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Celebrate the achievements of Western Law Alumni and meet the new Dean of Western Law, W. Iain Scott.

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Tickets are $250 per person and tables are $2,500. A $70 tax receipt will be issued post event. Proceeds will be directed to Law Student Scholarships.
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As Western Law’s new Dean, it is my privilege to have this opportunity to reach out to you and an honour to follow in the footsteps of the School’s many distinguished former leaders.

This is an exciting time to be part of the Western community. President Amit Chakma and his team are committed to ensuring Western has a leading role in the global academic community and is recognized as a top-tier research-focused institution. Western Law is a vital part of this vision.

The practice of law is becoming increasingly globalized. As commerce continues to transcend national boundaries and geographies, public and private interests are converging at an international level. This presents a tremendous opportunity for our faculty and students to meaningfully participate on the global stage, and it must be seized.

I am committed to guiding Western Law on a path that ensures it contributes to and benefits from these dynamic, constantly evolving changes and challenges.

We accept this responsibility and Western Law will continue to expand our recognized strengths in many areas, including Business Law, Public Law and International Law. With the support of our partners, alumni and business leaders we plan to establish strategic Chairs in a number of these disciplines.

We will require much support to grow the depth of our faculty, programs and technological capabilities.

We need to work with and engage our alumni and partners as we plan the future of Western Law. From program development and support to alumni celebrations and student engagement your involvement is key.

I invite your comments and ideas on the steps we need to take to secure our goals. Our success in doing so will ensure we continue to attract the brightest and best students who will experience a challenging and inspiring academic experience.

I look forward to working with each of you. With your help and support, we will continue to build on the long-standing traditions of excellence and success at Western Law.

W. Iain Scott, Dean of Western Law
Leo E. Strine Jr., Vice Chancellor of the Delaware Court of Chancery, reminded the audience that corporate directors are bound to try to maximize profits for their stockholders as he delivered the Third Annual Beattie Family Lecture in Business Law.

Speaking to a full house at Western’s Faculty of Law on March 8 Judge Strine asserted, “No one should therefore be surprised when aggressive pursuit of profit leads to increased levels of risk.”

Provocatively titled “Bailed out Bankers, Oil Spills, Online Classifieds, Dairy Milk and Potash: Our continuing struggle with the idea that for-profit firms seek profit”, Judge Strine’s lecture drew on a series of contemporary examples to show how corporate law alone cannot ensure socially desirable results.

The Beattie Family Lecture Series in Business Law was established by Geoff Beattie, LLB ’84, Deputy Chairman of Thomson Reuters and president of The Woodbridge Company Limited.


**JEFFREY GOLDSWORTHY DELIVERS 2010 COXFORD LECTURE ON “THE LIMITS OF JUDICIAL FIDELITY TO LAW”**

Professor Jeffrey Goldsworthy of Monash University delivered the third annual Coxford Lecture on November 26 at Western Law to an audience which included judges, lawyers, students and faculty.

Goldsworthy’s lecture explored the situations in which judges might think it appropriate, or indeed necessary, to refuse to follow the law, and asked whether or not such a refusal might be morally justified.

Professor Goldsworthy took the audience through a series of examples from around the common law world, and a lively question and answer session followed.

President Amit Chakma thanked Stephen Coxford ’77, Vice-Chair of Western’s Board of Governors, for establishing the prestigious lecture series.

The Coxford Lecture is Western Law’s leading annual public law lecture and is published annually in the Canadian Journal of Law and Jurisprudence.
Western Law professor Richard McLaren, a prolific arbitrator at both the Winter and Summer Olympics, can now add international basketball to his lengthy list of sports-related accomplishments.

A key player in the groundbreaking Mitchell Report regarding the use of steroids in Major League Baseball, McLaren has been appointed president of the Basketball Arbitral Tribunal.

Established by the Geneva-based International Basketball Federation (FIBA) in 2006, the tribunal provides services for the resolution of disputes between players, agents and clubs through arbitration.

“It’s a tremendous honour to lead this important tribunal,” McLaren says.

“We expect the number of cases to double over the next two years and I look forward to growing the organization.”

McLaren has extensive experience in alternative dispute resolution, arbitration and mediation, with a focus on elite and professional sports. He has been an arbitrator for many high-profile cases involving famous athletes in numerous sports.

He has adjudicated disputes as chair or co-arbitrator for organizations such as AAA/North American CAS; Olympic Games; Commonwealth Games; ITF, ATP & WTA Tennis; PGA and European Tour in golf; NHL-NHLPA player-agent disputes; and ICC in cricket.

FIBA, the world governing body for basketball, is an independent association formed by 213 National Basketball Federations throughout the world. The International Olympic Committee recognizes it as the sole competent authority in basketball.

Since its inception, the tribunal has handled 190 cases and another 100 cases are expected to be heard this year.

According to McLaren, the basketball arbitral tribunal is one of the few dispute resolution systems in the world that operate on a real-time virtual basis with 99 per cent of cases handled with an online system.

“The tribunal makes the sport run more effectively and players, agents and clubs are dealt with quickly and fairly,” McLaren says. “It’s a model of how to provide access to justice and deliver timely and well-reasoned disputes.”
Daniel Strickland and Jon Barnett of the Sport Solution Clinic updated the Canadian University Field Lacrosse Association’s constitution.

University lacrosse has grown tremendously the last two decades. So when the Canadian University Field Lacrosse Association (CUFLA) recognized a need to redraft its constitution, they called on the Sport Solution Clinic at Western Law.

The Sport Solution Clinic provides Canadian Olympic, Paralympic and National team athletes aid in resolving their sports-related legal issues. The Clinic, founded in 1996 as a joint program between Athletes Canada and the Faculty of Law, is the only program of its kind in North America.

CUFLA Commissioner Ryan McGrath approached the Sport Solution Clinic and the clinic’s Program Managers in Fall 2010. Law students Jonathon Barnett and Daniel Strickland agreed to take on the project.

“It was a challenging task,” Barnett says. “The league’s constitution as it then stood had not faced major review since it was drafted nearly 20 years ago.”

“The Lacrosse project allowed more students to get involved in something quite unique to the school,” Strickland says. “Drafting the constitution of a sports league had practical applications for law students. The work we did has elements of contract and statutory interpretation.”

Men’s lacrosse at the university level is not an officially sanctioned sport under the Ontario University Athletics (OUA), the governing body for inter-university athletics in Ontario. Therefore established independently from the OUA, the CUFLA has grown from three teams in 1984 to 12 teams across Ontario and Quebec in 2010. The league has become the model for participatory inter-university athletics across the nation.

“The Western Law Sport Solution Clinic has provided CUFLA with invaluable advice and guidance regarding the league’s governance,” says CUFLA Commissioner Ryan McGrath.

The league hopes to adopt the new constitution at the next annual general meeting in April 2012.

Richard H. McLaren Visiting Professorship in Business Law


Kraakman, the author of many influential scholarly articles on corporate law and a number of books, is the Ezra Ripley Thayer Professor of Law at Harvard. His research interests include: Business Law; Comparative Company Law; Corporate Governance; Corporate Takeovers; Limited Liability; and Shareholder-derivative Suits.

Kraakman will teach an intensive course at Western Law in March, 2012, entitled “U.S. takeover law in a comparative perspective”. The course will examine the evolution of takeover regulation as seen through the lens of American corporate law, comparing the development of American takeover law and that of other jurisdictions including the EU, the UK, Japan and Germany.

He will also speak at an alumni seminar in Toronto on March 9 on the timely topic “The Costs and Benefits of Mandatory Shareholder Access”.

Created through generous donations from law firms, friends, colleagues and former students of Western Law professor Richard McLaren, this Professorship will strengthen the University’s scholarship and teaching in the area of business law by funding the visit of a leading business scholar each year.

This Visiting Professorship is named to honour Professor Richard H. McLaren’s commitment to the Faculty of Law over more than 30 years and recognizes his outstanding professional accomplishments as one of Canada’s leading academic business lawyers.

“Richard McLaren has made, and continues to make, a profound contribution to the teaching and academic study of commercial law in Canada,” notes Professor Christopher Nicholls, Director of Business Law at Western Law. “I am delighted that Professor Kraakman, one of America’s most prominent business law professors, will become the inaugural holder of this professorship honouring one of Canada’s most prominent business law professors.”
Leading Law and Finance Scholars featured at Torys LLP Series

Students and faculty at Western Law were fortunate to hear and engage with some of the world’s most influential corporate and financial law scholars, thanks to the Torys LLP Business and Law Pre-eminent Scholars Series.

“As Canada’s business law school, Western Law has a special responsibility to provide national leadership in the business law area, and we’re very grateful to Torys for their generous support of this outstanding program that helps us to fulfill our leadership role,” said series organizer Professor Christopher Nicholls.


In November, Alan Schwartz, of Yale Law School, and Bernard Black, of Northwestern University Law School and the Kellogg School of Management, visited Western Law as part of the Scholars Series. Schwartz delivered a provocative and insightful paper presenting an economic analysis of the concept of “efficient breach” of contract. His paper was entitled “The Myth of Efficient Breach: New Defenses of the Expectation Interest”.

Bernard Black’s presentation, “Incentives in the Market for Mortgage-Backed Securities”, linked the recent U.S. financial market debacle to a disturbing failure of due diligence resulting from distorted incentives and inadequate legal and regulatory safeguards.

Other visitors this academic year:
Donald C. Langevoort of Georgetown University Law Center offered a perspective on the recent financial crisis informed by the perspective of behavioral economics. His paper was provocatively titled “Chasing the Greased Pig Down Wall Street: A Gatekeeper’s Guide to the Psychology, Culture and Ethics of Financial Risk-Taking”.

Ian Ramsay of Melbourne Law School addressed a familiar and long-standing corporate law issue in his paper “Directors’ Duties and the Interests of Shareholders, Creditors and Employees: Law, Theory and Evidence”.

Jay Westbrook of the University of Texas School of Law presented a paper entitled “An Empirical Look at Chapter 15”, analyzing Chapter 15 of the United States Bankruptcy Code, the U.S. version of the UNCITRAL Model Law on Cross-Border Insolvency.
Conference on Reform of Canadian Legal Education

In 2007 the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching released its study on North American legal education entitled Educating Lawyers. The study found that law schools do an excellent job teaching legal theory, but do not focus enough on other aspects that are important to the profession of law. It recommended an integrated curriculum consisting of theory, ethics, and practical skills, with the aim of producing lawyers who understand the nature of professionalism. The Carnegie Report has unleashed major reforms in law schools across the United States.

With this in mind, Community Legal Services at Western Law, spearheaded by CLS Director Doug Ferguson, organized and hosted the first national conference on Canadian clinical legal education. The conference, held in October 2010, featured a number of outstanding speakers including: Justice Thomas Cromwell of the Supreme Court of Canada; Professor Judith Wegner, co-author of the Carnegie Report; Law Dean Michelle Anderson of the City University of New York; Osgoode Hall Law School Dean Lorne Sossin; Professor James Moliterno of Washington and Lee School of Law; and John Campion, President of the Federation of Law Societies of Canada.

More than 100 people attended the conference from 14 Canadian law schools, including members of faculties and student legal clinics, representatives of three law societies and the OBA, and law students from across Canada.

Referencing the Carnegie Report and the major changes happening in U.S. law schools, Ferguson pointed out that major U.S. law schools such as Harvard and Yale are reforming their curriculum, and he challenged Canadian law schools, law societies and the private bar to debate the current legal education system.

At the conclusion of the conference, a new national association was formed, the Association for Canadian Clinical Legal Education (ACCLE).

