

# NEXUS

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## BAY STREET BOUND

*a record recruiting year*

*Plus: Accessibility Upgrades, Alumni Mentorship,  
Environmental Trust Fund Grant, and more.*

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# Dean's Message

## *Together Again and Moving Forward*

This fall, we returned to in-person teaching at UNB Law after seventeen months of being apart. As I wrote in the last issue of *Nexus*, the pandemic-induced isolation had a particular impact on our community. As you know, one of UNB Law's defining features is the intimacy of its learning environment. Throughout our history, our students and faculty have thrived because they were together—in limited number—and sharing the same spaces and experiences. We cherish deeply the special bonds that grow from this community atmosphere; they are part of our identity as a law school.

That's why the pandemic was particularly hard for us. The thing that defines us—our togetherness—was taken away. We tried hard to make up for this loss through new initiatives like the UNB Law Podcast and the Alumni Mentorship Program, both of which have been well-received and will continue post-pandemic. But last year just wasn't the same. Despite the logistical challenges and uncertainty, I'm so relieved that we're together again, with the vast majority of our courses being offered in person, and students, faculty, and staff interacting in familiar ways in the Law Building. There is a lot more joy and optimism in the air.

The progress we've been able to make on UNB Law's strategic priorities is the other reason to be happy. Thanks to the generosity of so many of you, we completed the renovation of our student lounge. This revitalized space now has a large kitchen with plenty of storage and appliances, a large eating area, new modern furniture, and a stylish pool table that's getting a lot of use. It's wonderful to see students gathering in this space, forging relationships and building memories that will last a lifetime.



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Michael Marin'.

Michael Marin  
Dean & Associate Professor

As you'll read in this issue, we also completed a long-overdue accessibility upgrade to our front entrance. This project wasn't easy. In the summer, when construction was due to start, an underground wire was discovered, which would require additional engineering and delay the work by several months. This meant that construction would take place while courses were in session, producing noise and rendering the front door unusable for at least a month.

But putting this vital project off for another year just wasn't an option. If disabled members of our community had to use the back door for fifty years, then the rest of us would use it for a month so that everyone could finally enter through the front door. No one complained. And now we're starting to have a building that reflects our values. But as Jeremy MacDonald (JD '21) correctly points out, these improvements need to be part of a larger strategy to ensure that students of all backgrounds are able to study and thrive at UNB Law. This is a priority for us.

Being together again has been made extra special with the return of two prominent alumni to UNB Law. As explained in this issue, the Hon. Graydon Nicholas (LLB '71, LLD '15) is visiting the Faculty this year. His title is *Wihkwatacamit*, which is a Wolastoqey word that means "the person who loves to tell stories." Graydon is helping faculty incorporate Indigenous perspectives into their courses, mentoring students, and conducting research on Indigenous systems of justice. In addition, Prof. James Lockyer (LLB '75) is also visiting UNB Law to teach Trial Advocacy in the fall term. An expert in the field and a former Attorney General of New Brunswick, Jim brings decades of experience and a passion for teaching to UNB Law. I want to thank Graydon and Jim for joining us this year and for making such a positive contribution to our community. They are both accomplished UNB Law graduates and wonderful role models for our students.

Speaking of our students, they are grabbing the attention of legal employers across Canada. As our cover story shows, we placed more students on Bay Street this year than we have in at least a decade. In total, six of our students will be joining Canada's top national law firms in 2022. I'm very proud of these students who earned these opportunities through their talent and hard work. I'm also very proud of what this result says about our Faculty and its potential. It shows that coming to UNB Law will open doors across Canada and around the world. We just need to make sure that people know

what makes us special—our core curriculum and supportive learning environment, which set students up for success in whatever career path they choose.

***One of the reasons we were able to offer more help to our students in terms of their job applications is a staff restructuring that we completed this year. The focus of this project was to dedicate more resources to student and faculty support and position ourselves to achieve the goals in our Strategic Plan, while empowering our dedicated and talented employees to take on leadership roles.***

That restructuring starts with the appointment of Catherine Cotter (LLB '02) as Associate Dean. As you'll read later in this issue, Catherine is an experienced and accomplished academic leader. As Acting Dean for over a year, she was the steady hand at the helm of our academic program during the pandemic. We also promoted Wanda Foster to the position of Manager of Admissions and Scholarships, reflecting the leadership role that she plays in the recruitment and retention of our students. And Martha McClellan, our longtime Career Services Officer, was appointed Manager of Academic Affairs and Student Services. This new role leverages Martha's considerable organizational skills to streamline our core functions while keeping her actively involved in career services.

I realize that organizational restructuring isn't the most exciting topic for an alumni newsletter. But it is critical in terms of setting us up for continued success. I'm very grateful to have such a hardworking team in place and I appreciate the University's support in facilitating this process.

Finally, you will be hearing a lot more about research in the coming months. In order to re-affirm ourselves as a top national law school, we need to boost our research profile. We will do this by appointing a Canada Research Chair (Tier 2) in Digital Information Law and Policy. This fall, we nominated a very impressive candidate to this post and we hope to make an announcement in the new year. In the meantime, our existing faculty are engaged in highly relevant projects, like Prof. Panezi's new Trade Law and Carbon Pricing Lab, which you'll read about in this issue.

I hope you enjoy this edition of Nexus and that you're encouraged by the progress we're making at UNB Law. I hope all of our alumni have a safe and joyful holiday season. I look forward to connecting with more of you in 2022.



## IMPROVING ACCESSIBILITY for a more inclusive legal education

**T**he iconic façade of 41 Dineen Drive has received a critical and long-overdue renovation. A brand-new accessibility ramp and platform lift have been installed, making UNB Law's front entrance wheelchair accessible for the first time.

*“This has been a long time coming,” said Dean Marin. “Physical spaces reflect the values of those who occupy them. UNB Law is committed to offering a legal education that is accessible to everyone; I believe this is meaningful progress in demonstrating our commitment to this value.”*

This major construction project is part of a series of accessibility upgrades to the law building that will help ensure that everyone feels welcome, and help UNB Law meet the demands of 21<sup>st</sup>-century legal education.

The new concrete ramp outside ensures that everyone enters UNB Law through the front door. And the new platform lift inside the vestibule will bring users to the main level of the building, providing access to all classrooms, the student lounge, lockers, meeting rooms, offices, and study spaces.

Accessibility has also been a major consideration in the recently completed student lounge renovation, which includes an in-island microwave, wheelchair-height tables, modular furniture for more flexibility in seating, and a new automatic door system. In addition to these most recent improvements, a lift was installed in 2019 as part of a library renovation that gives wheelchair users access to all faculty and staff offices on the third floor.

While additional upgrades are currently in the planning stages, one priority is to address the theatre seating in classrooms 14 and 15 that confines wheelchair users to the back of the room near the entrance.

## *Reflections on accessibility*

Jeremy MacDonald (JD '21) recently met with Nexus to share his experience with accessibility while attending UNB Law, and offer feedback on these latest building upgrades. As a wheelchair user, MacDonald faced several challenges while at law school that he attributes primarily to the geography and physical layout of the law building and campus in general.

"I think the biggest challenge was just getting in the front door and not only physically, but also the symbolic aspect of having a door for 300 students and then a separate door for one. The front entrance was my major bone of contention throughout my time at UNB Law."

The absence of a front ramp necessitated that MacDonald use the rear entrance to get into the school. This meant navigating a side entrance and driveway that would become difficult to maneuver during New Brunswick winters. During these winter months, MacDonald came to rely on a drive or a push from classmates. This was especially difficult on days when he would head back to residence after classes for a meal before returning to the law school to study. MacDonald found himself much less likely to make the return trip because the prospect of navigating the back driveway for a second time in one day was a major deterrent. Needless to say, he was ecstatic to see the ramp installed.

"This new front entrance ramp is going to go the longest way in making that building a truly accessible space. It was the biggest impediment during my time at UNB Law. It is very exciting to see this change made."

MacDonald said he never doubted the UNB Law administration's commitment to making the building a more accessible space. He was unsure of the feasibility of these upgrades and the buy-in from other parts of the University.



*Jeremy was born in Charlottetown, PEI. He completed a BA with Honours in History followed by a Master's in Atlantic Canada Studies at St. Mary's University. Since graduating from UNB Law, Jeremy has worked for Veteran's Affairs Canada, Employment and Social Development in the legal services unit.*

"It seems like they've been brought on board as well, and things are moving at a great pace. I'm happy to hear that all of the new improvements to the building are being done with accessibility in mind, things like counter height and access to space in terms of the width of doors."

Another difficulty for MacDonald was the internal access to faculty offices. In first year, he did not yet have access to faculty offices. The library lift had not yet been installed. This meant that when Jeremy needed to meet with his professor, he had to make a special appointment to meet them in a designated office in the library. While a helpful accommodation, he did find this made him more hesitant to meet with faculty members as he worried that he might be pulling them away from other students during their office hours. He fondly remembers the moment when he met with Dean Marin to test out the newly installed lift for the first time.

"[Dean Marin] was so happy that I now had access to those offices and that it was a tangible win for



accessibility in the building. To me, that really showed the sincerity of his efforts. He was grinning from ear to ear, and that meant as much to me as the fact that we now had a lift to the faculty offices, that he cared enough and took the time himself to test out the lift with me, that will always stick with me.”

In addition to administration, MacDonald also felt supported by the student body. Saying he always felt as though he was fully a part of his class and the UNB Law family. He added that anytime an event was held, he was asked how it could be made more accessible or if there was anything he needed to feel welcomed.

“My classmates and my colleagues would get as frustrated or perhaps even more so than I about the accessibility obstacles that I faced. Oftentimes when you are a person with a disability and a wheelchair user for a long period of time, while it is frustrating and sometimes angering, you’re so used to encountering these physical obstacles on almost a daily basis that one can only muster so much righteous anger.”

MacDonald added that when his classmates encountered these challenges, their level of frustration and anger rose very quickly.

“Having their support and having even something as simple as a push from the student union building or from my building to the law building in the dead of winter made an enormous difference—and that was always something that was offered if needed.”

Looking to the future, MacDonald hopes that these accessibility upgrades will lead to increased enrolment of individuals with disabilities at UNB Law.

“I would like to see more people with disabilities, mobility and otherwise, pursuing a legal education. If I do have any legacy at UNB Law, I hope it will be in the changes to the built environment. That perhaps I made it a more pressing issue, and also that I am highlighting the need to make the legal profession more accessible to those with disabilities. I don’t want to be the last person who is making use of that ramp and that elevator and all of those things for decades to come.”

# UNB Law welcomes Graydon Nicholas as Wihkwatacamit

**T**he Hon. Graydon Nicholas, C.M., O.N.B., LL.D. is visiting UNB Law this academic year on a part-time basis as Wihkwatacamit (week-ah-dutch-mid), a Wolastoqey word that means “the person who loves to tell stories.” This title aptly reflects his personality, as well as the way in which local Indigenous culture and traditions, including legal norms and practices, are communicated.

