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JEREMY WEBBER
Professor and Dean



Jeremy Webber, Dean of Law.

UVic Law has long been known for combining academics at the very highest level, with a deep and practical commitment to social justice—ensuring that the law speaks to all segments of Canadian society, not just the privileged.

Most of us think of those features in emphatically local terms. We remember the huge contributions of the Law Centre and the Environmental Law Clinic, our students' engagement in pro bono activities, our faculty's writing and teaching on Canadian law, and UVic's commitment to equality throughout the curriculum. But what we sometimes forget—what are equally impressive—are UVic Law's many and extensive international contributions.

One example is our engagement with Asia, especially through the Centre for Asia-Pacific Initiatives (CAPI), founded in 1987. Through its successive CAPI chairs—Bill Neilson, Andrew Harding and soon Victor Ramraj—UVic Law has developed extensive links to Southeast Asia, China, Japan, and India. Many faculty have spent serious time in Asia, including Jamie Cassels, now UVic President, who in 1993 authored a leading study of public interest litigation in India. In July, our superb new CAPI chair, Victor Ramraj, joins us after 17 years teaching at the National University of Singapore.

Our Asian engagement extends to teaching. For 15 years, we have been partners in an international LLM program in business law at Thailand's Chulalongkorn University. Mark Gillen and Catherine Morris teach there each year. Distinguished visiting scholars have taught at UVic, most recently Zhang Qianfan, a leading constitutional scholar at Peking University. We have student exchanges, co-op placements, and internship opportunities in Asian countries.


Moreover, our international connections extend well beyond Asia. We are part of an EU Centre for Ex-

cellence at UVic, with our participation led by Martha O'Brien (who works extensively on EU taxation). Several faculty have strong links to Australia and New Zealand. We have made distinguished contributions to international law, including the law of the sea and the polar regions, and immigration and refugee law. Andrew Newcombe maintains an internationally significant on-line database of investment arbitration awards at UVic.

Many UVic faculty have strong comparative dimensions to their research, especially in legal theory, constitutional law, environmental law, intellectual property, and Indigenous law. Did you know that Gerry Ferguson is on the Academic Experts Group for the United Nations Convention against Corruption?

What's more, each year, our LLM and PhD programs admit one or two fabulous international students. They include junior academics from universities in New Zealand, India, and Thailand, two associates from Peru's Constitutional Court, and a researcher who has gone on to be Deputy Director of Vietnam's Institute of Legal Science.

Many of our alumni, then, are engaged in international work, both in BC and abroad. In addition to items on local alumni, this issue therefore also profiles some of our international alumni. These alumni are merely the tip of a large (and impressive!) iceberg.

UVic Law has had a worldwide impact. It continues to do so—not least through the actions of you, our wonderful and talented alumni. In this issue we celebrate those contributions. 

Alumni Relations: UVic Law's 40th Anniversary

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If you are reading this, you are already engaged with the law school.

I have been with the law school for over three years and during that time alumni engagement has come to mean many different things. Some days it's when you reply immediately to my e-mails; some days it's an offer to volunteer; some days it's hearing about your successes; and some days it's a donation to a law school scholarship, bursary or program. In each of these examples, the common element is that you are supporting UVic Law in a meaningful and impactful way. The law school is extremely grateful for your support and engagement—thank you.

In 2015 UVic Law will mark its 40th anniversary. This occasion is an opportunity to recognize the law school's history while looking forward to its exciting future. Led by Dean Jeremy Webber, I am pleased to announce the law school will host a weekend long celebration from March 6–8, 2015. Events will take place at the law school and at the Inn at Laurel Point. A gala dinner will be held on Saturday night to honour the founding members of the law school, many of whom are still a vibrant part of the UVic Law community. UVic Law's 40th anniversary weekend will be an unforgettable and immeasurable opportunity for you to return to the law school and reconnect with former classmates, faculty, staff and friends.

We hope you will come to Victoria next year and join the law school in celebrating this important anniversary. Invitations and details about the event will be available in the fall. In the meantime, I encourage you to contact me with your suggestions for the law

school's 40th anniversary. There will be many opportunities to get involved and we need your support to make the weekend a huge success.

I look forward to seeing you at the law school next March! Save the date! 🇺🇸

2014 Reunion Years

1979—35 year
1984—30 year
1989—25 year
1994—20 year
1999—15 year
2004—10 year

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The Many Lives of Mary-Ethel Audley ('89)

— BY ERIN HALLET, ALUMNI RELATIONS OFFICER



Mary-Ethel Audley is currently the Manager, Property Development and Marketing with the provincial government's Ministry of Transportation.

Q: You began your career as a police officer in New Westminster. What prompted you to choose that as a career?

I was living in Edmonton working for the Edmonton Police Department. I did 911 calls and I ended up working on the switchboard and then in the radio room. I married an Edmonton police officer and we moved out to the coast in 1973. My former husband was with the Delta Police and I was working for the Surrey RCMP. They started hiring female patrol officers for both the RCMP and New Westminster. I thought it would be an interesting career and so I applied for both and New Westminster hired me first.

Q: What was it like being one of New West's first female patrol officers?

Scary, exciting, challenging, overwhelming and a lot of fun. It was absolutely everything.

It was the first time New Westminster had opened the application to women and 900 women applied. We went through a whole series of tests, including a spelling test (because the Inspector in charge was tired of correcting police officers' spelling!). Acceptance was based on knowledge, qualifications and background. It was very exciting to be chosen.

I started training with 114 people in what was then called BC Police College. Of the 14 women accepted, two of us were from New Westminster. The experience was new and very different. We had exactly the same training as the men; same physical test, same shooting, same everything. And it was the first time that the BC Police College had done that.

I think about 10 women graduated from my class. There was a bit of attrition as we found out exactly what we were getting into.

Q: Why did you decide to go on to law school?

I had left the police force and I was separated with a young daughter. I knew I was going to be raising her on my own and my Dad encouraged me to get a higher education if I was going to do that. So I decided to go back to university. I wasn't sure what to study so I went to SFU and did an undergraduate degree. I was

torn between going to medical school or law school. I was actually in pre-med but I talked to a lot of people including some prosecutors and lawyers and they encouraged me to go to law school.

I applied at UVic and I was accepted as a mature student without my full undergraduate degree. I think my background in policing, my marks and my experience helped. It was former Dean Maureen Maloney who welcomed me and guided me through the process.

Q: What is your most memorable UVic Law experience?

That's a difficult question to answer. I shouldn't talk about the trouble I got into!

One of the neat things I did was take over a Board position from Professor Keith Jobson while he was on sabbatical. That Board became the Victoria Dispute Resolution Centre so I ended up being one of the founding Members.

I also helped establish the new computer labs at the university and at the law school.

It's hard to think of one particular event because law school was a wonderful experience. It was the right size law school which meant you got to know everyone. You felt like everyone cared about you and wanted to connect with you.

My daughter was 2 years old when I started law school and a number of the professors also had kids the same age—Claudia Logan ('80), Sandra Anderson (née McCallum), Hamar Foster, and John Kilcoyne ('78). It seemed like a family.

Q: What was the most useful thing you gained from your time at UVic Law?

The school challenged you to learn "how" to learn. That included analyzing facts in context. Those skills are applicable in any situation. I think that one of the real strengths of being a smaller faculty was that UVic Law set those standards and didn't just grind out someone who knew only "the law" in isolation. It was the opportunity to learn things that really challenged

you, honed your skills and made you a critical thinker. That ability to learn has served me very well.

Q: Who was your favourite/most influential professor at UVic Law?

There were a fabulous group of professors.

Hamar Foster and I connected very early because my Dad died the first week of law school and Hamar's father had also passed away recently. It was comforting to have Hamar to talk to while going through a difficult time.

I worked for Murray Rankin, Andrew Petter ('81), John Kilcoyne ('78) and Hamar over the summers. Claudia Logan ('80) and I became very good friends because our kids were the same age.

I also have a great story about Maureen Maloney. I'd taken tax law from Maureen and she gave really tough exams. I finished her exam and was really worried about how I had done (I thought I had failed). About ten days later, I saw Maureen at school and she said she wanted to talk to me about my tax law mark and would I meet her at her office at 2pm. I was thinking I would have to re-write and I was supposed to be going to Ottawa to clerk at the Federal Tax Court. So I waited outside her office until 2:30pm worried to death. When Maureen arrived she said she had wanted to talk to me because I got the top mark on her exam and had won the award for tax law!

Q: You have an incredibly diverse career path. Your work with the Police Services Branch isn't a surprise because of your policing background but what led you to treaty negotiation and implementation?

As you say, it was a natural transition from my work with the Police Services Branch.

I wanted to diversify so I went to Treasury Board to learn a bit about finance. Then I went to the Ministry of Social Development. I was asked if I would like to be Director of Budgets because they assumed I had a good financial background coming from Treasury Board. I did that job for five years and then I took a year off and took my daughter to Europe. We travelled all over from the North of Scotland to Morocco



living in a camper van and on a canal boat. When I came back they had given my job away so I started looking at a few different opportunities. With my diverse background, the job as a treaty negotiator came up. I travelled around the province doing negotiations with different First Nations like Homolko and Gitksan. Then I was offered the job as Director of Implementation and was appointed to work on the Nisga'a Treaty implementation.

I was there for 5 or 6 years working on the various treaties up until I came to this Ministry (Ministry of Transportation) in 2007 to work in the policy and legislation branch. Here I have worked on legislation like the distracted driving/cell phone legislation. I now manage and market land for this Ministry.

Q: Do you think your law degree has contributed to your work in so many different fields?

I have to say it's been a dream for me and I feel fortunate.

After clerking with the Federal Court, I articulated in a big corporate commercial law firm and it looked like I was going to end up working in the commercial tax law area. But I just couldn't see myself doing one thing for the rest of my life.

My first priority was my daughter, having time for her and a lifestyle that supported that. One of my professors, Claudia Logan ('80), phoned me and said there was a job in government with my name on it and that I should apply and move back to Victoria. David Logan ('80), her husband, worked in government and he coached me through the process. My career in government has been wonderful. I have worked with some incredible people and had so many opportunities to do totally different things with my law degree.

My law degree has been invaluable. It has helped me in every single thing I have done.

I can't give legal advice but I can read and understand complex documents and tell if there is a problem. I know how to ask the right questions and I can debate and argue with lawyers that I come across in government.

It's also helped me in my personal life and a huge amount when I have been involved with different charitable boards like the Cridge Centre for the Family. I think my law background has helped me in every facet of my life. Most recently, it's given me the opportunity to pick up teaching courses at Royal Roads University.

Q: Can you talk about why you believe in mentoring?

Mentoring is part of paying back and I think it's important and one of the duties you have if you have done well in your career.

I have been lucky to have some fabulous mentors during my career. Different people who gave me ideas about where I should be going and what you need to move forward in government to get different jobs.

David Logan ('80) was one of my first mentors and helped me get into public service. At one point, Maureen Maloney was my Deputy Minister when she was the Deputy Attorney General.

Sharon Manson Singer was my Deputy Minister and she was great at sitting down with people and telling them what they needed to do to move them forward.

Ken Davidson was my Director when I was at Treasury Board. He told me to move forward in government you needed a good understanding of: your job, budgets and finance, how to manage staff and how government works as a bigger whole. Ken really ingrained in me that as a manager your biggest success is that your staff leave you for higher positions. Their success is how you prove yourself as a manager and as a coach. Some of the most satisfying moments in my career have been seeing people who have worked for me go on and excel in senior roles.

Q: What networking tools have you found most helpful in your career.

I am a fairly gregarious person. Before I joined the police force I was shy and I realized while on the job you couldn't be timid. You had to be outgoing and a calm, clear communicator.

I like making connections and staying in touch with people. I think networking is about going one step beyond the pure business relationship to the more personal relationship over coffee or lunch. I try to remember people's names but I am better at faces. When I was on the police force, I could never remember if I arrested them or if I had met them at a party.

