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MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN

The past academic year was an exceptional one for uOttawa's Common Law Section. I am proud of what our students and faculty have accomplished in the past year, and this report's objective is to share those accomplishments with our alumni, donors and supporters.

This year saw some changes to the programs we offer – we have expanded our expertise in Health Law through the new Centre for Health Law, Policy and Ethics; we have worked towards indigenizing our curriculum to ensure that the diversity of Canada's legal system is truly reflected; and, we launched the Certificate in Common Law in French, which will allow francophone law students in other provinces to get training in French legal writing and terminology, so they can offer French legal services in underserved communities. Beyond contributing to our Section's exceptional expertise and diversity, our professors excelled in their own right this year. The Faculty and our alumni are proud that uOttawa Common Law is home to so much outstanding research, as well as astounding success in litigation.

This report details the many awards garnered by our faculty members, but here are just a few highlights:

- Constance Backhouse won the 2015 Molson Prize, awarded by the Canadian Council for the Arts;
- Suzanne Bouclin was awarded the Early Researcher Award, as well as membership in the Global Young Academy, and uOttawa's Young Researcher of the Year;
- Adam Dodek received the 2015 Law Society Medal, and took home the Walter Owen Book Prize; and,
- Donald McRae was appointed a Companion of the Order of Canada.

As Dean of the Common Law Section, I look forward to continuing to nurture a culture of excellence. I hope you will join us in supporting the remarkable contribution to Canada's legal community that uOttawa's Common Law grads and faculty are making.

Dean Nathalie Des Rosiers

COMMON LAW SECTION AT A GLANCE

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PUBLICATIONS

BOOKS **45**

115 BOOK
CHAPTERS

JOURNAL
ARTICLES **191**

2015-16 HIGHLIGHTS

SHAPING THE FUTURE OF HEALTH CARE: THE CENTRE FOR HEALTH LAW POLICY AND ETHICS' GROUND-BREAKING FIRST YEAR

The interdisciplinary Centre for Health Law, Policy and Ethics is focused on research designed to tackle pressing health, health care and health system issues, keeping policy-makers ahead of the curve when it comes to translating new research developments into effective practice.

The Centre's emphasis on multi-disciplinary research brings together researchers from a vast array of specializations – not just legal experts, but researchers focused on health sciences, medicine, administration, social sciences and even religious studies. In the Centre's first year, inaugural director Professor Colleen Flood has emphasized making its research accessible to policy-makers, as well as to the public.

The Centre hosted its inaugural conference in Fall 2015 on The Future of Health Law. The conference brought together experts from the University of Ottawa, Canada and the U.S. to discuss issues ranging from the future of the Canada Health Act to the emerging field of robotics in health care.

Excellent hands-on learning opportunities for students are also a priority for the new Centre. For example, the Centre has created the Santéships program, designed to provide first-year law students with financial assistance as they cultivate mentoring relationships with faculty members while assisting them with current research initiatives.

The Centre also launched the Global Health Law Clinic, an experiential learning opportunity for students to apply their previous studies to real-world global health practice. Students work in teams over two semesters to provide a United Nations agency, government, or civil society partner with research, analysis and advice on addressing a pressing global health challenge facing them.

“ We are so fortunate to have such a rich community of expertise here. Our faculty members and collaborators bring research experience in every major area of health law, from infectious diseases, to reproductive tech, to mental health. ”

– Professor Colleen Flood
Director, Centre for Health Law, Policy and Ethics

NEW CERTIFICATE IN FRENCH COMMON LAW ANNOUNCED

In March 2016, the Common Law Section announced a new certificate in French Common Law, which will provide new opportunities for students and increase access to legal services in French in francophone minority communities throughout Canada.

The Certificate in Common Law in French (CCLF) will be offered through a partnership between the University of Ottawa's French Common Law Section and the College of Law at the University of Saskatchewan.

The University of Ottawa's Certificate in French Common Law is the first of its kind in Canada. The CCLF will allow law students to take part of their course-load in French, complete an exchange in Ottawa, compete in a moot court competition with teams throughout Canada, be paired with experienced mentors in the legal profession, and have the opportunity to complete a credited internship with law firms, organizations and government actors that work in French in Saskatchewan. The University of Saskatchewan will be the first partner institution to offer this new certificate, beginning in the Fall of 2016.