Graydon, as he would like us to call him, is a distinguished and highly respected Wolastoqey Elder, lawyer, judge, social worker, and activist. He serves as a mentor and resource for students and faculty as they engage with subjects related to the Indigenous experience in Canada. In particular, he has been involved with Foundations of Law by helping to provide historical and social context underlying Canada’s colonial legal system.

This fall, Graydon joined Prof. Basil Alexander during the intensive 1L course to assist in addressing TRC Call to Action #28, which, in part, calls upon law schools across Canada to educate their students on the history and legacy of residential schools.

“I think we complemented each other nicely,” said Alexander. “I provided an overview of the historical land and relationship issues, including maps of the traditional territories and language groups compared to today’s small reservations, which in turn tie to residential schools’ goals and actions. Graydon discussed the real-world consequences and how they continue to play out, such as the long-term effects on Indigenous peoples. He brought key lived experience and knowledge to the classroom; by sharing the

accounts of his family members, friends, and community, he personalized the continuing concerns and repercussions in tangible ways. It was really powerful.”

For Graydon, Call to Action #28 is a crucial step in the path towards reconciliation, which requires including the Indigenous perspective in law schools across the country. During his 1L visit, he stressed the concept of intergenerational trauma, drawing on his years on the bench in New Brunswick Provincial Court. He explained to the students that many of the legal issues faced by Indigenous peoples in family and criminal courts can be traced back to their own or their parent’s residential school experience.

*“That’s the way you prepare the young lawyers,” said Graydon. “You teach them about the experiences of Indigenous people during their time in law school. They will be coming through these schools and then, later on, end up being judges. In their careers, they’ll have indigenous issues in front of them at all levels of court and will have a greater understanding and appreciation of Indigenous people and their issues.”*

In addition to the Foundations discussions, Graydon organized a series of Indigenous Pipe Ceremonies for students during orientation week. For Graydon, the essence of Indigenous law and the Indigenous way of life is spirituality. By involving the students in this sacred experience, he hopes they will enjoy a greater understanding and appreciation for how Indigenous communities operate, and why they value restorative justice principles, relationship building/re-building, and mediation in the legal process.



Through the 2021-22 academic year, Graydon is available to advise faculty members wishing to incorporate Indigenous perspectives and legal traditions into their courses. He will also guest lecture in courses on topics related to his areas of expertise, which include criminal law, aboriginal law, property law, and constitutional law. He will also continue his advocacy and law reform work on behalf of Indigenous communities across Canada. With the help of his research assistant, second-year student Abigail Companion, Graydon will continue his work in developing a model for an Indigenous justice system based on First Nation's values and culture and explore its potential integration into Canadian law.

### **About Graydon**

Graydon is originally from Tobique First Nation, which is 180 kilometers northwest of Fredericton. He is no stranger to UNB Law. A graduate

of the class of 1971, he is the first Indigenous person in Atlantic Canada to earn a law degree. As a lawyer with the Union of New Brunswick Indians from 1974 until 1988, he was counsel in many important cases involving the rights of Indigenous Peoples. These include the landmark Supreme Court case of *Simon v. The Queen*, [1985] 2 SRC 387, which recognized that the Treaty of 1752 remained in force and effect, and rejected the notion that Indigenous Peoples had to prove direct descendance in order to be covered by the Treaty.

In 1991, Graydon was appointed judge of the New Brunswick Provincial Court, becoming the first Indigenous person to assume this role. As a judge for 18 years, he developed particular expertise in criminal law and was a champion of restorative justice principles. In 1999, along with fellow UNB Law alumnus the Hon. Gérard La Forest, Graydon co-authored the

*Report of the New Brunswick Task Force on Aboriginal Issues.*

In 2009, Graydon was appointed Lieutenant-Governor of New Brunswick, the first Indigenous person to hold this office. He was the Endowed Chair of Native Studies at St. Thomas University from 1988 to 1991, and was reappointed to this role in 2015. In 2020, he became Chancellor of St. Thomas University. He has honorary degrees from four universities: St. Francis Xavier, Mt. Allison, Wilfred Laurier, and UNB.

Most recently, Graydon was appointed Co-Chair of the Stakeholder Advisory Council for the Youth Suicide Prevention and Mental Health Services Review. He is a member of the Order of New Brunswick and the Order of Canada.



*“I strongly believe that my time at UNB set me on the path that I took, and it could not have been a better foundation for where my life took me and where I am today.”*

## *A conversation with HBC’s* **Ian Putnam**

**I**n the latest episode of the UNB Law Podcast, Dean Marin sits down with Ian Putnam (LLB ’96), President and CEO of HBC Properties and Investments. The pair discussed Ian’s decision to attend UNB Law; his time on Bay Street practicing in corporate finance transactions and M&A with Stikeman Elliott; his move to the renowned business law firm Paul Weiss in New York City; and his business portfolio and work as CEO with the Hudson’s Bay Company. We hope you enjoy some of the highlights of their conversation.

### *What was it that appealed to you about studying law?*

It’s going to sound cavalier or goofy, but do you remember the TV show *LA Law*? I think it came out in 1986. I was 16; I thought it was the best show ever. There was a character, Douglas Brackman Jr., who was the corporate guy at the firm, and I just thought, “well that’s kind of a neat thing, I’d like to be in the center of things.” A little later, a book called *Barbarians at the Gate* came out, which was about the leveraged buyout of RJR Nabisco. I read that at 16 or 17 or 18—whenever it was—and was compelled by the characters and by the drama in the boardroom and the structuring of these transactions and how it worked. That sort of gave me the idea of going to law school. I never had a focus on the courtroom or litigation; it was more on the business law side of things.

### **Why did you choose UNB Law?**

[While studying at the London School of Economics], I lived in a place called London House, which had a lot of Canadians that lived there. One of my friends at London House was doing an LLM at the LSE, and he had graduated from UNB. His name was Gary Scales (LLB '92). The way he described UNB as a small school focused, at that point, on practical education, small class sizes; it appealed to me. It was obviously a big shift going from London to Fredericton, but to be honest, as wonderful as London was, I would not want to be an undergraduate student in a big metropolitan area like London or Toronto or even Calgary or any big city. I think there are too many distractions. The idea of being in a smaller community was very appealing to me at the time.

### **How would you describe the law school in the early to mid 90s?**

I describe it as junior high school—in a good way. Again, part of the appeal to me of UNB was the size. At the time, there were probably 220-240 students max, 80 kids in each year. Everybody knew everybody. As a first-year law student, I was hanging out with second and third years and, it was a very social environment, but people were obviously very focused on their academics. I found it to be a very intimate environment.

From an academic perspective—and this was one of the things that Gary Scales had talked to me about—I thought the faculty was the highest quality and the focus on sort of the practicalities of law. In first-year, I had Karl Dore for contracts; we talked about peppercorns for weeks, it seemed. David [Townsend]; we talked about the law of gifts, which was interesting; you never thought about things like that. I thought that the faculty and the way they taught the Socratic method in some cases was a great environment in which to be taught the law and how to think as a lawyer.

### **Why did you decide to go to Bay Street after graduation?**

I took all of the corporate-focused classes available at UNB in second and third year. I took the corporate finance class with Dick Bird, who was a wonderful professor; Tax II, which was the business tax course. I just loved the subject matter. Back to the *Barbarians at the Gate* book. One of the cases we studied for a few days in corporate finance was *Metropolitan Life v RJR Nabisco*, which was a seminal case in the Southern District of New York that talked about bond indentures and the rights of the different constituents in an insolvency proceeding. I really found it interesting, and that sort of focus of work appealed to me.

Stikeman appealed to me because it had a connection to UNB. Lawson Hunter (LLB '70), who is a senior counsel at Stikeman, was a UNB grad. He sort of split his time between the Toronto office and the Ottawa office. [He] ran the competition bureau at one point but also ran the competition group at Stikeman. I remember talking with him when he came back and gave a speech at UNB. He talked about specialization in the practice of law. He had a graphic that went from left to right as sort of being a generalist to being a specialist. His point of view was that at that stage in our legal education, focus on the general, and you can specialize over time.

### **Can you talk a little bit about your experience in this area of practice, corporate finance and mergers and acquisitions?**

There are different gradations of engagement in corporate law. My Stikeman and Paul Weiss experience; they were big, complicated transactions, big deal teams, lots of sophisticated bankers and advisors involved in these transactions. That was very appealing to me.

My experience might have been a little different than others at big New York law firms. That's because my

mentor, Ted Maynard, led what Paul Weiss called the Canadian Practice. He was a perfect role model, both professionally—very smart and engaged—but also had a balance. At the time, people weren't talking about work-life balance as much as they certainly are today; Ted was. I think that made my experience that much better. He was a guy that would bring you to a meeting or include you on conference calls. [He] would explain to the client that "Ian's here just to learn." I think that's an important part of one's experience in corporate law which is *who* you're working with and *what* you are working on.

It takes some time, there is some drudgery. Being a first-year associate locked in a room doing due diligence is not the most glamorous thing in the world, but you learn more than you ever thought you'd learn about [say] a Greek television company when you do that in connection with a bond offering.

### **Lawyers often leave firms to become in-house counsel but you made the jump right to being a business executive. What was that transition like for you?**

It was seamless, and I'll tell you why, it's because of the legal education that I had and what I was doing as a practicing lawyer. I mentioned Ted Maynard, my mentor at Paul Weiss. When I went to Stikeman, I got a lot of referral work from Paul Weiss. One of my referrals from Ted was Richard Baker and NRDC Equity Partners in 2008, who acquired the Bay. I represented the acquisition group NRDC Equity Partners in their acquisition of Hudson's Bay. It just shows the importance of relationships and, in that case, the particular relationship with Ted again. My life has gone in a different path because of my relationship with Richard Baker and the team at HBC.

To your question though, the type of law that I was practicing was strategic advisory work. The objective of

an outside counsel in the context of a corporate transaction is to provide advice, to outline the risks and the pros and cons of one decision path or another. Going on the business side was one more step, assessing those paths and the risks on one side or the other. It was ultimately making decisions. Assessing those risks and then deciding to go path A or path B. I was very well prepared to take that next step because of my history as a corporate lawyer and as an advisor to the business community.

My role initially was head of corporate development. NRDC Equity Partners had acquired Hudson's Bay, and then we did a series of 10 or 15 significant transactions from 2008 to 2014. At the end of 2014, when I joined, I had advised on all of those transactions. I had a deep understanding and was involved in every conversation in the boardroom and at the c-suite level as it related to the strategic direction of the company since 2008. I had a familiarity and a comfort level with the team that I was joining, which made it that much easier, and that allowed me to hit the ground running and continue doing what I was doing but inside and now sort of being a decision-maker.