Q: Your 25 year class reunion is this May. What are you most looking forward to about reconnecting with your former classmates?

I am looking forward to seeing everyone. I made some really good friends in law school and over the years we have drifted apart. I want to reconnect with them, find out what they have been up to, hear about their families, kids and adventures. It's going to be fabulous!



Q: What is your proudest accomplishment?

Easy question. My daughter. Having my daughter gave focus to my life. I didn't know where I was going and once I had my daughter, I had to lift my head up and look to the horizon. It has been the best adventure of my life. She is so bright, so beautiful and so accomplished. It's just wonderful. She graduated from UVic (Mechanical Engineering) in 2013. UVic really is our family university. Now a mechanical engineer with Imperial Oil (my Dad worked there for 35 years!), she has such a tremendous life ahead of her. I see the things she does, what she has accomplished and I feel that having her was the best thing I could have ever done with my life.

Q: What has been the most difficult thing to overcome?

This may seem strange considering my background but I think that women place a lot more limitations on themselves than men do. I think men are much more confident that they can take on any job and do it. I think that one of the biggest challenges in my life has been to believe in myself and my abilities and not talk myself out of opportunities. When I joined the police force there were so many times I thought I couldn't do it. But I told myself all I can do is my absolute best and that is what I will do. It's important to try and inspire confidence in other women and especially in my daughter. To create a balance of believing in yourself but not becoming arrogant or abusive or pushy. I try to be a person that I would be happy to know and that can be difficult but something I always try to work towards.


Q: Any advice to new graduates?

Don't limit yourself. Open your mind to trying a lot of different things. There are so many things you can do with a law degree and so many opportunities. You don't have to practice law to do incredibly well.

I also think it's important for people in law to give back to their community. I have been involved with lots of different boards and community groups over the years. I was on the Cridge Centre Board for 12

years and I can't believe what it does for the community and the contacts it's made for me. That's how I got my job at Royal Roads, how I made different friends, how I found a gardener! You learn so much from the experience. It's important to have a good balance of your career, the community and to make time for your life so you don't get so wound up in your career that you don't have time to have a really good, fulfilling life. Balance is the key.

Q: Why do you think it is important for UVic Law Alumni to stay connected to the law school?

I think it's important to give back to the law school and to support future students. It is also good for us to stay in touch with our grass roots, our friends from law school and to keep those ties. I think it's really important that we keep those connections, build new connections and support students who are coming into the community to make sure it remains a respected profession. 



Good to Be Benched

—BY MARGARET SUDERMAN, COMMUNICATIONS AND FINANCIAL AID

UVic Law benefits tremendously from our local friends both financially and in terms of the time they invest in students. Meet two of our local alumni: Pinder K. Cheema ('83), QC and Dean P.J. Lawton ('80). Both Pinder and Dean have been actively engaged with the law school in a variety of ways. They also share another common denominator—they are both newly elected Benchers of the Law Society of BC.



Pinder K. Cheema ('83), QC
Administrative Crown Counsel and current
Bencher for the Law Society of BC

Q: What is your most memorable UVic Law experience?

My most memorable experience was listening to the judges who came to speak to us, whether they came informally, having been invited by a member of the faculty or the Law Students' Society, or when they were invited by the law school. Thirty years later, I still remember the judges who came to talk to us and what they had to say. From time to time, I've checked their comments against my own experiences to see if their words have remained relevant and they have withstood the test of time.

Q: What were your favourite subjects at law school?

My favourite subject at law school was tax; it was an amazing combination of policy and the law. Tax is something that impacts all of us. The criminal law may not impact all of us. Real estate impacts you if you buy real estate. But tax is something that impacts every single Canadian, whether you are a beneficiary of the tax system, or whether you are someone who is a contributor to the tax system—there are policies that are developed for both groups. It was an education for me to understand how our Canadian system taxes people so that policies are carried out and implemented. I found it fascinating to learn how our country is structured and funded through our tax system.

Q: What do you love most about being a lawyer?

The fact that, as lawyers, we are paid to learn and that fits my personality, my world view and my particular temperament. I'm not sure what else I would have done in my life if I hadn't become a lawyer. The other thing I really love about my job is the fact I get to deal

with people, all kinds of people. Our staff are amazing people. The workplace for me is like a second family.

Q: What has becoming a Bencher meant to you?

For me, becoming a Bencher is an enormous milestone because I came from a cultural background where women weren't expected to do much beyond grade 12. Once you finished grade 12, you were expected to participate in an arranged marriage and that was supposed to be the defining point of your life. So it is a long way for me to have come, first of all, attaining a BA and then going to law school at a time when few Indo-Canadian boys went to law school, and then to have actually succeeded through articles and still be practicing at this point in time.

It is a huge honour that my colleagues and my peers have accorded me. As we go through our careers, we all think, "Gee I'm not sure I'm doing the right thing, I'm not sure I'm on the right track, am I doing enough?" And when your peers have a chance to evaluate you publicly, it is an amazing accolade when they support and acknowledge you by voting for you. It is incredibly validating personally and it is also an opportunity to serve my colleagues and my profession at the highest level possible.

Q: Are you enjoying your role as Bencher so far?

So far it has been a roller coaster, and I like roller coasters. It is a huge learning curve and I like that. As a lawyer, there is always something new and there is always a challenge around the corner—whether it is the law that has changed, a file that has a wrinkle in it or a person who is not cooperating. You have to come to work and put your brain into full gear every day



and determine how to get around any hurdle that is in your path. If you are someone who likes to learn it is an amazing opportunity to work as a lawyer and then go on to become a Benchers because it is a continuation of that learning curve that we have in our work.

Q: Why do you think it is important to stay connected to the law school?

As graduates of UVic Law each of us owes a debt to the school that paying tuition does not discharge. In my view, the law school invested a great deal into us while we were students and that three year investment brought us to where we are now. As we progress in our careers, gain in experience and get over financial hurdles, I think we are obliged to repay that investment in the manner and form we are able. Some people can make a financial contribution and for others, it is a donation of time—helping with moots, or helping with teaching and mentoring. I believe both make a valuable difference to current students. I take this obligation very seriously because if UVic hadn't accepted me into the program my life would have turned out very differently and I am always cognizant of the path not taken.

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Dean P. J. Lawton ('80)
Partner at Carfra Lawton LLP and current
Benchers for the Law Society of BC

Q: What was your most memorable UVic Law experience?

When I came to UVic Law in 1977 there was no bricks and mortar law school (the law building wasn't constructed until 1980 or 81). Instead, all of our classes were held in the Clearihue library building. One of the humorous things about the law school in those days was that you had to walk through washrooms in order to get to class. Both men and women had to walk through their respective washrooms to get

from the reception area of the law school into the area where the classes were held.

For most lawyers who know the common law or who studied in the 1970s, 80s, 90s, and even beyond, there was a very important and well-regarded English judge by the name of Lord Denning. He was a hall-mark judge and he wrote some fascinating decisions that always incorporated historical, literary or social commentary in addition to his legal reasoning. To our great delight, our dean at the time, Murray Fraser, invited Lord Denning to come to our law school—and he did. The interesting element was the washroom. Of course, a great social leveller is meeting Lord Denning in a washroom. And that's what we did. Several of us had a chat with him on the way to class and afterwards I thought, "This is remarkable. One day I will tell this story."

Q: Who was your favourite/most influential professor?

Terry Wuester. He professed to be, "just a little old country lawyer from Kansas" but he had a Yale Master's degree in Law and there was just no way he could be hoodwinked. He was brilliant and yet always engaging, and managed to bring tort law into focus by reminding us that it is the way we deal with our private law disputes. He did me a very significant kindness. I remember in my first year of law, I wrote a Torts exam that had two long essay questions. We got the results back in early January and I managed an F on the first question and an A on the second question. The average of an F and an A is probably a C+.

So, I went in to see Professor Wuester and asked, "Can you give me some direction here? I think I'm on



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the right side of things with this answer, but clearly not with the other answer.” And he stood up from his desk and said, “Mr. Lawton, come and take a look out the window.” I looked out at the parking lot and he asked, “Do you see any Porsches parked out there?” I said no, and he responded, “There is a reason for that. Law students who get As become law professors, law students who get Bs become judges, law students who get C+s drive Porsches.”

I thought that was very entertaining. He was at least comforting me. It wasn’t a full answer but it was his way of injecting some humour and encouraging me to carry on in the knowledge that there are other ways to have success than getting A+s or As on exams.

Q: What made you decide to practice law in Victoria?


I had the very good fortune of meeting Jim Carfra, QC, during my first year in law school when he came to the faculty to teach a course on advocacy. I attended the half-day course, which I enjoyed very much. We had a discussion afterwards and he invited me to go for lunch with him downtown. He even paid—I had no money of course! And we struck up a friendship that lasted until he died about a year and a half ago. When law school was over, Jim invited me to article with his firm. I had every intention at that time of going back to Vancouver, where I had grown up, but Jim convinced me to stay in Victoria. Although he and I parted for a short while in the early 1980s during an economic recession, his firm eventually fragmented into three components, with Jim going out on his own. I joined him and became his partner in 1985. Over the years the firm grew and evolved and here we

are now. So it was Jim Carfra who was the deciding factor on where I ended up practicing law.

Q: What has becoming a Benchers meant to you?

Becoming a Benchers has been a true honour and a career highlight because, unlike some honours that people get deservedly, it was as a result of an election. My fellow lawyers voted in an election and I, along with my other Victoria colleague Benchers, Pinder Cheema (’83), QC, were elected by our peers. It is an honour because it indicates that people have some confidence in you. It is, at the same time, a warning or a reminder that these are heavy obligations. People expect a lot of you. I’ve only been doing it for a couple of months and it has been extremely enlightening already.

Q: Any advice for new graduates?

I think there are three important pieces of advice I would give any lawyer, young or old. First, always maintain your intellectual curiosity. Next, make an effort to engage in mentorship—not only in seeking it out, but also providing it as your own knowledge and experience grow. And finally, demonstrate diligence every day. You’re required to apply yourself—we have an ethical professional obligation to do that. Those three things—intellectual curiosity, mentorship and diligence, I think in combination, can make you a good lawyer. Ultimately, it is the rule of law in Canada that we have to preserve because in so many places it doesn’t exist. 

Considering Pro Bono? Already Engaged in Pro Bono Work?

Boost the Benefits by Becoming a Lawyer Supervisor for UVic Law Pro Bono Students Canada

Pro Bono Students Canada (PBSC) matches law student volunteers with community organizations in need of legal services. Last year, with the generous support of the Law Foundation of British Columbia, PBSC-UVic developed 23 projects, placing 45 student volunteers with 19 different community organizations on Vancouver Island. We are excited to plan for next year!

The organization's mandate is three-fold: to increase access to justice, to provide law students with practical experiences in the legal profession, and to instill a lasting *pro bono* ethic in the next generation of Canadian lawyers.

We need your help to fulfill this mandate!

As a Lawyer Supervisor, you will have the opportunity to mentor young law students while leveraging the time you already devote to *pro bono* endeavors by directing the work of enthusiastic and energetic law students. Lawyer Supervisors often oversee projects remotely, allowing for greater efficiency.

PBSC student volunteers can also assist in researching and writing legal memos, preparing docu-

ments, as well as appearing in legal or administrative proceedings. All prospective placements may be for one or more students, and may include requirements for specific experience or courses.

Insured lawyers are an important requirement of the PBSC-UVic program and offer an invaluable resource to students. Supervising lawyers are asked to provide guidance on student projects, review and approve drafts of student work and commit up to 5 hours per academic term to the project they are supervising.

