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Lorraine Shalhoub Spearheaded the Deal that Saved Chrysler Canada

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ON THE COVER: Lorraine Shalhoub '86 at the apex
of Ouellette Avenue and Riverside Drive, in front of
the Chrysler Building.

From the Dean



DEAR ALUMNI AND FRIENDS:

It is an honour for me to be able to write these few words of greeting from the Dean's office. This year is a period of transition for Windsor Law. I have agreed to serve as acting

dean for six months as we get ready to welcome our incoming dean, Professor Camille Cameron, who will join us on January 1st, 2012. I am keeping the desk warm and the paper moving but that certainly doesn't mean that I won't ensure that we continue to move forward.

I would be remiss if I didn't express, on behalf of all of us here, our gratitude to Professor Bruce Elman, who served as dean from 2000-2010 and as acting dean in 2010-2011. Bruce has left an exceptional legacy in relation to Alumni and Fund Development. Through his leadership, he has brought us all much closer to our graduates and we are grateful for his efforts in establishing and re-establishing connections with all of you. I am thankful that he has agreed to continue to foster our alumni initiatives at least during my tenure as acting dean. Bruce has also left in his wake a strong and dedicated team at the Alumni Office. The energy, enthusiasm and drive of Karen Momotiuk, our director of Alumni and Fund Development, will ensure that our future is bright.

Let me also take this opportunity to say a little bit about our incoming dean. Camille Cameron is currently a law professor at the University of Melbourne, Australia, where she was also a former associate dean. Before beginning her academic career, Camille was a partner at the firm of Stewart McKelvey, in Halifax, Nova Scotia. Her principal areas of practice were civil litigation and labour and employment law. We are looking forward to welcoming her back to Canada to take over the

leadership of Windsor Law. Expect to see great things from us over the next few years!

On a more personal note, in my 20 years as a faculty member at this exceptional law school, I have served in a number of capacities but I must confess that serving as acting dean, even for a brief period, is certainly one of the highpoints of my career. It is a privilege to be working with an amazing administrative staff, some of whom I worked closely with when I was associate dean more than a decade ago. I feel especially grateful to be sharing both the joys and the burdens of law school administration with my colleague Christopher Waters, our current associate dean. He has steered me well these first months with his sage advice, support and guidance. I must, however, offer a special thank you to Anne Dawson, the dean's secretary. Without her expertise in all matters decanal, my fairly steep learning curve would have been impossible to manage!

We recently welcomed the newest members of our Windsor Law community, the class of 2014. Do you remember those days? I always find it striking just how much we remain connected to our law school experience no matter how many years have passed. This incoming class will be no exception. Like you, their years at Windsor Law will remain indelibly etched in their memories. They too will one day take their place among you, our vibrant and proud alumni base of 40 graduating classes strong and counting.

I hope that in my travels over the next few months, I will have an opportunity to meet and catch up with as many of you as possible. In the meantime, please feel free to contact me. Or, better still, if you're in the neighbourhood, do stop by!

BEST WISHES,

**MYRA TAWFIK
ACTING DEAN OF LAW**



Lorraine Shalhoub '86

Driving Force

BY LAURA ELINSON ELMAN

“Shutting off the thought process is not rejuvenating; the mind is like a car battery – it recharges by running.” - Bill Watterson

It appears that Windsor Law alumna Lorraine Shalhoub JD '86, vice president – General Counsel/External Affairs and Public Policy for Chrysler Canada, shares that sentiment. In the midst of the world's worst automotive industry crisis in recent memory – a crisis forcing one-time behemoth automakers into bankruptcy – Shalhoub struck a deal that may have single-handedly pulled the company back onto solid ground. Thanks to her perseverant negotiations with the U.S. and Canadian governments, Chrysler Canada was able to obtain a loan that would help it move forward from economic catastrophe. With this new financial outlook, the company was able to forge an alliance with Italian auto manufacturer, Fiat S.p.A.

Among the many individuals and organizations impressed with Shalhoub's work was one of Canada's leading legal recruitment firms, ZSA. Seven years ago, ZSA teamed up with the National Post to create the Canadian General Counsel Awards program.

According to Dan Malamet, ZSA's national director of programming and events, "this program honours the best and the brightest of the in-house legal community in a number of different categories." An advisory board made up of some of Canada's leading law firms votes on the General Counsel of the year, examining the role each candidate plays in their organization's overall health and well-being.

Last year's advisory board unanimously selected Shalhoub for demonstrating excellence, the ability to deal with complexity across both issues and jurisdictions, and an irrefutable sure-handedness in dealing with whatever challenges she faced.

The award provides a \$20,000 endowment the winner can dedicate to the law school of his/her choice, which Shalhoub bestowed on Windsor Law.

"For me, it was a no-brainer, having been born and raised in Windsor, being a graduate, and sitting on the advisory committee for the [Dual] JD program," she says. "I feel proud that I'm able to do that. I also felt proud that I had the opportunity to teach on a part-time basis at Windsor Law. So my choice was a given!"

Shalhoub defined the terms of the award to ensure that the recipient is an upper-year student with academic and service excellence, studying business or corporate law, and enrolled in the dual JD program.

"Some of the critical skills that

I think are important for in-house counsel and success in a corporation relate to having a collaborative approach to ideas, being creative in the resolve to some of those ideas, as well as having some sort of well-roundedness or community interest," says Shalhoub.

As a graduate of the JD program (now called the Canadian & American Dual JD program), it was important to Shalhoub that enrolment in the program be one of the criteria: "When you look at our proximity to the U.S. and our size, it's really important that you have some general knowledge and understanding of the law in neighbouring jurisdictions."

In 2008 and 2009, Shalhoub witnessed the restructuring at Chrysler Canada that underscored the importance of a cross-border approach: it was critical that the Canadian and U.S. arms of the company be consistent on complex legal issues as well as on policy issues. Her own ability to apply her legal expertise across both national realms was crucial in helping Chrysler Canada reach calmer waters.

Thinking back to her own law school days, Shalhoub puts her

finger on what in her Windsor Law experience poised her for success:

"The whole team approach to the various study groups as well as the way they break down the classes in terms of sections sort of teaches you how to think within a group and the team approach, whether it's mooted or sharing ideas, getting different perspectives. All of those things help you as you move along a career path as well."

She says she considers Windsor Law's emphasis on diverse opinions and its personal approach to learning among the most important elements of her education.

Today, as Shalhoub juggles her priorities at Chrysler Canada, she is grateful for the diversity of issues that she works with on a daily basis, and loves the fact that she is able to work with a number of people with different backgrounds and areas of expertise.

"I didn't really envision myself taking the traditional path, but always thought that the law degree would help me in ways regardless of the career choice I made." It certainly helps to have a mind like hers - that recharges by running.



Lorraine Shalhoub addresses the Class of 2011 at the June Convocation on behalf of the 25th Anniversary Class of 1986.

The Three R's of Post-Deanship



Besides the so-called three R's of education – reading, writing, and arithmetic -- it dawned on me, recently, that there are three R's that have, so far at least, characterized the post-deanship period of my life. They are: **RELIEF,**

REGRET, AND REFLECTION. Let me explain.