// We created this certificate to enhance the offer of French legal services throughout Canada. We are pleased the University of Saskatchewan College of Law is partnering with us on this innovative initiative. **//**

– Dean Nathalie Des Rosiers



PROFILE IN EXCELLENCE: PROFESSOR JOSEPH MAGNET

It takes years of work and dedication to be victorious in a major human rights case – let alone two in one year. But Professor Joseph Magnet accomplished just this in 2016.

In April 2016, the United Nations Commission of Inquiry on Human Rights in Eritrea (COI) concluded that the Government of Eritrea was guilty of gross human rights violations against the Afar people in Eritrea, and that Eritrean officials committed crimes against humanity for persecuting the Afar in a large-scale and routine manner.

The Commission's conclusions were based solely on extensive evidence and legal argument provided by Professor Magnet.

The COI also called on UN member states to arrest the responsible Eritrean leaders for their crimes against the Afar and referred the case to the UN Security Council with a

recommendation that the Security Council send the matter to the Prosecutor of the International Criminal Court.

Prof. Magnet was appointed Counsel to the Afar Nation by its Elders and leaders in 2010. He interviewed hundreds of Eritrean refugees in Africa and Europe who were eyewitnesses to atrocities. He then corroborated these testimonies with documentary sources, including analysis of 21,000 intake reports that recorded the reasons why Eritrean refugees fled to neighbouring countries.

Ahmed Mohamed – an Afar-Canadian activist who leads the Eritrean Afar State in Exile (EASE), which is fighting to restore Afar human and land rights and calling for constitutional reform in Eritrea – says Prof. Magnet changed the way the Afar Nation approached their situation and helped them to gain traction in the international community.

"Professor Magnet enabled the Afar people to speak clearly and democratically to the wider world including policy makers in the region and the international community," says Mr. Mohamed. "Traditionally, our people are known as fierce indigenous warriors. Historically, when the Afar are faced with injustices of colonization, marginalization and assimilation, we sought justice and fought for our rights through armed struggle. Professor Magnet changed all that and for that we, the Afar people, are profoundly grateful."

Over the course of his six years of work on this case, Prof. Magnet enlisted the help of several of his students as research assistants, giving them a unique hands-on learning opportunity. Andrew Kaikai (JD 2015), who worked with Prof. Magnet on litigation files, took an interest in the Afar case, working on advocacy presentations, and drafting communications to the UN Special Rapporteur.

"This project was the first opportunity I had to get directly involved with the people on whose behalf we work as lawyers," says Mr. Kaikai. "Professor Magnet is a brilliant legal mind, but is also very empathetic. Working with him made it clear to me that the law is there to make a difference in the lives of real people. It has made me a better lawyer."

Prof. Magnet has also worked to create long-term stability in the broader Horn of Africa region. He created a new constitutional model for Eritrea, and travelled extensively to explain and gather support for it. He convened a conference of global experts to add detail and credibility to this model. That model is now the only one accepted by the Afar and other minorities in Eritrea.

In the same month that the UN COI announced its findings, the Supreme Court of Canada released its unanimous decision in *Daniels v. Canada*, ruling that Non-status Indians and Métis are within federal jurisdiction under the Constitution Act, 1867.

The decision has far-reaching consequences, effectively extending the federal government's responsibility for about 600,000 Métis and Non-status Indians. Secret Cabinet memos Prof. Magnet proved in the case called these people "the most disadvantaged of all Canadian citizens."

"I'm very happy that we were successful in removing a blockage in the constitutional system that caused many indigenous people to suffer significant disadvantage and discrimination," said Prof. Magnet. "For too long they have been denied programs and services that all governments recognize are necessary to enable them to reach their full potential in Canadian society."

Prof. Magnet acted as lead counsel for the Congress of Aboriginal Peoples throughout the 17-year legal battle.

Professor Magnet is no stranger to large, transformative cases. In 1985 he persuaded the Supreme Court of Canada to declare unconstitutional all unilingual Manitoba legislation enacted since 1890, and to impose official bilingualism on the province. He is the only counsel in Canada's history to have obtained such a result.

uOttawa's Common Law Section is proud to have Prof. Magnet as a member of our faculty. His litigation work is not only contributing significantly to constitutional law scholarship, but also making an unimaginable difference to the marginalized people to whom he has dedicated his career.