Videos of the presentations can be found online at vimeo.com/album/1481952

STEPHEN CLARKSON EXPLORES NAFTA POST 9/11

Professor Stephen Clarkson of the Department of Political Science at the University of Toronto delivered the Fourth Annual Canada-U.S. Law Institute Distinguished Lecture on Monday, November 22, 2010 on the theme of ‘Narcos versus NAFTA: North American Governance Post 9/11’.

Clarkson’s Lecture addressed three topics: the erosion of democracy under NAFTA, the way NAFTA serves as an external economic constitution, and the way that NAFTA embodies norms trumping other important social concerns.

Clarkson observed that since NAFTA came into being in 1994 the treaty has created a ‘super-constitution’ that countries must comply with. However, this new constitutional structure lacks corresponding mechanisms of democratic legitimacy, such as an effective executive or parliament. Instead, much NAFTA decision-making takes place through tribunals whose decisions are difficult to overturn.

The Canada-United States Law Institute (CUSLI) was founded in 1976 to serve as a forum for exploration and debate about legal aspects of the Canada-United States relationship. It is composed of The University of Western Ontario Faculty of Law and the Case Western Reserve University School of Law in Cleveland, Ohio.

The CUSLI Distinguished Lecture highlights the work of the Institute and generates fresh thinking about the Canada-U.S. legal relationship.
TORT LAW RESEARCH GROUP ESTABLISHES AT WESTERN

A new legal research group launched at Western Law will provide a forum to stimulate further research and greater collaboration in the field of tort law.

“We are very excited about the creation of this research group,” said Professor Stephen Pitel, who, along with Professors Jason Neyers and Erika Chamberlain, is a member of the group’s initial executive committee. “Western Law has been hosting some important conferences and producing leading scholarship in tort law for many years. This group provides a platform from which we can expand our reach.”

The Tort Law Research Group will disseminate research in Canada and throughout the common law world, not only to scholars but also to the judiciary, government and practising lawyers. Western students will have new opportunities to study emerging and interdisciplinary issues in tort law.

The group will capitalize on the depth of Western Law’s expertise and reputation in tort law. Emeritus Professor Gerald Fridman has long been one of Canada’s foremost tort law scholars and one-quarter of all Western Law’s current faculty teach or publish in the area of tort law. Other group members are Professors Andrew Botterell, Craig Brown, Gillian Demeyere, Dennis Klimchuk, Rande Kostal, Melanie Randall and Robert Solomon.

Group members published several important works in 2010-11, including new editions of a leading treatise, The Law of Torts in Canada, a leading casebook, Cases and Materials on the Law of Torts, and Craig Brown’s Insurance Law in Canada. The first of these was formally launched at a reception hosted by Cohen Highley LLP at London’s Old Courthouse.

Thanks to an initial contribution from Research Western, the Research Group hosted public lectures by Arthur Ripstein from the University of Toronto and Lewis Klar, QC, from the University of Alberta. The group also launched an internal research seminar series.

Anyone interested should consult the Group’s website (www.law.uwo.ca/TortLaw/index.html) and join the mailing list, “Friends of the Tort Law Research Group”.

Conference on the Law of Obligations

Western Law is honoured to be hosting the Sixth Biennial Conference on the Law of Obligations on July 17-20, 2012. The theme of the conference is “Challenging Orthodoxy”. The academic program will feature presentations by leading scholars and practitioners from throughout the common law world. Headline speakers include Chief Justice Beverley McLachlin and Justice Thomas Cromwell from the Supreme Court of Canada, Melvin Eisenberg (Berkeley), John Goldberg (Harvard), Andrew Robertson (Melbourne), Ernest Weinrib (Toronto) and Ben Zipursky (Fordham). The conference convenors are Western Law professors Jason Neyers, Stephen Pitel and Erika Chamberlain.

The Obligations series of conferences originated at the University of Melbourne in 2002, and it has since become one of the world’s leading private law conferences.

Further information about the conference can be found at www.law.uwo.ca/TortLaw/ObligationsVI.html

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Student-run Law Journal launched at Western

Western Law is proud to announce the launch of The University of Western Ontario Journal of Legal Studies, a law review that will be entirely student-run.

Known as the Western Journal of Legal Studies for short, the law review was approved last February after students spent more than a year campaigning, submitting proposals and making presentations at faculty meetings.

The students at the forefront of the campaign include Lisa Di Valentino, Justin Anisman, Suzie Chiodo, Rajeeve Thakur, John Mather, Eugene Polevoy, Ben Tinholt and Elba Bendo.

“We are very proud to be reviving the tradition of a student-run law review at Western,” said Lisa Di Valentino, president of the Western Law Review Association (WLRA). “We couldn’t have done it without the help of our faculty advisors, Professors Erika Chamberlain, Michael Lynk, Valerie Oosterveld, Sam Trosow, and Margaret Ann Wilkinson.”

The Western Journal of Legal Studies will be a general-focus publication featuring student work.

Published entirely online, the journal will operate on a hybrid model of peer review.

For more information please visit the journal’s website ir.lib.uwo.ca/uwojls/

Fontaine Speaks on First Nations Human Rights at Pensa Lecture

Chief Phil Fontaine, the former National Chief of the Assembly of First Nations, spoke on the subject “Legacy and Future: First Nations Human Rights and Canada’s Responsibilities” at the 2011 Pensa Lecture in Human Rights on March 3.

Based on the underlying topic of the importance of First Nations to Canada, the lecture focused on three interlocking themes: the environment and sustainable development, identity as a nation and the economic future and well-being.

“It is about who we are and what our place is in this society. It is about identity, citizenship, belonging, history and participation. Most of all it is about survival,” said Fontaine.

Fontaine, a three-term National Chief of the AFN, successfully led the $5.2 billion settlement claims arising out of the 150-year-old Indian residential school tragedy.

The Claude and Elaine Pensa Lecture in Human Rights at Western was established in 2006. It honours not only Claude Pensa’s longstanding career but also the commitment he and his late wife, Elaine, shared in the area of human rights.
The school’s January Term brings leading practitioners and academics from across Canada and abroad to teach intensive month-long courses and provides students with a unique opportunity to delve into a specific area of legal studies. “The January Term is one of the centrepieces of our approach to legal education,” says Professor Mark Perry. “Each year it allows us to bring to the school a group of very distinguished visitors who enrich the life of our school in so many different ways.”


January Term faculty included (l-r): Reena Bhatt (Ernst & Young LLP); Mark Perry; Giovanni Sartor (European University Institute of Florence and University of Bologna); Ron Atkey (Osler, Hoskin and Harcourt LLP); Alf Mamo (McKenzie Lake); Amita Dhanda (National Academy of Legal Studies and Research, Hyderabad, India); Margaret Ann Wilkinson; Peter Sankoff (University of Auckland); and Barry Barton (University of Waikato).

Other January Term visitors included: Brian Graves (McCarthy Tétrault); Jay Hoffman (Miller Thomson); Wendi Locke (McCarthy Tétrault); and Archana Parashar (Macquarie University, Australia).

Celebrating Jay McLeod

Western Law alumni, friends and family gathered at the London Club on January 25 to share memories of one of the greatest figures of Canadian family law, the late Professor Jay McLeod LLB ’71. McLeod was a leading expert in Canadian family law and a beloved colleague and teacher, who died in October 2005.

“Even though Jay has been gone for five years, he remains part of the fabric of the law school,” said former Dean Ian Holloway. “Jay came to Western Law just out of his teens, and he remained here virtually his entire adult life. But his reach went far beyond Western and southern Ontario. Jay’s was a national presence.”

In honour of Jay McLeod’s dedication to the family law field over his thirty-three year career, Western Law established the James McLeod Family Law January Term Course. The course brings renowned Family Law scholars or practitioners to Western Law for our one-month intensive January Term.

Alfred Mamo ’70, a recent recipient of the Ontario Bar Association Annual Award for Excellence in Family Law, was the 2011 James McLeod January Term professor.

“The Professorship was instituted by Jay’s colleagues, family and alumni in order to celebrate and perpetuate his memory and scholarship in the area of family law and I’m immensely honoured to be teaching it,” said Mamo.
John Craig ’71 is recognized as one of the top mining lawyers in Canada. Given that mining has emerged as one niche where Canada’s lawyers hold their own against top-flight counsel from London or New York, such recognition is a unique honour.
Yet for all of its importance, mining law isn’t always a field that attracts the attention of aspiring lawyers. Talk to a bunch of third years heading to Bay Street, and they have visions of an articling year working with companies developing green energy projects or cutting edge iPhone apps. They’ll soon realize that with Canada’s emerging position as a natural resources superpower, the odds are far greater they’ll spend their days helping draft documents for mining or oil and gas deals.

It’s a point not lost on Craig, a partner with Cassels Brock & Blackwell LLP, who is listed in the 2010 edition of the Chambers Global directory as one of the world’s “senior statesmen” when it comes to mining. He’s spent nearly 40 years developing an impressive list of mining clients, some of them Canadian blue-chip stalwarts that he once advised when they were penny-stock nobodies.

Looking back, he can’t think of a more interesting way to spend a career. He’s travelled all over the world, visiting mining projects in South America, Central America, Africa and Europe. And given the high-risk, high-reward nature of the business, he’s found himself working for some of the most legendary characters in Canadian business.

“I can’t think of a better area for students to go into,” Craig says. “It’s never a dull moment. You couldn’t ask for anything more in a practice.”

Yet even in Toronto, a stock-market city whose historical financial fortunes are built on the mining business, there’s still a paucity of people who understand the importance of the natural resource sector to the economy.

“It’s not sports or entertainment law. It’s not a sexy topic of party conversation. Well, maybe if you’re 50, but not if you’re in your 20s,” observes Paul Stein (LLB 1981), another Cassels Brock partner with a top-tier ranking for mining in Chambers Global.

Western Law, which has long been proud of its focus on business law, is taking notice. The school has a number of initiatives underway that will prepare students for the mining world. The school is seeking funding to establish a Chair in Mining Law and Finance, something that could be the first of its kind in Canada. The law school is putting together some courses in natural resources and mining law. These could be offered during Western’s innovative January Term, or as part of an interdisciplinary course in law, economics and geology the university is creating. The school is even looking to line up internships for students with mining related companies and organizations.

“That’s why I’m impressed that Western is trying to prepare lawyers to have some background to equip them to practice in the mining sector, which I don’t think any law school has done in the past,” Craig says. “It makes sense. Canada is a resource-based economy. That’s why our dollar is strong, and that’s why our economic situation is dramatically better than in some of the other countries.”

W. Iain Scott, Western Law’s new dean, says the new program is an example of how Western can distinguish itself from other law schools and become a destination point. It makes sense to combine Western Law’s business focus with Canada’s global reputation for mining expertise. About 60% of the world’s mining financings are done in Toronto.

“Canadians are well regarded around the world in mining, be it in exploration, production or finance,” says Scott, who ought to know. Before coming to Western, he spent several years as chief executive of McCarthy Tétrault LLP, one of the country’s largest business law firms. Scott says mining is a multi-faceted industry, and lawyers working in the industry can experience a broad range of work. Mining projects face a myriad of financial and environmental regulatory regimes, international trade agreements, tax problems, class action lawsuits, corporate governance issues and securities matters.

The current generation of senior mining lawyers came to the industry by chance. For Craig, he says he was just looking for a job in Toronto and happened to get hired by a firm that specialized in work for some of the biggest names in Canadian mining at the time, among them Hollinger (which, yes, was a mining company before Conrad Black put it to other uses) and Noranda.