***So now you're CEO of HBC Properties and Investments. Can you tell us what that company does?***

HBC is more than just the Hudson's Bay business in Canada; we look at our world as eight or ten different portfolio companies. We have a holding company on top, and we have these operating businesses. We have Saks Fifth Avenue brick-and-mortar in the US, Saks OFF 5th brick-and-mortar in the US and Canada, Hudson's Bay brick-and-mortar in Canada, then we have three digital businesses which we've separated from the brick-and-mortar businesses fairly recently. We have saks.com, saksoff5th.com, and thebay.com. Then we have a significant portfolio of owned real estate, including the Saks flagship on Fifth Avenue [in New York], the Vancouver Hudson's Bay flagship, Montreal, Calgary. We have an extensive real estate portfolio across the United States and Canada. We have an office business; we have a health and wellness business. I have a role of overseeing the Holdco side, those ten businesses, and I also operate the property and investments business. The investments business is really the oversight business, and then the properties business is managing our portfolio of real estate.

***What is it like to be the steward of those properties? It must come with a certain sense of history and responsibility?***

These are iconic buildings, and it's fun to understand the potential for these buildings. Our objective now is to maximize the value of these assets. The world has changed. Do you need an 800,000 sq. ft department store building in the city center of Montreal today? Probably not. But you need a 200,000 sq. ft Hudson's Bay center, which is a significant footprint. So, we're thinking about alternatives to redevelop or introduce incremental uses in that portfolio. There are many assets that we have that are at their highest and best use. For example, the flagship on fifth avenue, which is 650,000 sq. ft. It is very productive as a luxury department store, but other locations that we have are ripe for incremental uses in addition to a Hudson's Bay location or a Saks location. That's my focus on the property and investment side.

***You're the first CEO that we have had on the UNB Law Podcast. Can you tell us what a CEO does and what your daily routine is as a CEO of a large company?***

The primary role is the management of people and the assessment of risk and decision-making. My typical day is engaging with our business leaders and working with them to make decisions. It's funny—and I want to be careful how I phrase this—but in the practice of law, you often feel like everything rests on your shoulders. You're giving advice. As you become more senior in the practice of law, the buck stops with you, as they say. There's a lot of pressure in that you're telling a company that you've done research and you've looked into issues. You're [advising] a company, and you're saying, "you can do this, or you can't do this," and there are big consequences to that advice.

Here, and I think in any healthy work environment, you're not alone in making a decision. There's a group of us that hold hands and say this is the right path. That's liberating. As the CEO, you have sort of the ultimate say in choosing one path or the other, but you're always there with the team. You're relying on the advice of your counsel, and you're relying on your professional advisors and the people that are running the businesses that have expertise that you don't have. It's a liberating feeling. I do love that aspect of being on the business side.



Back to your question, a lot of meetings. A lot of reviewing information and working with people to make decisions. But training as a lawyer and having worked in a law firm prepared me well for the role I'm in now. I'm a better decision-maker having practiced law and having gone to law school.

***The labor market in the legal profession is cyclical, there are ups and downs. What advice would you have for students who may be entering an uncertain period?***

It's funny; I was talking to a friend of mine who's a partner at Paul Weiss in August. The expectation of a new first-year lawyer in terms of their overall career trajectory is significantly different than when I was a first-year lawyer. Without exception, in my class of 16 articling students, everyone wanted to be a partner at Stikeman. I don't think that's the case anymore, and I think that's a good thing. I think it means that the law firms need to adapt and to figure out how to work better with people that have ultimately different objectives but that are real value add to the firm.

That's not going to answer your question, but I think the world is a little different today than when I was starting off in my career—which is an important difference. The student's expectation of where they're going with their career and what it means is different. If you do want to have a career in law, and you decide that you want a Bay Street environment, then I think you have to play that game. You have to understand where you are and understand what your

objective is, and if your objective is to be a partner at Stikeman Elliott, then you have to show up, you have to be engaged, you have to find a mentor, you have to have that positive attitude, the can-do attitude and you have to do your best.

My advice would be find out what you want to do, recognize it's not a permanent commitment, and you can always pivot to doing something different. A big law [firm] is not always the answer. If you do have an interest in corporate law, but it's a difficult job market, there are government opportunities that should be explored. One thing that always struck me is the back and forth between private practice in the US and government and significant high-end private practice and government. There's a lot of it; people that are partners at Paul Weiss or partners at big New York law firms that second themselves to the government for a few years at all levels. We don't see that as much in Canada, which I always thought was a bad thing. To be the chairman of the Alberta Securities Commission for a few years and then go back to private practice, that's a good thing. If there's a difficult environment in private practice, then explore government options, which I think you can then leverage and use as a stepping stone to a private practice again.

To watch the full conversation with Ian, and other episodes including The Hon. Frank McKenna, Simone Cole, and Lydia Bugden, please visit [unb.ca/lawpodcast](http://unb.ca/lawpodcast).



Left to right: Madison Janes (BLG, summer student), Frank Gillies (Davies, summer student), Alla Al-Arabi (BLG, summer student), Alexandra Steinberg (DLA Piper, summer student 2021, articling student 2022), Mark Browne (McCarthy Tétrault, summer student), Dylan Gallant (Bennett Jones, summer student).

## **BAY STREET BOUND** *a record recruiting year*

**S**ix UNB Law students are heading to Bay Street in the spring of 2022—the most since at least a decade. Alla Al-Arabi (2L), Mark Browne (2L), Dylan Gallant (2L), Frank Gillies (2L), Madison Janes (2L), and Alexandra Steinberg (3L) have all accepted positions with some of the most prominent full-service law firms in the country—and the world.

Al-Arabi and Janes will join Borden Ladner Gervais LLP (BLG) as summer students; Browne will summer with McCarthy Tétrault; Gallant with Bennett Jones LLP; and Gillies with Davies. Steinberg will return to DLA Piper for articles, having completed a summer placement in 2021.

For Browne, a former MHA who served in the Newfoundland and Labrador House of Assembly, the idea of working on Bay Street had never crossed his mind. He pursued the opportunity after being contacted by the Faculty's Career Services Office, which advised him that he would be a competitive candidate, both academically and otherwise.

"This was never something that I had anticipated or thought about. My entire career has been in public service, values which I still carry today. But having the opportunity to work in the country's top legal market among some of the greatest legal minds is a terrific opportunity for any young, aspiring lawyer."

Like Browne, Al-Arabi also did not see herself pursuing a career on Bay Street.

"Originally, I saw myself working in small boutique firms until I exposed myself to the benefits of working in a full-service firm. As well, after taking contract law with the excellent Prof. Panezi, I realized there was a world of transactional work that I would love to learn more about."

Browne was struck by how 'early' everything seemed to happen in terms of legal recruitment. Many law school recruitment jobs are designed to apply nearly a year in advance, this was no exception. He found the process time-consuming but not stressful.

"I am a firm believer in *que sera, sera*: what will be, will be. Things work out as they should. I felt entirely supported by UNB Law from the Dean to the Career Services Office. UNB Law is a small but mighty community."

Al-Arabi describes the application process as grueling, taking approximately six months from start to finish. She began with networking in early June through online webinars hosted by participating firms. Next came cover letter and resume writing. She spent weeks editing, tailoring her letters to the specific firms with the assistance of the Career Services Office.

"During the writing process, Martha McClellan, [Manager of Academic Affairs and Student Services], and Gillian Tillard, [Career Services Officer], were incredibly supportive. They helped edit and re-edit my materials. After sending in my materials in August, I felt good about my application and was hoping to get at least one OCI."

Al-Arabi did better than that.

"The OCI stage was honestly fun; I interviewed with six firms, 17 minutes each. It was a great way to get a glimpse into the types of firms I could be joining. The initial stressful part came during the *FIRST* call day, when the firms were trying to schedule in-firm interviews—90-minutes long with several key partners and members of the firm."

Al-Arabi was invited to interview in-person with several firms over two days.

***"Martha was there for me the whole time. After every interview, we'd call and debrief. I remember there were a few days when she and I were just emailing back and forth late into the night because she knew how stressed I was. When the offer came in on Wednesday evening, it felt like the past 6 months were worth it and all my hard work paid off."***

Browne looks forward to joining McCarthy Tétrault and the diversity of experience and practice areas that come with the firm. As a summer student, he will enjoy a degree of latitude to try different areas of law and get involved with a variety of files. He was drawn to the firm's commitment to Pro Bono work, including the number of high-profile constitutional law cases in which they have acted as an intervenor.

"I was blessed to have worked in public service, at both the federal and provincial levels, and remain guided by those values. Every day was different, giving me the opportunity to put my skills to use in varying ways. On one day you could be helping an individual access government services

while the next negotiating a multi-million-dollar industrial agreement. I believe the law will provide the same kind of intellectual challenge to do significant, serious, and meaningful work."

## ***A targeted approach to career services***

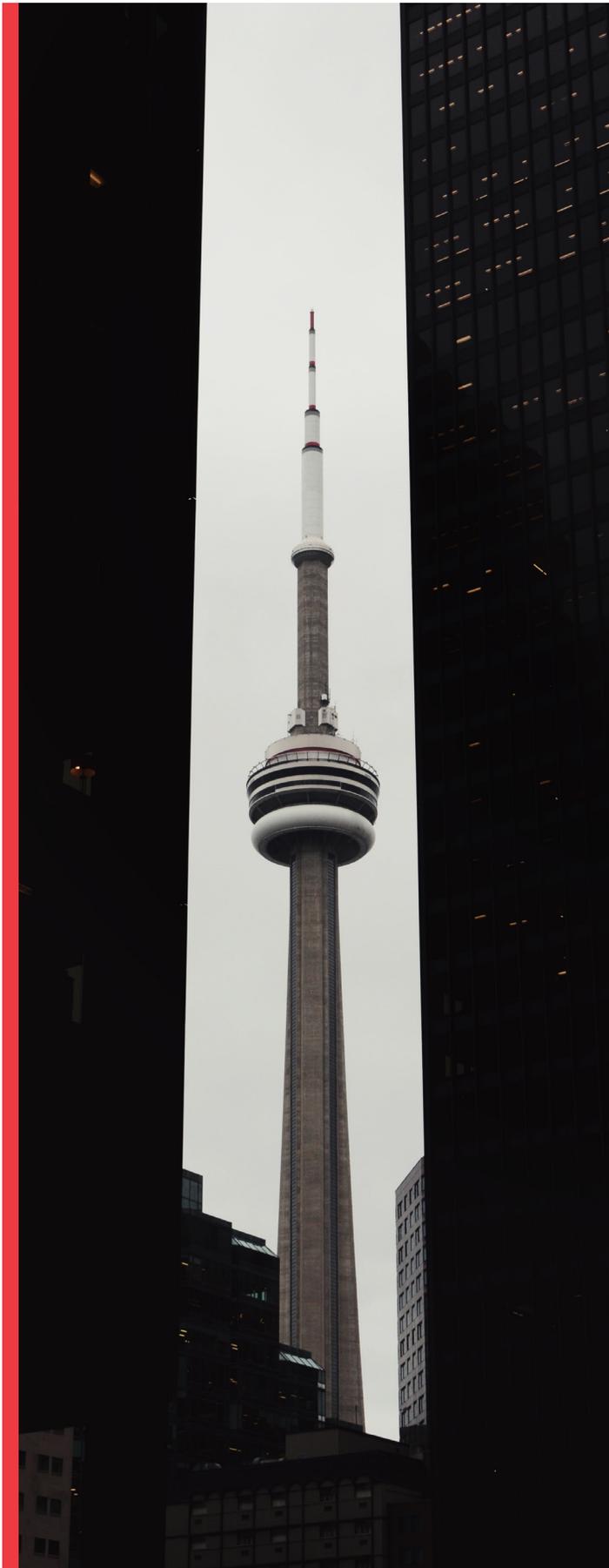
To enhance UNB's reputation as a national law school, it is imperative that its graduates are landing competitive jobs across the country and around the world. This includes the summer and articling recruitment process on Bay Street.

