



INSIDE WINDSOR ALUMS DOMINATE LEXPERT RISING STARS 2015

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WINDSOR LAW HOSTS CANADIAN BAR REVIEW

Windsor Law is proud to be the new host of the *Canadian Bar Review*. Published by the Canadian Bar Association, this journal is a unique scholar-practitioner interface and is the most frequently cited journal by the Supreme Court of Canada. Acting Dean Chris Waters and Professor David Tanovich are looking forward to collaborating as they take on the role of co-editors for the next five years.

CBA President Janet Fuhrer said, "I am pleased to welcome Professors Tanovich and Waters as co-editors of the *Bar Review*. They

bring impressive academic credentials and experience that will serve the journal well at this time."

The *Canadian Bar Review*, which dates back to 1923, is the official, bilingual legal journal published by the CBA.

The CBA is dedicated to support for the rule of law, and improvement in the law and the administration of justice. Some 36,000 lawyers, notaries in Quebec, law teachers, and law students from across Canada are members. ■



TOWARDS RECONCILIATION



In October, the Faculty of Law at the University of Windsor formed a Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC) Steering Committee.

The Committee was launched pursuant to the Recommendations of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's Report, "Honouring the Truth, Reconciling for the Future", which calls on law schools and many other social and sociolegal systems to both come to grips with the destructive role law and other systems have played in the lives of Indigenous and Métis communities, and to

make significant reforms to improve our collective futures.

The Committee is co-chaired by Associate Dean Gemma Smyth, Professor Valarie Waboose and third year Métis law student Alex Melanson. The Committee is comprised of students, professors, Russell Nahdee from the Aboriginal Education Centre, Acting Dean Chris Waters, as well as residential school survivor Susie Jones.

The Committee's work will include curriculum reform recommendations, improved space for Indigenous and Métis students, and deepened community connections. The Committee aims to strike a balance between decisive action on a long-neglected part of Canada's colonial history and a reflective and critically aware process required to sustain reconciliation over the next many decades. ■

WINDSOR LAW RESPONDS TO THE SYRIAN REFUGEE CRISIS



Pascal Chapdelaine, Bill Conklin, Jasminka Kaladjic, Tom Kuttner, Margaret Liddle, Julie MacFarlane, Claire Mummé, Gemma Smyth, Sara Wharton, Sujith Xavier and Jillian Rogin, was signed by almost 400 academics across the country and published on the front page of the *Toronto Star*.

Since then, a steering committee comprised of Windsor Law faculty, staff and students and chaired by Professor Anneke Smit has been

advocating for refugee sponsorship and support. Members of the committee worked with University President Alan Wildeman to organise a campus-wide town hall on October 27 to discuss university responses to refugee and humanitarian crises. Following the town hall the University of Windsor also made a formal commitment to increase its sponsorship commitments through the World

University Service of Canada (WUSC) from one refugee student to five annually. "We're speaking to the media and encouraging the campus and the city to step up," said Smit following several media interviews that included law students who came forward to tell their own stories and those of their families who had found refuge in Canada.

Smit says it's also important for students, faculty and lawyers to find a way to use their skills to contribute directly to resettlement. That is why the steering committee is partnering with the University of Ottawa's Refugee Sponsorship Support Program (refugeessp.ca) to match potential sponsor groups with lawyers and students who will provide pro bono legal assistance with sponsorship applications. The project has to date registered close to 1000 lawyers across the country and has assisted hundreds of sponsorship groups. The Windsor SSP will launch in January with information sessions for potential sponsors and a training programme for law students and lawyers. A group of Windsor Law faculty have also formed a Group of 5 to privately sponsor a refugee family in 2016. This will be the first sponsorship within the University of Windsor, and a campus-wide fundraising campaign organised by President Wildeman, will raise the funds to support this endeavour. ■

Windsor Law faculty began exploring ways to formalize a response to the emerging Syrian refugee crisis in late summer. This included, prior to the federal election, drafting an Open Letter to Stephen Harper calling for an increase in Canada's commitment to refugee resettlement. The letter, authored by Windsor Law faculty Anneke Smit, Reem Bahdi, John Cerone,

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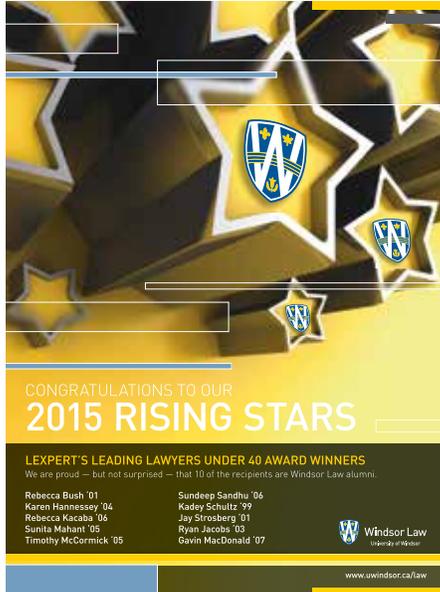
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LEXPERT RISING STARS

LEADING BUSINESS LAWYERS UNDER 40



Recipients were recognized for their accomplishments within the legal profession as well as their contributions beyond their own careers. Acting Dean Chris Waters said, "I am thrilled - but not surprised - that 9 of the top business lawyers under 40 in the country are Windsor Law grads. Windsor is very well represented on this list; there are two dozen law schools in Canada yet 1 out of 6 lawyers on the list are our grads. What impresses me most is that these lawyers are not only top in their field - advocates and transactional lawyers alike - but are heavily involved in pro bono work in their communities."