// We have made a promising breakthrough in a troubled region. It will take time to realize change in such a politically sensitive area, but I hope to see our work eventually result in constitutional governance in Eritrea, which is essential to bring peace and stability to the broader Horn region. //

– Professor Joseph Magnet

OUR RESEARCH

HIGHLIGHT: FACULTY OF LAW RANKS AMONG TOP INTERNATIONAL LAW SCHOOLS FOR SSRN DOWNLOADS

In 2015, the University of Ottawa's Faculty of Law earned a prestigious ranking on the Social Science Research Network's (SSRN) list of the Top 500 International Law Schools. uOttawa ranked in the top ten on the list of total downloads from international law schools. This means the scholarship of uOttawa law researchers is being seen by more people than ever, and truly places uOttawa's legal research production amongst the top schools in the world.

SSRN's research networks collect and distribute a database of the highest quality research papers from authors all over the world. The Electronic Paper Collection currently contains over 500,000 downloadable full text documents.

HIGHLIGHT: SSHRC PARTNERSHIP GRANTS

Four professors from the Faculty of Law's Centre for Law Technology and Society were awarded prestigious multi-million dollar Partnership Grants from the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC) in 2015.

The Partnership Grants are each worth approximately \$2.5 million, spread out over seven years. The highly competitive process shortlisted 24 projects, and awarded a total of 17 grants throughout Canada. That two of those projects hail from the same research centre at uOttawa is both an incredible feat and proof that the Centre for Law, Technology and Society is truly at the forefront of research in its field.

- Professors **Jane Bailey** (Faculty of Law, Common Law Section) and **Valerie Steeves** (Faculty of Social Sciences) received a Partnership Grant for a project entitled "The eQuality Project," which brings together a broad range of civil society, educational and government partners interested in exploring young peoples' experiences online, specifically examining the targeting of youth and other vulnerable audiences by advertisers.
- Professors **Jeremy de Beer** and **Chidi Oguamanam**, both from the Common Law Section, were awarded a grant to expand their Open African Innovation Research network, known as Open AIR. With partners across government, civil society and the private sector in 14 African countries, they are working to ease the tensions between intellectual property and access to knowledge, build connections between Canada and the world's fastest growing economies, and train new scholars with international experiences and perspectives.
- In addition, Professor **Craig Forcese** served as a co-applicant, representing the University of Ottawa, on a \$2.15 million Partnership Grant awarded to the Canadian Network for the Study of Terrorism, Security, and Society (TSAS). TSAS is hosted by the University of British Columbia and is intended to foster multidisciplinary research on terrorist radicalization, the coordinated interaction of academic researchers with government officials, and the cultivation of a new generation of young scholars interested in terrorism, security, and the impact of both on society.

RESEARCH CHAIRS

The combined sections of the University of Ottawa's Faculty of Law (Common Law and Civil Law) currently hold the most Canada Research Chairs (CRCs) in the discipline of law throughout Canada. The Common Law Section is proud to be home to Research Chairs who are internationally recognized leaders in their fields, and who are engaging in ground-breaking research.

Canada Research Chairs



Michael Geist
*Canada Research Chair in Internet
and E-commerce Law*



Ian Kerr
*Canada Research Chair in Ethics,
Law and Technology*



Teresa Scassa
*Canada Research Chair in
Information Law*

University Research Chairs



Constance Backhouse
*University Research Chair on Sexual
Assault Legislation in Canada*



Colleen Flood
*University Research Chair in
Health Law and Policy*

Endowed and Sponsored Research Chairs



Jennifer Chandler
*Bertram Loeb Chair in Organ and
Tissue Donation*



Donald McRae
*Hyman Soloway Chair in Business
and Trade Law (Deborah Steger
nominated for 2016)*



Elizabeth Sheehy
*The Shirley Greenberg Professor of
Women and the Legal Profession
(Angela Cameron nominated for 2016)*



DID YOU KNOW?

Three of uOttawa Common Law's PhD students have already been accepted to teaching positions at Canadian law schools.