This year's record number of placements is the result of a deliberate strategy by the Career Services Office and the Dean to re-establish UNB Law's presence in Toronto. It also furthers the Faculty's commitment to being a student-centred law school totally devoted to helping students achieve their highest potential. These objectives were identified in the Faculty's Strategic Plan adopted by the UNB Board of Governors last year.

In addition to the high number of placements, the statistics from this year also demonstrate UNB Law's success. Of the 18 students who applied for positions during this fall's Toronto recruitment process, 14 received on-campus interviews, 10 received in-firm interviews, and 5 received offers. So, how was this achieved?

One of the benefits of UNB Law's small size is the individual attention students receive from the Career Services Office. Beginning in the spring, Martha McClellan and Gillian Tillard, proactively identified competitive candidates and reached to them out directly.

"It is critical to have quality applicants," said McClellan, "and we had many. We engaged in dedicated, individualized outreach with these competitive students; even if they had not signaled an interest or were on the fence, we encouraged them to at least come in and discuss the opportunity.



We told them, ‘you can do this,’ and encouraged them to participate, assuring them that we were there to support them— one-on-one—along the entire journey.”

This support began by individually reviewing all applications, resumes and cover letters, and helping the students tailor these documents for each position and firm. Next, Martha and Gillian helped the students prepare for their on-campus interviews and handled scheduling and logistics. Martha coached students on how to handle job interview call day and managing the nuances of the in-firm interview process. She worked to demystify the process for students and give them the confidence to trust their instincts.

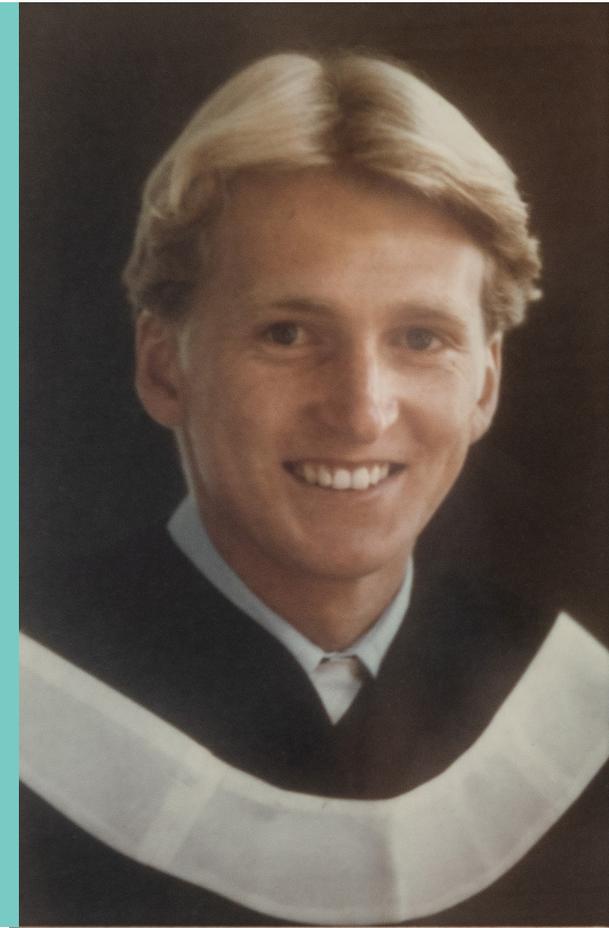
“Our intention was to make sure there were as few surprises as possible throughout the process. We acted as a sounding board for concerns, offered moral support, and tried to answer their questions about anything and everything.”

Another crucial element of this new strategy is the relationship-building work of Dean Marin, who, since becoming Dean, has been connecting with law firms across the country to communicate the UNB Law advantage. This included travelling to Toronto to meet with lawyers and recruiting directors at national law firms to educate them on the strengths of the Faculty’s JD program.

***“It is part of my role as Dean to ensure that our name is known on Bay Street, that these national and international firms understand the high-quality legal education our students receive. That they understand how and why we produce graduates who are prepared to be successful in any aspect of the legal profession.”***

For Dean Marin, it is about ensuring that these employers know about UNB Law, what makes it special, and why its students make great hires. In addition to developing relationships with the lawyers and the recruiting teams at these firms, Dean Marin has also been focused on building relationships with UNB Law alumni in Toronto, on Bay Street, and beyond.

“Students come to UNB Law from across the country, and we are working hard to connect them with opportunities in every province. We have alumni at all of these firms; they are our greatest champions. We want to provide them with opportunities to support our students and promote the UNB Law within their organizations. I know that they are proud of their law school and want to see the next generation of UNB Law graduates succeeding and ideally joining their firms.”



## **TORE GRUDE** *Memorial Scholarship*

The Tore Grude Memorial Scholarship commemorates the life of Tore Martin Grude, a first-year student at UNB Law, who died tragically in a car accident along with classmate and girlfriend Micheline Dionne in Saskatchewan in May of 1979.

Tore was born in Stavanger, Norway to parents Jan and Elsa. He was one of four children, his two brothers, Eric and Jan (Jr.), and sister Jeanette. Tore and his family immigrated to Canada from Norway in 1956. His father was highly trained; he had a degree in hotel administration from the University of Oslo and was a master chef. Tore's father arrived six months prior to the rest of his family, gaining employment with Canadian Pacific Hotels as an executive chef at the Empress Hotel in Victoria, BC. Jan worked and sent money home to Norway for the next six months, until his wife and two sons could make the voyage.

Tore, along with his mother and brother Jan made the journey. They traveled from Stavanger on the West coast of Norway by ship to Bergen, from Bergen to Newcastle in England again by

ship, and from Newcastle to Liverpool by rail. The trio crossed the Atlantic, travelling six days from Liverpool to Quebec City by sea before the final seven-day train ride to Vancouver, where they were reunited with Jan.

"It was a three-week trip in total," recounts Jan. "\$38 and two trunks is all we had with us. My father promised my mother that this was just an adventure, and we would be in Canada for maybe two or three years. As it happens, we ended up spending a lifetime in Canada."

The family would eventually move to Schefferville, QC, where Jan would work for the Iron Ore Company of Canada, overseeing food services for all of its Northern Quebec operations. Part of the triumvirate of iron ore towns, Schefferville was an isolated community only accessible by plane or rail. Tore and his brother Jan began grade school in the town.

"It was a great place to be a kid," said Jan, "in the far north with the snow to the tops of telephone poles and the fishing and hiking in the in the

summertime. This is where Tore developed his love of the outdoors.”

It was the classic immigrant experience, and the mining communities were filled with people from all over the world, raising families in the new world or sending money back to those who had remained behind. The two younger siblings, Eric and Jeannette, were both born in Schefferville, but after six years in the north, the Grudes continued to follow opportunity to Prince Edward Island, then Ontario, and finally settling in Alberta. Tore was close with his brother Jan; the pair were born just 14 months apart and shared time together at school and university.

Tore attended the University of Alberta, where he graduated with his Bachelor of Arts.

“He was a diligent student, I was not,” joked Jan. “He was ambitious; very focused from day one on wanting to be a lawyer, and he pursued that very vigorously. He always studied in the same place in the library and made that his place, where everybody could find him if they needed.”

The decision to come to UNB Law was an easy one for Tore. He had lived for a year on PEI and had fond memories of the east coast.

“I think part of it was he wanted to get as far away from Alberta as possible,” said Jan. “Not that he was unhappy at home, but he just thought it would be a little more mysterious, more of an adventure. I remember asking him where he would like to go and he said, well I’ve got a couple of them on my list but my number one is UNB. I said, ‘that’s a long way to go’ and he said ‘exactly.’”

Two of Tore’s classmates, Tom Mann (LLB ’81) and Anne Caverhill (LLB ’81) remember their friend fondly as a serious student, determined to become a lawyer, someone people were drawn to and could bring a laugh to any room. His personality was gregarious, fun, and a huge tease.

“Tore did have a soft spot for others who were more hard done by,” said Caverhill. “I remember Tore’s kindness to other students who might be struggling or even simply shy. He had a very self-deprecating wit about him that made you feel immediately comfortable in his presence. He took law seriously, but he did not take himself seriously at all.”

“I arrived at law school the same day as Tore in 1978,” recounts Mann. “We ended up being locker mates. We were in different sections but we saw each other every day. The thing about Tore was that he was a genuine article. He was comfortable in his own skin. We joked that we weren’t the Beaverbrooks, we were the latecomers.”

On numerous occasions Caverhill remembers arriving at her parents’ home to find Tore already there, visiting with her parents, and staying for supper.

*“He got to know my family very well, lots of Sunday dinners and visits with my mom and dad. He talked nonstop about his family. He was so proud of them, especially his brother Jan who studied labour economics, as I recall, and then another brother, Eric, who stayed in Alberta and was a farmer. By the time I met Jeannette, his sister, and her then little girl, Tara, I felt like I’d known them forever from pictures or anecdotes that Tore shared. He was immensely proud of his dad and mom; he spoke highly of his dad’s work ethic and his dear mom, who he spoke of often and with great fondness.”*

Tore and his large group of friends shared endless good times in that first year of law school. From many meals at the infamous Cabin to going to the movies, to memorable parties on Graham Avenue and “borrowing” Justice Wooder’s (LLB ’81) meticulous notes from class.

Tore’s girlfriend Micheline was the daughter of the late Judge Charles Dionne (BCL ’51). Mann and Caverhill



remember her as a bright scholar, a Beaverbrook recipient, who was much more reserved than Tore. She and Cathy Bird (LLB ’81) were great friends.

“Micheline was a dancer, quieter, more serious,” said Caverhill “They were not a couple for very long, but they were completely besotted with each other; Tore was head over heels for her.”

Caverhill sits on the selection committee for the scholarship. She enjoys meeting the applicants, thinking about who Tore would have been drawn to. He cared deeply about helping others and would want the scholarship to go to someone who was struggling, who needed a little hand up financially.

“I found myself getting emotional thinking about that tragedy,” said Caverhill, “that while it happened years and years ago, it never quite leaves your psyche. Both Tore and Micheline left this world way too soon, and both of them had so much potential to offer to the legal community. They had everything going for them, except time.”

*“The generosity of this scholarship has alleviated such a large financial burden that it has allowed me to be present in my children’s lives, for which I am eternally grateful.”*



### **Recognizing the recipient of the Tore Grude Memorial Scholarship**

Since its establishment in 1980, the scholarship has been awarded to 36 deserving first year students. The 2021/22 recipient of the Tore Grude Memorial Scholarship is Amanda Parsons. The Ontario native dreamt of attending law school since she was young, but, as is the case for so many, life got in the way. It wasn't until her father fell ill that she decided to finally follow her dream of pursuing a legal education.