If you would like more information about this exciting volunteer opportunity, please contact Kayleigh Harrison, Program Coordinator for PBSC-UVic 2014-2015, at pbsc.uvic@gmail.com. ☒



Let There Be Light* Where We've Been around the World

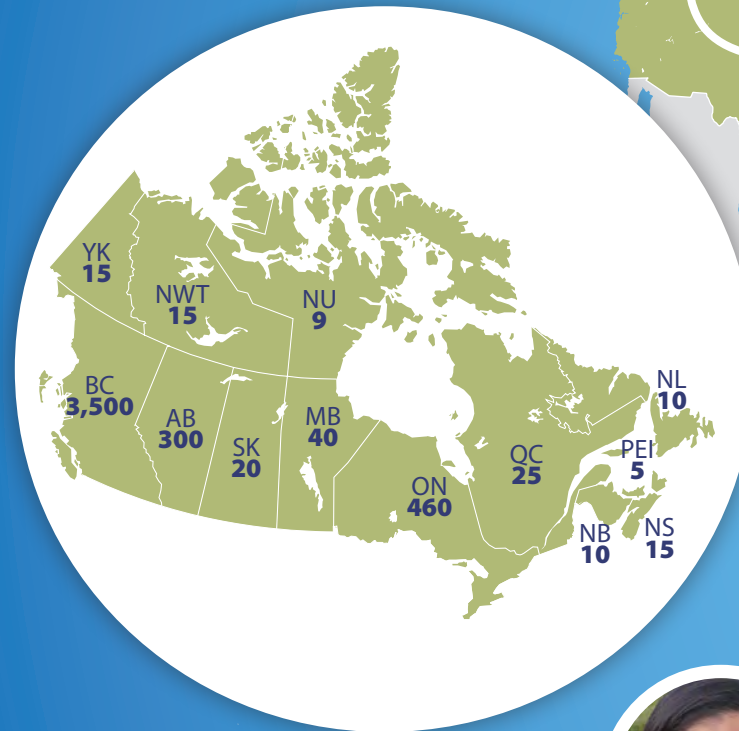
—BY MARNI MACLEOD ('93)

Established in 1975, UVic Law graduates approximately 105 JDs (LLBs as we once were) every year. With the ongoing development of the LLM and PhD programs we've added an additional 10 alumni per year, several of whom arrive from and return to distant shores. Our Law Co-op and exchange programs also provide our alumni with international placements (some of which are shown in the graphic).

While the majority of UVic Law grads choose to live and work in Canada, we have a respectable presence overseas. In keeping with UVic Law's contextual approach to legal education, part of the *raison d'être* of Vistas is to support the growth and development of a strong and thriving global network of alumni. Fostering a global perspective and encouraging comparative research remain two of the key strengths of a UVic Law education. As alumni we are uniquely positioned to help continue this tradition.

We encourage you to join the **UVic Law LinkedIn Group** (if you haven't already) and keep in touch. Send your updates and news to Alumni Relations. If you are an international alum with an interesting story to tell, please share it with us. 📧

* For those of you who didn't know "Let there be light" is one of the faculty's mottos.



Gillian Fattal ('07)

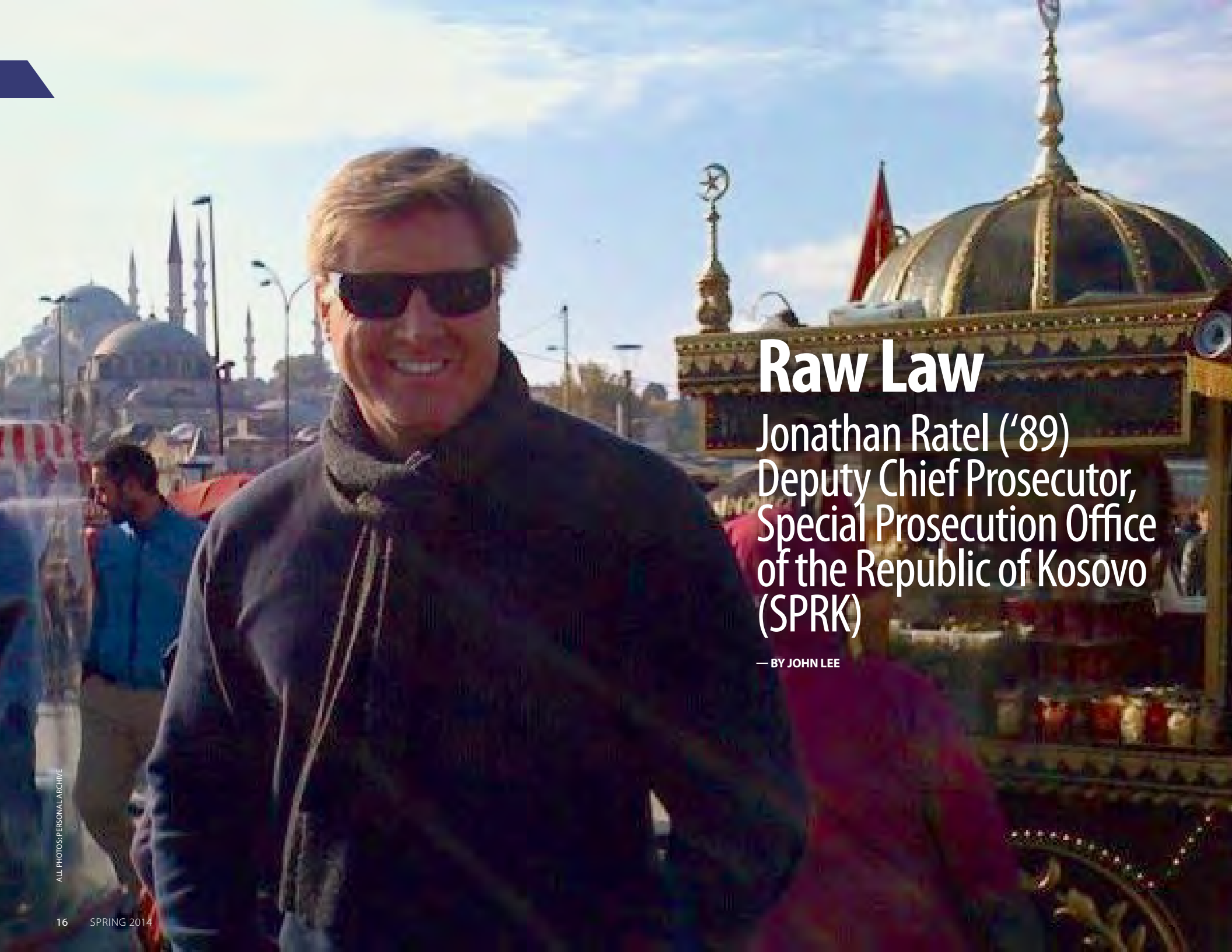


Robin Ford ('81)



Areli Valencia ('12), PhD





Raw Law

Jonathan Ratel ('89)
Deputy Chief Prosecutor,
Special Prosecution Office
of the Republic of Kosovo
(SPRK)

— BY JOHN LEE

When class of '89 UVic Law grad Jonathan Ratel accepted an unusual and potentially dangerous overseas job in 1999, his life changed dramatically. One day he was in legal practice in comfortable Canada, the next he was a special prosecutor in bombed-out Sarajevo.

Almost 15 years later—and after other appointments in Iraq, Afghanistan, Kosovo and The Hague, Netherlands—the UK/Canadian dual-citizen was promoted to Deputy Chief Prosecutor of Kosovo's Special Prosecution Office, leading 115 staff. Organized crime, corrupt politicians and an international organ trafficking case successfully prosecuted in 2013 are now typical files—whilst armed security has become a standard accoutrement.

His current work couldn't be further from Ratel's time honing his rowing skills and studying law in comparatively idyllic Victoria. But in several unexpected ways, UVic was the perfect preparation for a complex and challenging international career.

Q: How does your job differ from other law careers?

I work as a consultant on justice reform in conflict regions and post-conflict countries. Being deployed—rather than employed—in places with security threats means someone has to provide a duty of care, in this case the EU. This is the main consideration with employment like this—far more important than financial concerns. I've declined deployments where duty of care was lacking.

Q: What is the *raison d'être* for this type of work?

A vacuum is created when states emerge from war or hostilities and this can easily lead to a breakdown in civil society. Highly dangerous alternate societies can develop—often characterized by gangs, missing persons, ethnic violence or war crimes. This can happen in a matter of weeks. Our job is to step in and try to rebuild the vital institutions of civil society.

Q: How successful is that process?

Firstly, the international community struggles to move quickly enough. Secondly, postwar justice reform is always a significant learning curve. Unfortunately, there isn't a uniform justice model that can be applied in conflict regions—but we act as if there is. In reality, it's much more complex and each region has its own caustic problems. That's the fundamental challenge of this kind of work.

Q: Does that mean it's an impossible job?

My advantage is that I bring a fair degree of nuance and international conflicts experience to the table. The current thinking says you need “ground truth” in post-conflict regions so you can spot themes and develop a kind of “mathematics” for understanding situations. The problem is that even if we see some of the numbers in this math, we're still unable to read the whole equation.

Q: What keeps you motivated?

The work is very challenging but also enormously intriguing. You're provided a great deal of freedom and a significant amount of authority and capacity to work. But with that authority, there are huge risks and responsibilities. What's largely misunderstood is the significant impact you can see and the personal connections you develop along the way—something that can never be taken away.

Q: How do you look back on your time in UVic Law?

It definitely didn't fit the traditional law school model! There was a unique liberty, fostered by free and independent thinking among the professors. I found this was both challenging and uncomfortable—but that's what made it so valuable. Everything was up for question and students were encouraged to think outside the box—in some ways, it was almost revolutionary!


Q: How did this help with your future international career?

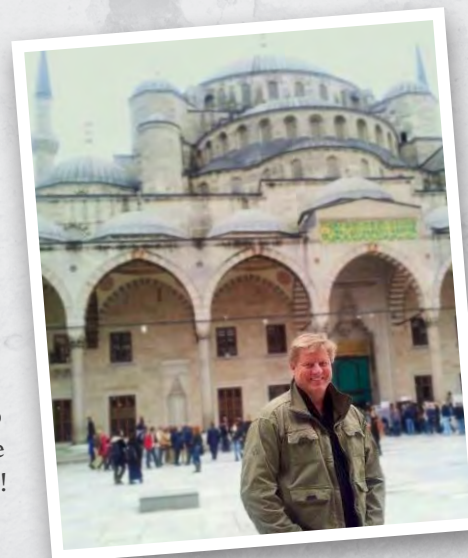
UVic was massively important to me. I found classes invigorating and challenging—I felt at times I was unprepared and at a loss. But that meant you had to develop ownership. I remember being asked to write a paper dissecting international criminal issues and I was cast adrift in the law library and fully expected to come up with something novel! That's when my interest in international affairs really began.

Q: How did you translate this interest into an international career?

I got a big break. After UVic, I was prosecuting in Victoria when the United Nations International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia (UN ICTY) was commencing several complex war crimes prosecutions and actively seeking Canadian, US and UK prosecutors and jurists. It looked like a unique opportunity. I took the job and three weeks later, Slobodan Milošević was arrested. It was the high water mark of the tribunal process—and, suddenly, my life had changed overnight.

Q: Should other alumni consider this kind of career?

Canada has a sterling reputation internationally when it comes to the rule of law, similar to Scandinavia. But the biggest complaint I hear about Canadians is that we're complacent at home. We've been given so much—and that's why we have a real duty to contribute and help others around the world. At the very least, Canadians should travel more extensively. It's not appropriate for us to sit back and take our quality of life for granted. 



Graduate Studies at UVic Law



BY JEREMY WEBBER
Professor and Dean

In 2004, UVic Law admitted the first cohort of students into its newly-founded graduate programs.

These programs—both LLM and PhD—allow today's best students to work with the superb legal academics at UVic. Students come here because they want to pursue an academic career, develop an advanced specialization, or simply pursue in depth an important line of research. The programs admit an average of ten students per year. Since its inception, 100 students have entered the program.

The quality of the students is amazing. Nine students already were—and remain—faculty in other universities upon their admission to our program (at universities in Canada, New Zealand, Thailand, India, and Brazil). Six more graduate students were hired from our program into regular teaching positions in Canadian universities (at Alberta, British Columbia, New Brunswick, Ottawa, and Osgoode Hall Law School). Several others—at least eight—have taught as sessional lecturers at the university or college level. One is now a justice of the Supreme Court of British Columbia.