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ARTICLING POSITIONS AND CLERKSHIPS

Type of Articling Employer	# of students
Private Practice (total)	200
Criminal Defence	15
Family	8
Full-Service / General Practice	110
Immigration	2
Intellectual Property	6
Litigation (boutique)	29
Labour and Employment	9
Corporate / Commercial (boutique)	6
Other Practice Areas not Outlined Above	15
Clerkships	13
Public Interest (including agencies, boards, commissions or clinics)	16
Government (total)	36
Federal	18
Provincial	16
Municipal	2
Business / Industry (including corporate in-house)	6
Unknown Type	21

UOTTAWA COMMON LAW STUDENT EXCELLENCE

2016 Moot Season: Another Successful Year for Powerhouse uOttawa Teams

2016 was another amazing season for the Common Law Section's mooting program. Following up on 2015's unprecedented success, this year's mooting teams continued to dominate on the Canadian and international stages, in every area of legal practice.

This included winning the prestigious top prize at the Oxford International Intellectual Property Moot, for the second time in five years. Fred Wu was the competition's best speaker, Tracey Doyle placed second and Laura MacDonald sixth, giving the team three of the top six speaker prizes. uOttawa also took honours as the top-ranked team after all preliminary rounds.

The win continues a remarkable string of success for uOttawa in IP mooting generally, and at the Oxford IP moot specifically. In the only five years uOttawa has competed, the school has never failed to reach at least the quarter-finals, winning twice and regularly receiving accolades for having top oralists and/or factums.

For the second year in a row, the uOttawa negotiation teams swept the competition at the Walsh Negotiation Competition in Family Law, bringing home the Walsh Cup and winning all of the top team and individual prizes. Coach Lynn Rockman reported that the students received excellent feedback from the judges, who said the uOttawa team "owned the table."

uOttawa has worked hard to build a culture of mooting success. The Nelligan First-Year Moot is the first opportunity for students to engage with the program. Many of the students who perform well in the Nelligan go on to join the teams that compete at the national and international levels. Mooting has become a key part of the law school experience at uOttawa. The Director of our Mooting program, Professor Anthony Daimsis, is a leader in coaching teams that excel on the world stage. Mooting is not just for students – our success is also thanks to the impressive list of alumni who have volunteered their time to help coach teams, or judge competitions.

12 Common Law Students Receive Undergrad Research Opportunity Program Grants

Twelve Common Law students are among those to receive grants from the University of Ottawa's Undergraduate Research Opportunity Program (UROP).

The UROP provides undergraduate students with unique and exciting opportunities to explore cutting-edge research at the University of Ottawa while they define their professional goals. By participating in UROP, a student receives a \$1,000 award and devotes, during one academic term, at least 50 hours to a research project conducted by the faculty sponsor he or she has chosen. This year's students from Common Law include:

- Joanna Chan
(sponsored by Professor Elizabeth Sheehy)
- Peter (Tae-Min) Choi
(sponsored by Professor Jamie Liew)
- Isaac Da Silva Aboo
(sponsored by Professor Alain Roussy)
- Lindsay McLellan
(sponsored by Professor Suzanne Bouclin)
- Romina Raeisi
(sponsored by Professor David Wiseman)
- Stefanija Savic
(sponsored by Professor Marina Pavlović)
- Josh Smith
(sponsored by Professor David Wiseman)
- Isabelle St-Hilaire
(sponsored by Professor Lynda Collins)
- Madeleine Werker
(sponsored by Professor Marina Pavlović)
- Heather Cameron
(sponsored by Professor Jeremy de Beer)
- Kate Agyemang
(sponsored by Professor Mary Cavanagh)
- Stephanie Woods
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Mayoori Malankov: A Passion for Helping Others

Mayoori Malankov wasn't sure she could return to law school after her first year, as she was relying on the Ontario Student Loans Program, which doesn't even cover the full cost of tuition.

"I received the O'Brien/Kehoe Scholarship, and it helped immensely, both financially and emotionally – it gave me the hope and motivation to keep pushing ahead."

Mayoori has been an exemplary student, and has found a niche through uOttawa Common Law's Refugee Sponsorship Support Program. Through this directed study course, Mayoori took part in setting up the free legal advice clinic at City Hall in Ottawa, which has served as a model to establish similar clinics in cities across Canada. The clinics provide advice to individuals and groups interested in sponsoring refugees, assisting with the complex process.

"This program has allowed me to develop my knowledge and expertise in an area of law that I am passionate about, while making a real difference."





Professor Chidi Oguamanam

OUR FACULTY

The Common Law Section's faculty is composed of a wide range of experts, many of whom are renowned as leaders in their respective fields. Through their scholarship, our professors have contributed to the exploration and transformation of Canadian laws, practices and legal systems.