“He kept reminding me that it is never too late to follow your dreams and re-invent yourself,” said Parsons. “After he passed away, I mentioned to my husband that I would like to write the LSAT and take the first step in following that dream; he was 100% on board.”

Amanda wrote her LSAT in January of 2020, but the COVID-19 pandemic delayed her attending law school that year. Having lived in PEI for several years, she was no stranger to the Maritimes. She and her husband decided to move out east the following October with the hope of attending law school in Atlantic Canada. They moved into their new home in New Brunswick in December, and her acceptance letter to law school arrived just a few days later—the perfect housewarming gift.

“UNB Law allows me to pursue the dream of going to law school in a community that I feel is healthier for my kids to grow up in and brings me back closer to water. I absolutely love the Maritimes.”

Parsons has wasted little time getting involved in the UNB Law community. She is the programming sub-committee lead for the Restorative Justice Society and the 1L executive representative for the Indigenous Law Society. She is also involved in a Pro Bono project through the PBSC.

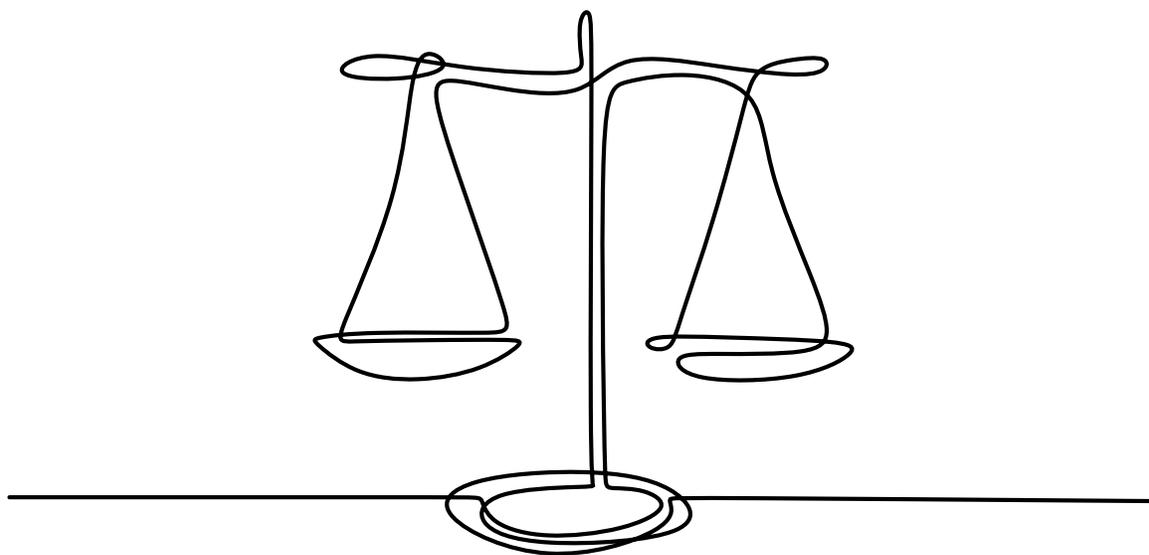
“I hope to be able to use my law degree to help people when things fall apart. Family law is my biggest area of interest right now, followed closely with indigenous law. I would love to pursue either, both would be ideal, but is a lofty goal.”

Parsons is a mature student, returning to Law School at 39 and the mother of six children—five of whom are at home.

“Having 5 kids at home plus tuition for myself and tuition for my husband, we were planning to keep the budget tight while living off of my husband's income and our savings,” said Parsons “I was most likely going to have to work full-time while in Law School which would have meant next to no time with my family.”

This scholarship has allowed Amanda to drastically lower her work hours, allowing her more time to study, and more time spent with her family.

“I just want to say a huge thank you. This truly has changed my life and the life of my family. It was a big decision to come back to Law School so late in life, with so many obligations. The generosity of this scholarship has alleviated such a large financial burden that it has allowed me to be present in my children’s lives, for which I am eternally grateful.”



## PBSC UNB

*serving the community for 22 years*

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Second-year student Frances Borgmann has taken the reigns of the UNB Chapter of Pro Bono Students Canada (PBSC). The Mississauga native, who holds a Master of Public Administration from Queen's, is leading the group in its twenty-second year of service.

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Borgmann did just that. In her first year with the organization, she partnered with the Canadian Civil Liberties Association (CCLA). She participated in a project alongside

volunteers from across the country to examine how pandemic measures affected the justice system in New Brunswick and beyond. Now, in her sophomore effort with PBSC, she has taken on the role of Coordinator, responsible for planning and overseeing all projects for 2021-22—and the calendar is full. The UNB Chapter has taken on 20 projects (12 of which are new) and has partnered with 13 organizations. A group of 40 UNB Law student volunteers will complete these projects under the supervision of 17 local lawyers.

This year's PBSC projects fall under three categories, legal research and writing, public legal education, and client-facing services. Below, you will find a snapshot of a few of the important projects UNB Law students are delivering for the Atlantic Canada community.

**Protection of Wetlands and Species at Risk,  
Nature Trust of New Brunswick (NTNB)**

This project is centred on NTNB’s mission to advocate for both wetlands and species at risk. The student volunteer will draft a legal memorandum based on their research of the environmental law that regulates species at risk and wetland conservation. Using a gap analysis approach, the student volunteer will research and compare regulatory schemes on a province-to-province basis and a federal-to-province basis. The student volunteer will provide recommendations as to where the law could better protect wetlands and species at risk. The NTNB has the most projects of any partner organization with four, three of which are new, the fourth, a continuing project.

**Anti-Racism Resources, New Brunswick African  
Association (NBAA)**

NBAA’s main goal is to promote and strengthen cooperation amongst resident Africans, immigrants of African descent, and other Canadians. The NBAA has created an anti-racism task force in response to the complaints they have received about racism. In support of this task force, the student volunteer will research racism—from a legal perspective—within New Brunswick’s community. The student’s research will take the form of a legal research memorandum and a PowerPoint video (with voiceover). The video will be presented by NBAA at community workshops.

**Know Your Rights: Prince Edward Island,  
Canadian National Institute for the Blind**

The student volunteer will assist in the development and publication of accessible legal resources intended to help partially sighted or blind and Deafblind PEI residents. The legal resources will address various topics (e.g., transportation) and will take the following forms: a legal information handbook, a public education video, a legal information training workshop, and continuing professional development for lawyers.



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### **Conscientious Objection Legislation, Abortion Rights Coalition of Canada (ARCC)**

The student volunteer will research legislation, caselaw, organizational policies, and lawsuits centred on conscientious objection in healthcare. Conscientious objection seeks to protect the conscience of healthcare professionals, typically via claims to *Charter* conscience rights. The purpose of this research is to understand the various efforts to limit access to abortion and medical assistance in dying across Canada. The final deliverable will be a legal memorandum for ARCC's internal use. This is a brand-new project and the first time UNB Law has partnered with ARCC.

### **Family Law Workshop, Public Legal Education and Information Service of New Brunswick (PLEIS)**

The student volunteer will assist in the delivery of family law workshops for people handling common family issues (e.g., uncontested divorces and child support variation). Specifically, the student volunteer will aid PLEIS staff in the drafting and revision of documents and handouts related to the family law workshops. The student volunteer may be asked to draft new Family Law FAQ sheets or other related materials. This project offers an opportunity for student volunteers to gain valuable knowledge relating to court procedures in family law matters.

### **Trans ID Clinic, Youth Imprint Association**

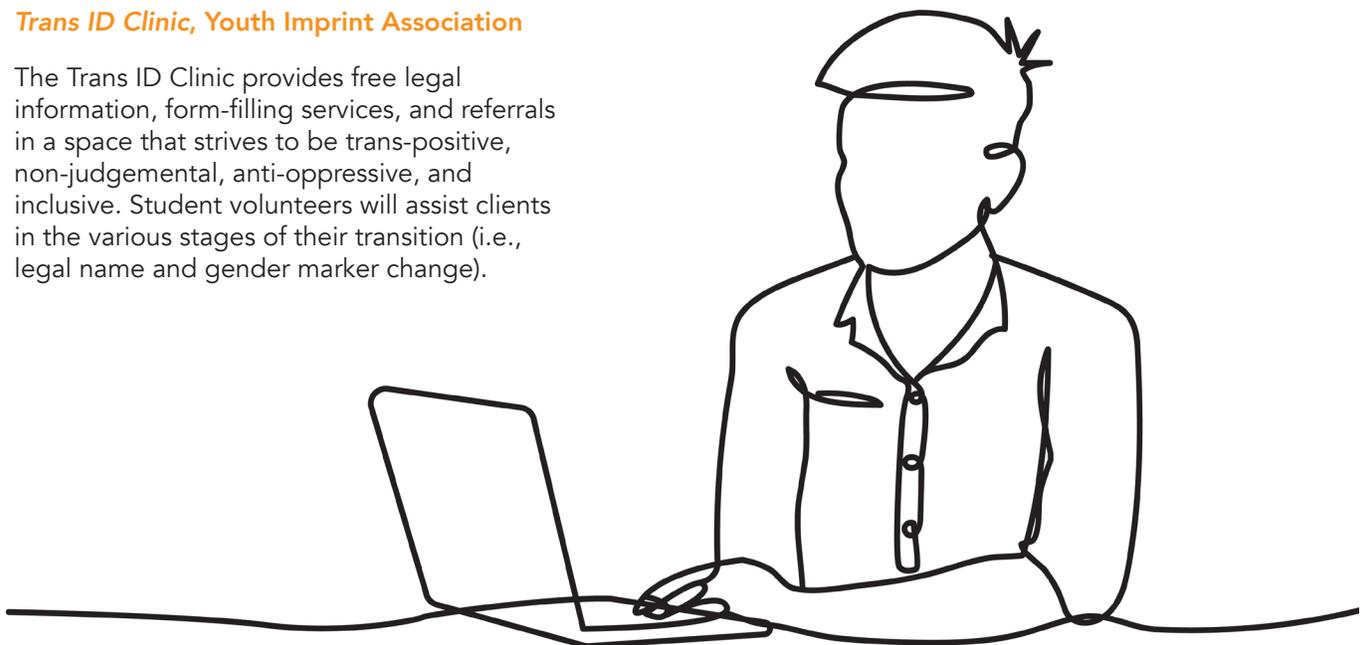
The Trans ID Clinic provides free legal information, form-filling services, and referrals in a space that strives to be trans-positive, non-judgemental, anti-oppressive, and inclusive. Student volunteers will assist clients in the various stages of their transition (i.e., legal name and gender marker change).

Student volunteers will explain the forms, all necessary steps and procedures as per NB laws and regulations, and relevant complicating factors such as being outside of the province of birth, fees, and publication of name changes.

