



The Dean's Laptop



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When one reaches a milestone – say, a decade as Dean of Windsor Law – reflectivity hits! During quiet moments, one thinks back over the accomplishments of the past ten years. I take great satisfaction from our achievements over that time period.

The establishment and nurturing of our J.D./LL.B. Program (now the **Canadian & American Dual J.D. Program**) has been, and continues to be, an extraordinarily important achievement. The first class entered in August 2001. Not long after, we were witness to the tragic events of September 11th. Given the problems at the border following 9-11, I thought that might be the end of the Program. It survived; the graduates did, and continue to do, very well; employers, particularly those who engage in cross-border work, have lauded the Program; and we are set to graduate our 7th Class this June. The Program, not incidentally, provides us with added fiscal stability in difficult times. In the fall, we will admit our first M.S.W./J.D. Class – this is another exciting new Program which will, undoubtedly, add to our profile and reputation.

Let me mention a few other achievements very quickly: I am extraordinarily proud of the development of the **University of Windsor Mediation Services (UWMS)**. With the support of the City of Windsor and Osler Hoskins Harcourt LLP, UWMS has been able to move into the heart of the

city. From this location, UWMS conducts private mediations, provides training in Alternative Dispute Resolution, and engages in development of social justice projects with our community partners. In the same vein, the **Intellectual Property Legal Information Network (IPLIN)**, in combination with the Centre for Business Advancement and Research, has been occupied in very significant work on entrepreneurship with new Canadians and Youth. For similar reasons, I am very pleased with the establishment of the **Law Enforcement Accountability Project (LEAP)**. These projects were made possible through the support of the Law Foundation of Ontario.

In 2005, the **Social Justice Fellowship Program** was established. The Program annually provides five \$5000 Fellowships as well as a few travel subsidies for students wishing to engage in social justice work during the summer vacation. In the six years the Program has been operating, we have provided 27 Fellowships, 11 travel subsidies, and, in combination with the Students for Development Program, have given students \$205,000 of support for their summer social justice placements. Support for the Program comes from the Windsor Law Alumni through the Annual Giving Program.

The opening of the **Student Services Office** has brought about a

fundamental change in the amount of support we are able to provide to current students. We have dramatically expanded our **library** and **career** services, our **technological** support, and our **alumni and fund development** activity – all for the benefit of current student and alumni. The physical renovations and technological enhancements put us light years ahead of where we were a decade ago. I am very proud that faculty, staff, and students – working together – have been able to achieve so much.

Of course, this is not the end of the story. This just really leads into the next phase – the challenges that we as a Faculty will face in the next decade. We have to find a way to maintain and even build on the foregoing list of achievements. We have really only scratched the surface with many of these new programs, projects, and services. In my opinion, however, three challenges stand out: The first is the dreaded “C” word -- yes, that’s it, “curriculum”. Curriculum reform is a daunting task. It can sap the energy right out of you. I get exhausted just thinking about it. Nonetheless, we have to get going on this. There are external forces requiring it; there is pressure internally to rationalize what we have been doing in an ad hoc fashion over the past decade; and our position in the market – both in terms of applicants and employers – make it essential. (cont'd on p. 4)

Office of the Associate Dean



Associate Dean
Christopher Waters

Having dispensed information and advice from this column and others (including, apparently, in the Oyez) for a year now, I will just take this opportunity to wish you the best in your summer endeavours. For those graduating shortly – my ‘cohort’, since we started at Windsor Law at the same time – congratulations and good luck. And please do stay in touch.

I also want to thank you for your excellent contributions to the intellectual life of the Faculty this year – from the student posters at the Torture and National Security Conference to the work of the WRSLI to informal discussions in the Law Commons – and for your contributions

to the governance of the Faculty. With respect to the latter, in particular I want to thank students for sharing their thoughts during the dean search process. Regrettably the Search Committee was unable to recommend a candidate to Faculty Council, but student input was invaluable to us all the way along (and your representatives on the Committee, Arun Krishnamurti and Omar Raza, are to be commended for their professionalism through what was a long and at times difficult process). The Faculty will need your continued engagement as we begin the process again next year.