The Windsor Law alums recognized are: (from top left) Rebecca Bush '01, Karen Hennessey '04, Rebecca Kacaba '06, Sunita Mahant '05, Timothy McCormick '05, Sundeep Sandhu '06, Kadey Schultz '99, Jay Strosberg '01, Ryan Jacobs '03 ■



Congratulations to Lexpert's 2015 Rising Stars: Leading Lawyers under 40. We are very proud that so many Rising Stars are Windsor Law Grads.

Find out where they are now at <http://www.uwindsor.ca/law/2015-11-30/congratulations>



3L DUAL JD STUDENT ALEX TREIBER WINS PRESTIGIOUS SCHOLARSHIP

The Edward H. Rakow Scholarship, presented by the Federal Bar Association of the Eastern District of Michigan, is awarded to deserving students of Michigan law schools who demonstrate outstanding scholarly achievement in securities, corporation or business law

Alex Treiber, a 3L Dual JD student, was this year's award winner from the University of Detroit Mercy alongside four other students from the University of Michigan, Wayne State University, Michigan State

University, and Western Michigan State University Cooley Law School.

Alex says he's thrilled to receive this award from the Federal Bar Association of the Eastern District of Michigan. "As a Dual JD student it is amazing to be able to be considered for scholarships on both sides of the border. This award is a clear example of the Cross Border nature of our program, and I am honoured to be one of five students in Michigan to receive this award." ■

TRANSNATIONAL LAW AND JUSTICE NETWORK HOSTS LGBT+ SPEAKERS SERIES

The Transnational Law & Justice Network, as part of its Borders, Boundaries, and Intersections speaker series, hosted a panel discussion on access to justice issues for the LGBT+ community in November. Fathima Cader, a staff lawyer at the HIV/AIDS Legal Clinic of Ontario, and Nicole Nussbaum, a lawyer and advocate in employment, human rights, trans rights, and family law, joined moderator David Tanovich for a discussion of these issues.

Transnationalism and access to justice are the central pillars of Windsor Law. The faculty's commitment to access to justice prompts reflections about legal education, legal system(s), and more importantly



Nicole Nussbaum and Fathima Cader

notions of justice. Deep thinking about justice reveals broader socio-political, economic and cultural schisms premised on unequal and intersecting disparities in our society. A

commitment to transnationalism, based on our unique geographic location, encourage an investigation about the very nature of borders and boundaries that reify abstract and antiquated notions of time, place and space through law.

The panel focused on access to justice issues faced by the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and other sexual minority communities in Ontario. Fathima Cader's presentation examined the effects of HIV/AIDS on people with intersecting markers of race and sexual orientation. Nicole Nussbaum focused on issues of access to justice that affects the trans* people in Ontario. ■

FACULTY NEWS

AND ACCOLADES

MARION OVERHOLT RECEIVES COUNCIL OF CANADIANS AWARD



Congratulations to Marion Overholt on receiving the Council of Canadians Award for her extensive work in social justice. The award was conferred by The Council of Canadians in November during their celebration of 30 years of acting for social justice.

Overholt says she is deeply honoured to receive this award. "The Council of Canadians does amazing advocacy work on behalf of all Canadians, so their recognition of our poverty work is especially meaningful to me."

Overholt has practiced law in Windsor and Essex County for 33 years. She is the Executive Director of Legal Assistance of Windsor and Community Legal Aid. She was a staff lawyer at Legal Assistance of Windsor for many years and has represented clients in public law benefits practice while training law students in the practice of poverty law. Over the years she has been a board member of numerous community agencies and social justice initiatives. For ten years Marion was the Social Justice Representative on the Windsor and District Labour Council Executive Board. ■

JEFFREY BERRYMAN NEW ACTING ASSOCIATE VICE-PRESIDENT, ACADEMIC



Professor Jeff Berryman accepted the role of Acting Associate Vice-President, Academic for the University of Windsor as of January 1, 2016.

He currently holds the title of Distinguished University Professor in the Faculty of Law. He was Senior Research Leadership Chair and former Dean of the Faculty of Law (1990-1995), where he has taught for the past 35 years. In

addition, he holds an Honorary Professorship of Law at the University of Auckland in New Zealand. ■

42ND ANNUAL ZUBER MOOT



The 42nd Annual Zuber Moot Competition was held on November 18, 2015. The moot was judged by the Honourable Madam Justice Sarah Peppal, of the Ontario Court of Appeal, The Honourable Mr. Justice Steven Rogin, of the Superior Court of Ontario and the Honourable Mr. Justice Lloyd Dean, of the Ontario Court of Justice. Moot finalists were Lois Boetang, David Ragni, Chandra Ewing, and Leighanne Rathwell. Best Factum winners were Anjali Rajan & Nergiz Sinjari.