RELIEF: This may seem obvious at first blush. Once one's term as dean is over, you do not have to deal with all those annoyances, both petty and significant, which dominate one's life as dean. People stop sending you emails about water leaking in through the roof; no one phones you that the language on his or her computer has mysteriously changed from English to Spanish; and no one demands to see you because squirrels have gotten into his or her office. (And these are the easy problems!) I admit -- it is a relief to not have to deal with these kinds of issues, or the more serious ones, anymore. But that is not the "real" relief one feels. When I became dean, I took very seriously the notion that the future of Windsor Law was in my hands. I was entrusted with ensuring the continuing success of the Windsor Law program. Each year, 600 students, 35+ professors, and 40+ staff rely upon the Dean to promote (and perhaps, more importantly, balance) the interests of students, faculty and staff. The current occupants of the Ron Ianni Law Building and our approximately 5000 alumni look to the dean to secure and enhance the reputation and profile of Windsor Law and its constituent components: the Paul Martin Law Library and its extensive clinic system. I felt this responsibility keenly and I worked hard to ensure that, at the end of the day, I did not disappoint those who put their trust in me. There were many early mornings, frequent late evenings, and countless sleepless nights. It is a relief to be able to hand this responsibility over to Acting Dean Myra Tawfik and to our incoming Dean, Camille Cameron.

REGRET: In the words of the immortal Frank Sinatra: "Regrets? I've had a few but then again, too few to mention". There are always some things one wants to accomplish that just do not get done. I did learn that even if one should, by happenstance, get an extra year to achieve those goals, some things are still not going to be brought to conclusion. I tried to achieve all of my priorities and those of the Faculty and I can honestly say that, as I look back over the 11 years of my

deanship, I have no regrets. Being the Dean of Windsor Law is a great gig and I loved it.

REFLECTIONS: I have had a lot of time to reflect upon what we have accomplished in the past 11 years. (I do mean "we" here – the dean has no independent measures of success. Any success accruing to the dean generally comes from the initiative, hard work, and dedication of others.) So here is my list of the ten items of which I am most proud:

1. The greater emphasis on Alumni Relations and increased success of our Fund Development initiatives;
2. The establishment and maturing of our Canadian & American Dual J.D. Program;
3. The development and expansion of our "clinical offerings" especially the University of Windsor Mediation Services, the Centre for Enterprise and Law, the Law Enforcement Accountability Project, and the Transnational Environmental Law Clinic;
4. The creation of the Windsor Law Alumni Social Justice Fellowship Program;
5. Our International Initiatives including the Ron W. Ianni International Scholars, our hosting of important international conferences, and our International exchanges, partnerships, and organizational memberships;
6. Outstanding student successes in National Mooting competitions;
7. Our vibrant Clerkship Program which has resulted in great success in securing Clerkships at all levels of our courts, and students' success in securing graduate studies places and scholarships;
8. Faculty research and publications – books, articles, reports – and success in garnering grants and awards;
9. The enhancements to our highly respected Legal Research and Writing Program; and
10. The wholesale physical and technological "make-over" of the Ron W. Ianni Law Building – we couldn't change the building's footprint, of course. (That project awaits the new dean.)

It has been a very satisfying 11 years as dean of Windsor Law. I am very much enjoying my administrative leave and beginning a new phase of my life as a member of the Faculty at our Law school.

WISHING YOU ALL WELL.

BRUCE ELMAN, FORMER DEAN OF LAW

Bruce and Nancy Elman Fellowship Galas

Windsor and Toronto



The Faculty of Law held two Gala evenings in Spring 2010 to celebrate the achievements of Dean Bruce P. Elman with Alumni and Friends. The Windsor Gala was held in April 2010 at the Giovanni Caboto Club. The Toronto Gala was held at Le Meridien King Edward. Over 300 alumni and friends attended these fundraising galas.

We would also like to acknowledge the generous individuals, firms and organizations for their sponsorship. We also would like to thank the over 300 attendees of the gala whose individual attendance contributed to the fellowship.



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Judicial Recognition Wall Unveiled

In 2010, we were proud to unveil our new Judge's Recognition Wall in the lower commons at the Ron Ianni Law Building. To date, 85 of our alumni have been appointed to the bench. We asked all of our Judges to send in photos to hang in the law school, to inspire future generations of jurists. Photos are hung by order of appointment to the bench. The second phase will expand our recognition for Masters and Justices of the Peace. As part of our Reunion Weekend 2010, we unveiled the wall with many of our Judges present, including Justice Sharman Bondy, Justice Rick Libman, Justice Silja Seppi, Justice Jane Kerrigan Brownridge, Justice Micheline Rawlins, Justice Steven Rogin. We also unveiled renovations to our Judges' Chambers, beautified by a donation of framed sketches of Supreme Court of Canada Justices from Frank Montello, Q.C.



ALUMNI ON THE BENCH

Peter Hockin '71	Bernd Zabel '77
Steven Rogin '71	Dino DiGiuseppe '78
Brian Stead '71	Lawrence Klein '78
John Evans '72	Micheline Rawlins '78
Bruce Frazer '72	Fern Weiner '78
John Kukurin '72	Lesley Baldwin '79
Robert MacKenzie '72	Robert Beaudoin '79
Gregory Pockele '72	Brian Daley '79
Guy DeMarco '73	Nancy Kastner '79
Peter Hambly '73	Edward Koke '79
Michael O'Dea '73	Theresa Maddalena '79
David Stone '73	Stanley Sherr '79
Peter Wright '73	Bruce Thomas '79
Peter Adams '74	Joseph Fragomeni '80
Harrison Arrell '74	Susanne Goodman '80
Jane Egan '74	Carolyn Horkins '80
Ian McMillan '74	Rick Libman '80
Mary Anne Sanderson '74	Cheryl Robertson '80
Richard Thompson '74	Ramona Wildman '80
Eleanore Cronk '75	Kim Carpenter-Gunn '81
John Desotti '75	Drew Gunsolus '81
Michael Epstein '75	John McMahon '81
Donna McGillis '75	David Near '81
Stephen O'Neill '75	Mary Jo Nolan '81
Douglas Phillips '75	Alfred O'Marra '81
Joan Allin '76	Jane Caspers '82
Chris Bondy '76	Paul Currie '82
Carole Curtis '76	Lorna-Lee Snowie '82
Stephen Fuerth '76	Edward Gareau '83
Bruce MacPhee '76	Jane Milanetti '83
David McNab '76	J.A. Tory Colvin '83
William Rodgers '76	Beth Allen '84
Rommel Masse '76	John Skowronski '84
Ralph Carr '77	Edward Ducharme '85
Thomas Carey '77	Rebecca Rutherford '85
Judith Gedye '77	Kimberley
David Harris '77	Arthur-Leung '88
Jane Kerrigan	Geoffrey Gaul '88
Brownridge '77	Gregory Campbell '89
Ronald Kaufman '77	Lloyd Dean '90
Salvatore Merenda '77	Cory Gilmore '92
Robert Scott '77	Steve Corozza '95
Silija Seppi '77	
Sharman Sharkey	
Bondy '77	

Lou Anne Pope '93, Master, Ontario Court of Justice

Ivana Baldelli '88, Justice of the Peace,
Ontario Court of Justice
Susan Hoffman '89, Justice of the Peace,
Ontario Court of Justice
Kristen Hales '94, Justice of the Peace,
Ontario Court of Justice
Kirk Walstedt '92, Justice of the Peace,
Ontario Court of Justice

Reunion Reflections

Our reunion programs at Windsor Law are in full swing. Last year we welcomed back the Classes of 1971, 1980, 1985, 1995 and the Class of 2000 for anniversary celebrations.

The Windsor Law Reunion Program reunites classmates through an assortment of activities, including Alumni Reunion Weekends. Most law school alumni are gathering for some kind of reunion event every five years. Some classes have planned three day reunion weekends back in Windsor while others have held informal evening events in Toronto. Reunions provide our alumni with an opportunity to renew old friendships, celebrate classmates' successes, and reminisce about time spent at Windsor Law.