Stein’s situation is that he graduated during the horrible recession of the early 1980s, and he wound up representing mining clients because that was the only work he could find. “I would have done anything. I just wanted work. So I kind of fell into it. There was no glamour in it.”

It’s a similar story with Sean Harvey ’85. He’s currently something of a serial entrepreneur, sitting on the boards of half a dozen junior miners at various stages of development.

Like a lot of law grads, he fell into mining accidentally. He was working for an investment firm in the early 1990s when he was asked to organize a debt financing for a Brazilian entrepreneur named Eike Batista. The two hit it off, and eventually Harvey would go on to run Batista’s Canadian business, TVX Gold. The company was eventually sold, and Harvey has since emerged as a much sought-after director for junior company boards.

Budding lawyers need to recognize the importance of mining to Canada’s economy, Harvey says. “That’s where the jobs are. That’s the grease that keeps Toronto’s wheels turning.” he says. “RIM’s great. Don’t get me wrong. But for every RIM, there are 50 little mining companies.”

Indeed, the hallways beneath Toronto’s downtown bank towers echo with more than their fair share of accents from Great Britain, Australia, South Africa,
and increasingly China. Those voices come to Canada because we stop at nothing when it comes to funding mining projects. Canadians might be notoriously risk averse, but there are three gambles we’re always willing to take: buying lottery tickets, rolling up the rim to win at Tim Hortons, and buying junior mining shares.

The Toronto Stock Exchange and the TSX Venture Exchange are the world leaders in mining listings. Canada’s expertise in mining law flows from the reality that companies need lawyers to make those listings happen.

Lawyers who specialize in mining jokingly refer to it as dirt law. The phrase refers to a time when mining lawyers would happily jump on a bush plane and fly up north to kick over the ground at the latest discovery.

In more recent times, however, two distinctly different types of mining lawyer have emerged. Most people who call themselves mining lawyers in Toronto are actually just corporate and securities lawyers who happen to have a lot of mining clients. So this first group has an expertise that lies exclusively in drafting documents for financings and M&A deals, and their skills would be easily portable to situations with clients from other industries. The second group are the true dirt lawyers. They’re in the industry because they actually love the rocks or the commodities business. Their work delves more into the nitty gritty of the mining world, things like land deals or royalty transactions.

Steve Vaughan, a partner with Heenan Blaikie LLP, is a geologist by training who’s perhaps emblematic of this latter group of rockhounds. Ranked alongside Craig as one of Canada’s two “senior statesmen” in mining law by Chambers Global, Vaughan is helping design UWO’s mining curriculum. Despite mining’s importance to Bay Street, he says there’s a big gap in technical knowledge in the financial community. He hopes Western Law’s mining program will address this. “A lot of people don’t understand the business. They think that you make a discovery, then six months later you build a mine.”

In many ways, he’s the perfect guy to be involved in helping set up this type of course. Not only does he bring decades of technical know-how and legal experience to the table, he brings a clear passion for the business. He’s known around town for his desire to get his hands dirty on files. As miners put it, he’s the sort of guy who knows the difference between a pick and a shovel. “I spend most of my life either underground or trying to get underground again,” he says.

That’s the sort of expertise and attitude that puts Canada’s mining lawyers on the map. Western Law is staking a claim to be a go-to school for students interested in nurturing that expertise. Yet it’s already produced some graduates who’ve emerged as world-class lawyers in the mining area.

Drew Hasselback ’96 is Legal Post Editor for the Financial Post. He was the paper’s mining reporter from 2001 to 2007.
W. Iain Scott has never been afraid to take the road less travelled.

At just 17, he showed up unannounced to the admission offices at Harvard and Yale looking to jumpstart his academic career. Although Harvard told him that the admission process was slightly more complicated than simply knocking on the door, Yale said yes.

That moment set the tone for the rest of his academic and professional career – Scott doesn’t take no for an answer, and he is always hungry for a challenge. It’s that drive that has catapulted him to the top. After graduating from Yale, he earned his LLB from Queen’s University before moving on to practice commercial law first at Tilley Carson & Findlay and then for McCarthy Tétrault LLP, where he became its (first-ever) Chair and CEO.

Now Scott is bringing that same determination and drive for success to Western Law as the school’s new Dean, replacing Ian Holloway who recently wrapped up a 10-year run in the position.

Although he has built his career on Bay Street he is ready to take on the world of higher education. With decades of experience at the helm of some of Canada’s biggest commercial law deals, he knows that success relies upon people. And that’s what makes him so confident about this next chapter at Western Law.

“Leadership is about working with and, given the opportunity, appointing good people around you,” he says. Although he wasn’t looking toward academia after leaving Bay Street, he was quickly
reassured by the quality of the leadership team at Western, and the people who make Western Law what it is, to know that he would just be fine. “I don’t know of any successful leader who can do it all on his own and so, if you have the right team around you, you can achieve what you need to achieve.”

And Scott, 60, has never been one to shy away from a challenge. Instead of looking for summer work in his hometown of Parry Sound when he turned 16, he took a job as a cook’s helper at a mining camp north of the Arctic Circle.

It was that same sense of adventure that impressed the admission’s office at Yale. “I think they were shocked to see me but impressed that I had the guts just to turn up,” Scott recalls. “When they found out I was from Parry Sound, one of the admissions officers immediately brightened and said, ‘That’s the home of Bobby Orr! You must play hockey!’”

“I told them I was more of a basketball player but they kept insisting that everyone from Parry Sound must play hockey like Bobby Orr so I think that helped me get in.” Being the academic gold medalist in high school also helped.

Although he didn’t play competitive hockey at Yale, he did gain a top education in political science and made life-long friends.

After undergrad, Scott did not have any grand designs to be a practicing lawyer but he entered law school knowing that a professional degree would be the foundation of a good career. He graduated in 1977 and articled on Bay Street with Tilley, Carson & Findlay, where he met his wife, Janet Ross. Now retired, Ross spent most of her career as a real estate lawyer with the City of Toronto. They have three children: Alastair, 22, a McGill grad, Graeme, 21, at Queen’s and Carolyn, 18, who is in her first year at Oxford.

A specialist in corporate and commercial law with a focus on financial and corporate restructurings at McCarthy Tétrault from 1988 to 2002, he was appointed as the firm’s first Chair and CEO in 2002. During his two terms as CEO, Scott appointed and led a firm-wide leadership team and built upon the strengths of McCarthy Tétrault’s 600-plus lawyers. Under his guidance, the firm sharpened its client focus and processes and identified growth industries to target such as oil and gas, financial services, energy and technology, which solidified McCarthy’s reputation as a leading national player.

Many of those same leadership skills Scott employed at McCarthy Tétrault—talent recruitment, promoting diversity, mentoring and advancement programs, communications and branding—will play an important role at Western Law, says Western’s Provost Janice Deakin.

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Scott knows first-hand that many lawyers don’t necessarily practice law forever. “There are many other things lawyers are well-trained to do,” he says. “It’s more about the educational experience and the critical thinking and how you approach problems.”
Taking the helm of Western Law and increasing its scholarly output, attracting top faculty and students and building external partnerships and support are all challenges Scott relishes. "I wanted to come to Western Law because we have a strong research profile in business, public and international law, a vibrant international outlook and a recognized institutional brand," he says. "I'm very excited about the future of Western Law. We have a great story to tell."

Scott says it’s important to enhance Western Law’s reputation as Canada’s premiere business law school. His definition of business law is broad, including knowledge of a range of issues from labour and employment law to tax and international law.

And he is well aware that these are challenging times for the economy and for educational institutions. But that’s nothing new for the Bay Street veteran. "We had to make a lot of challenging decisions at the law firm during the economic downturn, but my goal was to ensure the enterprise was healthy for the next generation," he says. "My philosophy is that it’s the opportunity you create for others to allow them to succeed that is a measure of success – you must accept the responsibility to contribute positively to your organization, firm or institution and not simply try to extract all you can from it."

Yet Scott doesn’t view legal education simply as a training ground for practitioners. Instead, he sees the value of a broader approach, one where legal philosophy and research as well as nuts and bolts securities law course can both play an important role.

"Practical courses and clinical experience are important, but equally important is a broad-based legal education that challenges the intellect," Scott says.

"The best lawyers are the imaginative ones, the ones who understand context and challenge basic assumptions, and that ability is what you gain from a broader legal education."

"While Iain Scott has made his reputation as a lawyer and manager of lawyers, he fully appreciates the central mission of Western Law as a place where critical legal knowledge is created and imparted," says Professor Rande Kostal, who was part of the decanal search committee.

"Iain’s outstanding assets as a leader of professional men and women will enhance our ability to fulfill this mission."

Scott says he’s encouraged by Western president Amit Chakma’s vision to develop an increased focus on the University’s research capabilities and raise the national and international profile of the law school.

"Western Law is widely recognized for the outstanding quality and success of our graduates, as well as for our growing reputation in the fields of business law and international education," says Chakma. "We are fortunate to have recruited a leader of Iain’s quality to our campus, and we look forward to supporting him and his colleagues in continuing to raise Western’s stature on the global stage."

Scott knows that fundraising and growing alumni support for the school perseverance will undoubtedly guide him well through his time at Western Law. After all, he is a man of his word and one who stays committed. In fact, his 32 years on Bay Street were divided between just two firms, the last of which he stayed with for 21 years.

His loyalty even spreads to his hometown of Parry Sound. He still spends as much time as he can with his family on his beloved Blueberry Island in Georgian Bay. Scott says that the Bay is a special place for those that know it well. It can be windy and wild or calm and serene - a beautiful combination of ever-changing conditions.

Undoubtedly, Scott will bring perseverance and loyalty with him to Western Law as he steers the faculty through a new chapter in its storied history. His Bay Street experience, along with his tenacity and drive, are sure to be the strongest weapons in his arsenal as he tackles this new role.

"We need to be smart and creative in order to grow and achieve great things for the institution," he says. "I’m about results and focus and I’m confident we can do that."

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INFLUENCERS

ROBERTA JAMIESON ’76

Roberta Jamieson has had a distinguished career and a long list of ‘firsts’: First woman from a First Nation in Canada to graduate from a law school; first woman to be appointed Ombudsman of Ontario; first woman to head the Six Nations of the Grand River, Canada’s most populous reserve; and first non-parliamentarian appointed to a House of Commons committee.

Among the Mohawk lawyer’s many awards are the National Aboriginal Achievement Award (Law and Justice 1998), the Indigenous Peoples Council Award (IPC), 18 honorary degrees and the Order of Canada. The Western Law graduate is one of 10 experienced Canadian leaders assigned to mentor promising doctoral students awarded the prestigious Pierre Elliott Trudeau Foundation Scholarship.

As CEO and president of the National Aboriginal Achievement Foundation since 2004, Jamieson is dedicated to realizing the potential of First Nation, Métis and Inuit youth through scholarship assistance and other support.

THEY ARE POWER BROKERS AND PIONEERS, JOURNALISTS AND COMMUNITY ACTIVISTS, CEOS AND POLITICAL PLAYERS. THEY INSTRUCT, INSPIRE AND INNOVATE AND, IN TURN, BUILD A STRONGER SOCIETY. ON THE FOLLOWING PAGES, WE’VE SPOTLIGHTED 10 ALUMNI WHO ARE
DALE PONDER ’80
Dale Ponder is a force on Bay Street. The managing partner and chief executive of Osler, Hoskin & Harcourt LLP was named one of Canada’s Most Powerful Women Top 100 by Women’s Executive Network in each of the last two years.

Ponder was lead lawyer for one of the biggest M&A deals in Canadian mining history. In 2006, she was lead counsel to Inco in connection with one of the most complex and compelling series of deals of the year involving a number of global mining companies. She was named one of three women, and the only Canadian, on the distinguished list of 12 top dealmakers that year.