Our students have also been very successful in national scholarship competitions. The most prestigious of these are the Trudeau Scholarships, of which only 14 or 15 are awarded each year, for all the disciplines across the humanities and social sciences, and for both Canadian and international students. Our students have won four Trudeau scholarships. There are very few programs in the country, in any discipline, that can boast that record of success.

About 20 percent of our graduate students are international. They tend to be very fine scholars, who then go on to serve leading roles in their home countries—often cherishing strong connections to Canada, indeed sometimes serving as informal ambassadors for Canada abroad.

One graduate, for example, is Deputy Director of the Institute of Legal Science in the Ministry of Justice, Government of Vietnam—the principal think-tank for law reform in Vietnam. He did a wonderful thesis on consumer protection law, which then had a significant influence on consumer law in Vietnam.

Another student was awarded the European Studies Association Thesis Prize for a thesis on working-time regulation and gender equality. She is the first person with a PhD from a Canadian university to win the prize.

The vast majority of our students are Canadian, however. They work on a range of topics of crucial importance to the future of Canadian law and society, from the nature and operation of Gitksan, Sto:lo, Anishinabek, or Northern Secwepemc law, to international investment arbitration, the use of technology in securing access to justice, the effect of legal proceedings on children who are victims of violence, the implications of climate change for the insurance industry, the nature and protection of religious freedom, the moratorium on oil and gas exploration off the coast of BC, commitment proceedings for the mentally-ill, the application of collective bargaining to farm-workers,



Aaron Mills
Vanier Scholar and
doctoral student
at UVic Law




Ania Zbyszewska ('13), PhD
European Studies Association
Thesis Prize winner



Johnny Mack ('09), LLM
2011 Trudeau Scholar and PhD
candidate in the Graduate Program
in Law and Society

the definition of who should qualify as Métis, and many others.

This is an impressive record of hard work and accomplishment, one that will continue to enrich our understanding of Canadian law for many years to come. 

Reunions

An Assembly of Alumni Overseas: Canadian Law Alumni Gather in London

On May 22, 2014, Dean Jeremy Webber and UVic Law alumni based in the UK joined law alumni from UBC, Calgary, McGill, U of T, Western, Windsor, Osgoode, U Ottawa and Queen's at the Canadian High Commission, Macdonald House in London.

Special thanks to Dianne Butler, Alumni Relations Coordinator, Faculty of Law, Queen's University who coordinated the logistics of the event and to Hasna Bloore, the Academic Relations Officer at the Canadian High Commission.

UVic Law alumni who attended included:

Matthew Lechtzier ('82), Senior VP,
Ivanhoe Capital Corporation

David Nanson ('84), Senior Legal
Consultant, Trinity International LLP

The event was an excellent opportunity for UVic Law to establish connections with our alumni living in the United Kingdom. If we missed you, please get in touch with Erin Hallett, Alumni Relations and Annual Giving Officer, by e-mail (lawalum@uvic.ca)



Only the Law Can Oppose the Law: An Interview with Carwyn Jones ('13), PhD

—BY MARNI MACLEOD ('93)



My first introduction to Carwyn Jones was an announcement in *Vistas*, Spring 2013 that he had completed his PhD dissertation (*The Treaty of Waitangi Settlement Process in Māori Legal History*). Subsequently, we put out a call to alumni to let us know whether they were blogging, so we could compile a blog directory. Carwyn got in touch with his blog Ahi-kā-roa (ahi-ka-roa.blogspot.ca) and shortly after that the decision was made to make global alumni and graduate studies two of the themes of this issue. So, via the magic of Skype I sat down with Carwyn to talk about his experience at UVic Law and what he's been up to lately.

Q: Why did you decide law was the right choice for you?

I'd been thinking a lot about the concept that the law has been used both to oppress and to overcome oppression and I was inspired by two Māori lawyers; one working outside the legal establishment (Moana Jackson) and one working within the existing structure (Sir Edward Taihakurie Durie).

Jackson is a New Zealand Māori Lawyer who specializes in the Treaty of Waitangi and constitutional issues as well as being a co-founding Director of Nga Kaiwhakamarama I Nga Ture (the Māori Legal Service).

Durie has a long list of accomplishments including being Co-Chair of the Māori Council, Chief Judge of the Māori Land Court ('80-'98) and Chair of the Waitangi Tribunal ('80-'04). He was also the first Māori appointed as a Justice of the High Court of New Zealand.

Fresh out of high school (law is an undergraduate degree in New Zealand) law school seemed a good place to explore the concept from these two different perspectives.

Q: What were your key considerations when deciding to pursue graduate studies?

I had some experience working on the Waitangi Tribunal and I started to get interested in the environmental ramifications involved with the Treaty of Waitangi. It was never my intention to practice law but I did consider teaching as a possibility. I'm happy I went that route because I really enjoy teaching.

There's a real energy that students bring to the table and an interesting dynamic that you don't get from engaging in research just by itself.

Q: Where did you do your MA?

Initially, I was thinking about doing my MA at Osgoode because there were people there I wanted to work with (Brian Slattery in particular) but after talking to Brian I found out about York's Graduate Program in Interdisciplinary Studies. It was a great option because it let me bridge the academic disciplines relevant to my area of interest (law, environmental studies and Māori Studies) and allowed me to work with the people I wanted to work with. I benefited from supervisors from each of these areas including Brian Slattery's expertise and foundational work on aboriginal rights and constitutional theory, Peter Cole (Environmental Studies) and Māori academic Linda Tuhiwai-Smith (Professor of Indigenous Education at the University of Waikato, New Zealand).

Peter Cole is a really interesting guy. He was very interested in the oral traditions of Indigenous peoples so much so that his PhD thesis was designed as an "oral document" intended to be read aloud like a long poem.

Linda Tuhiwai-Smith is a wonderful Māori woman from home whose work on Indigenous education includes her book, *Decolonizing Methodologies: Research and Indigenous Peoples*, a major contribution to social justice research methods (she was also recently awarded the New Zealand Order of Merit for her service to Māori and education).

Working and engaging with so many students and professors from diverse fields really allowed me to grow creatively and I think it was through that interac-

tion that I was able to find my own voice as a writer. So, I benefited from diversity in both my course work and my supervisory committee. It was a great experience.

After my MA I had a number of different jobs working at the Waitangi Tribunal, Māori Land Court and the Office of Treaty Settlements before I joined the Faculty of Law at Victoria University of Wellington in 2007.

Q: What made you choose UVic as the venue to pursue your PhD?

Well, because I had such a great time with my MA I was keen to come back to Canada. Initially, I thought about going to Osgoode but I also knew that there were people (professors and other grad students) at UVic doing interesting work on Indigenous issues and I thought it might be good for my own work to get a different perspective.

I also took the opportunity to talk to different people about each program and I ended up talking with Jeremy Webber, who was the Director of Graduate Studies at that point and I also had the opportunity to talk to several of the Indigenous students who were going through the program. I am indebted to Jacinta Ruru ('12), PhD, an Associate Professor at the University of Otago, New Zealand, who was just completing her PhD. Jacinta's research included comparing the Canadian and New Zealand approaches to Indigenous land rights in the context of natural resource governance and settling national parks. She, along with professors Hamar Foster and John McLaren, was very helpful in giving me an overview of what UVic Law had to offer.

It was a tough decision. I liked the idea of doing my PhD at Osgoode because I had really got a lot out of working with the professors there when I was completing my MA but I also knew that UVic was attracting a lot of highly talented Indigenous graduate students and had the faculty depth to support me in the multidisciplinary research that I wanted to do. In the end it was talking to Jacinta, Hamar and John as well



as seeking advice from my contacts at Osgoode who tipped the balance in UVic's favour.

My supervisors at UVic were Hamar Foster and John McLaren, Christine O'Bonsawin (History) and David V. Williams of the University of Auckland. They provided the diversity and experience I needed to develop my research.

Q: What was the most valuable thing you gained from your PhD experience at UVic Law?

For me it was the opportunity to engage in a different conversation despite the similarity of issues. This came down to looking at issues in context and UVic was (and is) very strong on teaching the law in context. As a result, I think I came out of my PhD with a much broader theoretical and conceptual basis for addressing the issues of interest to me. It allowed me to gain a perspective on my research and thinking that has been valuable in my own teaching.

Q: What did you enjoy most about your time at UVic Law?

What struck me most was what a collegial place it is, both in terms of the students and the faculty. Maybe that also has something to do with the size. It's small enough where you can foster close knit bonds but still big enough to support high quality research. I really benefited from the faculty, even those who had nothing to do with supervising me, who would talk to me about what I was doing and who took a genuine interest in my work and often had very helpful suggestions. I met some really interesting people through the program and made some great friends.

Q: What do you remember the most about your time on Vancouver Island?

Well, first off, my second child was born there! Academically, I guess as well as there being a different kind of conversation about Indigenous rights and legal traditions than I'd

previously had, I was exposed to a particular context and understanding of how Canadian law addresses these issues (e.g., primarily land claims and Indigenous rights more generally). That was really interesting to me.

Q: What did your UVic Law experience contribute to your perspective?

I gained broader insight from the differences in the conversations about Indigenous rights and in particular I gained perspective from comparing the land claims process at home with the BC Treaty Process. It was interesting to see the similarities even though the context and substance were (and are) different. A key difference is that in New Zealand the treaty process is focused on providing redress for breaches of the Waitangi Treaty as opposed to establishing new treaties. The process in New Zealand assumes that the Treaty represents a partnership and the process is designed to sort out the good faith obligations of the parties. Also, in the Canadian context you have to deal with both the federal and provincial dimensions.

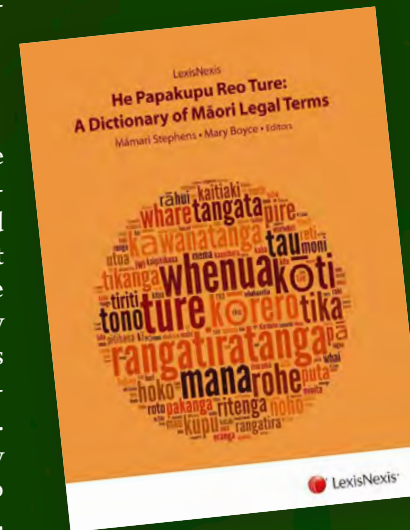
Q: What are you doing now?

At the moment I'm on parental leave and looking after our third child (my wife is a Professor in the English Department at Victoria University) and I'm doing some research on the side.

Along with Jacinta Ruru ('12), PhD, I'm part of a team of authors that includes practitioners, judges and academics working on a comprehensive Māori law text book. The working title is *Te Akinga*. The title comes from a well-known statement made by a 19th century Māori leader—"Ma Ta ture ano te ture e aki," usually translated as: "only the law can be pitted against the law." So, 'te akinga' is the idea of pressure that can push back.

We are trying to identify all the different areas of New Zealand's legal and institutional structures where there is a Māori dimension that has been recognized and incorporated in some way. The idea is to confirm whether there is a principled basis for determining why or under what circumstances the Māori dimen-

sion has prompted a systemic recognition and been incorporated. The suspicion is that it's done very much on an ad hoc basis.



I'm working on two different parts of the book: 1) Law in the Māori world and 2) Transitional Justice (land claims and treaty settlements).

I'm also working on an exciting project with the Institute of Judicial Studies to design a training program for the New Zealand judiciary that introduces judges to key aspects of

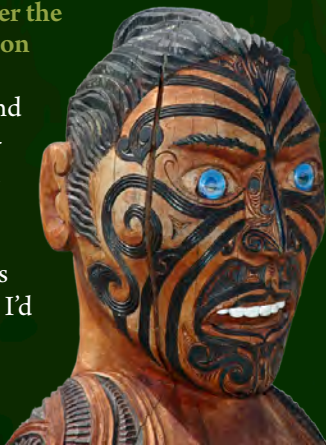
Māori legal traditions and explores the relevance of those legal traditions to their work.