Alumni can participate in their reunions in a multitude of ways, from donating to the class reunion fund to joining the planning committee. Some alumni arrange to speak with students either before or after the festivities - the possibilities are numerous and we welcome your individual and collective involvement.

VOLUNTEERING

None of our reunions would be successful without the tireless efforts of our Reunion Committee Volunteers. They play an instrumental role in maintaining the vitality of Windsor Law. As a volunteer and as alumni, you are in the best position to encourage your classmates to attend law school reunions, as well as to help us make the case for supporting Windsor Law. You can help to communicate the needs of our Law School as well as keep your classmates up-to-date on the latest law school news.

Our Alumni and Fund Development Office recruits a "reunion team" that usually consists of a committee of 5 - 9 individuals. The committee makes decisions regarding the format the reunion will follow, and which activities are planned. These committees have been vital in the establishment of Anniversary Class Gifts, scholarships and programs.

If you have any questions about reunion activities, please call the Alumni and Fund Development office at 519-253-3000 x 2920 or e-mail karenm@uwindsor.ca.



LAW REUNION WEEKEND - WINDSOR, NOVEMBER 2010
CLASS OF 1980 30TH ANNIVERSARY REUNION AND CLASS OF 1985 25TH ANNIVERSARY REUNION



CLASS OF 1995 15TH ANNIVERSARY REUNION - TORONTO, JUNE 2010



CLASS OF 2000 10TH ANNIVERSARY REUNION - TORONTO, NOVEMBER 2010
CLASS OF 1971 40TH ANNIVERSARY REUNION - WINDSOR, JUNE 2011



Tribute to a Legal Mentor



John Walker Whiteside, Q.C. receiving the Order of Ontario in 2006.

Many alumni thought of Professor Emeritus John Walker Whiteside, Q.C. as the quintessential “reasonable person” whose judgment was measured in countless cases and texts.

After a rich and complex relationship with the University of Windsor, which spanned nearly six decades, he passed away in July 2010, in Windsor surrounded by family.

He was here from the beginning, from the formation of the Law School in 1968, and held an active, almost parental, interest in Windsor Law and its students.

Professor Whiteside was passionate about legal education the way he saw it, and this only intensified as he grew older. He firmly believed that lawyers had a role in society which imposed on them duties that they could and should not shirk. Teaching lawyers to act with integrity, ethics and professionalism was non-negotiable in his view of legal education. When he was interviewed for an article that first ran in *Nulli Secundus* in 2001, he said “When I went to law school, we had a bunch of rules thrown at us without considering the people. It seems to me, that is really putting the cart before the horse. What you’ve got to do is think in terms of the people and their needs, and then find the appropriate legal response... There are many lawyers who tend to apply the law and the rules in a mechanical way, and often times it does not serve the community well.”

Dear friend and fellow professor George Stewart recounted JWW’s early biographical details at the Essex Law Association’s Annual Meeting in 2010, where JWW was posthumously awarded the Clark Award. He was born and raised in Windsor and his life was spent serving the community in many capacities. He served in the Royal Canadian Navy Volunteer Reserve in the last years of the Battle of the Atlantic. He lost good friends to enemy action and had many great stories of those days, like capturing that German submarine. He would laugh and admit that his ship, in fact, accepted the surrender of the U-Boat several days after Germany surrendered. His direct contact with the enemy consisted on hammering the hull of the captured submarine so that the enemy submariners could not sleep.”

“I have no doubt that if you look up the word “gentleman” in the Oxford dictionary there will be a picture of JWW. Every day of my career, I try to emulate his elegance, his integrity and his ethics. Our profession has lost a giant.”

John Navarrete LLB ’03

After leaving Her Majesty’s Navy, he obtained his BA from Assumption University, attended Osgoode Hall Law School, and was called to the bar in 1950. He practised with Bruce Macdonald for five years, with Whiteside Coughlin and Whiteside for 20 years (with his father) and finally, with McTague Law Firm. While he enjoyed the practice of law immensely, he believed that the practice of law was a self-governing profession justified in light of the public good.

“Professor Whiteside had a profound impact on my time at Windsor Law. He took a keen interest in me and went out of his way to help me find mine. The Windsor Law family has lost a real piece of its heart.”

Tasneem Jivanji LLB ’05

Professor Whiteside took a year off to shepherd through Queen’s Park the founding legislation for the University of Windsor. Once joining the faculty of the University, he was devoted to student welfare. He often spent hours counseling students on career choices, course selections, and dealing with personal problems. He was quick to offer advice on family

and practice issues. He served as associate dean and on the Board of Governors. He was very concerned that the law school curriculum equipped graduates to competently serve the community. His list of public service is extensive, and too long to recite in detail. It included service to hospitals, the University, the media, police services, Red Cross, the administration of justice, public enquires and many others.

His awards speak for themselves. He was awarded the Order of Ontario in 2006, a Doctor of Civil Laws Honouris Causa in 2001, the Clark Award for service to the University, the Canadian Bar Association Distinguished Service Award, and the Law Society Medal in 1999.

“When I was in first year, I was an hour late for my real property exam because my car got stuck in a snowstorm. I walked a mile in the snow to law school and found myself in the office explaining my predicament to Professor Whiteside. We had never met but the first thing he did for me was get me a hot coffee because I was still shivering. He told me to relax and not to worry. He got in touch with my professor, found me a quiet room to write the exam, and made sure it didn’t start until I was relaxed and ready. It was my first law school exam and I was pretty nervous. I was able to calm down and actually do well on the exam. I will never forget his kindness that day.”

Daniel Bernstein LLB ’84

Martin Wunder summed up his experience with JWW this way: “I not only admired John Whiteside, I also envied him. His calm and even disposition remains unique. In today’s terms, he bled civility and constantly manifested his concern for others. JWW was a giant who remains an inspiration to all of us. He was years ahead of himself in not merely advocating, but in practicing civility.”

Professor Stewart summed up the essence and importance of JWW in his introduction for the Doctor of Civil Laws: “John Whiteside is a personification of this fine university and community. As we applaud John’s virtues, achievements and efforts, we articulate, acknowledge and affirm what we are. He represents our history and what is best in us. He represents what we strive to achieve. His civil and professional virtues are those we seek and promote: courage, strength of purpose, diligence, civility, patience and charity. John Walker Whiteside is a man who has labored long and mightily for the betterment of this country, this community and this fine university.”

“He was an integral part of my mentoring system while I attended law school. His encouragement and commitment to the student body and the learning experience for all was greatly respected and appreciated. I kept in touch with him since graduating, letting him know of the work that I was doing. I even have a wonderful note he wrote to me which I keep on the back of my law school diploma. He was always so encouraging and had such an impact on me personally.”

Lisa Lockhart LLB ’98

JWW AT WINDSOR LAW

Since 1999, the Students’ Law Society has selected six graduating students for the **WHITESIDE AWARDS**, to reward community service.

One of the law school’s existing awards was awarded annually to an upper year law student who, in the eyes of his or her colleagues, best exemplified characteristics of integrity, competence and professional conduct in academic and extra-curricular activities. The primary criterion is interest in and commitment to the ideals of professionalism expected of lawyers in their obligations to the community, courts, clients the profession, other lawyers and ultimately to themselves. This award was renamed the **JOHN WALKER WHITESIDE AWARD IN PROFESSIONALISM AND ETHICS** in July 2010.

The McTague Law Firm has established a \$20,000 award, **THE DR JOHN W WHITESIDE – MCTAGUE LAW FIRM LLP SCHOLARSHIP**. It will be awarded to a Law III student with financial need who possesses and displays a high degree of ethical and professional standards, with preference given to applicants with an articling position in Windsor or Essex County.