Ponder, a senior member of Osler’s Mergers and Acquisitions Practice, has been recognized for her corporate and M&A expertise by Best Lawyers, Lexpert/American Lawyer Guide to the Leading 500 Lawyers in Canada and Chambers Global: The World’s Leading Lawyers for Business.

GEOFF BEATTIE ’84
Throughout his career Geoff Beattie has embraced the challenge of leadership.

Beginning his career at Torys LLP, Beattie joined Wood Gundy a few years later to tackle the world of investment banking, only to return to Torys with enhanced skills and determination.

His leadership acumen was put to the test in 1998 when he assumed the helm as president of The Woodbridge Company, the investment company of the Thomson family.

As chair of CTVglobemedia Inc. and deputy chair of Thomson Reuters, Beattie is a powerful player on the global media stage.

In keeping with his philosophy of leadership and service, Beattie lends his significant talents to his alma mater as Western’s Campaign Chair, as the university embarks upon its most significant fundraising effort in history.

In addition to his other public company board memberships (General Electric, Maple Leaf Foods, Royal Bank of Canada), Beattie is a director of The Globe and Mail Inc. and trustee for University Health Network.
BEVERLY BEHAN ’84

Beverly Behan is passionate about the boardroom. Drawing on her experience working with more than 100 boards over the past 14 years – including major Fortune 500s – she provides a practical primer for how CEOs can maximize the all-important relationship with their board in her recent book, *Great Companies Deserve Great Boards*. It debuted at No. 1 on the Globe & Mail’s business bestseller list earlier this year.

A go-to expert on board effectiveness for major business publications including The Wall Street Journal, Financial Times and Business 2.0, Behan was named recently to the Directorship 100, Directorship Magazine’s list of the 100 most influential people in governance and the boardroom. Beverly also co-authored “Building Better Boards: A Blueprint for Effective Governance” in 2005 and for the past three years has been a regular columnist (“The Boardroom”) for Bloomberg BusinessWeek.com.

DOUGLAS MELVILLE ’91

As Canada’s banking ombudsman, Douglas Melville hears lots of complaints. Melville, the ombudsman and chief executive officer for Ombudsman for Banking Services and Investments (OBSI) since 2009, and his colleagues level the playing field by providing a free, impartial and informal means of resolving disputes between banking services and investment firms and their customers. His office promotes good industry standards by providing feedback to industry on the fairness of their practices.

Earning both a law degree and an MBA from Western, Melville has worked in a variety of roles and institutions spanning corporate finance, international banking dispute resolution, legal counsel, government relations, international development and policy analyst.
PETER ACETO ’94

Peter Aceto, CEO of ING Direct Canada, has been called a visionary business leader. Known for his effective and innovative use of social media, he was named 2010 Communicator of the Year by the Toronto Chapter of the International Association of Business Communicators.

He has been identified by the Hay Group as a social media ‘Shining Star’ among such icons as Bill Gates, Jack Welch and Martha Stewart. He is a passionate communicator as he sees how it contributes to employee engagement and helps deliver on the firm’s brand promise, which in turn drives business results.

Since taking on the role in 2008, Aceto’s innovative leadership and communication style has helped ING DIRECT become Canada’s leading direct bank with more than 1.7 million clients and more than $29 billion in total assets.
DREW HASSELBACK ’96
As the legal post editor for the National Post, Drew Hasselback feels the weight of this responsibility. He knows if he gets it wrong, the consequences are immediate and severe. A recent typo in a quote attributed to the Chief Justice of Ontario made for a long day.

Hasselback keeps people informed by translating business law into lay language. With the National Post since its founding in 1998, Hasselback previously served as editor of the Financial Post website and was the paper’s mining reporter.

He knows the public wants to believe law is all binary, all black and white. The reality is more grey, more nuanced, and his job is to put those nuances under a microscope and magnify them into images non-lawyers can perceive.

MITCH FRAZER ’99
Mitch Frazer is committed to his community. Recognized as a Rising Star by Lexpert Magazine and recipient of the 2010 Precedent Setter Award, Frazer has boundless energy and a seemingly endless capacity to give back.

Among his numerous volunteer activities, Frazer is a UWO Law Alumni Association past president; North York General Hospital Foundation Board of Governors vice-chair; Ontario Science Centre Board of Trustees member; and The Belinda Stronach Foundation Advisory Board member.

Frazer is the head of the Pensions and Benefits Practice Group at Torys LLP, and Chambers Global has noted him as a leading lawyer in his field for the past four years.

He hopes his involvement in charitable and community organizations leaves the world just a little bit better and encourages others to do the same.
LYNETTE CORBETT ’02

Lynette Corbett has political know-how. She became involved with politics as a member of the youth wing of the Reform Party and quickly rose up the political ranks.

After working as an associate at McArthur Vereschagin and Brown LLP, specializing in the management side of labour and employment law, she was asked to work on Parliament Hill as chief of staff to the Federal Ministers of Agriculture and Natural Resources.

Her abilities as a self-described “fix-it” person did not go unnoticed. In 2007 she was called up to work in the Prime Minister’s Office. As director of strategy and director of policy to Prime Minister Stephen Harper, Corbett found herself among a few select individuals holding daily briefings with the prime minister and plotting the party’s course for Canada.

Now, as chief of staff to Tim Hudak, Corbett is responsible for the day-to-day operations of the Ontario PC Leader’s Office and is using her political savvy to help put the opposition leader into the premier’s office.

DONNA MICHELE WALWYN ’07

Donna Walwyn strives to live up to her favourite quote, “Lifting as we climb.”

As head of the Pension and Employee Benefits Practice Group in the Toronto office of Baker & McKenzie LLP, Walwyn advises corporations, boards of trustees, plan administrators and internal pension/benefits committees on all areas of pension/employee benefits law. Last year, the Canadian Association of Black Lawyers honoured her as one of 17 black partners at Bay Street law firms.

She is the immediate past president of the Toronto Kiwanis Boys & Girls Clubs, a member of the Board of Trustees for the Black Business and Professional Association’s National Scholarship Fund.
Picture it

BY JASON WINDERS

With a bachelor’s degree in film and religious studies from Queen’s University in hand, Leanne Milech ’08 had yet to find her calling. In fact, it wasn’t until she was working in a pediatrician’s office, while simultaneously pursuing a certificate in creative writing at Humber College, that it found her. She wanted to help others. But she had no idea how.

“I looked at the law and thought about poverty law. I thought that would give me the same satisfaction of helping people,” she says.

She entered Western Law in 2005 and ended up focusing on entertainment law. “It combines arts with something professional and stable,” she says.

She thrived at Western Law due, in part, to the sense of community at the law school. “It’s such a friendly environment to study the law,” she says. Milech participated in the school’s exchange program, ending up with the Screen Actors Guild in Los Angeles for a semester-long internship. It was an experience she still speaks of with a sparkle in her voice.

“I don’t think that would have happened at another law school,” she says. “Western Law has such a strong exchange program.”

In 2008, after earning her LLB, Milech landed with Heenan Blaikie LLP. “If you have to be on Bay Street, this is the firm,” she says. But despite colleagues she enjoyed and an exciting work atmosphere full of challenges, she quickly knew it wasn’t the right spot. So when the offer came to renew her contract, Milech walked away.

“I know that the time I spent (at Western Law) was integral in instilling me with the confidence to go out and do something creative with my life.”

Strangely, knowing exactly what she didn’t want helped her decide what she did. “If I hadn’t done something so counter-intuitive, I don’t know if I would have ended up realizing in such a big way I needed something else,” she says.

That “something else” was a return to creative writing.

Encouraged by her partner Alicia Belvedere, an elementary school teacher, Milech started writing a children’s book. Turns out, she had plenty of ideas for stories, but no illustrator. Finding one seemed like a daunting task.

But then it hit them: What if they published the stories and kids drew the pictures themselves? Picture books without pictures, or as they settled on, Picture It Picture Books.

Their books feature stories but no illustrations, instead giving young readers the opportunity to personalize the books. Milech researched the idea, found it was unique and then set about self-publishing. In summer 2009 they took their books to markets and craft fairs – and sold them.

Today, Picture It Picture Books are in Chapters/Indigo locations in the GTA and Vancouver. A children’s publishing company in Turkey, Zat Yayin Yazilim, will be translating the books into Turkish, with an eye on French and German in the future. It was colleagues she met at an entertainment firm in Toronto during another Western internship who helped her navigate that deal.

Milech says even though she’s a long way from Bay Street, Western Law still helped her achieve her goals.

“The law wasn’t really for me, but Western Law was perfect,” Milech says. “I know that the time I spent there was integral in instilling me with the confidence to go out and do something creative with my life. I now own my own publishing company and have managed to find balance between law and art. My law experience was a very necessary and important part of my journey.”

For more information visit pictureitpicturebooks.com
A summer in Vienna would be a dream come true for almost anyone, but for Western Law student Katerina Minaeva, the experience was so profound that it was the catalyst to change gears and focus on international business law.

But it wasn’t an Austrian holiday that shaped Minaeva’s career – it was her time spent interning with the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL).

“The internship was an amazing chance to learn about the behind-the-scenes work that goes into the creation of UN conventions, model laws and guidelines of international trade law,” says Minaeva. “I also worked alongside brilliant legal officers and interns from around the world. These networks and friendships are invaluable to a career path in international law.”

Minaeva’s 2010 internship was made possible by the generous support of Larry J. Innanen ’73, who donated $50,000 to establish the Larry J. Innanen International Student Internship in Economic Law. The award supports summer internship placements in an organization with an interest in international economic law issues.

In 2011, Western Law provided 15 students with international law-related internships with a unique work experience and a potential career path in the international sphere. Some experiences, like Minaeva’s, were so meaningful that they actually changed the direction of the students’ studies and careers.

“Western Law provides the widest array of public and private international law summer internships in Canada,” says Professor Valerie Oosterveld, the program’s Co-Director. “Student interest in these internships is very strong and the experience they gain is invaluable.”

Launched in 2006, Western Law’s International Law Internship Program has grown to become one of the most extensive offered by a Canadian law school. In fact, two new internships were added in the last year alone.

ThorntonGroutFinnigan LLP (TGF), a restructuring and litigation boutique firm founded by Western Law grads Robert Thornton ’82 and John Finnigan ’82, funded the World Bank International Student Internship in Bankruptcy and Insolvency Law.
The World Bank, located in Washington, D.C., provides national governments around the world with advice on improving the practical functioning of domestic insolvency systems. “Its mission is to fight poverty with passionate professionalism and help people help themselves by providing resources, sharing knowledge, building capacity and forging partnerships in the public and private sectors,” says John Finnigan. “This internship provides a unique opportunity to engage with insolvency experts at the World Bank.”

“We are extremely pleased to join with TGF in creating this exciting opportunity at such an important international financial institution,” notes Professor Sara Seck, Co-Director of the International Law Internship Program.

Western Law student Michael Shakra interned at the World Bank this past summer and worked on bankruptcy and insolvency issues.

“A second internship, new in 2010-2011, is the Wildeboer Dellelce LLP World Exchange Internship. Western Law student Lauren Lefcoe gained first-hand experience at one of the world’s largest stock exchanges thanks to the generous support of the firm - she was placed at the London Stock Exchange (LSE) this summer to work with a senior member of LSE’s legal group.

Lefcoe says it provided her with a great opportunity to explore her interest in corporate law. “Working at the world’s leading international stock exchange that attracts the most dynamic and successful global companies gave me invaluable exposure to this intriguing international arena,” she says.