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FULL
PROFESSORS

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ASSOCIATE
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ASSISTANT
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PUBLICATIONS SUMMARY

Common Law professors published 45 books or monographs, 115 book chapters, and 191 journal articles in 2014-2016. The following chart shows how the publications produced by Common Law professors in 2014-2016 divide among some of the most widely studied areas of law at the University of Ottawa.

Note: some publications may cover more than one area.

Field	Books	Chapters	Articles	Total
Aboriginal Law & Indigenous Peoples' Law	-	5	4	9
Environmental Law	3	9	13	25
Health Law	3	17	48	68
Human Rights	7	14	11	32
International Law	13	31	42	86
Private Law	10	15	10	35
Public Law	10	28	68	106
Social Justice	6	8	34	48
Technology Law	7	29	22	58
Women and the Law	6	9	14	29

EVERY YEAR, FACULTY MEMBERS FROM THE COMMON LAW SECTION ARE RECOGNIZED FOR THEIR EXPERTISE, LEADERSHIP, AND INNOVATION WITH A BROAD RANGE OF AWARDS, PRIZES AND DISTINCTIONS. THESE PROFILE OUR SCHOLARSHIP TO THE LARGER COMMUNITY, ASSIST OUR RESEARCHERS IN GAINING ACCESS TO FUNDING AND FOSTER A CULTURE THAT INSTILLS PRIDE AND CELEBRATES EXCELLENCE.

Constance Backhouse

- ★ Molson Prize, 2015
(Canadian Council for the Arts)

Jane Bailey

- ★ 100 Best Political Books of 2015
(The Hill Times)
- ★ Ramon John Hnatyshyn Award for Law, 2016
(Canadian Bar Association)

Jennifer Bond

- ★ Appointed Special Advisor to the Minister of Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship, 2015-2016

Suzanne Bouclin

- ★ Early Researcher Award, 2015
(Ministry of Research and Innovation)
- ★ Membership in the Global Young Academy, 2015
- ★ Young Researcher of the Year, 2015
(University of Ottawa)

Jennifer Chandler

- ★ Awarded Bertram Loeb Research Chair in Organ and Tissue Donation, 2015
(Bertram Loeb Organ and Tissue Donation Institute)

Jeremy de Beer

- ★ Canadian Association of Law Teachers Prize for Academic Excellence, 2016

Nathalie Des Rosiers

- ★ Canadian Civil Liberties Association Award, 2015
(Canadian Civil Liberties Association)
- ★ Christine Tourigny Award of Merit, 2015
(Barreau du Québec)
- ★ Lawyer Emeritus Distinction, 2015
(Barreau du Québec)

Adam Dodek

- ★ Law Society Medal, 2015
(The Law Society of Upper Canada)
- ★ Walter Owen Book Prize, 2015
(Foundation for Legal Research)

Stewart Elgie

- ★ Canada's Clean50 Award, Thought Leader Category, 2015
(Delta Management Group)

Craig Forcese

- ★ Top 10 Ranking in Law Downloads, 2015 (*Social Sciences Research Network*)
- ★ Canadian Law and Society Association Book Prize
- ★ Reg Robson Award (*British Columbia Civil Liberties Association*)

Pierre Foucher

- ★ Ordre de la Pléiade, 2015 (*Assemblée parlementaire de la Francophonie, Ontario Branch*)

Michael Geist

- ★ 100 Best Political Books of 2015 (*The Hill Times*)

Vanessa Gruben

- ★ Awarded James Kreppner Fellowship, 2015 (*Canadian Blood Services*)

Steven J. Hoffman

- ★ New Investigator Salary Award, 2015 (*Canadian Institutes of Health Research*)

Martha Jackman

- ★ Touchstone Award, 2015 (*Canadian Bar Association*)

John Mark Keyes

- ★ Francophile of the Year, 2015 (*Association des communautés francophones de l'Ontario*)

Vern Krishna

- ★ Appointed as Advisor to Canada Revenue Agency, 2015-2016

Nicole LaViolette

- ★ SOGIC Hero Award, 2015 (*Canadian Bar Association*)

Sheila McIntyre

- ★ 2015 Governor General's Award in Commemoration of the Persons Case (*Governor General of Canada*)

Donald McRae

- ★ Distinguished University Professor, 2015 (*University of Ottawa*)
- ★ Companion of the Order of Canada, 2015 (*Governor General of Canada*)