The **JOHN H. RODD, K.C. ANNUAL AWARD**, established by John in memory of his grandfather, is being continued by the Whiteside family.

In 2000, Dean Bruce Elman created giving societies to recognize donors’ generosity to Windsor Law. **THE JOHN W. WHITESIDE SOCIETY** recognizes donations of \$2500 or more.

"I was deeply saddened at the loss of such a brilliant mind and compassionate man. When I graduated in 1971, I was articled to the McTague Law firm and worked closely with John on some arbitration cases, which often went into the long hours of the morning. He was always steadfast for his clients while also a great counsel in his understanding of their needs and the needs of the opposing sides. He was able to bring the parties to a successful conclusion, which gave him great pleasure. I will never forget his ability to inspire those with whom he worked." **Richard Johnson '71**

"After a pre-trial conference, he stayed for a chat with a colleague and myself. He encouraged the both of us to follow our true passions and our happiness. He gave us his list of courses necessary to have the foundations of a good lawyer, and I took many of them." **Diana Tseng '09**

"Professor Whiteside was larger than life, and will be sorely missed." **Voy Stelmaszynski '89**

"One of the hallmarks of fairness is measured against what would be done by a "reasonable Man". John Whiteside was the penultimate example." **Sheila Keet '88**

"I had professor Whiteside for a course in professional practice some 30 years ago, in which we were dealing with, amongst other things, ethics and conduct of our practices. Three decades later, we were all given the opportunity to attend workshops in various locations across the province on professionalism and civility. I thought, at the time, that when these notices started appearing in our reports and newspapers, that it was truly unfortunate that we had to be reminded in a classroom setting how to be professional with colleagues and clients, when John had done such a superb job of instilling such principles of civility in his classroom. With him, we learned the principles of law, but I recall his unique emphasis on how to determine the people issues. He was a very classy man, and well respected by all of us." **Mark TarBush '80**



PROPOSAL FOR THE WHITESIDE INSTITUTE

A group of advisors and friends of JWW in association with Windsor Law and the University of Windsor are putting together a proposal for a unique partnership in the memory of Professor Emeritus, Dr. John W. Whiteside, O. Ont, QC, LSM, DSL who passed away in July 2010.

The Whiteside Institute for the Legal Profession is a proposed not-for-profit organization that would provide leadership on policy issues relating to the changing face of the legal profession and would offer practical skills-based training for lawyers. The concept for the Institute has been developed by those influenced by Professor Whiteside – including former students, practitioners ("Bay Street" and "Main Street"), professionals from outside the legal profession, benchers, persons in politics, industry and the media, as well as family members. They have contributed their time to its development and have expressed a commitment to support its start-up and ongoing operations. It is the work of an illustrious list of leaders.

Based on the many conversations among former students who would like to do something to honour Professor Whiteside, this idea presents an opportunity to promote a legacy that is true to "your old law professor's heart" and worthy of his name and his enormous contribution to the practice of law. This initiative would be a fitting way to honour and remember Professor Whiteside and to make a meaningful contribution to the future of legal practice and the legal profession.

At the present time, the Institute is a proposal that is before the Law School and the University. The details have yet to be fully negotiated or finalized. However, in an effort to move this proposal forward, the Law School is looking for expressions of interest from the alumni and friends of the late JWW. We recognize that significant financial support from alumni and other private donors will be required to realize this vision.

Alumni may wish, even at this early stage and as a show of support, to direct their In Memoriam recognition of Professor Whiteside in support of the proposed Institute on the understanding that if for any reason the Institute should not proceed, these donations would be converted into funds appropriate to honour Professor Whiteside's legacy.

We invite any interested individuals to contact the Office of the Dean of Law at 519-253-3000 ext 2930 or lawdean@uwindsor.ca, or Professor Whiteside's son Jay Whiteside at 647-990-4977, whiteside@rogers.com.

Converting Raw Materials into Creative Success

THESE ALUMNI HAVE FASHIONED THEIR LEGAL EDUCATION TO FIT THEIR DREAM JOBS



HUNGRY FOR SUSTAINABILITY: MARIO FIORUCCI

"I guess there's no way to avoid the F-word," says Windsor Law grad Mario Fiorucci '00, co-owner of Toronto's Healthy Butcher. "But I am a 'foodie' – I love good food." Providing organic and sustainably produced meat and seafood is the basis of his gourmet food business, with two locations in Toronto and one in Kitchener-Waterloo.

Fiorucci says his sustainable farming approach grew from the fact that he and Tara, his wife and business partner, are vegetarians. Both felt that the meat available through grocery stores was not of the highest standards and they had issues with the treatment of the animals.

However, after a period of strict vegetarianism, "neither of us felt 100% no matter how we tried to balance our diet."

So they began searching for organically raised meat from sustainable farms that were ideally local.

"Our options at the time were either to (a) buy frozen, prepackaged meat from select retailers (b) buy fresh cuts from a few retailers that claimed to be selling what we wanted but when we asked questions as to where the meat was from and how it was raised, the answers were never consistent; or (c) buy a quarter animal from a farmer, which would mean we need a freezer the size of a small car. None of the options were appealing."

Not satisfied with any of the options, the couple launched their Healthy Butcher store.

"Today we buy from and support over 75 local farms, many of which depend on The Healthy Butcher for their livelihood. That's a pretty incredible feeling," says Fiorucci.

Although he had practised law on Bay St. at McCarthy Tétrault, "a great firm," the reality of it was that "I didn't wake up every morning raring to go. Although I didn't 'hate' what I was doing, I didn't love it either."

His wife, an investment banker, felt the same.

"So we figured if we were going to try something, now was the time – young, not much to risk," he says.

"The beauty of being a lawyer is that you are always a lawyer, so I felt I always had a fallback position. And absolutely, what I learned while practising has helped immensely in becoming a better entrepreneur. For that matter, who knows? Maybe I'll go back to the practice of law at some point, and use what I learned running a business to better advise clients."

Buying organic and local does not necessarily have to mean spending more money, says Fiorucci.

"If you equip yourself with a knowledge of cooking, then you can pick and choose items that aren't top dollar and turn them into masterpieces. Overall, it's about enjoying food and enjoying eating."

"If all of us spent a little more time cooking, and a little more time eating with family and friends, I bet the amount of money we spend on doctors and pills would plummet."

COMPETITION FOR TALENT: CARMEN COCCIMIGLIO

BY H.G. WATSON

In the film *Jerry Maguire*, Tom Cruise's sports agent title character is almost laughed out his profession for choosing to go against the grain and put the best interests of his clients first.

Windsor Law grad Carmen Coccimiglio '01 has built a career as a sports agent with exactly that goal in mind.

Growing up in the close-knit hockey community of Sault Ste. Marie, Ont., he watched firsthand as talented friends and acquaintances struggled with negotiations when they reached major junior, semi-pro, and professional hockey league levels.

"I was disappointed I didn't have the athletic talent to reach that skill level," he laughs. "I knew if I wanted to work in sports, I'd have to work hard and use what was between my ears to get me there."

Today, Coccimiglio is CEO of Superior Sports Management, a full-service sports agency based in Calgary representing many amateur-level Olympic athletes and a fast-growing roster of NHLers, including long-track speed skater Lucas Makowsky and Chicago Blackhawks goaltender Marty Turco.

Fulfilling his lifelong dream would have never been possible without his legal education at Windsor Law, he says.

"I'm a firm believer in filling your toolbox with as many life skills as possible," says Coccimiglio. As a business undergraduate at the University of Windsor, he devoted himself to volunteerism and student politics. In the process, he acquired the delicate art of negotiation.