Professor Valerie Oosterveld agrees. “This is a tremendous new addition to our vibrant International Law Internship Program (ILIP)... Wildeboer Dellelce LLP is one of Canada’s leading transactional securities and corporate finance firms and the law school is thrilled to partner with them on this unique business law internship.”

Along with the new internships introduced this year, the existing programs continued to offer students a variety of hands-on experiences around the world. Students Zohar Barzilai and Braden Jebson interned as part of the Cassels Brock International Internship in Mining Finance, which gives a Western Law student the opportunity to intern within a mining company. In 2010 and 2011, they interned at Goldcorp Inc., headquartered in Vancouver.

“I received projects from the Vice President, General Counsel, Vice President, Regulatory Compliance and Corporate Secretary as well as Corporate Counsel and I worked alongside members of the tax, risk management and accounting departments,” says Barzilai. “My internship at Goldcorp was a dynamic and exceptional learning experience.”

Jebson, who interned at Goldcorp in 2011, agrees. “My internship experience has been excellent,” he says. “Everyone, from senior management to support staff, has been extremely friendly and willing to offer help and guidance.”

In 2011 Western Law sent 15 students on the following internships:

- Cassels Brock International Internship in Mining Finance at Goldcorp Inc. in Vancouver;
- Larry J. Innanen Student Internship in Economic Law at the Centre for Financial Regulation and Economic Development at the Chinese University of Hong Kong, China;
- Two to the International Labour Organization in Geneva, Switzerland. One is the Robert White Student Internship in Labour Law;
- Wildeboer Dellelce LLP World Exchange Internship with the London Stock Exchange in London, United Kingdom;
- Joint internship with the Canadian Manufacturers and Exporters in Ottawa and the Canadian Embassy, Washington D.C;
- Canadian Crossroads International in London/Toronto;
- Canadian Red Cross in Ottawa;
- Clerkship to the Caribbean Court of Justice in Port-of-Spain, Trinidad;
- Permanent Mission of Canada to the United Nations in New York City;
- World Health Organization’s Department of Ethics, Equity, Trade and Human Rights in Geneva, Switzerland;
- World Bank Inspection Panel in Washington D.C.;
- Great Lakes & St. Lawrence Cities Initiative part-time internship.
FACULTY RESEARCH

LAYING DOWN THE LAW

The scholarship of Professor Rande Kostal continues to benefit from a large grant from The University of Western Ontario’s Academic Development Fund. The grants are awarded to members of Western faculty with outstanding records of research and who have initiated ambitious projects that involve a significant departure from existing research.

Kostal, an internationally recognized legal historian, is the author of Law and English Railway Capitalism 1825-1875 (Oxford University Press, 1994), A Jurisprudence of Power: Victorian Empire and the Rule of Law (Oxford University Press, 2005) and a number of published articles in modern legal history.

Professor Kostal’s most recent work shifts focus from the legal history of England and empire in the 19th century to the legal history of the United States and empire in the 20th.

His recent article “The Alchemy of Occupation: Karl Loewenstein and the Legal Reconstruction of Nazi Germany”, published in the prestigious American journal, Law and History Review in 2011, previews the themes of Laying down the Law: The United States and the Legal Reconstruction of Germany and Japan, a monograph under contract with Harvard University Press. The book concerns how, in the aftermath of the Second World War, American civilian and military agencies attempted to forge the “rule of law” in the defeated fascist nation-states of Germany and Japan.

FIRST NATIONS TREATY RIGHTS

FOCUS OF RESEARCH GRANT

Professor Michael Coyle has been awarded a national SSHRC grant in the amount of $87,082.

The three-year grant will fund Professor Coyle’s research into the availability of civil remedies for breach of obligations incurred in the treaties negotiated between the Crown and First Nations in Canada.

“It’s a relatively undeveloped area of Canadian law,” says Coyle. “While most Canadians have benefited from living on treaty land, the question of what remedies might be available to First Nations to enforce their treaty rights has yet to be explored.

“When Canadians sign contracts there is a clear legal framework to enforce those agreements. My hope is to shed light on how we might develop a similarly fair framework for addressing treaty disputes.

“Any such framework must take into account the values and reasonable expectations of both treaty partners,” notes Coyle.

Professor Coyle will draw on the scholarly work of the late Professor Neil MacCormick (University of Edinburgh) who developed a theory of law as institutional normative order. Coyle will examine whether adopting a new perspective on treaties as legal institutions will assist in developing a more principled approach to the enforcement of First Nation treaties.

Working with graduate and JD students at Western Law, Professor Coyle will collaborate with indigenous scholars, including Professor John Borrows of the University of Victoria Faculty of Law.
Some of the world’s top public law scholars and legal philosophers participated in Western Law’s Pre-eminent Public Law and Legal Philosophy Scholars Series, now in its second year.

“The Series provides an outstanding opportunity for Western Law students to learn from international leaders in public law and legal philosophy,” said Professor Grant Huscroft, the series organizer.

The visiting scholars presented and discussed their current research and students wrote papers analyzing and critiquing their work.

Professor Frederick Schauer of the University of Virginia, a leading expert on the First Amendment, constitutional law and legal philosophy, kicked off the series with a discussion of two of his papers, “Social Epistemology, Holocaust Denial, and the Post-Millian Calculus” and “On the Relation Between Chapters One and Two of John Stuart Mill’s On Liberty”.

During his visit to Western Law Schauer also taught “The Theory and Practice of Legal Reasoning”, a one-week intensive course offered to upper-year students.

Other Scholars in this Series:

Professor Natalie Stoljar, Chair of the Philosophy Department at McGill University, addressed in her paper “Integrity and Regret”.

Professor Jeffrey Goldsworthy of Monash University (Melbourne) presented “The Case for Originalism”. While at Western Law Professor Goldsworthy delivered the third annual Coxford Lecture in Public Law on the topic “The Limits of Judicial Fidelity to Law”.

Professor Gerard V. Bradley of Notre Dame University presented his seminar on “The Challenge of Regulating Obscenity in the Digital Age”. Professor Bradley also joined Professors Huscroft and Miller in a public forum on the recent R. v. Bedford case on the constitutionality of prostitution legislation.

Professor Timothy Endicott, Dean of the Faculty of Law at Oxford University, delivered the final seminar in the Pre-eminent Public Law Scholars Series on the topic “Vagueness and Law”.

The Public Law and Legal Philosophy Research Group brought together some of world’s leading authorities on constitutional interpretation to discuss the principle of proportionality in constitutional law at The University of Western Ontario on October 21-23, 2010.

Visiting scholars from the UK, Europe, New Zealand, USA, Mexico and Canada brought a diversity of opinion on normative and institutional questions related to the use of a principle of proportionality in judicial review.

This colloquium was the third in a series on constitutional interpretation. Papers from “Originalist Constitutional Interpretation” (2008) were published as The Challenge of Originalism, Huscroft and Miller (eds) Cambridge University Press (2011).

Papers from the colloquium on proportionality will similarly be published as a book of essays.

Participants in the colloquium included: T.R.S. Allan, Cambridge University; Mark Antaki, McGill University; David Dyzenhaus, University of Toronto; Richard Ekins, University of Auckland; Imer Flores, National Autonomous University of Mexico; Stephen Gardbaum, UCLA; Carla Huerta, National Autonomous University of Mexico; Grant Huscroft, Western Law; Martin Luteran, Collegium of Anton Neuwirth; Margaret Martin, Western Law; Bradley Miller, Western Law; Kai Moller, London School of Economics; Georgios Pavlakos, University of Antwerp and University of Glasgow; Paul Rishworth, University of Auckland; Wil Waluchow, McMaster University; Gregoire Webber, London School of Economics; and Alison Young, University of Oxford.

For more information on the Public Law and Legal Philosophy Research Group please visit: www.law.uwo.ca/PublicLaw/index.html

(l-r) Professors Bradley Miller, Margaret Martin, Fred Schauer and Grant Huscroft

CRAIG BROWN has been appointed Associate Dean (Academic) for the 2011-2012 academic year. The 7th edition of his book Insurance Law in Canada was published by Carswell.

CHI CARMODY continues to research and write in the field of international law. In October 2010 he presented papers at the WTO Scholars’ Forum, University College London, and at the Center for WTO & International Health Law & Policy, National Taiwan University College of Law, Taipei, Taiwan. In the 2011 January Term he taught the course International Organizations, which involved a field trip with Western Law students to Washington D.C. In June-July 2011 he taught a week-long module at the University of Reims Faculty of Law on international trade law disciplines as they relate to the production, sale and consumption of alcoholic beverages. He also participated in a conference on international trade and investment law sponsored by the Robert Schuman Centre for Advanced Studies, European University Institute, Florence.


MICHAEL COYLE was awarded a national SSHRC research grant in the amount of $87,082. The three-year grant will fund his research into the availability of civil remedies for breach of the obligations incurred in the treaties negotiated between the Crown and First Nations in Canada. Through the resources supplied by this year’s Cassels Brock Fellowship in Contract Law, he has also been investigating the potential use of relational contract theory to assist in the development of a principled legal approach to the enforcement of treaties. His latest article, “The Idols of the Cave: Re-imagining the Protection of Indigenous Knowledge and Expression”, was published in the current issue of the Canadian Intellectual Property Review. Prof. Coyle continues to reflect on the implications of the state encouraging or even requiring the use of ADR mechanisms to resolve civil lawsuits. On June 23, in the wake of Italy’s recent introduction of obligatory mediation in most civil cases there, he presented a paper entitled “Mandatory Mediation: Menace or Complement to the Rule of Law” at the School of Jurisprudence of the University of Bologna.


RANDAL GRAHAM, together with Prof. Stephen Pitel, has been appointed the “Goodmans LLP Faculty Fellow in Legal Ethics”. His latest book Legal Ethics (2nd edition) was published by Emond Montgomery in February 2011. The production of this text was supported by Goodmans LLP, who purchased copies of the book for all members of Western’s first-year class. In addition to publishing two new articles in peer-reviewed journals, Prof. Graham appeared as the keynote speaker at London’s 2011 “Straight from the Bench” conference, where he spoke on the topics of Integrity, Civility, Professionalism and Ethics. He continues to research and publish in the areas of ethics and statutory interpretation.


GRANT HUSCROFT (as part of the Public Law and Legal Philosophy Research Group) organized and hosted an international symposium at Western Law on Proportionality in Constitutional Rights this past October. Together with Prof. Bradley Miller, he edited a collection of essays taken from the 2008 symposium on originalism in constitutional interpretation at Western Law (including his paper “Vagueness, Finiteness, and the Limits of Interpretation and Construction”). The book will be published in 2011 as The Challenge of Originalism: Theories of Constitutional Interpretation, by Cambridge University Press, New York.

MOHAMED KHIMJI was appointed to the Faculty of Law in January 2010 as Associate Professor. His research interests lie in the areas of securities settlement systems, corporate law, and commercial transactions. He is currently working, along with Prof. Christopher Nicholls, on a SSHRC-funded project entitled “Separate Legal Personality and Limited Liability in Canadian Corporate Law: An Empirical and Economic Analysis”. The project involves generating and analyzing a data set on corporate veil piercing.

RANDE KOSTAL published “The Alchemy of Occupation: Karl Loewenstein and the Legal Reconstruction of Nazi Germany” in the American Journal Law and History Review. He continues work on his monograph book on the “democratization” of the German and Japanese legal systems under U.S. military occupation after the Second World War.