Errol Mendes

- ★ Elected President of the International Commission of Jurists, Canadian Chapter, 2015
- ★ Order of Ontario, 2016
- ★ Law Society Medal, 2016

Elizabeth Sheehy

- ★ Finalist, Canada Prize in the Social Sciences, 2015 (*Federation for the Humanities and Social Sciences*)

Joao Velloso

- ★ Jean-Paul Brodeur Prize, 2015 (*Criminologie Journal*)

Ellen Zweibel

- ★ Award for Instructional Design, Teaching and Learning, 2015 (*Canadian Network for Innovation in Education*)

OUR ALUMNI

COMMON LAW ALUMNI HELPING THE NEXT GENERATION OF LEGAL MINDS SUCCEED

Our alumni are an important part of the uOttawa Common Law community. From volunteering at events, to coaching students for competitive moots, to donations that help the current group of students meet the challenges of law school, our alumni make a tremendous contribution.

In 2015-16, we received a number of generous gifts from alumni. Here are two examples of the ways those gifts are enriching the law school experience for our students.

Gordon McMehen Common Law Student Support Fund

Mr. Gordon McMehen and his wife Moira Philips created the McMehen Common Law Student Support Fund. The fund will be used to provide start-up funding for new educational initiatives, to provide financial support for students in need, to support skills-based education and to provide services to students with special needs.

Gordon McMehen (LL.B. 1976) co-founded Conundrum Capital Corporation and continues to serve as Chairman of the company's Board. He has also served as a Director on the Boards of Eskay Mining and Acanthus Real Estate. Mr. McMehen practiced corporate and commercial law at Gardiner Roberts from 1978 to 1998, where he specialized in mergers and acquisitions, corporate structure and finance. He served as Managing Partner of the firm from 1994 to 1998.

Mark Thompson Mooting Development Fund

Mark Thompson (LL.B. 1996) is a proud alumni and a very successful businessman. He is currently the President and CEO of Concordia Healthcare Corp. Mr. Thompson competed in the Securities Moot at the Law School and the experience launched his career, first as a securities lawyer and thereafter as a business man.

To support his alma mater and offer the opportunity of mooting to future generations of law students, Mr. Thompson created the Mooting Development Fund, which will cover mooting expenses, including travel for teams, coaching and hosting of moot competitions. The fund will go a long way to helping uOttawa maintain its well-deserved reputation as a mooting powerhouse on the national and international stages.



HONOUR SOCIETY

Common Law is pleased to announce that Perry Dellelce (LL.B. 1990), Alan D'Silva (J.D. 1987), Vahan Kololian (LL.B. 1979), Anne Levesque (LL.B. 2007), and Chief Justice Lise Maisonneuve (LL.B. 1989) were inducted into the Common Law Honour Society at the annual Orientation Welcoming Luncheon on September 2, 2015. These five individuals have used their legal education as a foundation for the achievement of great success in their chosen professions.

Perry Dellelce (LL.B. 1990)



Perry Dellelce is a founder and Managing Partner of Wildeboer Dellelce LLP, one of Canada's leading corporate finance law firms. He practices in the areas of securities, corporate finance and mergers and acquisitions. Perry has been recognized as one of Canada's leading practitioners in the areas of technology transactions in the 2012-2014 Canadian Legal Expert Directories.

Mr. Dellelce received his B.A. from Western University, his MBA from the University of Notre Dame and his L.L.B. from the University of Ottawa. He was called to the Ontario Bar in 1992.

Mr. Dellelce has served on the boards of directors of various corporations and various charitable and not-for-profit organizations, including: Chair, Board of Directors of Sunnybrook Foundation; Board of Governors of the University of Ottawa; Chair of the Campaign Cabinet, Defy the Conventional: the Campaign for uOttawa; Business Advisory Council, Mendoza College of Business, University of Notre Dame; Board of Directors, Canadian Olympic Foundation; and Board of Directors of Canada newest stock exchange, the Aequitas NEO Exchange Inc.

Mr. Dellelce has also received many awards and recognitions for his community service, including: The Albert Citation and Purple and White Award, Western University; Distinguished Alumni Award for the Mendoza College of Business, University of Notre Dame; and Italian Chamber of Commerce of Ontario Business Excellence Award, Community Building Award.