Windsor Law then followed. It was where Coccimiglio learned the ins and outs of corporate law. "My goal of being a sports agent 100 percent factored into my decision to go to Windsor Law" he says. "Without the depth of my experiences, I doubt I would have been able to achieve what I have thus far."

Upon graduation, Coccimiglio summered and articulated at Davies Ward Phillips & Vineberg LLP and practised at McCarthy Tetrault LLP. Then, a trip to Calgary inspired him to move out west where he became a banker with Wolverton Capital Markets, helping to finance oil and gas companies. When the markets crashed in 2008, he decided it was time to make the leap into the world of sports management.

He founded Superior Sports Management in the summer of 2009, which today represents 16 clients, including a number of teenage hockey and Olympic prospects.

"There was a method to the madness," he says of his career changes. "I deliberately took two very challenging jobs that I knew would help me acquire the level of legal and corporate finance skills necessary to perform as an agent at an elite level."

Coccimiglio now spends his days overseeing the careers of the athletes and coaches on his roster such as former NHL Coach

of the Year Ted Nolan. He has signed select amateur and junior level hockey players from the Windsor area who have Olympic and NHL aspirations.

In addition to guiding them professionally, Coccimiglio ensures his youngest clients stay on the right track in school and in life.

"My philosophy – and that of Superior Sports Management – is that our clients are people first and athletes second. If we ensure that they are on the right track personally, that will translate into a more effective and successful athlete, and member of our community."

Coccimiglio's altruistic nature is evident in his charity work. For six years he has sat on the Board of Directors of the Framework Foundation, a non-profit that organizes the national Timeraiser program. At Timeraiser events, young working professionals participate in a silent art auction. They bid with their two most valuable assets – their time and expertise, which is donated to a charitable organization of their choice. Timeraisers take place in Vancouver.

In an interview with *Avenue* magazine, in Calgary, Coccimiglio says a key to his success has been his exposure to team sports. "Sport teaches you so many life lessons. Anyone who I dealt with who was difficult, I can tell you, probably hadn't ever played team sports."



BEJEWELLED BUSINESS: RITA TESOLIN

BY H. G. WATSON, LAW III

Seven years ago, Windsor Law grad '96 Rita Tesolin left intellectual property law to join the realm of high-end fashion. Today, her thriving successful jewelry business, Rita Tesolin Jewelry, counts Drew Barrymore, Sherryl Crow, and Nelly Furtado among her fans.

"I've always been fascinated by colour and the mixture of textures," she says. "Both my parents had a keen eye for design and I think it was passed along to me and my siblings."

At age 17, she began creating jewelry and successfully distributed her line at a major department store and several high-end boutiques across Canada.

Her legal career was sparked at an early age, when as the daughter of immigrants, she noticed that many in her community were too intimidated by lawyers to approach them for advice. "That always bothered me," she says. "So I decided that I wanted to become the type of lawyer that people would feel comfortable talking to."

Tesolin has extremely fond memories of her time at Windsor Law. "I often think about my Windsor years and smile. The professors were great, friends everlasting, and adventures memorable."

After graduation, Tesolin found a home at MacBeth & Johnson in Toronto, Ontario practising Intellectual Property Law. However, her passion for design never ebbed and she began working on her own jewelry line. As the popularity of her jewelry grew, Tesolin left to focus solely on her business.

Soon her pieces graced the pages of InStyle, Elle, and Fashion Magazine. Her exquisitely handcrafted necklaces, bracelets, earrings, belts, and hairpieces demonstrate great attention to detail. For Tesolin, however, the real thrill lies in seeing her jewelry worn on the red carpet or on the catwalk. "My pieces come to life when they are being worn."

Tessolin recently created an exclusive collection for Anthropologie, a high-end chain store in the U.S. and United Kingdom. Her line has also expanded into Puerto Rico, Kuwait, and Dubai. Jumping into a new business venture is never easy, but she says that a strong and positive outlook on life helped her reach her goals. "Any new experience comes with a lot of fear. It's something that will eventually lessen with experience, however it is always present. I think that's a good thing because arrogance will not sustain your presence in business. Stay humble, honest, approachable and always give back."



Shattering the Ceiling

MAXING OUT THE ONTARIO TRUST FOR STUDENT SUPPORT (OTSS)

The Faculty of Law at the University of Windsor has attracted new major gifts to complement our existing structure of student aid. Many of our new scholarships and bursaries took advantage of the extraordinary donation-doubling power offered by the Government of Ontario. For the second year in a row, the University of Windsor was able to access the entire pool of matching funds available. Thanks to everyone for their generous support!

THE WINDSOR LAW LGBT AWARD is presented to a law student who demonstrates commitment to advancing equality for the Lesbian Gay Bisexual and Transgender communities. The recipient must demonstrate financial need. John Mountain, Senior Vice President Legal and Chief Compliance Officer of Northwest and Ethical Investments, initiated this scholarship in 2011. To donate to this new scholarship, visit: www.uwindsor.ca/donations

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THE SOCKLEY KAMIN MEMORIAL BURSARY will be presented to a law student with financial need who has shown outstanding academic achievement in both family and criminal law. Extra-curricular involvement will be taken into consideration. The children of Sockley Kamin established the award in honour of their father, a Windsor lawyer who practised from 1941 until shortly before his death in 1999. His career was interrupted only by his service overseas as a navigator with the Royal Canadian Air Force.

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to honour his memory and countless contributions to government legal service. The Association of Law Officers of the Crown made the lead donation in memory of their colleague and friend.



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Since 2004, the Faculty of Law has hosted an awards reception in the spring to recognize the establishment of new awards and scholarships by bringing both students and donors together. More than 200 students, donors, faculty and staff attended the most recent reception, and the guest list grows larger as more scholarships are added. By far, the greatest supporters of our students are alumni who recognize the transformative power of a Windsor Law degree, and who want to give back to future generations.

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Achievements in Print

Windsor Law faculty have been busier than usual these days, lending their expertise and research interests to the world at large through recently published books on a variety of legal topics.

In *Conflict in the Caucasus: Implications for International Order* (Basingstoke: Palgrave, 2010) [with J.A. Green], Dr. Christopher Waters' long-time fascination with Georgia and the South Caucasus leads him to explore the Russia-Georgia war of 2008 and its implications on the region in the post-Soviet era. As he reveals, the range of these implications is wide, which is proven by the war's effects on international legal order. In researching the book, Waters was fascinated by "how quickly the conflict was "legalized". Cases were immediately brought before the International Court of Justice and the European Court of Human Rights, and the European Union appointed a fact-finding mission that dealt with a number of legal issues, he says. "All in all, it was a great – if tragic, in terms of the impact on non-combatants – opportunity to look at how hard power and the principle of the rule of law in international affairs interact and inform each other."

Dr. Anneke Smit has published *A Guide to International Law Careers* (London:BIICL, 2009), co-written by Dr. Chris Waters. It is a handbook designed to help law students, as well as lawyers seeking a career change, establish career trajectories that might otherwise be illusory. "Many students apply to law school with an expressed interest in international law, but once they get there, they find themselves a bit lost as to how to pursue the international law career they really want," explains Dr. Smit. "The message is really that there is no one set path, but with gumption and a few well-chosen steps along the way, it is entirely attainable for those who want it badly enough." The authors also hope the book is useful to law school career services offices who advise law students on international careers.