MICHAEL LYNK was interviewed widely in the national print and broadcast media in January and February on the uprisings in Egypt and the Middle East. He taught a course on the Charter and Human Rights in Labour Law at the Osogood LLM program in Labour Law. During the spring, he published the following book reviews: The Strange Alchemy of Law and Life, by Mr. Justice Albie Sachs in (2011) Canadian Bar Review: Work on Trial: Canadian Labour

MARGARET MARTIN published “Raz’s The Morality of Freedom: Two Models of Authority”, Jurisprudence (2010) 153-27. She also presented a paper titled “Between Utopian Dreams and Political Realities: A Victim-centered Approach to International Criminal Law” at the Canadian Perspectives in the Philosophy of Criminal Law conference held at Osgoode Hall Law School in September. Her paper will appear as a chapter in a book by Hart Publishing, Rethinking Criminal Law Theory; later this year. Prof. Martin was also one of the keynote speakers at The Nature of Law: Contemporary Perspectives, an international legal theory conference held at McMaster University in May 2011.

RICHARD McLAREN was the keynote speaker at the International Sports Law and Business Conference in September 2010 hosted at Istanbul University Law Faculty Centre of Comparative Law. He spoke on the topic “Contemporary Issues in Drug Testing and Doping Control: Court of Arbitration for Sport: Experiences and the current ADR process”. In October, he addressed the Young Canadian Arbitration Professionals Symposium at the International Bar Association meeting in Vancouver on the topic “When They Can’t Play Nice: Dispute Resolution for Sport” and spoke at Marquette University in Wisconsin on the issue “Changing Methods of ADR and Their Impact on Sport”. He was an invited speaker at the Special Keynote Panel Sessions, European Sports Law and Business Conference in Geneva, Switzerland, on October 19-20 and spoke on the topics “Assessing the Impact on Sport of the Latest Developments in Tackling Anti Doping” and “Special Session on the CAS: Increasing the Use of Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) in Sporting Matters”. In November, he moderated a sports law panel with Gordon Kirke and Ian Pulver hosted at Western Law. Prof. McLaren was one of the 2010 Winners of the Lionel E. Mc Gowen Awards of Excellence. He published “Is sport losing its integrity?” in the Marquette Sports Law Review (Vol. 21:2) and in April 2011, Prof. McLaren taught a Sports Dispute Resolution intensive course at the Melbourne Masters program at the University of Melbourne.

BRADLEY MILLER’s paper “Morals Laws in an Age of Rights: Hart and Devlin at the Supreme Court of Canada” was published in the American Journal of Jurisprudence, vol. 55, and “Finnis on Liberty” (co-written with Nicholas Aroney) was published in The Jurisprudence of Liberty (2nd ed), Ratnapala and Moens (eds). Together with Prof. Huscroft (and the Public Law and Legal Philosophy Research Group), he hosted an international symposium on Proportionality in Constitutional Rights. He also co-edited The Challenge of Originalism: Theories of Constitutional Interpretation (Cambridge University Press, 2011), which included Miller’s “Origins Myth: The Persons Case, the Living Tree, and the New Originalism”. He presented an invited paper on sexual orientation and the legal regulation of marriage at the I Congresso Internacional de Ideología de Género, Universidad de Navarra (Spain).


ADAM PARACHIN was awarded the Douglas J. Sherbaniuk Distinguished Writing Award for 2010. The award is conferred annually by the Canadian Tax Foundation for the best article in the Canadian Tax Journal. He received the award for his article “Reforming the Meaning of ‘Charitable Gift’: The Case for an Alternative to Split Receipting” published in the Canadian Tax Journal (2009) vol. 57, no. 4, 787-838. He was also a recipient of the USC Teaching Honour Roll for 2009-2010, honoured by law students with The Jay McLeod Professor of the Year Award and received recognition from Pro Bono Students of Canada for PBSC Outstanding Mentor.

MARK PERRY published nine peer-reviewed papers, including publications in Computer Law and Security Review, Canadian Intellectual Property Review and the book From “Radical Extremism” to “Balanced Copyright”: Canadian Copyright and the Digital Agenda. He delivered talks to audiences as an invited speaker at several international conferences over the last academic year. He has also received further funding from Genome Canada and new funding as a co-investigator in the project “Pest genomics and plant breeding in a sustainable agricultural pest management” from the Ontario Ministry of Research and Innovation’s Global Leadership Round in Genomics and Life Sciences (GL2) in order to pursue further research into legal issues in biotechnology.
RESEARCH


MELANIE RANDALL is currently a member of a SSHRC-funded Nova Scotia Restorative Justice Community Research Alliance project. She made two presentations at the recent 14th World Conference of the International Institute for Restorative Practices, held in Halifax, Nova Scotia, in June 2011, including one entitled “Law, Restorative Justice and Gender-Based Violence: Exploring the Intersections”. Her article “Sexual Assault Law, Credibility, and ‘Ideal Victims’: Consent, Resistance, and Victim Blaming” was published in Canadian Journal of Women and the Law, Vol. 22, 2010. She is a member of “The Equality Effect – Human Rights for Women and Girls Project”, a collaboration of human rights lawyers and advocates from Canada, Ghana, Kenya and Malawi, and is writing an analysis of the judicial treatment of consent in Canadian sexual assault cases in intimate relationships, for this project. She was a member of the J.A. Sub-Committee of LEAF (Women’s Legal Education and Action Fund), an intervenor at the Supreme Court of Canada in R. v. J.A., 2011 SCC 28.

SARA SECK spoke on a panel in October at the International Bar Association Conference in Vancouver on “Redressing Resource Company Foreign Environmental Harm”. In February she presented a paper at the Faculty of Law, University of Ottawa. She moderated a Roundtable for the International Environmental Law interest group of the American Society of International Law in Washington, D.C., in March. In May Prof. Seck presented a paper at the Earth System Governance conference in Colorado. Two book chapters were published this year, one entitled “Collective Responsibility and Transnational Corporate Conduct” and the other “Conceptualizing the Home State Duty to Protect Human Rights”. Prof. Seck was invited to contribute to a special issue of Trade, Law and Development, and in February was featured in “CSR Becomes Entrenched” in Lexpert magazine.

CHRISTOPHER SHERRIN published two papers this past year. In an article in the Windsor Review of Legal and Social Issues, he discussed the phenomenon of criminal accused pleading guilty to offences they did not actually commit, analyzing both why it happens and what might be done to prevent it from happening in the future. In an article in the Alberta Law Review, he criticized one of the main justifications for affording different Charter protections to suspects in criminal vs. regulatory penal investigations.


TOM TELFER was a Visiting Professor at Osgoode Hall Law School where he taught bankruptcy and insolvency law. At the University of Auckland Prof. Telfer offered a course in Commercial Law, while at the University of Adelaide he was a co-teacher of an intensive course in Secured Transactions. He presented papers at seminars and conferences hosted by the University of Adelaide, the University of Toronto and the University of British Columbia. He published “Justice Rand’s Commercial Law Legacy: Contracts and Bankruptcy Policies” in the University of New Brunswick Law Journal, “Canadian Insolvency Law Reform and ‘Our Bankrupt Legislative Process’” in the Annual Review of Insolvency Law; and “A Retrospective on the Canadian Consumer Bankruptcy System: 40 Years after the Tassé Report” in the Canadian Business Law Journal.

In June, SAM TROSSOW was a panelist at the ABC Copyright Group’s 2011 Conference, Access Denied: Striving for Balance, held at the University of Northern British Columbia. He was also a faculty member at the Fifth Transatlantic IP Summer Academy (TIPSA), held at McGill University, where he gave a lecture on “IP and Education: Copyright, licensing and fair dealing in educational institutions”. Also in June, he gave a presentation entitled “Canadian Copyright, DRM and eBooks: A Primer for Librarians” sponsored by the Ontario Library and Information Technology Association (OLITA), and he made a presentation on “Introduction to Property and Copyright Law” for the Canadian Association of Law Libraries, New Law Librarians’ Institute, which was held at UWO. During May and June, Prof. Trosow delivered a series of lectures on copyright policy and post-secondary education at UNB for the University of Association of New Brunswick Teachers; at St. Mary’s University for the SMU Faculty Association; and at the University of Northern British Columbia for the UNBC Faculty Association. Prof. Trosow’s publications and presentations as well as occasional commentary can be found on his blog at http://samtrosow.ca

In continuing her research funded by the Law Foundation of Ontario, MARGARET ANN WILKINSON presented a paper on “Research into Innovation and Commercialization Outreach: Mobilizing Intellectual Property Expertise” at the international inaugural invitational conference at the University of Windsor, May 12, 2011, on Research and Pedagogical Trends in Entrepreneurial Outreach. Prof. Wilkinson presented at three events in May and June: “The Copyright Conundrum: What Can and Can’t I Do in the Classroom” at the Spring Perspectives in Teaching conference at Western (with Prof. Kim Luton and Visual Arts Librarian Brenda MacEachern); “Licenses, Tariffs, and Copyright in Canadian Libraries”, a Canadian Library Association Pre-Conference Workshop in Halifax (with Dr. John Tooth, Member, Council of Ministers of Education, Canada, Copyright Consortium and Rob Tiessen, Head, Access Services, University of Calgary); and “Canadian Copyright Collective Regulation: Is anything special about music?” at McGill University at the Transatlantic Intellectual Property Summer Academy.
MAKING HEADLINES
HIGHLIGHTING WESTERN LAW’S MEDIA COVERAGE

Pictured (l-r): Valerie Oosterveld; Mark Perry; Michael Lynk; Craig Brown; Robert Solomon; Margaret Ann Wilkinson

When Western Law appointed W. Iain Scott as its new Dean, it made headline news. Scott was featured in the Globe and Mail, CTV.ca, the National Post, Law Times, Canadian Lawyer Magazine and the London Free Press.

Professor Valerie Oosterveld was quoted in the Ottawa Citizen article “Peace prize winners launch campaign against rape as a weapon of war”.

CBC News interviewed Professor Melanie Randall on the Supreme Court of Canada’s decision on sexual consent.

Professor Grant Huscroft was interviewed by the radio program Voice of America regarding Canada’s polygamy laws.

Canadian Lawyer Magazine featured an article on Western Law’s new Tort Law Research Group, which brings together experts to disseminate research throughout Canada and the common law world.

Law and Computer Science professor Mark Perry was interviewed on CBC Radio on the Intellectual Property issues raised by the fake Apple store in China. He spoke to CTV News about social media and legal liability. He also wrote an article for the Financial Post magazine entitled “The Trouble with Patents”.

Canadian Lawyer Magazine also published an op-ed piece by Doug Ferguson, director of Western’s Community Legal Services Clinic, entitled “It’s time to debate the reform of legal education in Canada”.

News that law professor Richard McLaren was appointed president of the Basketball Arbitral Tribunal made the National Post, the London Free Press, MetroNews Canada and CJ BK Radio.

Professor Erika Chamberlain was quoted in the Telegraph-Journal article “Playing blood-alcohol related roulette risky for any driver who drinks”.

Professor Michael Lynk was interviewed on CBC Radio on the federal government’s proposed back-to-work legislation for Air Canada and Canada Post.

Copyright reform is an emerging issue in Canada, and Professor Samuel Trosow addressed this topic in his article “Why copyright fair dealing needs flexibility”, published in The Lawyers Weekly.

The London Free Press and Canadian Lawyer featured the Western Business Law Clinic and its goal to provide small start-up and early stage businesses with affordable legal counsel and an environment for students to learn valuable, practical skills.

Craig Brown, Western Law professor and author of the book Why Lawyers Love Golf, was interviewed by the New York Times for a story titled “Golf courses: A gold mine for lawsuits”.

Professor Robert Solomon was quoted in the Ottawa Citizen in the story “How can we stop drunk drivers?” and in the Globe and Mail article “Why some Canadians still drive drunk”.