Q: What is Te Kaupapa Reo-a-Ture (The Legal Māori Project)?

This project involved the collaboration of many of my colleagues and resulted in the completion of a dictionary of Māori terms for describing Western legal concepts. If people are interested they can get a copy here.

Q: You are also the Co-Editor of the Māori Law Review... what's involved in that role?

The *Māori Law Review* (maorilawreview.co.nz) acts as an information clearinghouse for briefs of important cases coming out of the land claims and treaty process as well as other information that touches on Indigenous rights and Māori legal issues. There is no official reporter series for the Māori Land Court and a key objective of the *Māori Law Review* is to increase access to information for practitioners and researchers working with Indigenous issues. Professor John Bor-

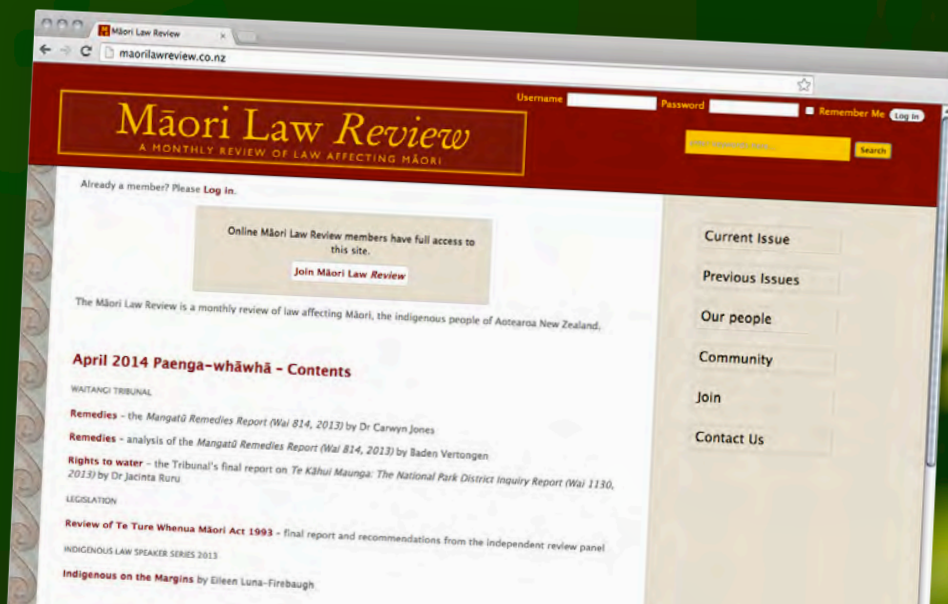


rows (rejoining UVic Law in 2014-15) is one of our international consulting editors.

Q: Any advice for prospective applicants to the UVic Law graduate program?

It is very useful to get in touch with people who are currently in the program as well as faculty members involved in the program. In my case, I consulted Indigenous students who had either completed or who were completing the program and traded numerous emails with John McLaren, Hamar Foster and John Borrows as well as had discussions with Jeremy Webber. They were all helpful in showing me the possibilities. I had a great time at UVic and the exposure I received to law in context along with the opportunity to compare how different systems address similar issues has given me a much broader theoretical and conceptual framework to draw on for my own teaching and research. I got such a lot out of the program and really couldn't have been happier with my experience at UVic. ☐

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Standing up for Standing: An Update from the ELC

—BY MARNI MACLEOD ('93)



L-R: Joey Wenig (ELC volunteer), **Anthony Ho** ('14) (ELC articling student), **Mae Price** (ELC clinic student), **Kyle McNeill** ('12) (ELC articling student), **Lynda Gagne**, **Richard Overstall** ('00), and **Chris Tollefson** ('85)

The Environmental Law Centre (ELC) recently sought judicial review in the BC Supreme Court (BCSC) to gain standing for clients seeking to challenge the environmental certificate for the \$3.3-Billion Rio Tinto Alcan (RTA) smelter upgrade in Kitimat.

Air quality in the highly-constrained Kitimat region airshed is a hot button topic, particularly given the province's commitment to rapid development of LNG (liquefied natural gas) processing in the region. The BCSC's decision in this case is a reassuring victory for those concerned that administrative tribunals determine standing in a manner that promotes access to justice—in the environmental context and beyond.

The ELC was co-counsel to the petitioners with Smithers-based lawyer and ELC Fellow Richard Overstall ('00) while alum Mark Underhill ('95) was also involved in the proceedings appearing for the respondent Environmental Appeal Board (EAB).

The main argument advanced was that the EAB erred in denying the petitioners standing. The petitioners were two residents of Terrace who suffered from asthma and two local conservation organizations: [see the decision for more details \(a PDF\)](#).

On October 31, 2013, the EAB had concluded that none of the petitioners had met the test for standing under the Environmental Management Act (EMA).

According to the EAB, the petitioners failed to establish on a balance of probabilities that they met the "person aggrieved" test under the EMA. The EAB also concluded that the two organizations could not be granted standing in their own right since they had no economic or proprietary interests at stake. Hanging in the balance was the right to challenge a permit amendment issued by the BC Ministry of Environment to RTA that allows daily emissions of sulphur dioxide

into the Kitimat-Terrace airshed to increase from 27 to 42 tonnes (an increase of over 55%).

The ELC argued that the EAB's approach to the standing test was too onerous for potential appellants, overlooked the separate legal personality of incorporated non-profit entities, and ultimately undermined access to justice.

After hearing four days of submissions, on March 14, 2014 Mr. Justice Brian MacKenzie of the BCSC ruled that the EAB had set the bar "too high", and should have applied a *prime facie* standard rather than a balance of probabilities approach. He also held that incorporated non-profit organizations should be given an opportunity to establish standing even if they lack a private interest in the subject matter of the appeal.

MacKenzie J's decision affirms the obligation on administrative tribunals to interpret standing provisions in a manner that promotes access to justice. The decision also provides useful procedural guidance as to how tribunals should fulfill this obligation. [N](#)

Newspaper coverage of the case (click to see):

["Activists allowed to reappeal Rio Tinto's Kitimat smelter permit."](#)

["B.C. Supreme Court ruling allows wider reach for appeal standing."](#)

Celebrating Lives and Creating Extraordinary Opportunities



BY AMANDA TAYLOR
Development Officer

Throughout its history, UVic Law has been the beneficiary of numerous scholarships and bursaries that memorialize alumni, friends, colleagues and leaders in the legal community. Commemorative giving celebrates lives and accomplishments while ensuring a legal education at UVic law remains accessible to all students. Recently, the family of alumna Rehana A. Meghani ('11) established a memorial entrance scholarship in her name to honour her passion for social justice and commitment to development work. Rehana's scholarship will support incoming law students who, like her, have a demonstrated dedication to public service and volunteerism. Using a free online fundraising platform and a tribute YouTube video ([watch it here](#)), Rehana's family, alumni, friends and the law school community have raised over \$26,000 in her memory.


Rehana's scholarship is a powerful example of commemorative giving. But there are also many other ways to support UVic Law that will ensure your legacy, or the legacy of someone you love, contributes to the lasting success of the law school.

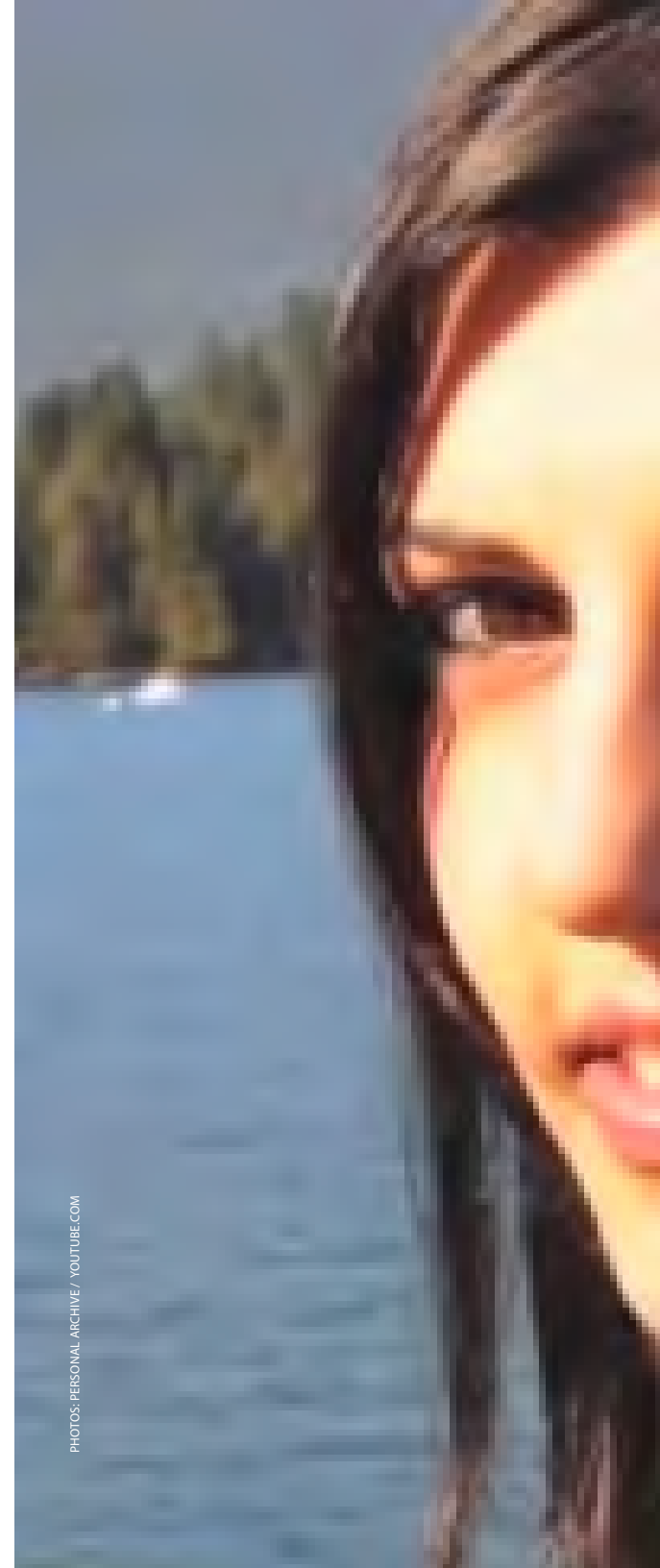
What would you like your legacy to be—a new building? A named research chair? Financial support for students studying a particular area of law? Planned giving offers many variations. While a bequest in your will is the most common way of leaving a legacy, other options like naming UVic Law as a beneficiary of your RRSP or RRIF or creating a charitable remainder may better suit your philanthropic goals, tax plans and financial needs.

Planned giving is an excellent way to accomplish and maximise your philanthropic goals. It is never too early, or too late, to consider what you want your legacy to be.

Commemorative and planned gifts could include:

- » Contributing, or establishing, an endowed commemorative scholarship or bursary to honour an alum, family member or friend of UVic Law
- » Bequests
- » Gifts of real estate
- » RRSP, RRIF or life Insurance beneficiary designation to the law school

If you are considering a planned gift to the law school, I recommend working with my office and your estate planning professional to ensure that the wording of your gift captures the true intention of what you wish to achieve. I invite you to contact me by e-mail, lawdev@uvic.ca, or by telephone, 250.472.5627 to discuss ways you can use a legacy gift to support UVic Law. 



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Why I Give Dan Sudeyko ('87)— Honouring a Valued Colleague and Mentor

—BY ERIN HALLET, ALUMNI RELATIONS OFFICER

Q: How did meet your former business partner, Donald E. Jabour?