Enjoy summer!



Law Library

school - of summer research assistants who are eligible for summer access. We usually send this off in May. Then, in June or July - there will be a point when you go to login to Quicklaw, and they will ask you to confirm that you are an eligible summer user before continuing into the system. The system will ask you to confirm your reasons for accessing the database, and RA is one of the options. A Quicklaw representative will compare your response to the list we've given them.

Your current CCH password is good until about August. By then we have a new PIN for their system, so you can just email Annette Demers (ademers@uwindsor.ca) or Vicki Jay Leung (vjleung@uwindsor.ca), and a new PIN will be sent to you.

Off-Campus access to social science/economic/news sources via Leddy library continues all summer, remember to use your UWin login to enter into the authentication system.

Faculty are reminded to make

arrangements with the Law Library to set up printing and photocopying accounts for their summer RA's. Faculty are also invited to contact the Reference Librarians for assistance with their research during the summer months.

British Legal Treatises

The Law Library has a new electronic subscription to announce. The “Making of Modern Law: Legal Treatises, 1800-1926,” contains the full -text of seminal British legal treatises of the 19th and 20th centuries, with over 11,000 titles in this collection. Distinguished authors of the time include: Edward Coke, William Blackstone, Jeremy Bentham, John Stuart Mill, James Fitzjames Stephen, and F.W. Maitland, just to name a few.

Access this invaluable resource through the Law Library website www.uwindsor.ca/lawlibrary. From a non-university computer, use your UWin login to be allowed access to it from the Proxy 1 server. (cont'd on page 4)

Preparing for Research Over the Summer

Students starting summer jobs are invited to contact the Reference Librarians if they need a research refresher. This will also be a great opportunity for Law 3 students to review research strategies before graduating. Faculty are encouraged to make sure that their Summer Research Assistants meet with us to give them a research refresher, and to advise them about how summer passwords work:

Westlaw allows access for academic users all through the summer months.

Quicklaw requests a list from the law library which we get from the law

Student Services Office

Wow, what a busy year it has been! I thought I would take a moment to report on some of the activities of the Student Services Office as the term draws to a close. While we are proud of our accomplishments this year, we remain aware of the need for enhancements and improvements to student services. As always, we remain interested in your feedback. If you have suggestions, please be sure to send them to me.

This year, we launched the **Peer Mentorship Program**, where first year students were matched with upper year Peer Mentors. The program was a huge success and we hope to enhance the mentorship option with other health and wellness supports during the next academic year.

Many of you received direct funding from the **Windsor Law Alumni Fund for the Enhancement of Student Life**. Many more of you attended events that were supported by this Fund. Under the leadership of Dean Elman, this Fund was established to support activities that enhance the law student experience outside of the classroom including attendance at various conferences on substantive law topics and on a variety of topics of interest to the profession and various student-initiated events within the Faculty including speakers, outreach events and community fundraising

initiatives. We are quite proud of this Fund and the many ways you have sought out to enhance your legal education.

Some of you have received assistance from the **Emergency Loan Fund** which provides short term, interest free loans to law students in financial need. The Emergency Loan Fund is made possible through the generosity of our Faculty and Alumni as well.

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 along side 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.

It was a very busy year for **Exchanges and Letters of Permission**. We had a record number of exchange students with us from law schools around the world and we sent students across the country and around the world on exchanges and letters of permission.

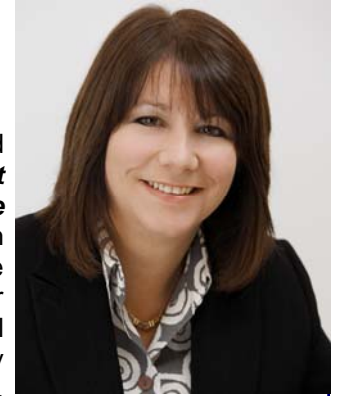
We named six **Social Justice Fellows** this year and shortly you will hear about their plans for the summer and the diversity of each of their placements.

We hosted a **Breakfast with Bruce** each term to provide another informal opportunity for faculty, students, and staff to come together.