Professor Jeffrey Berryman's most recent publication is *The Law of Remedies: New Directions in the Common Law* (Irwin Law: Toronto, 2010) [with R. Bigwood]. A result of the Second International Symposium on the

Law of Remedies, this book is a collection of essays that explores the common interests between Canada, Australia, New Zealand, Ireland, England, and the U.S., in terms of developments of Common Law. In addition to co-editing, Berryman contributed an essay, "Class Actions (Representative Proceedings) and the Exercise of the Cy-Pres Doctrine: Time for Improved Scrutiny" as its final chapter. It probes and ultimately critiques the current practices surrounding Cy-Pres distribution. "We can do a better job of handling class actions with respect to Cy-Pres. It basically becomes a tax for consumers to pay to lawyers," Berryman says. In a system that he describes as a "circuitous route, which ends in lawyers getting paid a million dollars, and customers getting nothing," Berryman believes it is time for some fundamental changes to be made. In his closing essay, he delineates the path to these reforms.

"I've always been curious about what actually happens to law when it insinuates itself into society and interacts with sociopolitical and economic forces," says Professor William Bogart of his inspiration for writing *Permit But Discourage: Regulating Excessive Consumption* (Oxford University Press, New York. Bogart is particularly interested in the way that social norms influence societal behaviour, and how the law interacts with these norms to create lasting change. "Classical legal thinking classifies norms as an interesting given, but then doesn't take up what the effects are of laws and norms," he explains. "Outside the law, norms are regarded as a very important social control technique. With all that in mind, I looked for a context in which to study normativity." That led Bogart to various forms of consumption because "we all eat and we all drink, a lot of us smoke, a lot of us drink alcohol, a lot of us gamble and all of those forms of consumption can have quite negative side effects." Bogart explores the successes and shortcomings of the law in controlling excessive consumption, and the role of normativity in affecting social change.

Windsor Law alumni, too, seem to have been bitten by the publishing bug. Natalie MacDonald JD '98 wrote, *Extraordinary Damages in Canadian Employment Law* (Toronto:Carswell, 2010) because of how little the field seems to have been explored.

"I wanted to organize the confusing concepts and consolidate them into one textbook." It was important for the courts and the employment lawyers who work in this field to have a concrete understanding of the available remedies, she says, and to have those remedies awarded on a regular basis. Extraordinary damages have come a long way over the past 20 to 30 years, but still have a ways to go, she says.

"We extol the virtues of employment and talk about how important and meaningful they are in our lives, but the damage heads just don't measure up. We need to be more aggressive about that," she says.

"I was very proud to go to Windsor Law because of the fact it's a very progressive law school, if not the most progressive of the law schools. It inspired me to want to continue to progress the law."

Matthew R. Alter '85 is the co-author of the recently published book, *Kirsh and Alter: A Guide to Construction Liens in Ontario* (3rd Edition), LexisNexis®, September 2011.

Matthew is a partner with the national law firm Borden Ladner Gervais LLP. (Toronto), where he specializes in construction and procurement law, representing clients in litigation and in the transactional aspects of projects. He is a frequent speaker on construction, construction lien and procurement law topics, and has authored and co-authored numerous papers and articles for the industry and legal profession. He is also an elected Fellow of the Canadian College of Construction Lawyers, where he currently serves as editor of the *Journal of the Canadian College of Construction Lawyers*. He is also a Law Society of Upper Canada Certified Specialist in Construction, and a past Chair of both the Ontario Bar Association's Construction Law Section and the LSUC's Construction Law Specialty Committee.

Matthew was recently appointed to the position of Chair of the International Construction Division (8) of the American Bar Association's Forum on the Construction Industry, which is the largest organization of construction lawyers in the United States. He is currently the only non-U.S. lawyer serving as a Division Chair within the Forum. Some of his other professional recognitions include The Best Lawyers in Canada®, the Canadian Legal Lexpert® Directory, Who's Who Legal Canada and a Martindale-Hubbell AV® Preeminent™ Peer Review Rating.

Kirsh and Alter: A Guide to Construction Liens in Ontario provides step-by-step guidance on the practice and procedures involved in a typical lien action, with hundreds of case law references and citations and precedents to assist practitioners, whether generalists or specialists. This new edition also covers all recent amendments to the legislation and electronic registration considerations.

In a soon to be published book review, Master Carol Albert of the Ontario Superior Court of Justice says that this is a "must have reference book" and that "Together Kirsh and Alter, who have a combined experience of over 60 years at the bar, are an information powerhouse" who "generously share their expertise and experience with you, the reader, without holdback".

The title page and author notes for the book clearly show Matthew to be a graduate of the University of Windsor law school. Matthew says "I am very proud of my continuing association with Windsor Law, its faculty, students and fellow alumni".



On April 13, 2011 we were proud to celebrate the publication of these four outstanding faculty publications at a book launch hosted by Borden Ladner Gervais LLP. Professor Bill Bogart, Professor Jeffrey Berryman, Associate Dean Chris Waters and Dr. Anneke Smit each brought remarks regarding their books, and autographed copies. There were approximately 100 attendees, including the students and alumni who assisted with the publications.

Alumni Outreach

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Windsor Law grads attended President Alan Wildeman's "Pride of A Lifetime" tour of alumni centres across Canada in Spring 2011. Alumni had the chance to reconnect with each other, as well as alumni from other faculties. We look forward to the 50th anniversary celebrations which are being planned for September 2013, and welcome everyone back to Windsor for the festivities.





Charter Project

The Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms celebrates its 30th birthday in April 2012. In honour of the milestone, 40 Windsor Law students are participating in the “Charter Project”, conceived to increase awareness and engage discussion of the Charter and the judicial interpretations that give it vibrancy.

The Charter Project is creating a unique opportunity to further knowledge, awareness and understanding about the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

The national public education campaign uses a variety of dynamics to enable individuals to get involved. For example, there is a contest for Canadian youth to contribute their thoughts about The Charter in writing and on video.

The Charter project is also producing public service announcements that will be featured online and ideally on national Canadian television networks. These videos will feature diverse perspectives about Charter issues and sections, and will star Canadian celebrities, legal pioneers, academics, and Canadians-at-large. The Charter Project is also developing interactive workshops and a conference for high school students to ignite their interest in The Charter and to help them understand their rights and freedoms, and discuss their rights with friends and family.

The Charter Project is seeking support in taking on its ambitious goals. For example, the Celebrity Recruitment student team is seeking well-known Canadians to appear in the PSAs. If alumni have connections to such people, introductions would be a great resource for the students.

The team is also seeking financial support for their initiatives. Please visit www.JoinTheDiscussion.ca or email charterproject@uwindsor.ca.

Law Foundation Funding at Windsor Law

ENRICHING EDUCATION AND FORGING STRONG COMMUNITY TIES

IF YOU'RE A LAWYER IN PRIVATE PRACTICE IN ONTARIO, THERE'S A VERY DIRECT CONNECTION BETWEEN SOME OF THE FUNDS YOUR PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES HELP GENERATE, AND THE QUALITY OF THE EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCE AT WINDSOR LAW, AND INDEED AT ALL LAW SCHOOLS IN ONTARIO.

By law, the interest on your firm's mixed trust account is provided to the Law Foundation of Ontario (LFO). A significant portion of those funds – \$14.1 million even in low interest-rate 2011 – is awarded as grants for initiatives supporting access to justice and professional excellence.

While those grants are widely distributed to a diversity of groups across Ontario, the seven law schools make up one of the biggest categories of recipients. Each receives an annual comprehensive grant – \$332,000 in UWindsor's case for 2011/12 – and is eligible for one-time project grants for other relevant initiatives.

Support for legal education is in fact one of the LFO's statutory objectives. In the case of its long-standing relationship with law schools, there's a close alignment with various core principles that the organization works to advance more broadly.

"The better the lawyer is trained, and not just in substantive law and procedure but in all aspects of being a good officer of the court, the better it is for the public when they're admitted into practice," says LFO Chief Executive Officer Elizabeth Goldberg.