As I recall it was through a previous student of Don's who articled with him. The student was Bob Richardson ('86); now a Crown prosecutor on Vancouver Island. Bob graduated the year before me and he suggested I apply for articles with Don. I didn't have an appointment or anything. Actually, I think I phoned and I spoke to Juliet, Don's wife, who was also his receptionist. Juliet told me to come over even though I didn't have an appointment. I asked her if Mr. Jabour knew I was coming to see him. Juliet told me to just show up at the office. So I quickly threw on the one suit I am sure I owned at that time and went over. I was basically hired on the spot and I think it was because Juliet liked me.

Don had developed a reputation as being a bit of a social activist. He was known as the lawyer who would look out for the "little guy" and was there to help serve the working poor. Or just the poor.

At that time, Don had just been through a legal fight with the Law Society over the issue of his clinic style law firm. He had started a small firm with offices in North Vancouver and the West End servicing people looking for civil and/or criminal assistance. Simple divorces, simple Wills, things that people could get help with at a reduced rate from the usual cost. The problem was that Don had advertised these services and that was against the rules.

In the end, the Law Society won because Don had in fact breached the rules. The case went all the way to the Supreme Court of Canada. However, the Law Society then changed the rules, realizing that they were essentially not keeping up with the times, I suppose. For those of you interested in reading the SCC decision on the matter [click here](#).

Ironically, I think Don would be upset to see how "out there" some legal advertising has become and more like American style legal ads. This was never Don's intention but that is essentially what has happened.

Q: How did your relationship with Donald Jabour influence your career?

Don was always good about having articling students and he was a committed mentor. Many of Don's former students are people you would know in the legal world.

Our relationship shaped my thinking about how to represent people and how to represent yourself to people. Don was the kind of lawyer who when he walked into the court room, the judge just believed him. Judges aren't supposed to believe the lawyer; they are supposed to assess the evidence. But Don had a certain credibility about him, always very polite, never got angry or lost his temper.

“**Don was the kind of lawyer who when he walked into the court room, the judge just believed him.**”

I think I have tried to emulate some of Don's qualities. We all have different personalities. I am perhaps more vocal in my adversarial intentions whereas Don could get his message across in a very quiet way. I don't think you could find a lawyer on the other side who didn't like Don. They might not like his position or his client, but they liked Don.

Don's focus was never on making money. He just loved coming to work. Don was still working at 63 when he got ill and passed away very quickly. I have no doubt he would have been working at 73 or 83.

Q: Why did you decide to take The Law Centre?

I had some administrative legal experience having been in Corrections. I had been before parole boards, prepared reports for parolees, dealt with people in institutions towards the end of their sentences and

done some work in the community as well. But I had no courtroom experience at all. I wanted some hands on experience. I had heard from others that The Law Centre was good and that you might get to do a trial. So I had no doubt about my decision to go there.

Q: Do you have a favourite memory of The Law Centre?

The camaraderie. We were all at The Law Centre together. And though Glenn Gallins has been at The Law Centre forever, he wasn't when I was there. Professor Orr was actually running The Law Centre during that time. There were staff lawyers too. It was a true clinic, the students were mentored well and it was very interesting. I enjoyed my time at The Law Centre.

Q: What prompted you to consider making a donation to Uvic Law?

It was a threefold decision.

First, I had been thinking about ways to honour Don. I still think about him a lot. I realized that The Law Centre being a clinic style setting with a strong connection to students, similar to what Don had done throughout his life, was the perfect environment to honour his legacy.

Second, while Don passed way in 1998, his wife Juliet passed way quite recently and I was thinking good thoughts about her. Juliet was always part of the office, always there, many people would tell you that she was the face they knew. Juliet was always such a friendly, nice person so it made sense to honour them together.

Third, my daughter. Not because she is at The Law Centre (yet) but because she is in her first year of studies at the law school.

Q: Why do you think it is important for Alumni to support Uvic Law?

Because Uvic Law needs money. The law school has very high ethical standards—in terms of not allowing name recognition based upon donations but rather seeks support based on true generosity and recognizing the value of the law school in and of itself. I would like Uvic Law to continue to be a very well-recognized and well-regarded law school. I was privi-

leged to attend UVic Law and when I found out how difficult it was to get in, I knew I was in the company of some elite students. I think the law school has a very progressive reputation and I think it's important to support that. UVic Law has a strong social conscience about things like access to justice, environmental law and Indigenous law. Obviously, the law school graduates students who go into business and big law firms but I am pleased that the focus extends beyond that.

“I think the law school has a very progressive reputation and I think it's important to support that.”

I have had some good fortune recently and this was my chance to give back. I may not have that good fortune again but I am happy at this point to support UVic Law and The Law Centre.

I think there are very few UVic Law grads who wouldn't say good things about the law school. Even though I found law school difficult, I wouldn't say anything negative. Fellow students, Faculty and staff made it as pleasant as it could be.

Q: Any last words?

My former classmates will remember me as the soccer player who went to law school. I still think fondly about my former classmates. First year law is such a unique experience. It completely changes your way of thinking and you as a person forever. I can see it in my daughter.



A Shining Example of Alumni Mentorship: UVic Law 2014 Wilson Moot:



MARGARET SUDERMAN
Communications and Financial Aid

A team of students from UVic Law were the deserved winners of this year's Wilson Moot competition. Sarah Ahsan, Devon Black, Vivian Lee and Aislinn Sirk travelled to Toronto in late February to represent UVic against 12 other Canadian law schools and returned home with the national title.

The win—a first for UVic—serves as a prime example of the benefits of having a pervasive culture of support from the profession and of alumni mentorship at our school. UVic Law's mooting program is generously supported by the McCarthy Tétrault LLP Mooting Fellows Program. Throughout the course of their preparations, students were also helped by countless Faculty and members of the Victoria Bar. We would like to congratulate the students on this wonderful achievement and offer a special thanks to the alumni who played a crucial role in our school's success.

A large roster of lawyers and judges assisted the UVic Law team by acting as judges in the various practice rounds held during the weeks leading up to the competition. In their roles, alumni offered invaluable expertise and insight that would prove crucial to the team's success. By simulating high pressure scenarios, students were able to hone their advocacy skills and learn what to expect on competition day.


The sense of connection and camaraderie felt across multiple generations of graduates is a hallmark of UVic Law.

The coaches of the UVic Law team, Leah Greathead ('90) and Tyna Mason, have a similarly long-standing history with the school. Greathead is a graduate of UVic Law and Mason completed her last year of study at our school.

In addition to bringing home the main prize, UVic Law also had an impressive showing in other categories of competition.

The top oralist prize went to Regan Christensen of the University of Western Ontario, but UVic's Devon Black and Aislinn Sirk placed second and third, respectively.

The Wilson Moot, named after the late Honourable Justice Bertha Wilson, is a national competition held annually. It focuses on equality issues with respect to women and minorities. This year's problem explored a fictional addition to the *BC Adoption Act* and involved the rights of aboriginal parents and children in private adoption.

We would like to congratulate the students on this wonderful achievement and offer a special thanks to all those alumni who played such a crucial role in our school's success. 



Source: Supreme Court of Canada Collection,
Michael Bedford, photographer

The Wilson Moot

Conceived to honour the outstanding contribution to Canadian law made by the late Honourable Bertha Wilson

First Place Team: University of Victoria with
Mr. Justice Michael Moldaver, Supreme Court of Canada



PHOTOS: PERSONAL ARCHIVE

Alumni Vistas: News and Updates

The 1980s



Andrew Petter, QC ('81), was reappointed for a second five-year term as President of SFU in December 2013. His second term commences September 1, 2015. Andrew was UVic Law's longest serving Dean (2002–2008) and the first alum to serve as Dean of the faculty.



Shannon Keyes ('85), was appointed a Provincial Court Judge in February 2014. Shannon is assigned to the Northern Region (Prince George). Prior to her appointment, she was with the Criminal Justice Branch as Crown counsel. Earlier in her career, Shannon held associate positions with Rubin-Haws and Associates, Cobbett and Cotton and had her own practice.

Daniel Burnett, QC ('86), was appointed Queen's Counsel in December 2013. Daniel is leading counsel for Owen Bird Law Corporation in the area of defamation law, freedom of expression and media law, the open court principle, privacy, freedom of information, intellectual property, and Internet Law. He was successful lead counsel before the Supreme Court of Canada in *WIC Radio v. Simpson* (redefined fair comment in defamation in line with the Charter values of free expression) and *Crookes v. Newton* (first Internet defamation case where it was agreed that a hyperlink is not

The 1980s

a republication of a defamation). Daniel is the founder and past president of the Canadian Media Lawyers Association.



Mary Mouat, QC ('87), was honoured with the Faculty of Law's Distinguished Alumni Award in February 2014 during the university's Alumni Week. Mary received the award for her outstanding commitment and numerous contributions to the Faculty of Law and the community.



Angela Westmacott, QC ('88), was appointed Queen's Counsel in December 2013. Angela is a partner with Lovett Westmacott in Victoria and practices in the areas of administrative, constitutional and human rights laws. She has appeared before administrative tribunals and all levels of court, including the Supreme Court of Canada. Angela was involved with the BC Attorney General's Administrative Justice Project and co-authored the *Human Rights Review – A Background Paper* (Administrative Justice Project, Ministry of Attorney General) with fellow UVic Law alumna Deborah Lovett, QC ('80). She is currently a member of the Law Society of British Columbia Credentials Committee.

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Geoffrey Moyse, QC ('89), was appointed Queen's Counsel in December 2013. Geoffrey is the Acting Assistant Deputy Attorney General with the Legal Services Branch in the Ministry of Justice. A recognized expert in Aboriginal law in Canada, Mr. Moyse has been a key part of the legal team on many treaty and other legal matters, including the Nisga'a Treaty where he was one of the principal architects of key treaty provisions, which have become the template for subsequent treaties in BC.



Najeeb Hassan ('89), In February this year, Najeeb joined the partnership of Vancouver based Roper Greyell, a highly regarded labour and employment law boutique, after spending almost 8 years at a national full-service law firm and having served a term as a Vice-Chair at the British Columbia Labour Relations Board. Najeeb practices exclusively in the area of labour and employment law, as he assists clients in avoiding and resolving workplace disputes. Najeeb has also acted as a mediator in employment law disputes. Along with his wife, Shelina Neallani and their daughters, Jenna and Samiya, he enjoys living in North Vancouver and hiking the North Shore trails with their golden-doodle Harry. Najeeb can be reached at Roper Greyell, 800 Park Place, 666 Burrard Street, 604.806.3820 (direct), nhassan@ropergreyell.com.

The 1990s



Neena Sharma ('90), was appointed a judge of the Supreme Court of British Columbia in December 2013. Previous to her appointment, Neena was a lawyer with the Ministry of Justice in Vancouver. Her prior positions include acting as agent of the Attorney General of Canada and as an associate with Alexander Holburn Beaudin + Lang LLP. Neena has also been an adjunct professor at UVic Law and at UBC's Faculty of Law.

Russell Brown ('94), has been appointed a Justice of Appeal of the Court of Appeal of Alberta, a Judge of the Court of Appeal for the Northwest Territories and a Judge of the Court of Appeal of Nunavut. Russ was appointed to the Court of Queen's Bench in February 2013. Prior to his 2013 appointment, Russ was an associate professor and associate dean at the Faculty of Law, University of Alberta and associate counsel with Miller Thomson LLP in Edmonton. He has also served on the executive of the Canadian Forum on Civil Justice and Health Law Institute of the University of Alberta.



Michelle Lawrence ('98), currently an assistant professor at the faculty completed her PhD at Simon Fraser University in March 2014. Michelle's dissertation is titled *Substance-Induced Psychosis and Criminal*

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Responsibility. Michelle also holds an LLM from Cambridge (2002) and an MA in Criminology from SFU (2009). Her current teaching and research focus is on criminal law, administrative law and the law of evidence. Prior to joining the faculty, Michelle was a partner in the litigation department of McCarthy Tétrault LLP.