We got to know many of you this year when you sought out **advice and counselling** relating to academic, financial, medical, discipline and personal matters. We thank you for the opportunity to get to know you and to provide support to you.

And of course, we communicate with you – by email, by portal, by this newsletter - so that you are always aware of what is going on in the faculty, in the community, and in the profession.

Next year, we hope to see the return of our popular Dean for a Day contest, a new community service initiative, and the launch of a “Lunch and Learn” series. Stay in touch and have a safe and enjoyable summer.



Assistant Dean
(Student Services)
Francine Herlehy

We are currently recruiting Student Ambassadors for Windsor Law. Current law students who want to share their enthusiasm for Windsor Law with prospective students and their families are encouraged to apply. This is an excellent opportunity to continue your community involvement and meet new people who share your interest in the law. Your responsibilities would include a guided tour of the Law building, which would take in the classrooms, administrative offices, common areas, and second floor. Prospective students and their families are very appreciative of the information and time that they receive during their visit, which in many instances, is their first visit to the City of Windsor and the University. If you enjoy meeting new people and are looking for an opportunity to extend a warm Windsor Law welcome, please send an email as application to become a Windsor Law Student Ambassador to Mary Mitchell at mitchd@uwindsor.ca. Please indicate if you are available during the summer months and/or the next academic year.



Office of Career Services



Career Services Officer
Anna DeCia-Gualtieri

As this academic year comes to an end, the Career Services staff would like to wish you the best of luck in your summer endeavours.

Law I's – It has been a pleasure working with you and getting to know you over the last few months. I look forward to working with all of you in your search next year for that ideal summer job and articling position. I

truly hope that your journey in law thus far has been rewarding and I wish you all the best as you return as Law II students.

Law II's – What a busy year! I have had the opportunity to speak with many of you one on one as a result of the many services we offer. Undoubtedly, this has been an exciting yet stressful year for you and many of you have made some difficult, but positive decisions regarding your future. Thank you for letting me be a part of that. It has been especially trying this year with the economic effect on the job market and the high level of competitiveness that existed in securing a summer position. Please do not let that discourage you in your search for an articling position. The number of articling positions that are available do not compare to the number of summer job postings we've seen over the last few months. Use the information and tools we have and will be providing you, and take control of your search! Best wishes!

Law III's - It's hard to believe that

these are your final days as Law III students! Since my start as Director of Career Services at Windsor Law in August 2008, I have been fortunate to have had the chance to get to know you better and to be part of your successes and failures (live and learn!). To those who have secured an articling placement or have decided to pursue another opportunity in the year to come, I extend my best wishes to you. To those of you who are still trying to find that "fit", our office will continue to assist you as best we can, so please provide us with your updated contact information. We wish those who will soon be preparing for the Licensing examinations the best of luck. We are very proud of the 2010 Class and will miss you all, so please keep in touch!

I will end by quoting Winston Churchill: *"Every day you may make progress. Every step may be fruitful... You know you will never go to the end of the journey. But this, so far from discouraging, only adds to the joy and glory of the climb."*

(The Dean's Laptop cont'd from p. 1) Second is "space" – the final frontier. We need more and different space. I think we have pretty much done what we can with what we've got. We can be creative with the Ron W. Ianni Law Building but we cannot change its footprint. This is a major challenge, not unrelated to the third challenge – to move our fund development activity to the next level. The former dean of

Harvard, Robert Clark, is alleged to have said that at the end of his deanship, he was raising an average of \$1 million a week! But he went on to say that he could not have raised that sum if his predecessor had not raised \$100,000 a week, and if previous deans had not raised \$10,000 a week, \$1000 a week, and so forth. You get the idea. Where are we? Not at \$1 million or \$100K. But we are pretty

close to averaging \$10K a week – that is \$500,000 a year. So that is a real challenge for the next decade – to raise the bar on Fund development. If we do that, quite frankly, we will have an easier time in meeting the challenges of space and even curriculum.

I hope the exams went well and that you have a great summer!

If you go to work on your goals, your goals will go to work on you. If you go to work on your plan, your plan will go to work on you. Whatever good things we build end up building us.