"Professional excellence starts at law school and we want to support activities that will begin to instill a commitment to serving the public good," she adds.

Law schools have wide latitude in the use of their comprehensive grants, subject to the caveat that the money not be used for either core operating or capital expenses. The LFO's preference is for initiatives that support educational enrichment for students and that forge stronger connections between law schools and their host communities.

The importance of the LFO annual comprehensive grant can't be overstated, said former Windsor Law Dean Bruce Elman, in an interview in spring 2011 just prior to the conclusion of his term.

"It gives us a margin of excellence that we could not otherwise achieve," Elman said, adding that he understands this funding source to be similarly influential at all Ontario law schools.

Windsor distributes its comprehensive grant among a wide diversity of initiatives, and Elman noted that many of them relate to access to justice. This is true, for example, of the publication of two legal journals, an aboriginal outreach program, student clerkships in the Northwest Territories, conferences with a public legal education component, and the paid research projects that help some students to fund their legal studies.

Elman noted as well that some comprehensive grant money is used to expand the resources available

at the Paul Martin Law Library – a unique institution within this most southwesterly part of the province, and an important point of access to legal information for students, the local bar and the general public.

In addition to these and other long-standing features of legal education that are supported by the comprehensive grant, Elman noted that project-specific LFO support was instrumental in enabling the launch of two signature initiatives for Windsor Law.

One is the Law Enforcement Accountability Project, which has evolved into a student-led research and policy institute, and through which significant contract work has been done relating to police accountability and issues such as racial profiling.

The other is what is now known as the Centre for Enterprise and Law. Operated in partnership with the Odette School of Business and with support from the local bar, the centre supports local entrepreneurship and the establishment of new businesses.

"Both of these not only enhance the skills of law students graduating, but also have a heavy emphasis on ethics and professional responsibility," Elman said.

Another important form of community outreach that LFO support helps make possible is Windsor Law's unique Mediation Services program. It provides specialized clinical education for students, and important conflict resolution services for the broader university and Windsor-Essex communities.

Windsor is the only Canadian law school with a comprehensive clinical program in mediation, and while it draws on various sources of support,

Elman said LFO funding is crucial to enabling the high degree of student involvement the program incorporates.

Prior to starting his second year at Windsor Law, Richard MacGregor spent the summer of 2011 working as an intern at Mediation Services. He helped clients resolve contractual, landlord-tenant and neighbourhood disputes, and was also involved in community outreach and training work.

He ranks the experience highly in terms of both the rewards of delivering a valuable service to clients, and personal educational and career development.

"It's a free service and it is really promoting access to justice which is something I've been interested in for a long time, even before beginning law school," MacGregor says.

He adds that clients often come to Mediation Services after finding that other avenues aren't open to them or haven't worked. And the advantage, he says, is the potential for more integrated and creative resolutions that the parties have more control over.

MacGregor cites negotiation, fact finding, conflict de-escalation, and an enhanced ability to foresee the perspectives and interests of both parties to a dispute as the skillsets he's developed.

Additional LFO-supported career development opportunities are open to Windsor students, as part of province-wide fellowship programs. Recent graduate Anita Goela will article in the 2011/12 term at the Windsor office of Legal Aid Ontario, with her salary covered by the LFO. This is part of the Connecting Articling Fellowship Program, which is designed to better meet the needs of linguistic minorities and residents of rural and remote communities.

In combination with other fellowships awarded by LFO, this provides additional pathways towards careers



LFO funding was instrumental in the launch of two signature initiatives for Windsor Law, as well as support of Mediation Services which is the only Canadian law school with a comprehensive clinical program in mediation.

in public interest law, while also supporting the work of clinics and other organizations with relevant mandates.

But irrespective of where Windsor Law students head post-graduation – a legal clinic, a Bay Street tower, a main street office, or in some entirely different career direction – their educational experience will almost certainly have been enhanced by LFO grants.

"Without our funding I think law students would have a narrower focus on black-letter law and less exposure to the world outside the law school. And I think students would be less prepared to assume the broader role of lawyer-in-the-community that we all aspire to," says Goldberg.

And as Windsor's leveraging of LFO support demonstrates, the impact can be quite significant indeed, and well aligned with a vision of vibrant law schools, more accessible justice and the highest of professional standards.

What does mixed-trust account interest amount to?

Interest from mixed trust accounts held by lawyers and paralegals is the LFO's main revenue source. In 2010 those revenues totaled \$13.8 million – well below a 10-year average of \$36.6 million and much lower than peak levels of just a few years ago. Major influencing factors are interest rates, economic conditions, and the terms the LFO is able to negotiate with financial institutions authorized to hold mixed-trust accounts. By law, 75 per cent of the LFO's net mixed trust revenue goes directly to Legal Aid Ontario, with the balance available for discretionary grants to law schools and other organizations.

For more information on the Law Foundation of Ontario, its programming and grant application procedures, please visit: www.lawfoundation.on.ca.

Alumni Achievements



WINDSOR LAW ON THE WEST COAST: Professor Neil Gold, Professor Mary Gold, Khaled Abdel-Barr '95, Dean Bruce Elman, Paulah Dauns '82, Allison McLister '07, Chris Jackson '06, Angela Juba '09, Karen Momotiuk '96, Elsa Sardinha '09, and Sikander Visram '81 at the Vancouver Presidential Reception.

1970s

Ernst Csiszar '74 has been named a Director of Patriot National Insurance Group and Guarantee Insurance Co, in Fort Lauderdale Florida.

Fulvio Valentini '74 has been re-elected as Councillor for Ward 3 in the City of Windsor, Ontario.

The Honourable Mr. Justice Christopher Bondy '76 was appointed to the Superior Court in Windsor Ontario.

Mary M.S. Fox '76 has been honoured by the Essex Law Association with the Charles J. Clark Award.

John Macri '77 was re-elected as Trustee for the Windsor-Essex Catholic District School Board in Windsor, Ontario.

Nina Stanwick '77 has been appointed to the Immigration and Refugee Board of Canada in Toronto, Ontario.

John Richels '78 is the President and Chief Executive Officer of Devon Energy Corp. in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Clifford Goldlist '79 has joined the tax, business law and private client services group at Miller Thomson LLP, in Toronto, Ontario.

1980s

Donald Gray '82 is a partner with Blake Cassels and Graydon LLP and is the co-chair of the Aviation and Aerospace group.

Charles Wagner '83 has become a founding partner of Wagner Sidlofsky LLP in Toronto, Ontario.

Justin Fogarty '84 has joined Heenan Blaikie LLP in their Bankruptcy and Insolvency group.

Jay M. Hoffman '85, has been named Chair of the National Securities, Capital Markets and Mergers and Acquisitions Practice, in Toronto, Ontario.

Elizabeth Lyall '85 has been appointed to the CBIA Board of Directors, in Vancouver, British Columbia. She is a partner at Fasken Martineau.

Paul McDonnell '86, is the National Co-Leader of the Insurance Litigation Practice group at Miller Thomson LLP, in Vancouver, British Columbia.

Michael P. Farace '87 has joined the commercial litigation and construction law group at Blaney McMurty LLP, in Toronto, Ontario.

John D. Leslie '87 has been named Managing Director of Miller Canfield Paddock & Stone LLP, in Windsor, Ontario.

Geraldine Straus '89 has joined Henderson Structured Settlements LP in Vancouver BC.