Professor Margaret Ann Wilkinson was interviewed on CTV News speaking about ID Scanners & Privacy.

The ‘After Hours’ section of the Financial Post featured a story and a full page of pictures from Western Law’s Golden Anniversary Party at the Fairmont Royal York.
Staying Connected

AS THE ACCOMPANYING PICTURES ATTEST, WE’VE HAD SOME GREAT EVENTS THIS PAST YEAR. Homecoming, Denning nights and the evening to celebrate the life of Jay McLeod brought our diverse community together around the shared appreciation of being a Western Law graduate.

This year we said farewell to Ian Holloway after 10 years as Dean. On behalf of the alumni association I would like to thank Ian for all his work and commitment to Western Law and wish him well in his new role.

I look forward to working with our new Dean, W. Iain Scott, as we embark upon an exciting new chapter in the law school’s history.

Western Law alumni are an important part of your network and your involvement in alumni events enables you to stay in touch with classmates, build your legal career and keep you connected to your tremendous law school experience.

The upcoming Western Law Alumni Awards Dinner in Toronto will be a wonderful opportunity to do just that. I hope you are planning to join us on Thursday, October 20, to celebrate our alumni for their important contributions. I will also be honoured to introduce Dean W. Iain Scott to the alumni community.

I would like to thank my fellow UWOLAA executive for their time, effort and dedication to Western Law. And I hope to meet or hear from many of you throughout the year.

Warren Bongard ’91
President, The University of Western Ontario Law Alumni Association
1. Salima Alibhai, Derek Knipe ’88, Rebecca Toth
2. Ricki Harris, Eleanor Schnall ’75
3. Omar Ha-Redeye ’10, Ken Saddington ’10, Joel Welch ’10
5. Erin Trainor, Robert Fournie, Margaret McSorley ’80, Kate Konopka
7. Adrienne DiPaolo ’08, Alex Dimson ’08, Sonia Leith ’08
8. Judith Potter, Winnie Holland, Beryl Theobald
9. Warren Bongard ’91, Rick Morelli ’95, Ian Holloway, Lorin McDonald ’09
10. Adam Chambers ’11, Kevin Ng
11. Doug Melville ’91, Berkley Sells ’96
12. David Leith ’11, Adam Banack ’08,
13. Dany Horovitz ’10, Morgan Borins ’10, Alina Preston ’10
14. Sahil Zaman, Navjot Dhaliwal ’10, Casey Howell ’06
15. Matoula Charitsis, Christine Tabbert ’98, Alex Colangelo ’01
16. Jessica Esplen ’08, Linda Vandenbrink ’08, Erin Strashin ’08
1960s

GRAHAM W. S. SCOTT ’66 has been appointed Chair of the Board of Directors for Canada Health Infoway, an independent, not-for-profit organization funded by the federal government that accelerates the development and adoption of electronic health record projects.

RICHARD BORISS ’69 has retired after 39 years as a defence lawyer at Gowland, Boriss LLP in Peterborough. “I’ve always had some sympathy for the underdog, sympathy for some who are less fortunate perhaps. I’ve always been attracted to the defence side rather than the government side (the Crown),” Boriss said.

1970s

RICHARD McLAREN ’71 has been appointed president of the Basketball Arbitral Tribunal. The tribunal provides services for the resolution of disputes between players, agents and clubs through arbitration.

MICHAEL M. LERNER ’72 has been elected a Bencher of the Law Society of Upper Canada.

JUDSON WHITESIDE ’73 has been appointed to the board of Directors of ARISE Technologies Corporations. Judson is a senior partner in the Business Law Group of Miller Thomson LLP. He served as Chairman and CEO of Miller Thomson from 1992 to 2007.

THE HONOURABLE GLENN A. HANEY ’74, a lawyer with Gowling Lafleur Henderson, has been appointed a judge of the Ontario Superior Court of Justice (Toronto).

ARCHIE NESBITT ’76 has been appointed Chairman of the Board of Directors at Great Bear Resources Ltd, a uranium exploration company. He was named President and CEO of the company in March 2010.

VICTOR MITROW ’77 a lawyer with McKenzie Lake Lawyers LLP in London, has been appointed a Judge of the Ontario Superior Court of Justice, Family Division (London).

DAVID POYNTON ’78 has been appointed to the Board of Directors of Timberline Resources, a U.S.-based exploration and development company.

CHRISTOPHER D. BREDT ’79 has been elected a Bencher of the Law Society of Upper Canada.

JODI CUNNISON ’79 is a Realtor in Sarasota, Florida with Coldwell Banker. Her niche market is selling real estate to Canadian purchasers.

1980s

A. DUNCAN GRACE ’80 was appointed Judge of the Superior Court of Justice in Toronto.

DALE PONDER ’80 was recognized by The Women’s Executive Network as one of their 2010 Canada’s Most Powerful Women Top 100. Dale is Managing Partner and chief executive of Osler, Hoskin & Harcourt LLP and a senior member of its Mergers and Acquisitions Practice Group.

JOANNE FOOT ’81 joined Miller Thomson’s Toronto office as a partner in the Financial Services and Insolvency Group.

JOHN FINNIGAN ’82 has been appointed to the advisory board for the 2011 Canadian General Counsel Awards.

KEVIN SHERWOOD ’82 was appointed to the Ontario Court of Justice.

KEVIN SULLIVAN ’83 has stepped down as CEO of GMP Capital, and taken on a mentoring and revenue driving role as the Deputy Chairman of the company.

THE HONOURABLE M. GREGORY ELLIES ’84, partner with Lucenti, Orland & Ellies Professional Corporation in North Bay, was appointed a Judge of the Superior Court of Justice of Ontario in Sault Ste. Marie.

RICHARD MICHAELOFF ’84 was appointed President & CEO of Retrocom Mid-Market Real Estate, a retail property real estate investment trust.

JANET LEIPER ’85 has been elected a Bencher of the Law Society of Upper Canada.

MARK NICHOLSON ’87 is now a partner at Gowlings and leads the firm’s national Competition Law/Antitrust Group.

AMY LYNN SHAFRON ’87 has been named Head of The Davis Academy, a Reform Jewish day school in Atlanta, Georgia. She was previously the school’s Director, Institutional Advancement.

KEVIN DERBYSHIRE ’88 of E.I. Dupont Canada Company was selected as one of the finalists for the 2010 Canadian General Counsel Awards, Business Achievement.

SHAUN FINNIE ’89 has been appointed Senior Managing Director and Head of Oil and Gas and Divestiture advisory for Evercore Partners Inc.

VICKIE WONG ’89 has joined Gowlings as a partner in the Financial Services Industry Group.
Western Law Law Alumni

1990s

NADIA MANIN ’90 has been appointed as an Associate Partner at PricewaterhouseCoopers.

MARK ROWBOOTHAM ’90 has joined the firm of McMillan as a partner in the pensions and benefits group.

ANASATASIOS “TOM” SPYREDES ’90 has been hired by Frank, Weinberg & Black, in Palm Beach, Florida, where he will specialize in commercial and civil litigation, real estate and contract law.

GEORGE BONNELL ’91 has been appointed as President and CEO of Argex Mining Inc., which is transitioning from titanium, iron and vanadium explorer to a development company with projects in Quebec.

FELICIA BORTOLUSSI ’91 is now a partner with Fraser Milner Casgrain in the Securities/Corporate Finance Group.

JULIE GAGNON ’91 joined Fraser Milner Casgrain as a partner in the firm’s National Corporate, Commercial Group. She is based in Montreal.

PETER ACETO ’94, President and CEO of ING Direct Canada, was the recipient of the IABC/Toronto 2010 Communicator of the Year (COTY) award.

PAUL CARENZA ’95 is a partner in the Tax and Trusts Group at Cassels Brock Lawyers.

MELISSA MACKEWN ’95 was recognized by Lexpert as a 2010 Rising Star in the legal field.

LORETO GRIMALDI ’96 has joined PharmaTrust as General Counsel & Corporate Secretary. PharmaTrust is the developer of the MedCentre integrated dispensing and medication management system.

DREW HASELBACK ’96 was named the Legal Editor of the Financial Post.

EMMANUEL PRESSMAN ’96 was recognized by Lexpert as a 2010 Rising Star in the legal field.

JENNIFER TINDALE ’96 has been appointed as VP, General Counsel to MI Developments. She was previously associate general counsel and corporate secretary at Biovail Corp., which has been merged with Valeant Pharmaceuticals International Inc.

DAVID SHOEMAKER ’96 has assumed the position of CEO, NBA China.

CRAG MAURICE ’97 joined Torys LLP as a partner where he practices tax law, with a particular focus on the energy industry.

DONNA WALWYN ’97 is one of seventeen black partners at Bay Street law firms that were honoured by the Canadian Association of Black Lawyers.

MICHAEL BRIGHTLING ’98 has joined the firm of Cohen Highley, London, and will concentrate on real estate and corporate matters.

RYAN FARQUHAR ’98 has been appointed VP and General Counsel of Tonbridge Power Inc., a Toronto-based developer of electrical transmission assets.

MARK REDINGER ’98 is returning to the Business Law Department to continue his corporate commercial practice at Fogler, Rubinoff.

WADE SARASIN ’98 has been appointed partner at Siskinds, practicing commercial litigation with a focus on construction law.

JODY BECKER ’99, as Counsel and Vice-President for EllisDon Corp., won the Tomorrow’s Leader Award at the 2011 Canadian General Counsel Awards, organized by the National Post and ZSA Legal Recruitment.

2000s

JENNIFER CHAPMAN ’00 has been appointed a partner to Brown Beattie O’Donovan LLP in London.

L. VIET NGUYEN ’00 joined the firm of Devry Smith Frank LLP as part of its Commercial Litigation Group.

JEREMY WARNING ’00 has joined Heenan Blaikie as a partner in the Labour and Employment Law group in the firm’s Toronto office.

LYNN IDING ’02 has joined Stikeman Elliott, Toronto as Assistant Director, Associate Programs.

JANAN PASKARAN ’02 has joined Tory’s Calgary office as a partner; his practice focuses on corporate and securities law.

CASSANDRA PRIEDE ’02 has joined the firm of Devry Smith Frank as part of their business, corporate and lending group.

JP ZUBEC ’02 has joined the litigation group of the law firm of Kelly Santini LLP, Ottawa.

DARA LAMBE ’03 is now a partner with Lerners, London.

Pictured (l-r): Christopher D. Bredt ’79; Jodi Cunnison ’79; John Finnigan ’82; Janet Leiper ’85; Kevin Derbyshire ’88; Vickie Wong ’89; Melissa Mackewn ’95; David Shoemaker ’96; Craig Maurice ’97; Jody Becker ’99; Maria Mcrae ’00
MICHAEL ADAMS ’04 joined Davies LLP as an Associate where he practises with the firm’s Business Law Group.

DANIEL LUBLIN ’04 was recognized by the 2011 Precedent Setter Awards as one of six excellent lawyers in their first ten years of practice. Daniel is a partner with Whitten & Lublin LLP.

JEREMY FORREST ’05 has joined Brown Beattie O’Donovan LLP as an Associate. He will be practising in the areas of construction and commercial litigation.

CHRISTOPHER CHEUNG ’06 joined the law firm of Thomas Gold Pettinghill LLP as an Associate.

MELISSA GHIZLANZONI ’06 is raising money for the Humanitarian Coalition’s work in Japan by selling the photographs she took in Japan during her visit March 3-13. She writes, “I hope that these photos, some of which were taken about an hour before the earthquake and tsunami struck, will blend in your imagination alongside all of the images of devastation we are seeing on the news as a reminder of the beauty and resilience of Japan.” For more info visit www.etsy.com/shop/PhotosforJapan

CHRISTIAN JANETTA ’06 has joined the law firm of Cohen Highley, London.