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WINDSOR LAW GRADS SWEEP ODYSSEY AWARDS



Windsor Law Alumni, Omar Raza (LLB 2010), Adam Vasey (LLB 2002), and Fabio Costante (JD 2013) were honoured in November at the University of Windsor Alumni Association's AGM and Awards Presentations.

As Director of Pathway to Potential, an organization dedicated to reducing poverty in Windsor-Essex County, Adam has leveraged his training in both law and social work for the betterment of the community. He has also been an active volunteer for numerous local agencies, including Citizen Advocacy, the Alzheimer's Society and the Ontario Association of Social Workers. Vasey has won awards from both the Ontario Association of Social Workers and the Law Foundation of Ontario, and is an adjunct instructor with the University's MSW/JD program.

Fabio, who practices law in the area of civil, administrative and constitutional litigation, is a trustee on the Windsor Essex Catholic District School Board and a sessional instructor at the Odette School of Business. He has founded two non-profit initiatives that have grown in both size and impact. Enactus

Windsor is a student club focused on creating economic opportunities for residents of Windsor-Essex through entrepreneurship. Our West End is a grassroots organization working to develop the community through resident engagement and empowerment.

Omar works as chief of staff to Ontario's Minister of Children and Youth Services. In this position, he is responsible for oversight, management and controls over a broad operating budget and has worked extensively in the area of strategy management. He previously held the position of director of policy and stakeholder relations for the ministry and was also senior advisor to Windsor-West MPP Teresa Piruzza. One of significant projects Raza worked on during that time was the \$1.4 billion Windsor Essex Parkway infrastructure project. ■

REMEMBERING MANMEET BHULLAR '11



Windsor Law Alumnus, Manmeet Bhullar, from our Class of 2011 will be remembered as a giant when it came to living for justice in society. He fought for those most vulnerable. He advocated for those less fortunate than he was. He strived to make the world a better place, not just in rhetoric, but in actual, day-to-day practice. On November 23, Manmeet died while offering assistance to a motorist whose car had overturned on icy roads. He died doing what he loved to do, helping others.

Manmeet was a native of Calgary who came to Windsor in 2006. At the age of 28, as a second-year law student with a sociology degree, he was first elected to the Alberta legislature. One of Alberta's youngest MLAs, he was a rising star in the province's Progressive Conservative party, and one of only ten Tories to survive the spring election.

His classmates and professors knew him as a "force of social justice". "Manmeet was a memorable student and a great person," recalled Professor Richard Moon. "The circumstances of his death remind us of his selfless commitment to others - which is what made him such an outstanding public servant." Professor David Tanovich said "Manmeet embodied all that Windsor Law tries to instill in its students - compassion, empathy, understanding and passion for social justice and commitment to service."

Manmeet made lifelong friends while he was at Windsor Law including Matthew MacDonald who remembers their time here as students fondly. "Windsor Law is a special place," he says. "When we were in turbulent or troubled times in government and politics, we often reflected that we wished we could turn back the clock to when we were there." Manmeet will be deeply missed. ■

The Windsor Law Bursary in Memory of Manmeet Bhullar was established in November. Our hope is to permanently endow this scholarship within the coming year by raising \$25,000 over the next three years, through memorial gifts and multi-year pledges. For details contact Karen Momotiuk in the Alumni and Fund Development Office, or visit www.uwindsor.ca/donate

EXCHANGE RATE RELIEF BURSARY

Windsor Law's Canadian Dual JD students are feeling the financial sting from the sinking loonie that is currently sitting below 69 cents U.S. Law 2 Dual JD student Tyne Gatten says a lot of the Duals have been feeling frustrated since the downturn and that it is seriously impacting their experience. "Not only are we scrambling to finance the 40% increase to our American tuition as a result of the weak dollar," she says, "but I find I am unable to explore Michigan because the dollar is so poor."

Recognizing the financial hardship facing many students in the program, the University of Detroit Mercy School of Law and the University of Windsor, Faculty of Law established a one-time only 2015 Exchange Rate Relief Bursary to reduce the financial impact on students in the program.

Law 1 Dual JD student Enje Kerikes says the bursary is making a difference to students. "Getting into the program is a battle but staying in is even a bigger battle," he says. "When you have hours of school work and naturally you want to do the best, having the added stress of increased tuition costs can distract you from your school work." Law II student Stephanie Fong was also grateful to receive some financial relief. "This is a meaningful way to bring further access to justice," she says.

Each University has committed \$50,000 to the 2015 Exchange Rate Relief Bursary. All Dual JD students who are eligible for financial aid at either University of Detroit Mercy or the University of Windsor will be considered for this Bursary. ■