The Trans ID Clinic has been a long-standing commitment for PBSC UNB and is in its seventh year. Beginning this year, McInnes Cooper has graciously provided lawyer supervisors for all Atlantic clinics. For Borgmann, the firm's commitment to the project is undeniable.

"This reaffirms McInnes Cooper's support for the Trans ID clinic as a whole," said Borgmann, "and it really bolsters the Clinic itself. This project has grown significantly over the years and is now taking place all over the Maritimes."

Other 2021-22 partner organizations include Dyslexia Canada, Sexual Violence New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island Fisherman's Association, Solidarité Fredericton Solidarity, Legal Aid New Brunswick, and Stewart McKelvey. For a full list of UNB Law's pro bono projects and more information on our PBSC chapter, please visit [unbprobono.ca](http://unbprobono.ca).





# Tackling climate change

with the help of the NB Environmental Trust

Prof. Maria Panezi and her team of student researchers are hard at work exploring the International Trade parameters of provincial and federal carbon pricing legislation, with an emphasis on the New Brunswick Climate Action Plan. Their project, *Supporting New Brunswick's Green Economy Transition: Interdisciplinary Student Research Group for the Trade-related aspects of the NB Climate Change Act and Output-Based Pricing System (OBPS)*, is funded through a \$55,000 Environmental Trust Fund grant from the Province of New Brunswick.

"The aim is to promote education and support for various policy tools and options that become available at the provincial and federal level once a pan-Canadian carbon pricing framework is in place," said Panezi. "As climate change effects are increasing around the globe, carbon pricing is emerging as one of the more important tools to promote accountability and to finance the transition to the green economy. This research will discuss how carbon pricing will affect energy intensive, trade exposed industries and how to adopt national measures that are

compatible with Canada's international trade obligations."

The pan-Canadian carbon pricing mechanism, as it appears in the *Greenhouse Gas Pollution Pricing Act* (S.C. 2018, c. 12, s. 186), is a federal framework aimed at reducing greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions by holding companies that are above a certain emissions threshold accountable. Once above this threshold, those levels are priced per tonne of carbon. There is room inside this framework for the individual provinces—if they chose—to design



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their own tailored systems of how to administer carbon pricing, as long as they meet the minimum requirements of the federal legislation. New Brunswick has developed and implemented its own carbon pricing legislation, the New Brunswick Output-Based Pricing System, ensuring it does not become a so-called ‘backstop jurisdiction,’ forced to administer the one size fits all federal system.

But with the novel pan-Canadian carbon pricing mechanism and New Brunswick’s OBPS come many unknowns. This is where Prof. Panezi and her research team come in. Their project has set out to examine what happens to the competitive position of Canadian companies concerning imports that are not held accountable at the same level, or at all, and what can be done with other jurisdictions that have carbon pricing in place but also tax imports. The researchers ask the questions: How is New Brunswick dealing with all of this? What is New Brunswick’s exposure to international trade?

“These questions have been floating around Canada’s policy sphere for a while now,” said Panezi. “The renewed interest for this measure started in 2014/15, and it’s proliferated because companies who are being taxed want this to maintain their competitive position in the market. For example, if you are a cement company and suddenly your cement, instead of being \$50/tonne, is \$55/tonne, you want the identical foreign cement to be \$55/tonne as well. Otherwise, you’re no longer competitive; you’re going to be priced out.”

The primary deliverable of this project is a report that will make a series of recommendations to the Government of New Brunswick, outline their obligations as a Canadian province, detail what carbon pricing mechanisms are available to them, and describe what other regions of the world are doing. The report is in the development stage and will be delivered in March of 2022.

### ***An experiential learning opportunity***

The project has provided hands-on learning opportunities for 16 UNB Law students. To encompass as many students as possible whose academic and professional backgrounds contribute to the project, the Trade Law and Carbon Pricing Lab is comprised of both research assistants specific to the project as well as Directed Research and Reading in Legal Theories students. During the initial phase of the project, these students attended a short series of seminars, led by Prof. Panezi, designed to explain, in a comprehensive manner, the international trade-related aspects of carbon pricing.

The students have spent the semester researching and summarizing the different issues in international law, WTO law, and environmental policies relating to carbon pricing. They have examined the Canadian, New Brunswick, American, and European frameworks, explored cap-and-trade vs border carbon adjustments, sustainable

development and its connection to carbon pricing, and the relationship between developing countries and Canada. Moreover, to further engage in the current global debates, students have also attended a series of online events on this topic, including conferences hosted by the Canadian Council on International Law, the American Society of International Law, and more. Their stage two bibliography work has been submitted and is currently under review by Prof. Panezi.

Assisting with the review is third-year student Rachel Lauder, who has been Prof. Panezi's research assistant since the fall of 2020, and has been involved in the project since the initial brainstorming stages, through the application process to the current day-to-day as Executive Student Director. In this role, Lauder has taken on several responsibilities, including carefully monitoring progress and the project timeline, organizing the team for meetings and lectures, answering questions that other students have about their work, and collecting new information on international trade law and the environment to add and adjust the course readings accordingly. Additionally, she actively promotes this unique UNB initiative on Twitter by engaging with international legal experts and scholars to discuss carbon pricing possibilities.

"I am also currently finishing reading and summarizing a book on community leadership for the report," said Lauder. "One of the purposes of the project is to demonstrate these specialized labs build leadership in areas of law, policy, environmental studies, and more to tackle the climate crisis."

Lauder is incredibly interested in international trade law, especially how its intersection with broader development issues such as tackling climate change. Working with Professor Panezi, an expert in the field, has been the highlight of her time at UNB Law.



"Prof. Panezi and I are both so passionate about the topic and can discuss it from various angles for hours. She is such a great mentor. It has also been so wonderful working with my fellow students in 2L and 3L. When I came to law school, I found it difficult to find students as interested in international law as I was. However, it has been great to see how many students are invested in this project and want to pursue these issues beyond law school. I think this project has shown students that international law is not some magical and mysterious other realm, but rather a very real and robust area of law that can be utilized to address pressing global issues such as the climate crisis."

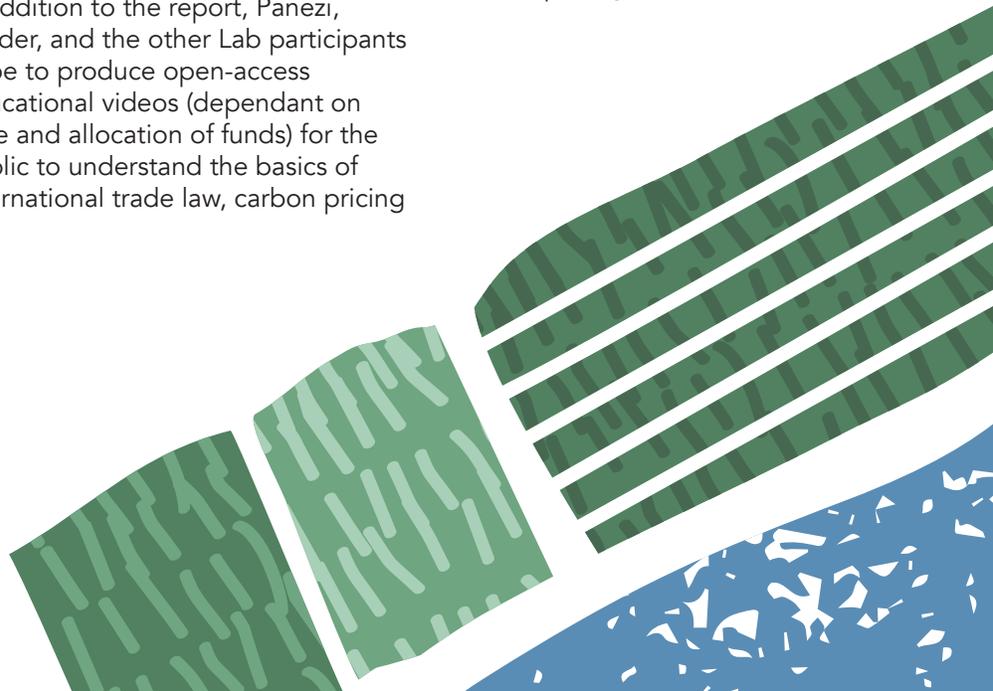
In addition to the report, Panezi, Lauder, and the other Lab participants hope to produce open-access educational videos (dependent on time and allocation of funds) for the public to understand the basics of international trade law, carbon pricing

options, and current, and future, environmental concerns. These videos will offer a simple and engaging way to understand the international trade aspects of provincial and federal climate action legislation.

"I am most excited at the possibility of creating accessible resources for the average person," explained Lauder. "The issues and materials we are examining in this project are not easily understandable, even for us. It would be great if we can explain in plain language what carbon pricing mechanisms aim to achieve, how they work, and how they need to be implemented to be in line with international obligations."

For Prof. Panezi, watching these students become fluent in the burgeoning carbon pricing sphere has been the most rewarding part of the journey so far.

"The students are coming back to me with new suggestions and new ideas, which was the whole point of this; besides it being a teaching opportunity, it also becomes a leadership opportunity. I want them to take the lead in going into new areas, asking questions that haven't been asked. At first, the goal was to create a group of students that at least know how to ask the right questions, but we're trying to do a lot more than that, we are creating a class of people that comes out of UNB Law, able to practice in the emerging field of carbon pricing law."





*"I'm honoured to be appointed Associate Dean in the Faculty of Law. I look forward to working with students, faculty, instructors, and staff as we continue to deal with the COVID-19 pandemic. I am especially excited about the initiatives the Faculty of Law will be implementing as part of the Strategic Plan. UNB Law has great plans for the future, and I am very pleased to be a part of it."*

# Catherine Cotter

## APPOINTED ASSOCIATE DEAN

UNB Law has appointed Catherine Cotter as Associate Dean of Law for a three-year term beginning immediately. As Associate Dean, Catherine will oversee the Faculty's academic program and student services, including student advising, admissions, career services, exam administration, registration, scholarships, and prizes.

Catherine is a long-time member of the Faculty, first joining the Gérard V. La Forest Law Library as a Reference/Instruction Librarian in 2008. She was named Head Law Librarian in 2015, and in July of 2020, was appointed Acting Associate Dean, helping guide the law school through the many challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic.

"In her nearly six years as Head Law Librarian and seventeen months as Acting Associate Dean, Catherine has proven herself to be a skilled and effective academic leader," said Dean Marin. "During the height of the pandemic, her diligence and strength were critical to maintaining our programs and services under very challenging circumstances. I am grateful for her willingness to continue serving our Faculty. She will

be integral to achieving the objectives in our Strategic Plan, which calls for new initiatives falling within her portfolio."

Catherine holds a Bachelor of Arts from UNBSJ and is a member of the UNB Law class of 2002 (LLB). She received her Master of Library and Information Sciences from the University of Western Ontario in 2006. Her areas of academic interest include legal research, access to legal information, legal outsourcing, and the state of legal education.