RICK LAMANNA ’06 is now an Associate with Baker McKenzie, Toronto.

ELISA GIACOMELLI ’07 joined the law firm of Dickson Wright as an Associate. Elisa advises and represents clients in all aspects of commercial litigation, with an emphasis on contractual disputes, employment, real estate litigation, construction liens, shareholder disputes, investor disputes, mortgage financial instructions, national corporations, regional businesses, individual and investor groups.

LEE-ANN GIBBS ’07 joined Davies LLP as an Associate where she practices with the firm’s Business Law Group.

RUSTAM JUMA ’07 has joined the securities law practice at Heenan Blaikie, Toronto.

CHAD MATHESON ’07 has joined the law firm of Cassels Brock & Blackwell, Toronto as an Associate.

LISA ROSCOE ’07 has joined Lerners LLP as an Associate.

CHRISTOPHER HEYWOOD ’08 has been appointed as General Counsel of Reeves Financial Services Inc., a leading insurance agency and financial services company in Hamilton, Ontario.

KIM NEWMAN ’08 has joined the law firm Cohen Highley as an Associate.

KEN FRASER ’09 has joined Cohen Highley as an Associate.

JENNIFER HANSEN ’09 has joined Cassels Brock as an Associate in the Securities Group.

JONATHAN TKATCH ’09 has joined Cassels Brock as an Associate in the Securities Group.

OMAR HA-REDEYE ’10 won the 2010 Blawg Review of the Year for his contribution in Blawg Review #278 (http://lawiscool.com/2010/08/23/blawg-review-278/). Blawg Review is an international blog carnival, featuring blog posts from the legal community. The Blawg Review of the Year is selected by the readership through submissions to the editor.

If you have news you’d like to share please email Susanna Eayrs at seayrs@uwo.ca

In Memoriam

Robert Mackay, Q.C. a former Dean and Professor at Western Law, died on August 3, 2011 at the age of 85. Mackay joined the Faculty of Law at Western in 1959, only a year after it was established, until he retired in 1989. Mackay was appointed Dean of Law in January of 1969 until 1973. A specialist in Criminal Law and Civil Rights, Mackay found his life’s calling as a teacher and mentor to generations of law students.

Jordan Bernamoff ’07 died on February 16, 2011. Jordan is survived by his wife Debbie and children, Alan and Milly.

Claire Mehta ’80 died on March 5, 2011. Mehta suffered from a rare neuro-muscular condition but beat the odds to become an advocate for the disabled, a successful lawyer and a loving wife and mother.

David Rowcliffe ’91 died on February 4, 2011 at the age of 46. The Class of 1991 has established a fund to honour their classmate David Rowcliffe. To learn more about the David Rowcliffe Gale Cup Moot Team Fund please visit www.westernconnect.ca/rowcliffe
Western Law students will have a freshly renovated space for renewal and relaxation thanks to the generous $200,000 gift from Norton Rose OR LLP (formerly Ogilvy Renault) in support of upgrades to the law school’s student lounge.

In recognition of this gift Western Law will name this space The Norton Rose Student Common Room.

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It’s been an exciting year for Western Law as we develop our fundraising priorities to coincide with Western’s and our President, Amit Chakma’s vision. This includes building a University with stronger international presence through the establishment of internationally renowned Chairs, increased global student activity and cross-disciplinary programs that will be recognized beyond Canada.

Our goal at the law school is to implement Western’s vision to build on our strengths in business law, public law and topics in international law such as human rights and trade law. With the help of our external partners – our alumni, law firms, friends of the school and corporations – we are committed to building key internationally recognized Chairs, a robust international internship and exchange program, and to continue our success hosting visiting scholars through the January Term Program and new Scholars Series. Western Law is committed to providing the best student experience and offers a well-rounded legal education for the next generation of global leaders.

On behalf of Western, the External Department, our Faculty and students at Law, thank you for your commitment to Western Law as donors and volunteers. We look forward to working with you as we take the Law School to the next level under our new leadership with Dean W. Iain Scott. I welcome you to join us to build an exciting future!

Matoula Charitsis
Director of External Relations, Faculty of Law
Class of ’80 Supports Case Studies in Business Law

Alumni from the Class of ’80 have sponsored the Case Studies in Business Law series taught by Professor Richard McLaren. The class raised $20,000 to support visiting scholars/practitioners to provide a special topic lecture in the Course. Many thanks to Karen Trimble ’80 for her leadership with the Class of ’80 committee which helped raise funds for this project and organized a class reunion during homecoming 2010.

Wildeboer Dellelce LLP World Exchange Internship

Thanks to the generous support of Wildeboer Dellelce LLP, a Western Law student can gain hands-on experience in securities and business law interning at the London Stock Exchange (LSE). The new internship, called The Wildeboer Dellelce LLP World Exchange Internship, began this past summer, offering an incoming second-year law student an opportunity to gain work experience in business law abroad.

“Our firm is delighted to support this new internship which will give law students an invaluable opportunity to work and learn at the world’s leading international stock exchange,” says Perry Dellelce, founder and Managing Partner of Wildeboer Dellelce LLP.

Western Law would like to thank Wildeboer Dellelce LLP and Perry Dellelce for their generous gift in support of this important internship which gives a selected student the funds needed for accommodation and travel during the summer months to work at the LSE. Thanks also to Wayne McArdle ’82 of the London law firm Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher LLP for his invaluable assistance in securing this placement with the LSE.

New Student Award

Brown & Korte Barristers has made a commitment of $12,000 to establish a new student award in Insurance Law. The award will be valued at $2,500 and presented to one student each year for the next five years. This is the first partnership with Brown & Korte and Western Law.

The Coxford Lecture

Stephen Coxford ’77, Vice-Chair of Western’s Board of Governors, has endowed The Coxford Lecture, Western Law’s prestigious annual public law lecture. Coxford’s generous gift allows Western Law to bring international scholars to Western Law to address important public law questions, in order to promote and advance the rule of law.

Previous speakers in the Coxford Lecture series include Larry Alexander of the University of San Diego, Professor Jeremy Waldron of New York University and Oxford University, and Professor Jeffrey Goldsworthy of Monash University. The Honourable Mr. Justice Ian Binnie of the Supreme Court of Canada will deliver the 2011-12 Coxford Lecture on Thursday, February 16, 2012.

The lectures are published annually in the Canadian Journal of Law and Jurisprudence.

TGF International Internship Sends Law Student to The World Bank

ThorntonGroutFinnigan LLP (TGF), a restructuring and litigation boutique firm founded by Western Law grads Robert Thornton ’82 and John Finnigan ’82, has generously supported a new student international internship.

The Firm is funding the World Bank International Student Internship in Bankruptcy and Insolvency Law. The World Bank, located in Washington D.C., provides national governments around the world with advice on improving the practical functioning of domestic insolvency systems.
Faculty of Law Donors

We would like to recognize the following donors who have given or pledged $1,000 or more to Western’s Faculty of Law between May 1, 2010 and April 30, 2011. We also wish to thank those donors who have chosen to remain anonymous.

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Law Foundation of Ontario

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Norton Rose LLP

Donors of $25,000 - $99,999
Hicks Morley
Thornton Grout Finnigan LLP
Western Law Student Legal Society

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Dr. Chios C. Carmody
Stephen R. Coxford
Wayne P. McArdle
James G. McKee
David and Rose Mongeau

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Western Law Welcomes its Newest Alumni

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CLASS OF 2011!

Students strode proudly across the stage and received congratulations while family and friends beamed with admiration at the Western Law awards ceremony for the Class of 2011 held on Friday, June 17.

In his address to his fellow classmates, Avi Vaturi, the 2011 valedictorian, told the audience, “Western Law fosters a sense of collegiality and support that is openly palpable.”

He concluded by saying, “You all are going to contribute immeasurable amounts to society. You all are going to be sources of pride to your families and your colleagues, and to all of us.

“So my message for all of you, students, faculty and staff alike, is simple. Don’t change. Continue to be the exemplary people you all already are. And know that I will always feel privileged and honoured to call myself a graduate of Western Law and a member of this class of 2011.”
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AVI VATURI, 2011 VALEDICTORIAN
Our former Dean, Ian Holloway, has an impressive list of accomplishments; but it’s his ability to succeed seemingly anywhere in the world which sets him apart - and which has made him such a valuable asset to the faculty over the last 10 years. Armed with an LLB from Dalhousie, an LLM from Berkeley and a PhD from Australia National University, Holloway has taken on the world and the world of higher learning with an insatiable appetite.

Holloway came to The University of Western Ontario in 2000, when he joined the Faculty of Law as Dean. Holloway credits his international experience for shaping the vision he had for the faculty.

“When I was appointed, Western’s President asked me to get the place to start looking outward,” he says. “One of the first things that I did was to coin as our tag line ‘A national school with an international outlook.’”

And Holloway has worked tirelessly toward that tag line. To him, that meant drawing a student body from all across Canada as well as ensuring that students gain an instinctive appreciation for the importance of law and culture as it exists beyond Canada’s borders. So it’s no surprise that he is such a strong believer in Western Law’s exchange and internship programs.

“If our legal profession is to continue to flourish, then Canadian lawyers need to become more cosmopolitan in outlook and orientation. Western Law’s exchange and internship programs serve as the foundation of that project.”

“During his time at Western, Ian Holloway has been a champion for internationalization and an inter-disciplinary approach in legal education,” says Janice Deakin, Western Provost and Vice-President (Academic). Holloway says that such international, large-scale planning has created a much sharper focus for the school.

“The decision to adopt business law as a strategic emphasis has opened doors for faculty and students that I don’t think would otherwise have been opened to a law school located in Middlesex County, Ontario,” he says.

Even with his international vision, Holloway keeps his home close to his heart. “I’m a Maritimer,” says the New Brunswick native. “We tend to be sentimentalists who perpetually yearn for home. Yet we are also inveterate wanderers. That pretty much sums me up.”

“Ian has been a wonderful ambassador for Western Law,” says Rick Morelli ’95, former President of the UWO Law Alumni Association. “His affability combined with his intelligence allowed him to connect so remarkably well with our profession. In cooperation with others, Ian was instrumental in breathing renewed life into our alumni association, culminating in an outstanding 50th anniversary celebration.”

Student Services Director Mysty Clapton recalls Holloway’s personal warmth and engagement, and his ability to treat everyone he meets with the same sense of equality.

“Maritimers are full of passionate attachments, full of kindness, full of understanding of the blunter edges of life and therefore more likely to be forgiving of the foibles in others. Ian is all of these things.”

Aside from the warmth of personality he brought to his Deanship, Holloway also brought many lasting contributions to the school - ranging from the growth of clinical education to the expansion of the building to the introduction of a graduate program.

And his advice for incoming law students? “Work hard and live a balanced life,” he says. “Law school is an investment in oneself, and students have the power during their three years to decide what the return on that investment will be.”

Holloway says he does have regrets. “That’s another element of being a Maritimer,” he laughs. “Hardly a day goes by that I don’t make a mistake at something. But one can’t change the past. One can only try to learn from it. There have been downs as well as ups, but I wouldn’t have traded these 10 years for anything.”

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IN CLOSING

AFTER 10 YEARS AS WESTERN LAW’S DEAN, IAN HOLLOWAY STARTS HIS NEXT CHAPTER AS DEAN OF LAW AT THE UNIVERSITY OF CALGARY.

BY KATHERINE LOW
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