WINDSOR LAW JUSTICES OF THE PEACE

Michael Hurst '75, Kirk Walstedt '92, Ivana Baldelli '88, Kristen Hales '94 and Susan Hoffman '89

1990s

Ian Mackenzie '90 has been appointed to the Human Rights Tribunal of Ontario

Ruth Stewart '90 has joined the personal injury partnership at Chapman Gordon Gardin

Stewart LLP, in Windsor, Ontario

John Schuman '98 has formed the Mediation and Arbitration Services division at Devry Smith Frank LLP in Toronto.

Cyndee Todgham Cherniak '92 was included in the Legal Media Group Guide to the World's Leading Women in Business Law. Cyndee practices at McMillan LLP in Toronto.

Duncan Embury '94 has received the Lexpert Zenith Pro Bono Award in Platinum for the Family Legal Health Program Hospital for Sick Children. Duncan is a partner at Torkin Manes in Toronto.

Deborah Palter '94 has joined Thornton Grout Finnigan LLP in Toronto, Ontario.

Jennifer Guerard '96 has been named one of Canada's Leading Lawyers Under 40 by Lexpert Magazine. Jennifer is senior counsel at GE Capital in Toronto.

Sandra Bang '97 has joined Shearman & Sterling LLP, in New York, New York and is the Director, global Legal Talent Development.

Bernadette Corpuz '99 has joined Borden Ladner Gervais LLP in their Electricity Markets group in Toronto.

Ali Ghiassi '99 has been appointed Vice President & General Counsel of Mohawk College of Applied Arts & Technology in Hamilton, Ontario.

Kadey Schultz '99 is a partner at Hughes Amys LLP in Toronto.

WINDSOR LAW NEW BENCHERS

Judith Potter '89, James Scarfone '73, John Callaghan '87, and Jacqueline Horvat '01

2000s

F. Robert Irani '00 has joined the intellectual property law group at Bennett Jones LLP, in Toronto, Ontario.

Carla Machnik '00 is an associate at Miller Canfield Paddock & Stone LLP in Detroit, Michigan.

Aleksandra Zivanovic '00 has joined McCague Borlack LLP in Toronto, Ontario.

Tanya DeAngelis '01 has been appointed a director of SYNTEx International in Vancouver, BC.

Susanne Ilic '01 has been named a partner of Forbes Chochla LLP in Toronto.

Michael Swartz '01 is a partner at WeirFoulds LLP in Toronto.

ALUMNI ACHIEVEMENTS

Mayor Eddie Francis '02, was re-elected Mayor for the City of Windsor, Ontario for his third term.

Mark Munteer '02 has joined the class action and commercial litigation group at Hardo Bennet Munteer LLP in Vancouver, British Columbia.

James Round '02 has joined the commercial litigation group at Torkin Manes.

Irina Schnitzer '02 is an associate with Miller Thomson LLP in Toronto, Ontario.

Madeline R. Ferreira '03 has joined Henderson Structured Settlements LP in Hamilton, Ontario

Jennifer Hewitt '03 has been named a partner at Miller Thomson LLP, in Toronto, Ontario.

Ryan Jacobs '03 is a Partner with Fraser Milner Casgrain LLP, in Toronto, Ontario.

Trenton Johnson '04 is a partner at Miller Thomson LLP in Guelph.

Dina Mejalli '04 has joined Greg Monforton & Partners, in Windsor, Ontario. Dina is also a sessional instructor at Windsor Law, teaching contracts.

Louise Pontrelli '04 has joined the intellectual property group of Norton Rose LLP.

Jennifer Sloszar '04 is an Associate with Lerner LLP in London.

David Palumbo '05 has joined the firm of Heenan Blaikie LLP as an associate in Toronto.

Cameron Paulikot '05 is an associate with the business law and real estate group of Gowling Lafleur Henderson LLP in Hamilton.

Christina Poretta '05 has joined the research group of Fraser Milner Casgrain LLP.

Lisa-Marie Buccella '06 has joined Reisler Franklin LLP, in Toronto, Ontario.

Jillian Kovensky '06 has received the the Lexpert Zenith Pro Bono Award in Platinum for the "Osgoode Business Clinic Project".

John C. Lea '07 has joined Reisler Franklin LLP, in Toronto, Ontario.

Teri MacDonald '07 has joined the insurance litigation group at Blaney McMurty LLP, in Toronto, Ontario.

Michelle Oliel '07 has published a book entitled *Undervalued & Manipulated* through Wolf Legal Publishers. Michelle is currently in the Netherlands. The book evaluates China's foreign exchange arrangements under the International Monetary Fund and the World Trade Organization.

Julie Stewart '07 is an associate with Olthuis Kleer Townshend LLP, in Toronto, Ontario.

Sarah Vokey '07 has joined the firm Rubin Thomson LLP in Toronto in their employment law and workplace human rights group.

Jeff Wesley '07 has been elected as a councilor

in Wallaceburg, ON.

Sarah Clarke '08 has received the the Lexpert Zenith Pro Bono Award in Platinum for the "First Nations Child and Family Caring Society of Canada / Assembly of First Nations Project".

Sabrina Feldman '08 is an associate with Olthuis Kleer Townshend LLP, in Toronto, Ontario.

Elliot Goodman '08 has joined the family law group at Thomson Rogers LLP, in Toronto, Ontario.

David Mueller '08 has joined Shibley Righton LLP in Windsor, ON.

Amy Ohler '08 has received the Pegasus Scholarship from Cambridge Commonwealth Trust and Inner Temple.

Jenny Varghese '08 has joined the Pallett Valo LLP in Mississauga.

Danielle Asaad '09 has joined the Abu Dhabi office of Shearman & Sterling LLP in the United Arab Emirates.

Erin Betts '09 is an associate with Epstein Cole LLP, in Toronto, Ontario.

Jaimie Bordman '09 is an associate with Ridout & Maybee LLP, in Ottawa, Ontario.

Andrew Franklin '09 is an associate with Norton Rose LLP, in Toronto, Ontario.

Jonathan Heeney '09 has joined the insurance law group at Miller Thompson LLP as an Associate in Toronto, Ontario.

Hyla Korn '09 is an associate with Hughes Amys LLP, in Toronto, Ontario.

Lisa MacDonnell '09 is an associate with

Gowlings LLP, in Toronto, Ontario.

John Michael Picone '09 is an associate with Norton Rose LLP, in Toronto, Ontario.

Craig Rollins '09, is an associate with Clark Wilson LLP, in Vancouver, British Columbia

Trevor Thomas '09 is an associate with Dolden Wallace Folick LLP in Vancouver, B.C.

Lynn van der Valk '09 has joined the business law group at McMillan LLP as an Associate in Toronto, Ontario.

Kate Waterson '09 has joined the litigation group at Miller Thompson LLP as an Associate in Waterloo, Ontario.

Daniel Whittall '09 has joined the Mayes Law Firm Professional Corp. in Chatham.

Saba Zadeh '09 is an associate with Borden Ladner Gervais LLP, in Toronto, Ontario.

HONOURING OUR MEMBERS OF
PARLIAMENT Rob Nicholson '77,
Patrick Brown '04, Joe Comartin '71

2010s

Tara Amiri-Khaledi '10 is an associate at Blake Cassels & Graydon LLP in Vancouver, B.C.

Craig Brannagan '10 has received the 2010 Ronald St. John Macdonald Young Scholars Prize" from the Canadian Council on International Law.

Hila Wesa '10 is an associate at Blake Cassels & Graydon LLP in Vancouver, B.C.



Dean Bruce Elman, Karen Momotiuk '96, Michael Canning '85, Graham Gow '80, Arthur Lee '85, Gordon Hearn '85, Marco Mendicino '01, and Michael Griffin '76 at the Humphry Ianni Landry Golf Tournament.

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