While at UNB Law, Catherine has taught the legal research component of the first-year Legal Research and Advocacy course and has offered an Advanced Legal Research and Writing course. She is the co-author of *The Practical Guide to Canadian Legal Research*, which has been used by legal research instructors and students across Canada. She is also co-author of a legal dictionary and a book on librarian burnout. Catherine is an active member of the Canadian Association of Law Libraries.

Please join us in congratulating Catherine on this appointment.



## New alumni mentorship program offers support to students

In the fall of 2020, UNB Law successfully launched an alumni mentorship program for first-year law students. The purpose of this program was twofold: to connect students with someone who “survived” law school and went on to a fulfilling career, and to help 1Ls develop a connection to UNB Law during a year of remote learning. The response from alumni was overwhelming. Based on the positive feedback received from both students and participating alumni, the Faculty decided to continue the program for the 2021-22 academic year, with 90 mentors from across the country participating.

In her first year at UNB Law, Brigid Martin was paired with Karen Caverhill (LLB '87), who works in the Corporate, Commercial and Property Law Group in the Office of the

Attorney General of New Brunswick. The pair enjoyed the experience so much that they have continued their relationship into Brigid's second year. Caverhill has since taken on a second mentee, first-year student Adora Bustard. The three women meet regularly in person to discuss all things law.

“I am very fortunate to have been paired with a mentor who actively seeks to connect,” said Brigid. “Karen has had a very successful career and has been able to share with me some of the things she has learned along the way. We have discussed law school in general and how to succeed throughout my studies and summer work. We have talked about the legal field: job searches, the job market, the realities of working in law, and networking tips and opportunities.”



They have also discussed the importance of making connections with peers throughout one's time at UNB Law and being an active member of the faculty—joining societies, participating in moots, attending events. For Brigid, some lasting advice she has received from her mentor is to get involved and meet people.

"The legal field is relatively small, especially in Atlantic Canada, and the connections you make with people are so important. If nothing else but for moral support! The value of alumni knowledge and experience cannot be understated. As someone with zero connections to people in law before beginning law school, it has been comforting to have someone I know I can reach out to with questions about the field who has lived experience."



Caverhill sees a great deal of value in helping her mentees to expand their network—something that has become even more important during the pandemic.

"COVID has severely limited people's circles," said Caverhill. "It's important for these students to have someone they can count on, who can help guide them to the end. I introduce them to other lawyers and legal professionals to help grow their network—everybody really wants to help young people. My hope is they can meet someone in a particular area and perhaps think more about a field they may not have considered before."

Caverhill has connected her mentees with other UNB Law alumni like Janet Hoyt (LLB '84), who leads McCarty Tetrault's Career Advancement Office,

Tom Mann (LLB '81), a negotiations consultant, and Anne Caverhill (LLB '81), who worked in child protection.

"I get as much out of meeting these students as they do," said Caverhill. "I really enjoy it. You can sit on a board and be passive or be involved and interactive, and make a difference in these students' lives."

One of the most tangible benefits for Caverhill has been watching her mentees connect and form their own bond—a sort of mentorship inside a mentorship.

"That's one of the best things, getting to see an upper-year student connect with a 1L and offer guidance. Adora and Brigid have also gotten together on their own to talk about the law school experience, moots, exams, and many other things."

Third-year student Matthew Smith was paired with David Gauthier (LLB '84) of Gauthier and Associates in Saint John, NB, at the beginning of his second semester of 2L. The pair meet virtually—through Zoom—once a month for a one-to-two-hour check-in. Matthew has found the experience to be tremendously useful.

"When we first met, David told me that, as far as he was concerned, he would treat our conversations as though we had solicitor-client privilege. He wanted me to feel comfortable to express concerns and ask questions without worrying that what I had said would be repeated within the legal community. I cannot stress enough how valuable it is to be able to chat with a lawyer from whom I am neither seeking a job nor evaluation."



For Matthew, having a mentor during the notoriously difficult second year of law school—not to mention during a global pandemic—has been of great benefit, especially when it comes to keeping perspective. Between looking for summer employment that will hopefully turn into an articling position and sifting through the myriad of compulsory courses, it is easy to lose sight of the bigger picture.

“David helps me keep things in perspective. Having a lawyer validate what you’re experiencing—because they were here too—and confirm for you that, while not getting an OCI

interview does indeed suck, it is not the end of your legal career, is very helpful.”

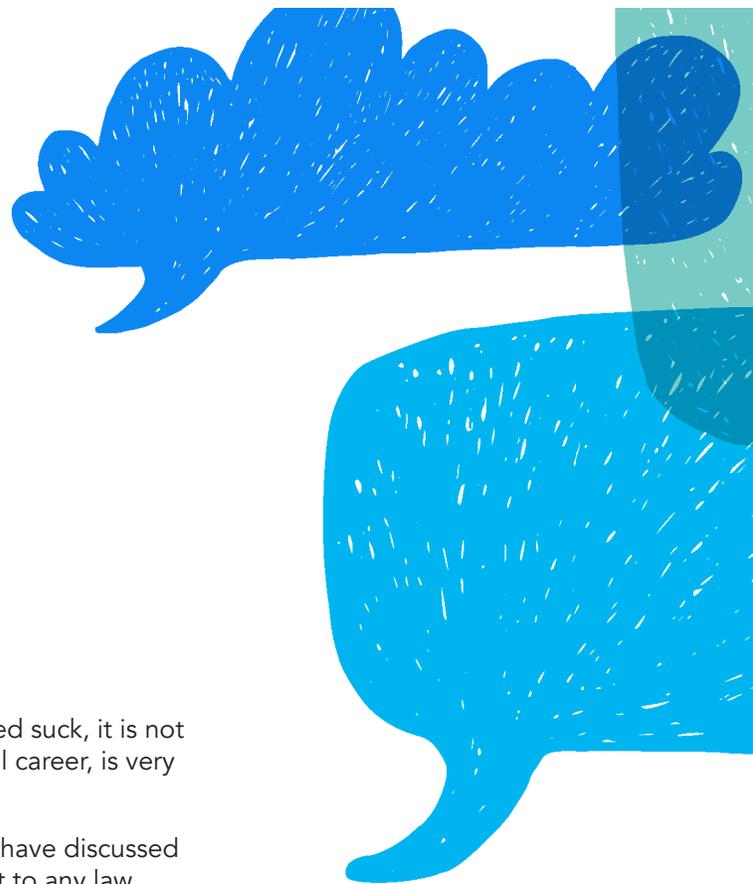
Matthew and David have discussed many topics relevant to any law student: what the day-to-day looks like for a lawyer; billable hours versus salary; sole practitioner, mid-sized, or large firm; job security; and how often lawyers change firms. David has connected Matthew with other lawyers in various fields to explore further career options.

Gauthier sees a great deal of value in connecting mentors not only with 1Ls but with upper-year students as well.

“I think the need is likely different for second and third-year students. First years may be more caught up with the challenges of law school and how to get through it. As students enter 2L and 3L, they start thinking about articles, where they want to take their career, and what type of law they want to practice. I think the mentorship program helps with this conversation.”

For Gauthier, an important point of discussion has been to explore career options outside of the traditional large firm experience; to avoid confining oneself to a single career path.

“A law degree opens up many doors. One of the things that Matthew and I



have discussed quite a bit is the fact that a lot of law students graduate focusing on the larger firms in the province and don’t look necessarily too far beyond that. They don’t consider that there are other very viable entities as employers like corporations, government, and private organizations that might be a very good match for them as individuals.”

“When you’re interacting with people that you are hoping to secure a job from, or on whom your GPA depends, there is naturally a power imbalance,” said Matthew, “and a level of deference that can make it difficult to be candid. The mentorship program provided me with a bubble where I could let my guard down. I highly recommend the mentorship program to law students, and I am very grateful that David gives up his time to listen to this neurotic one in particular.”

If you would like to get involved as a mentor and be matched with a first-year UNB Law student in 2022-23, please contact [law.careers@unb.ca](mailto:law.careers@unb.ca).



# 59th Harrison Moot returns to in-person advocacy

by Adora Bustard (1L)

This September, second-year law students Frank Gillies, Destiny Grant, Rebekah Robbins, and Duncan Wallace competed in the 59<sup>th</sup> edition of The Hon. William Henry Harrison Moot Court Competition, an annual event showcasing the students receiving the highest grades in the oral advocacy component of the first-year moot program. For the first time in nearly two years, mooters, judges, and spectators gathered in the Mary Louise Lynch Room to enjoy the competition in-person.

The mooters argued the fictional case, *The Student Association for Gender Equality v. University of New Brunswick*, which examined whether gendered bursaries violated New Brunswick's *Human Rights*

Act and/or were contrary to public policy. The bursaries in question were gifted to the University by way of will, which dictated that they be awarded to a female student in the Faculty of Engineering and a male student in the Faculty of Education. Counsel for the appellant (Robbins and Wallace) were tasked with arguing that the awards violated the *Human Rights Act* and Public Policy. In contrast, counsel for the respondent (Gillies and Grant) were tasked with defending the bursaries on both grounds.

Preparation for the Harrison is arduous. Mooters devote countless hours to reading relevant case law and constructing their arguments, beginning the moment the problem is assigned.

For Grant, gearing up for the moot involved a great deal of mental preparation. In addition to the constant revision of both the written and oral submissions, she rehearsed her oral arguments in front of her peers, friends and family members, urging them to interrupt with questions for a more realistic practice experience. This approach helped to better frame her oral arguments, ensuring they could be reordered on the spot if necessary.

Similarly, Wallace fine-tuned his argument up until the morning of the competition. He echoes his colleague's sentiment on the importance of being prepared.

***“Any moot requires rigorous preparation, especially when the moot is being adjudicated by such an esteemed panel of justices. It is important to have a thorough understanding of the jurisprudence, knowing both the strong and weak points of the case, and to anticipate questions that will be asked.”***

This year's panel was composed of the Hon. Justice Kathleen Quigg of the New Brunswick Court of Appeal, the Hon. Justice Anne Wooder and the Hon. Justice Denise Leblanc, both of the New Brunswick Court of Queen's Bench.

All four participants enjoyed the opportunity to present legal arguments to such knowledgeable Justices, and, despite some initial feelings of nervousness, are thankful for the opportunity to test the waters of appellate litigation.

***“I don't think I ever felt fully prepared, going into it,” said Gillies. “You try and anticipate the sort of questions they will ask, but you can never really predict what they're going to be interested in. The questions came in hot, and a fair few of them were completely unexpected. However, I enjoyed the back-and-forth and felt like I could get a handle on it towards the end.”***

Robbins adds, “You will always have weaknesses, particularly in a moot. The reason certain problems are chosen is that they are hard and novel. It's important not to look away from those weaknesses but know how you plan to address them when they arise.”

The Harrison is one of UNB Law's oldest and most important traditions, with each year's participants contributing to its legacy. Over the decades it has featured many high-quality and competitive moots, and this year was certainly no exception.

All of our counsel displayed the oral advocacy skills the moot was created to promote. Following closing remarks by each party, the panel of Justices was assigned the difficult task of selecting two students who displayed the strongest oral advocacy skills to be awarded the 2021 Harrison Shield. After some thoughtful deliberation, the Shield was awarded to Frank Gillies and Rebekah Robbins.

