University contract with a local vendor. The student photocopy machines in the Law Library have been reduced to just two machines, but they are, with the help of the University's IT Services, connected to the University network, and offer free scanning of paper documents. The file can be emailed to yourself or another who has a University student/faculty email account.

The two Reference Librarians, **Annette Demers** (ademers@uwindsor) (Windsor Law 1998) and **Cathy Cotter** (ccotter@uwindsor.ca) (UNB Law 2002) have been quite busy in the last month assisting external

mooters (Jessup Moot, and others) with their research. Remember that you can get help with papers with which you are grappling – research help, citations, etc.

Electronic access (MyiLibrary: <http://www.myilibrary.com/company/home.htm>) to a number of electronic Canadian legal textbooks published by Irwin Law (<http://www.canadalegal.com/gosite.asp?s=3373>) have been ordered and will be added to the Law Library web site (<http://www.uwindsor.ca/lawlibrary>) in a month or so. Not all of the Irwin Law publications are yet available, but the purchased "e-books" include torts, contracts, criminal law, constitutional law, charter of rights, family law, environmental law, P.P.S.A., computer law, insurance law, evidence, international human rights, refugee law, and The Colour of Justice by Professor Tanovich.

Campus Resources—What's Available to You

Here is a quick reference list to some of the most popular Campus student services resources. As always, the Student Services Office is available to provide assistance, both on and off campus:

Student Information Resource Centre (SIRC)- get answers to questions about university policies, procedures, services and events. Ext. 1414 (askme@uwindsor.ca)

Student Disability Services - assistance and accommodations for students with disability-related needs Ext. 3463 or 3298 (disability@uwindsor.ca)

Student Health Services- the campus Medical Clinic and Urgent Care Facility and a pharmacy are in the CAW Student Centre. Staffed by full-time nurses and physicians, it offers ongoing health promotion initiatives including a stop-smoking program, alcohol and drug awareness seminars and stress seminars. Ext. 7002

Human Rights Office- deals with complaints of harassment and discrimination involving students, faculty and staff. All inquiries are confidential. No one is required to file a formal complaint. Ext. 3400. (www.uwindsor.ca/hrights)

Safety Services- Campus Police Services constables are sworn to protect and serve our students. The university's Emergency Response Team (ERT) responds to medical emergencies on campus. Ext. 1234

Aboriginal Education Centre Turtle Island- meeting First Nations students' academic, personal and cultural needs. Ext. 3465 (ti@uwindsor.ca)

International Student Centre- a place for students to meet, study, relax and be involved in international student activities. Ext. 3901 (isc@uwindsor.ca)

Student Counselling Centre- short-term and crisis counselling, group discussions and workshops. Ext. 4616 (scc@uwindsor.ca)

2008 Students' Law Society Election Results

President:	Mohamed Hashim
Vice-President Operations:	Keely Duncan
Vice-President Finance:	Kristen Newman
Vice-President Academic:	Geoff Marr
Law II Representative to SLS Council:	Cecilia Bastedo
Law II Representatives to Faculty Council:	Arun Krishnamurti Thomas Mackay
Law III Representative to SLS Council:	Marc Flisfeder
Law III Representatives to Faculty Council:	Andrea D'Silva Matthew Macdonald
JD/LLB Representative to Faculty Council:	Lawrence Lavender

Ask the Deans

Question: So what is it that you people do all summer when the students are gone?

Answer: Good question. This is one we get on a pretty regular basis. The assumption is, of course, that when the academic year ends, so does our work. In fact, summer is actually a very busy time. While the building is not nearly as vibrant and alive as when you are here, we are all very engaged in planning for the upcoming academic year. Here is a sampling of what we do when you are gone:

Admissions becomes a priority as we admit the Class of 2011. Once all applications are reviewed, we manage the waitlist and continue to counsel applicants. We assist with the transition to Windsor Law in a variety of ways including

providing tours of the faculty and campus, locating upper year mentors, financial planning, housing advice and so forth.

Recruitment events at various undergraduate faculties around the country are scheduled so that we can reach out to prospective students prior to the application deadline in November, 2008.

Current students receive counselling on program requirements, course selection, debt management issues and career development.

Timetables, examination schedules, and registration materials for the 2008-2009 academic year are finalized and continually updated.

Grades are approved, special and supplemental examinations are administered and appeals are processed.

Course materials are prepared for the upcoming academic year.

Faculty and University committee assignments are announced and the work of many Committees begins immediately

Outreach efforts continue including visits to firms across the country to promote our Programs and our students.

Continued meetings with potential donors to enhance the financial support available to our students.

Alumni receptions may be held in Calgary, Edmonton, Vancouver, Toronto, London and Ottawa. Each summer is different.

We attend the Ontario Calls to the Bar to celebrate this milestone with our recent graduates.

The Licensing Process is administered for the Windsor site.

Our publications are updated and produced.

Faculty continue to work intensively on research initiatives.

Schedule of Events

- April 10 JD/LLB Graduation Reception
- April 11 Last day of classes
- April 14—30 Winter semester examinations
- April 21 Passover—no examinations
- May 30, 31, June 1 Examination/Paper viewing dates in the Law School Conference Room for Upper-year students
- June 5 Appeal deadline for upper-year students (**approximate date—please check with the Law School**)
- June 13 Law Convocation—4:00 p.m.
- June 20, 21, 22 Examination/Paper viewing dates in the Law School Conference Room for First-year students
- June 26 Appeal deadline for first-year students (**approximate date—please check with the Law School**)
- July 1 Law School Offices closed
- August 4 Law School Offices closed
- September 1 Law School Offices closed
- September 2 Registration & Orientation begins for first-year students
- September 2 Classes begin for upper-year students

*All event and date information is **subject to change**. Please contact the host group for details.

Examination Viewing

We offer “exam viewing days” in the Conference Room of the Law School after grades have been submitted and approved. The upper-year dates are Friday May 30, Saturday May 31, and Sunday June 1. The appeal deadline will be approximately June 5, 2008 for upper year grades.

The first-year “exam viewing days” will be Friday June 20, Saturday June 21, and Sunday June 22. The appeal deadline will be approximately June 26, 2008.

Please check with the Law School in May and June for the exact appeal deadlines for both first-year and upper-year examinations and the hours of the exam viewing for each day.

No one can prepare you for what heights you will soar until you spread your wings.

Anonymous