John Rohn

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Works can either be found through a title or keyword search, and viewed electronically on your computer. One can also search the full-text of all of the legal treatises using a keyword search. For further assistance please contact Annette (ext. 2976) or Vicki (ext. 4266), and we will be happy to help you access this resource!

Office of the Canadian & American Dual JD Program

For the last issue of the year, I must first bid farewell and congratulations to our graduating class! It has been a pleasure having you in the program, and we all wish the best for you. We are so proud of you for all you have accomplished, and for all you will accomplish. Please keep in touch and let us know how you are doing out there.

For those of you sticking around this summer, whether for work or for classes, we look forward to seeing you over the next few months. Please don't hesitate to drop in to either office. August will be here before we know it, and a new class of Dual JD students will be on campus.

Have a great summer!



Canadian & American
Dual JD Program Director

Rest is not idleness, and to lie sometimes on the grass on a summer day listening to the murmur of water, or watching the clouds float across the sky, is hardly a waste of time.

John Lubbock

Focus on Alumni

E. Peter Farmer, LLB '74 has been named to the University of Windsor Board of Governors, effective this past January 1. Until April 2009, Peter Farmer was CEO and a director of Denison Mines Corp., and president of Uranium Participation Corporation. Under his leadership, Denison grew to become a premier mid-tier uranium producer in North America. He presided over the company through good times as well as challenging times in the uranium market and throughout all cycles Denison has always maintained a reputation for excellence, dependability, and superior corporate governance. Farmer articulated with the London firm of Mitchell Hockin and Dawson. He was called to the Bar of Ontario in 1976 and practiced with Beechie and Kerr. He joined Denison Mines in June 1985 as general counsel and secretary and later served as vice president, general counsel and secretary, prior to his appointment as president and CEO in March 1997.

fund-raising campaign, which raised more than \$5 million for programs, scholarships, research, and physical and technological improvements. He was the first chair of the school's JD/LLB Advisory Board and continues to serve as a board member. With his law school roommate Fraser Berrill, he co-founded the Berrill and Farmer Families Bursary, presented annually to a first-year law student in either the LLB or JD/LLB Program who has a strong commitment to community service and has taken at least two undergraduate courses in philosophy or political science. Recently, Peter and his wife, Terry '75, made a significant contribution to support the renovation of the Conference Room -- now called the Farmer Conference Room. He was a recipient of the Charles Clark Award in 2007.)

In addition to his work on behalf of the Law faculty, Farmer has been involved in numerous other charitable undertakings.

A leading supporter of Windsor Law, Peter co-chaired its \$2000-4-\$2000

Dean Elman noted: "Peter Farmer is



Peter Farmer, LLB '74

dedicated to the University of Windsor. His appointment will bring great expertise and experience to the Board. I certainly endorse his appointment."



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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

2010

May 9-12	Canadian Association of Law Libraries & Michigan Association of Law Libraries Annual Conference—Caesar's Windsor.
May 24	Victoria Day. University closed.
June 9	Call to the Bar, Ottawa.
June 15 & 16	Call to the Bar, Toronto.
June 18	Spring Convocation.
June 21	Call to the Bar, London.
July 1	Canada Day. University closed.
July 5—16	Special Examination period.
August 1	Last day to file application for Fall graduation.
August 2	Civic Holiday. University closed.
September 6	Labour Day. University closed.
September 7	First-year registration and Academic Orientation commences.
September 7	Upper-year classes begin.
September 13	First-year classes begin.
October 5	On Campus Interview Day—Toronto.
October 11	Thanksgiving Day. University closed.
October 16	Fall convocation.
December 6	Last day of classes.
December 9	Fall semester examinations begin.
December 23—January 3	December Holiday recess. University closed.

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January 3	Winter semester classes begin.
February 21	Family Day. University closed.
February 21-25	Study Week.
February 25	University offices closed.
April 8	Last day of classes for Winter semester.
April 11	Winter semester examinations begin.
April 22	Good Friday, University closed.

***Subject to change. NOTE: Some Faculty of Law deadline dates, policies and procedures may not necessarily coincide with those in the general University Calendar: Faculty of Law dates, policies, and procedures supercede and govern.**