Alan D'Silva (J.D. 1987)



Alan D'Silva completed his law degree at the University of Ottawa in 1987 and is currently a senior partner at Stikeman Elliott LLP in Toronto. Mr. D'Silva has a diverse commercial litigation practice and is considered a leading litigation lawyer in Canada with expertise in a number of areas of law, including class actions, securities law and directors' and officers' liability.

Mr. D'Silva has extensive advocacy experience and has appeared before all levels of court, including appellate courts across Canada and ten cases in the Supreme Court of Canada. He has also appeared before various administrative tribunals and has acted as a mediator, arbitrator and an expert witness in Canadian courts.

Mr. D'Silva is listed and recognized for his expertise in many Canadian and international legal, professional and peer review publications including Chambers, Lexpert, Benchmark Canada and The Best Lawyers in Canada. He has served as an adjunct professor at three law schools (University of Ottawa, University of Toronto and Western University). He also took time out of private practice to serve as Legal Counsel at the Ontario Human Rights Commission.

Mr. D'Silva has been a board member, committee member and volunteer of various charitable or non-profit organizations. He is also founder and co-founder of several university scholarships, and is a member of the University of Ottawa's Alumni Regional Council in Toronto.

Vahan Kololian (LL.B. 1979)



After completing his LL.B. at the University of Ottawa in 1979, and being called to the Bar in Ontario in 1981, Mr. Kololian joined the Corporate Finance/Investment Banking Group of Burns Fry (today BMO Nesbitt Burns). As a Partner and Director at Burns Fry and subsequently Gordon Capital, Vahan led transactions in public financing and M&A. In the early 1990's Vahan turned towards venture capital and private equity, the investment area in which he directs TerraNova Partners today. He currently serves as TerraNova's Managing Partner and also sits on various for-profit and not-for-profit boards of directors.

Vahan is engaged in community projects in education, healthcare, and the promotion of diversity in business and government. His interests include human rights and nation building projects in developing countries, in particular, Armenia. A passion of Vahan's is conflict resolution relating to geopolitical conflicts, which led him to co-found the Mosaic Institute. He and his family have also established a scholarship at the University of Ottawa Law School for two international LL.M. candidates to be recruited from conflicting regions of the world.

Anne Levesque (LL.B. 2007)



Anne graduated from the French Common Law Program in 2007 and was called to the Bar of Ontario in 2008. She is currently co-director of the Law Practice Program at the University of Ottawa, where she helped create and implement an innovative experiential learning program for law school graduates aiming to help them develop practical skills, foster community involvement and promote access to justice in French.

Anne is also a human rights lawyer who has worked with a wide range of equality seeking groups, legal clinics and not-for-profit organizations on test case litigation, interventions, appeals and law reform initiatives. She has been involved in litigating many issues of national importance such as the cut of the long-form census, Canadian liability for extraterritorial torture, equality in reproductive health, and the intimidation of dissenters by government. Anne is currently the Co-Chair of the National Association of Women and the Law, Chair of the Human Rights Committee of the Council of Canadians with Disabilities and a member of the Board of Directors of the Court Challenges Program of Canada.

Lise Maisonneuve (LL.B. 1989)



The Honourable Lise Maisonneuve was appointed Chief Justice of the Ontario Court of Justice effective May 4, 2015. She was appointed to the Ontario Court of Justice in 2003 and presided over criminal matters in the Ottawa area for 12 years, rising to the role of Regional Senior Judge, East Region in 2011 and then Associate Chief Judge of the Ontario Court of Justice in 2013, where she distinguished herself as a leader and innovator, responsible for court initiatives related to court modernization, judicial education, public legal education and addressing criminal court delay, among many others.

Chief Justice Maisonneuve graduated from the University of Ottawa's Law School and was called to the Bar in 1991. Before joining the judiciary, she was a partner with the Ottawa firm of Carroll, Wallace and Maisonneuve, where she practiced criminal law. She was also a member of the Oversight Working Group for the Department of National Defence; Advisor to the Military Police and Investigative Services Reorganization Steering Committee and to the Military Police Services Review Group; Advisor to the Minister of National Defence's Committee on Change in the Department of National Defence and Special Legal Advisor to the late Chief Justice of Canada Brian Dickson on various military investigations.