Roger Watts ('98), joined the Vancouver firm of Lindsay LLP in April 2014. His practice focuses exclusively in civil litigation for transportation and injury law. He has appeared at trial before the Federal Court of Canada, the Yukon Supreme Court and the B.C. Supreme and Provincial Courts, as well as the appellate level before the B.C. Court of Appeal. Roger can be reached at Lindsay LLP, 1000-564 Beatty Street, 604.484.3083, rwatts@lindsayllp.ca.

The 2000s



Jennifer Millbank ('01), was recognized as one of Vancouver Island's Top 20 Under 40 in February 2014. These awards celebrate the achievements of young professionals on Vancouver Island. Jennifer is a Partner with Ramsay Lampman Rhodes in Nanaimo and loves using her legal training for the benefit of her community as an elected municipal councillor for the District of Lantzville. She

The 2000s

encourages all alumni, past and future, to do the same wherever they might be.



Sena Byun ('04), was recognized with a 2013 *Lexpert Rising Star* award, honouring Canada's Leading Lawyers Under 40 in November 2013. Sena is senior counsel at TELUS, a member of the TELUS Corporate Secretary team, and participates in staff and lawyer training. Sena also volunteers as a mentor for leadership conferences held by the C3 Society, a non-profit organization that works to bridge the Korean and Canadian communities.



Hadley Friedland ('08), was awarded the 2013 SSHRC (Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council) Talent Award which recognizes outstanding achievements in social sciences and humanities research. Hadley's research into identifying and applying Indigenous legal principles to the issue of endemic intimate violence in aboriginal communities earned her the award. After UVic Law, Hadley went on to earn her LLM at the University of Alberta and is now pursuing her PhD there, both under UVic Law professor Val Napoleon's supervision. Hadley also holds a Vanier scholarship.

The 2000s



Greg Phillips ('09), was nominated for a Vancouver Island Top 20 Under 40 Award. These awards celebrate the achievements of young professionals on Vancouver Island.

Greg is an associate with Johnston Franklin in Nanaimo and an active member of the community. He sits on the Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors and participates in the Young Professionals of Nanaimo. As of July 2014, Greg will be the president of the Nanaimo North Rotary Club.

The 2010s



Sara Arngna'naaq ('12), was honoured as a recipient of a 2014 Indspire Award in the Youth-Inuit category for her accomplishments and contributions to her community and to Canada. Prior to law school,

Sarah completed an internship in Ghana, West Africa. While studying at UVic law, she completed an internship in Wellington, New Zealand and work terms with the PPSC in Yellowknife and the Legislation Division in Iqaluit. Sarah also participated in The Law Centre. Sarah was called to the NWT bar in September 2013 and practices with the Public Prosecution Service of Canada office Yellowknife.

The 2010s




Trina Brubaker ('12), was nominated for a Vancouver Island Top 20 Under 40 Award. These awards celebrate the achievements of young professionals on Vancouver Island.

Nominees are leaders in their communities and have demonstrated excellence in business judgment and leadership. Trina is an associate with Johnston Franklin Lawyers in Nanaimo where she practices primarily in family law.



Adam Nott ('14), LL.M., completed his LL.M. in January 2014. His thesis is titled *Transnational Law and Resource Management: The role of a private legal system in the promotion of sustainable development in the mining industry.*



Daleen Thomas ('14), LL.M., recently completed her LL.M. Her thesis is titled *What Rights Do I Have—Advocating and Exploring Child Rights with Children in British Columbia (BC)*. Daleen is also a 2008 JD graduate from UVic Law. 

Do you know an alum who should be featured in Vistas?

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Faculty Awards




Glenn Gallins, QC
Director of UVic Law's Law Centre
Clinical Law Program

Glenn's ongoing contributions to providing access to justice to people in need were recently recognized by the Canadian Bar Association awarding him the Legal Aid Leader Award. View PDF [here](#).



Donna Greschner


In recognition of her work supporting clinical legal education and particularly her significant efforts to co-locate The Law Centre with the new Victoria Justice Access Centre in the Victoria Courthouse, Donna Greschner was awarded a UVic Community Leadership Award at the Victoria Leadership Awards ceremony held February 26, 2014. Watch the ceremony [here](#).

University of Victoria Community Leadership Awards acknowledge outstanding leadership in linking UVic to the community for the greater public benefit. 



Professor Mary Anne Waldron, QC

Prof. Waldron won the 2013 Canadian Law and Society Association Book Prize for her book, *Free to Believe: Rethinking Freedom of Conscience and Religion in Canada* (Toronto: U of Toronto Press, 2013).

Mary Anne has also been appointed to the office of Associate Vice-President Faculty Relations and Academic Administration of the University of Victoria effective April 1st, 2014. As a faculty member, Associate Dean, Acting Dean in the Faculty of Law, and Associate Vice-President, Prof. Waldron has developed an outstanding record of teaching, research and scholarship and administrative accomplishment. 



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Faculty News

UVic was (and is) privileged to benefit from the teaching and research contributions of the following academics during the first quarter of 2014:

Visiting faculty



Odelia Bay, Visiting Sessional Assistant Professor Spring 2014 taught *Law 358 Race, Ethnicity, Culture and the Law*; *Law 378 Equality, Human Rights and Social Justice*.

Odelia completed her LLM at Columbia University with a focus on comparative constitutional and statutory anti-discrimination law. Her research focuses on issues related to human rights and equality law, and the duty to accommodate disability, particularly in employment. She is also interested in narrative advocacy and the interplay between social movements, the media and the courts.

Dr. Bradley J. Condon Visiting Professor, Spring 2014, taught *Law 343 A02 Climate Change and Global Economic Governance*

Brad is the World Trade Organization Chair in International Trade Law and Director of the Centre for International Economic Law at the Instituto Tecnológico Autónomo de México (ITAM). His teaching and research interests are in the areas of international trade law and the environment.



Dr. Hoi Kong, Visiting Professor, Jan-Feb 2014, visited UVic on research leave, examining deliberative democracy in municipal planning processes, and delivered a faculty seminar: *"Deliberative Democracy and the Law"*.

Hoi is an Associate Professor and Hydro Québec Scholar in Sustainable Development Law at McGill University. His teaching and research interests are in the areas of Constitutional Law, Comparative Law, Administrative Law and Municipal Law. He is currently working on sustainability questions in municipal and land use law.

Dr. Marie-Claude Prémont, Visiting Professor, visited UVic, researching hydroelectricity and regional development in BC and Quebec, and delivered a faculty seminar: *"Hydroelectricity and Regional Development: Comparative Law British Columbia-Quebec"*.



Currently a professor at the École nationale d'administration publique (ENAP), Montréal, Marie-Claude taught at McGill University for 12 years. She teaches and researches in the areas of Healthcare Law and Municipal Law. Her research interests have recently expanded into Energy Law and Economic Development.

Faculty appointments

The law school is delighted to announce the arrival of four new colleagues, one appointed as a result of the Canada Research Chair process in the fall, two as a result of recruitment visits in January 2014, and the fourth our new Centre for Asia-Pacific Initiatives (CAPI) Chair.



John Borrows

John will be rejoining UVic Law after several years as Robina Chair in Law, Public Policy and Society at the University of Minnesota. John is an exceptional scholar with an international reputation regarding Indigenous legal rights and comparative constitutional law. John took up the newly created Canada Research Chair in Indigenous Law in May 2014. Hooray!



Patricia Cochran

Patricia will be joining the faculty in July 2014. She has completed her PhD at UBC on *Common Sense and Legal Judgment: Community Knowledge, Political Power and Rhetorical Practice*—a thesis that blends legal theory, evidence, constitutional law, and a constant concern with inequality. She has a BA (Honours) in Political Science from McGill, an MA in Political Science from U of T, an LLB from UBC, and an LLM from...us! UVic. She was a member of the second class of graduate students in the Faculty. She also taught evidence in 2008 and 2010. ■■■►

She has been active in a wide range of community activities, including Justice for Girls and the Women's Legal Education and Action Fund, and she articulated and practiced with the BC Public Interest Advocacy Centre in Vancouver.



Carol Liao

Carol is completing a joint PhD/SJD in the Faculties of Law at the University of British Columbia and the University of Toronto. She specializes in corporate law, social innovation, and the

global emergence of hybrid corporate structures that are blending for-profit and non-profit legal characteristics in their design. She has a BA (Honours) in Political Studies and Economics from Queen's University, and an LLB and LLM from UBC. Prior to her graduate studies, she was a senior associate in the Mergers & Acquisitions Group at Shearman & Sterling LLP in New York, served as a legal researcher at the UN International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda on location in Arusha, Tanzania, and clerked with the BC Court of Appeal. She has been involved in many policy-related activities, including serving as member of the Advisory Committee to the BC government on the establishment of a new hybrid corporate form, and as member of the global Sustainable Companies Project, which aims to improve the integration of environmental concerns into corporate decision-making. [Click](#) for Carol's full bio and a complete list of accomplishments and publications and works in progress.

Carol will be joining the faculty in July 2015 and teaching in the areas of business law, commercial and consumer law, and contracts.



Dr. Victor V. Ramraj

Starting in July 2014, Dr. Victor Ramraj, will assume the role of Law Chair for the Centre for Asia-Pacific Initiatives (CAPI). Dr. Ramraj has spent 16 years with the Faculty of Law at the Na-

tional University of Singapore (NUS) and his impressive international résumé includes postings at Japan's Kyushu University, the University of Toronto, and Queen's University Belfast as well as a year as co-director of the Centre for Transnational Legal Studies (CTLS) in London.

Dr. Ramraj will be facilitating legal research and international intellectual exchanges relating to legal issues in Asia via a series of conferences, symposia, workshops and lectures as well as teaching two seminar courses during the 2014-15 school year. The first course is *Transnational Law in Theory and Practice*—previously offered in London and Singapore. Dr. Ramraj is currently developing a second course, called *States, Companies, and Legal Orders in Asia*, that will draw on research from a book he is currently writing entitled, *Mapping Constitutionalism: States, Companies, and Regulators in a Post-National World*. In addition, Dr. Ramraj will be involved with the inaugural *Asia Desk Forum* conference scheduled for April 2015. The *Asia Desk Forum* will bring lawyers and legal scholars from the Americas—Canada, the United States, and Latin America—to Victoria to meet with their counterparts from Asia for a series of workshops, panels and lectures on cutting-edge developments in Asian law.

Dr. Ramraj credits UVic Law's focus on comparative constitutional law and economic regulation, as well as its deep expertise in legal pluralism, as fac-

tors in his decision to make the move from Singapore to Victoria. We are delighted to add his unique global perspective to the research and teaching bench strength at UVic Law.

Visiting scholars

Dr. Wei Lei (Leah), Visiting Scholar


Wei Lei is an Associate Professor, Department of Law, University of Electronic Science & Technology of China and Research Fellow at the Centre for Regulatory and Policy Studies.

Wei Lei's teaching and research interests are in the areas of Constitutional Law, Legal History, Comparative and Media Law. Her research project during the term of her visit at UVic is on constitutional protection of women's employment rights.

Mr. Kyoung-Pil You, Visiting Scholar

Kyoung-Pil works as a Public Prosecutor in Busan District Public Prosecutors' Office of South Korea. His area of specialization is in maritime crime investigation and maritime insurance law.

Dr. Zeng Fanjing (Frank), Visiting Scholar

Frank is an Associate Professor, School of International Policing and Law Enforcement, People's Public Security University of China. Frank's research interests focus on comparative Criminal Justice System, international police cooperation and forensic linguistics. He teaches Legal (Police) English, Forensic Linguistics and Comparative Police Law Enforcement. 

Embracing Change: Legal Information Technology Course

BY JAMES WILLIAMS ('08) AND DARIN THOMPSON ('05)

How would you feel if your law prof told your class that imminent changes in the legal industry may make your existing career aspirations increasingly difficult? In their upcoming course on legal information technology, James Williams ('08) and Darin Thompson ('05) will be doing just that. "The legal industry is one of the last to modernize and embrace technology," says Williams. "That situation is starting to change. Although there are other factors, you can already see the impacts on the job market in the US and UK. Our course is designed to prepare students for these changes."

Williams is a software engineer and computer scientist at Google's global headquarters in Silicon Valley. Thompson is legal counsel with the BC Ministry of Justice more than 1,000 km away in Victoria. They are both UVic law alumni, but they never crossed paths in Victoria. "Meeting Darin was an odd serendipity," says Williams. "I have to thank legal tech innovators Margaret Hagan and Ron Dolin at Stanford. Not only did they inspire me to start thinking about these issues, but it was through their group that I met Darin."

The two men soon realized that they shared an interest in the potential of technology to effect change not only in the administration of justice and legal practice, but also for one of today's most pressing issues—access to justice. Williams, who currently teaches privacy law at Osgoode Hall, suggested that they put together a course focused on legal information technology. UVic will offer their class in 2014/15.

"Legal technologies continue to be undervalued and underutilized throughout our system," says Thompson. "The ABA has stated that technology is central to legal practice, and that more schools should offer instruction in this area. Many lawyers recognize this, but there has been a shortage of action." Accord-



James Williams ('08), BA, BSc, JD, MSc, PhD candidate

ing to both men, this is what makes UVic's commitment to run this course so noteworthy. "The faculty is showing leadership by offering this class," says Thompson.

In addition to a strong practical component, the course invites students to critically reflect on the use of technology in a legal setting. Exercises include using commercial legal software, performing simple data mining exercises, and engaging in online dispute resolution. A final project will give students the opportunity to practice application design. The course is not restricted to students with a background in engineer-



Darin Thompson ('05), BA, JD, LL.M

ing. "We've adopted Ron and Margaret's emphasis on the design process, which is more inclusive and empowering," says Williams.

An expert in online dispute resolution, Thompson is also a board member of Vancouver's Justice Education Society. "It's becoming universally recognized that technology can greatly improve access to justice and the way law is practiced, but we still have some catching up to do relative to other industries," explains Thompson. "We think that by giving students an opportunity to use, design and critique legal technology, we'll empower some of tomorrow's lawyers to drive

these long overdue changes, or at least to break down some barriers.”

Williams approaches the subject from an engineering perspective, noting the potential of the field to follow in the footsteps of health informatics, which UVic is well known for. “Here in the US, the legal job market is grim. I am worried for the next generation of law students”, he states. “Legal technology is just one of several topics that should be taught at law schools to prepare students for a rapidly changing marketplace. Many entry-level legal positions are being eliminated, while at the same time new legal careers are emerging at the intersection of law and technology. Canada is a bit behind, but these changes are coming.”

Williams and Thompson recognize the big changes are still to come. In the meantime, they are hoping to give back to their alma mater. “We have a responsibility not only to prepare students for the legal market of the future, but also to provoke change in legal service delivery”, says Williams. “My hope is that legal tech will be one way to reduce the cost and inaccessibility of legal services”, echoes Thompson.

Both men acknowledge legal technology has its critics. “A common view is that we should put what little resources we have into legal aid”, says Thompson. “We don’t see reform as a zero sum game; we think technology can make things like legal aid more efficient. So why not train lawyers who know how to make them work together?”

Williams is also quick to note that a side benefit of modernizing legal service delivery is that it will allow lawyers to concentrate on the more intellectual and rewarding aspects of the profession, such as advocacy. “There will always be a place for people who have core legal skills. They may not work in traditional law firms, but they won’t be unemployed. However, legal

professionals whose work is transactional in nature are in big trouble.”

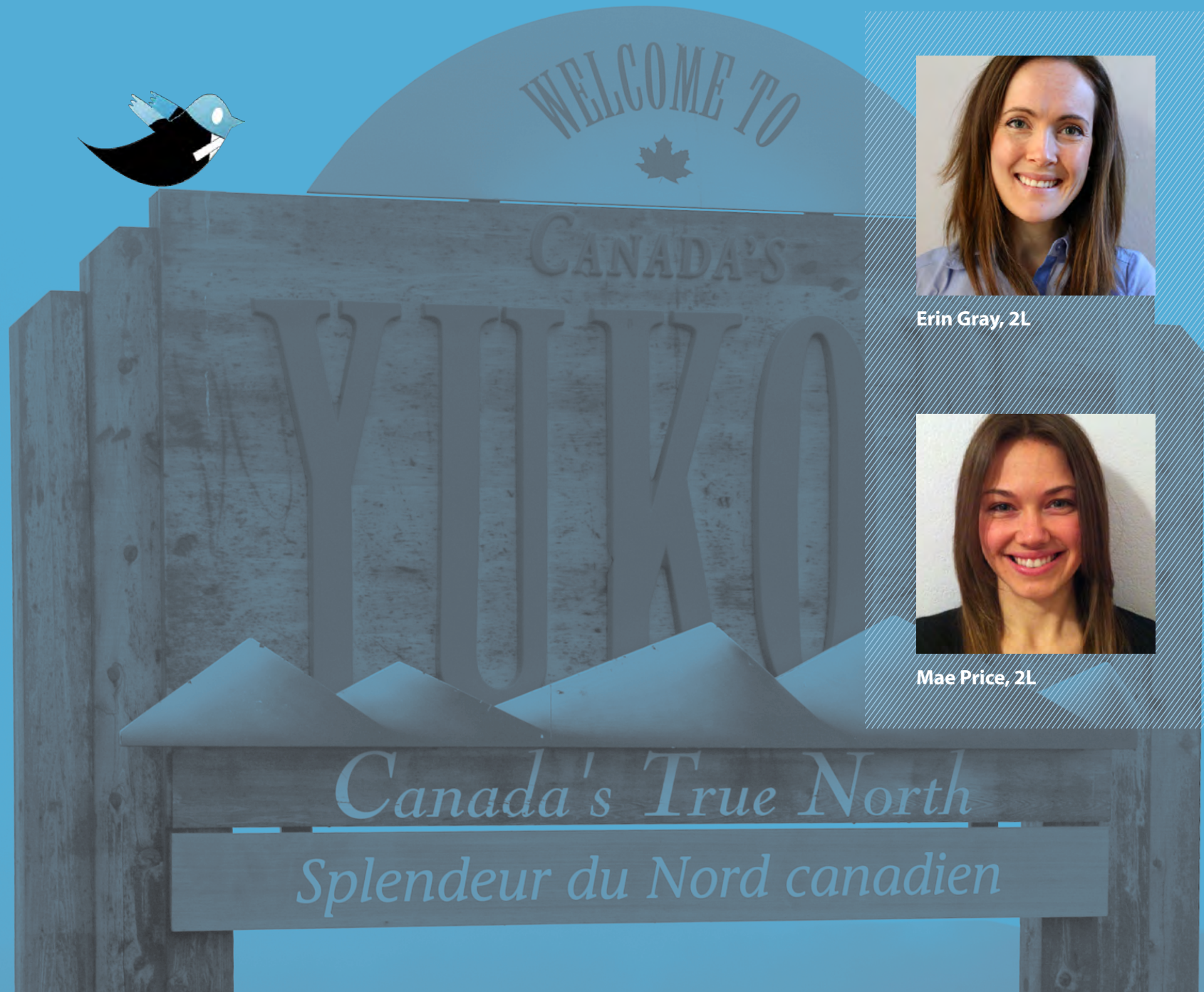
Both men dismiss the idea that computers will replace lawyers. “That won’t happen, but technology will disrupt traditional practice. It is already being used instead of people for things like document review,” says Thompson. Williams and Thompson hope this course will save students from worrying about the work they stand to lose to technology, and help them focus instead on what they stand to gain from it. ■

James Williams ('08) (BA, BSc, JD, MSc, PhD candidate) is a senior software engineer at Google's Mountain View campus. In addition to working on a PhD in computer science at the University of Toronto, he teaches privacy and data protection law at Osgoode Hall Law School. He has published numerous peer-reviewed academic research papers, and he is a member of several research and professional working groups, including the MIT CSAIL big data privacy working group, the Stanford legal technology and design program, and the Global Alliance for Genomics and Health security working group. His current research interests include algorithms, machine learning, and multi-agent systems.

Darin Thompson ('05) (BA, JD, LLM) is legal counsel with the BC Ministry of Justice and a legal officer at the **BC Civil Resolution Tribunal**, an online user-focused tribunal handling small claims and strata property disputes scheduled to be up and running in 2014. After completing his LLM at Edinburgh in the Innovation, Technology & Law stream, Darin worked extensively on new programs and legislative initiatives aimed at modernizing and improving civil and family justice systems in national and international contexts. He also serves as a Canadian delegate to the UN Commission on International Trade Law Working Group III on Online Dispute Resolution and as a member of the Board of Directors for the Justice Education Society.

Double Twitterverse Victory for UVic Law

— MARNI MACLEOD ('93)




Erin Gray, 2L

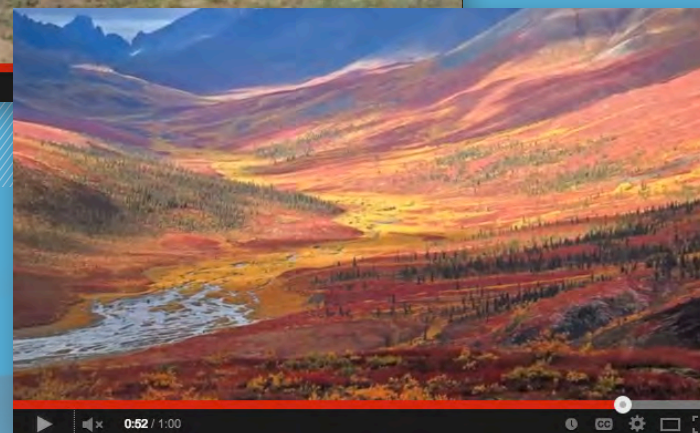
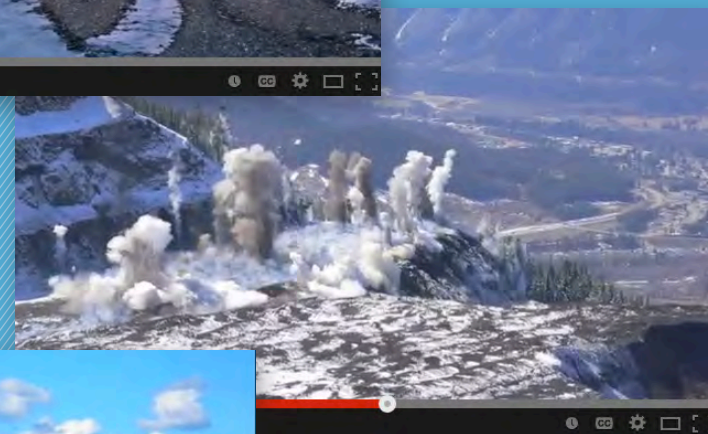


Mae Price, 2L

Congratulations to Erin Gray and Mae Price who won both the Twitter Moot 2014 (#Twtmoot) and the People's Choice Award in the 3rd Annual Twitter Moot. Sponsored by West Coast Environmental Law. This time around the teams tackled issues drawn from the Yukon Court of Appeal precedent-setting decision in *Ross River Dena Council v. Government of Yukon*, 2012 YKCA 14 ([link](#) to CanLII decision).

Representing the Respondents Ross River Dena Council, Erin and Mae successfully argued that the Yukon government had a constitutional duty to engage in consultation with the Ross River Dena before allowing the mineral rights to be made available to third parties and further that the Court of Appeal erred in holding that notification after a claim has been recorded does not constitute adequate consultation.

In addition to written factums and tweeted arguments, Erin and Mae opted for a multimedia presentation and offered up a YouTube video ([watch here](#)) in support of their Respondent's position. 



Share your Vistas

Vistas is always interested in receiving story ideas from UVic Law alumni. Although we are unable to guarantee the inclusion of materials that are sent to us, we are deeply interested in shining a spotlight on the stories that you, the alumni, care about.

If you know of a UVic Law graduate who could be profiled or have other interesting story ideas or materials worth highlighting, please feel free to contact us at lawalum@uvic.ca.

Errors? Omissions?

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