OUR PRIORITIES

UOTTAWA'S COMMON LAW SECTION HAS IDENTIFIED SEVERAL PRIORITIES FOR THE NEXT FEW YEARS, WHICH ARE OUTLINED IN DETAIL IN OUR CASE FOR SUPPORT. THESE ARE AREAS WHERE WE HOPE TO DIRECT DONOR AND ALUMNI CONTRIBUTIONS, BECAUSE WE BELIEVE THAT THEY ARE THE AREAS WHERE UOTTAWA CAN HELP OUR STUDENTS AND RESEARCHERS MAKE THE GREATEST CONTRIBUTION TO CANADA'S LEGAL COMMUNITY.

Law and Technology



Our experts shape the laws required to keep up with constant innovation, by weighing in on critical policy debates on matters like the collection of metadata from cellphones to track owners' movements or the legal and ethical issues surrounding the open data release of commuters' travel patterns.

Their ground-breaking scholarship and work with students at the Samuelson-Glushko Canadian Internet Policy and Public Interest Clinic (CIPPIC) has led to successful outcomes such as forcing Facebook to upgrade its privacy protections, ensuring user rights are respected, protecting Internet neutrality and making cellphone communication more affordable.

Health Policy and Law

At our new Centre for Health Law, Ethics and Policy, we are developing evidence-based solutions to the challenges that genetic testing and therapies, robotics and new reproductive technologies, drugs and medical devices pose, alongside the home and pharmacare needs of an aging population.

Applying Canadian values of transparency, accountability and fairness to affordable health care for all requires evidence-based research and thoughtful deliberation that anticipates Canadians' needs in the coming decades—health law for the future.



Public Law

The Common Law Section is the locus of an enviable concentration of 40 global experts in constitutional, administrative and human rights law. Our bilingualism and proximity to the corridors of power on Parliament Hill enables us to advise politicians and policymakers in Ottawa and across the country. Many professors offer their services pro bono for cases that broaden accessibility to the justice system, a commitment the Section embraces.

To harness the group's even greater potential for outreach and influence around the world, the Faculty is seeking support for a new Centre for Law, Governance and Democracy. The centre will allow the group to expand its capacity across a range of current issues, including indigenous law.



Giving Students Valuable Experience



Hands-on learning helps students choose the career they want to pursue and prepare them to transition to their professional lives. Our social policy fellowships give students the opportunity to learn by helping clients at our law clinics or working for non-profit organizations and community groups.

Students can also build a portfolio of briefs and other legal writing through the Legal Writing Academy, the brainchild of award-winning professors Adam Dodek and Ellen Zweibel. Through a unique program that also involves peer mentorship, writing cafés and advice from Canada's best legal minds, students learn how to become the professional legal writers their jobs require.

A Building Reflecting our Ambition

Donors have also made their mark on our physical space. We are grateful to David Scott of Borden Ladner Gervais for chairing the fundraising committee for the courtroom on campus named for his late brother, former Ontario Attorney General Ian Scott. Students can observe actual Federal Court, Ontario Superior Court and Ontario Court of Appeal cases in the new Ian G. Scott Courtroom and then discuss those cases with judges and counsel.

We have plans for new interactive classrooms and an accessible library with more study room. These projects all offer naming opportunities for donors.





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OUR FACILITIES

On February 4, 2016, the Faculty of Law celebrated the official opening of the Borden Ladner Gervais (BLG) Wing, home to four modern, renovated classrooms. The new wing in Fauteux Hall is a testament to the partnership between uOttawa Law and BLG; the firm's generous donations have allowed for physical renovations to our Faculty, and have helped our students through bursaries. Many uOttawa Law students have been able to gain professional knowledge in their field as articling students at BLG. The official opening was an opportunity for uOttawa Law to thank BLG for their commitment to the school.

Grand opening of the BLG Wing of Fauteux Hall



(From left) Laura Scull, regional professional recruiting manager; Karen Perron, partner; David Scott, counsel; and Avril Ford-Aubry, articling student, from BLG. Céline Lévesque, dean, Civil Law Section; and Nathalie Des Rosiers, dean, Common Law Section, from uOttawa. Ann Milks, business development specialist; Katherine Cooligan, regional managing partner; Stéfanie Lacroix and Aruba Mustafa, articling students; Olivier Nguyen, associate; Éliane Tremblay, articling student; Sandra LeBrun, associate; and Yves Ménard, partner, from BLG. Photo: Mélanie Provencher.



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