***“I was indescribably happy to be awarded the Shield. There was fierce competition, both between the teams who participated and all the students in our year,” said Robbins, sharing that this experience resulted in a significant boost in confidence regarding her ability to litigate successfully.***

In addition to bragging rights, the pair are rewarded by having their names engraved on the Harrison Shield alongside past winners such as retired professor and former Dean Karl Dore, the Hon. Frank McKenna, former Premier of New Brunswick, the Hon. Ernest Drapeau, former Chief Justice of New Brunswick, and Dean Camille Cameron, to name a few.

Thank you to the panel of judges for volunteering their time, Prof. Jane Thomson and Ed Bowes for organizing the event, and David Anderson for providing technical support. A special thank you to the Teed family for their ongoing support of the moot.



**Frank Gillies**



**Destiny Grant**



**Duncan Wallace**



**Rebekah Robbins**

# HERE IS WHAT SOME OF

# *Our Law Alumni*

# HAVE BEEN UP TO SINCE OUR LAST ISSUE

Stay up-to-date on the accomplishments of our alumni—Queen’s Counsel announcements, government appointments, distinctions, awards, and even a trip to the Olympics.

## 2021 Queen’s Counsel

Congratulations to the six UNB Law Alumni, who received the Queen’s Counsel designation in recognition of their high level of personal and professional integrity, and for their outstanding contributions to the legal profession.

### New Brunswick appointments

- Ferne M. Ashford, QC (LLB '97)
- David A. Bartlett, QC (LLB '83)
- Matthew T. Hayes, QC (LLB '96)
- Joshua J. McElman, QC (LLB '03)
- Brenda McMullen Brown, QC (LLB '91)
- Corry Anne Toole, QC (LLB '99)

### '74

**BOB STANTON** (LLB) represented team Canada at the 2020 Summer Olympics in Tokyo as the director of referees for softball. This was not Stanton’s first international assignment, nor his first trip to the Olympics. In 2006 and 2007 he served as Umpire In Chief (UIC) at the Pan American Qualifier and Pan American Games. In 2008, he was appointed Director of the International Softball Federation (ISF), representing the ISF at the Beijing Olympics. Stanton is the current Chair of the World Baseball Softball Confederation (WBSC) Softball Umpiring Commission.



### '78

**THE HON. HUGH JOHN ALEXANDER (TED) FLEMMING, QC** (LLB) was re-elected for a fourth term to the 60<sup>th</sup> Legislative Assembly for the Rothesay, New Brunswick riding (C) during the September

2020 provincial general election. He was promptly appointed as the Minister of Justice and Public Safety, and the Attorney General. Prior to his political career, Flemming practiced law for over twenty years, specializing in corporate, commercial, securities and transportation law. He was also the owner of several successful businesses, including Caldwell Transport Limited, Can-Am Charter Service, Maritime Truck and Trailer Inc., Provincial Lumber Limited, and Brunswick Timber Exports Inc.



### '92

**THE HON. DOMINIC LEBLANC, PC, MP, QC** (LLB) was appointed Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs, Infrastructure and Communities by Prime Minister Justin Trudeau. LeBlanc was elected a Member of the Legislative Assembly for the Beauséjour riding (L) in the 2021

Federal election. During his political career, Minister LeBlanc has been elected to Parliament 8 times and has held over half a dozen cabinet positions, including Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs, President of the Queen’s Privy Council, Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs, Northern Affairs and Internal Trade, Minister of Fisheries, Ocean, and the Canadian Coast Guard, and Leader of the Government in the House of Commons.

### '97

**KELLY LAMROCK, QC** (LLB) was appointed Child, Youth and Senior Advocate by the New Brunswick Legislative Assembly. In this role, Lamrock will advocate for the rights and interests of children, youth, adults under protection and seniors in general, and is responsible for ensuring that those rights and interests are protected. Lamrock was appointed for a seven-year term.



'99

**THE HON. ROBERT MOORE, MP** (LLB) was elected a Member of the Legislative Assembly of New Brunswick for the Fundy Royal riding (C) in the 2021 Federal election. The Gander, Newfoundland native was first elected in 2004 and has held numerous positions while in office,

including Minister of State (Small Business and Tourism), Chair of the Standing Committee on Canadian Heritage, and Minister of State (Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency (ACOA).

'10

**MEGHAN FELT** (LLB) was named a "Rising Star: Leading Lawyer Under 40" by the national publication Lexpert® Magazine. This national award celebrates lawyers from law firms, in-house legal departments, government, and academia who have made outstanding contributions in their careers. Felt is a Partner in the St. John's office of McInnes Cooper with a practice specializing in immigration law and foreign direct investment in several industries, including energy and natural resources, technology, manufacturing, processing and sales, and government and institutions.



'13

**NICOLE LAFOSSE PARKER** (JD) was named Chief of Staff and General Counsel for Nova Scotia Premier, Tim Houston. LaFosse Parker is no Stanger to the role, having previously held the position of Chief of Staff and General Counsel for the Office of the Leader of the Official opposition,

Nova Scotia Progressive Conservative Caucus. Prior to her career in politics, LaFosse Parker worked in private practice for LaFosse MacLeod and Stewart McKelvey. In addition to her JD, she holds a bachelor of business administration from Cape Breton University.

**ASHLEY SAVINOV** (JD) was named a "Rising Star: Leading Lawyer Under 40" by the national publication Lexpert® Magazine. This national award celebrates lawyers from law firms, in-house legal departments, government, and academia who have made outstanding contributions in their careers. Savinov is partner in the St. John's office of Cox & Palmer with a practice specializing employment and labour, administrative, commercial litigation, corporate and commercial, and mergers and acquisitions.

'18

**MELINDA PONTING-MOORE** (JD) has been named a finalist for RBC's Canadian Women Entrepreneur Award, in the Start-Up Award category. She has been recognized for her role as President & Co-Founder of Craft Coast Canning Ltd. The company supplies cans, packaging materials, graphic design, quality control, mobile canning, and laboratory services to businesses, from small craft breweries to international brands.

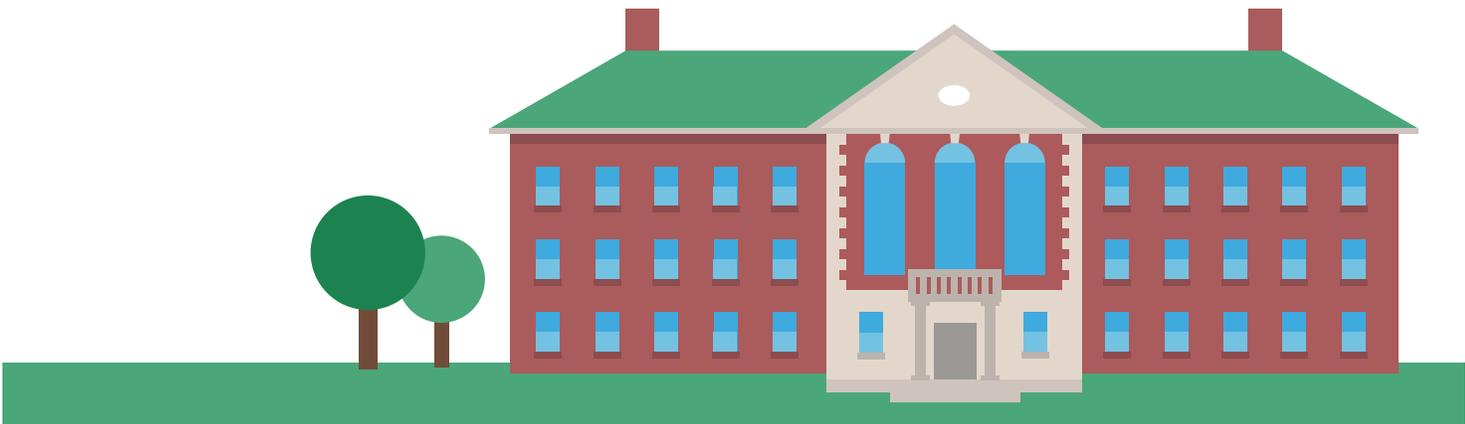
'21

**MICHAEL WILLIAMS** (JD) was recognized by Atlantic Business Magazine on their list of 30 Under 30 Innovators. Williams was listed for his role as President & Co-founder of Fifty&Two Sports Management Inc. Fifty&Two is an Eastern Canada-based sports agency specializing in representing high school athletes and connecting them with scholarship opportunities. The agency also represents professional athletes. Williams is currently completing his articles in St. John's, NL and working part-time towards his MBA.

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# CELEBRATING EXCELLENCE & RECOGNIZING GENEROSITY

## 2021/22 Scholarship & Prize Recipients

Celebrating our student's success and recognizing the generosity of our many donors is paramount for UNB Law. Unfortunately, due to COVID-19 restrictions, the Faculty cannot host its Annual Academic Awards Night this year. We look forward to returning to this longstanding tradition as soon as possible.

In the meantime, **CONGRATULATIONS** to all of the 2021/22 scholarship and prize recipients and a **THANK YOU** to the donors who make these awards possible.

### ENTRANCE SCHOLARSHIPS

#### **Lord Beaverbrook Scholarship (First Year)**

Chloe Dallon, Maggie Washington, Megan Stewart

#### **Lord Beaverbrook Scholarship (Renewal)**

Hannah Russell, Brigid Martin, Graham Manderville, Alden Spencer, Pragya Chowdhury, Weston McArthur

#### **The Honourable Charles J. A. Hughes and Edith B. Hughes Scholarships**

Sarie Lakes, Maria Cummings

#### **Tore Grude Scholarship**

Amanda Parsons

#### **Stephen Smith Scholarship**

Matthew Oram

#### **Mabel French Scholarship**

Victoria Castonguay

#### **Hart Green Scholarship**

Cassidy Smith

#### **Cherrill Edwina Shea & Carl Robert Aron Law Scholarship**

Tyler Murphy

#### **Marie LaForest Scholarship**

Savannah Ross

#### **Wayne Carson Scholarship in Law**

Kelly Webb

#### **Sherron Dickson Entrance Award**

Fiona Costello

#### **Law Foundation of Newfoundland and Labrador Centennial Entrance Scholarship**

Emily Hepditch

#### **David Covert Entrance Scholarship**

Paige Stewardson

#### **Taylor-Strain Family Scholarship (renewal)**

Abigail Companion

#### **PEI Law Foundation Centennial Entrance Scholarship**

Carmelita Roberts

#### **Law Foundation of Nova Scotia Entrance Scholarship**

Alaina Britney

#### **Gregory Bridges Scholarship**

Ceilidh Leblanc

#### **Louis & Joel Attis Scholarship**

Alexander LaPlante

#### **John Bryden Scholarship**

Mitchell Spragg

#### **Stewart McKelvey Diversity Scholarship**

Blair Curtis

*“It’s really helpful, especially as an Indigenous woman, to be recognized for a scholarship like this. I am able to focus more on my studies throughout the year instead of having to take on things like part-time jobs.”*

*- Abigail Companion*

**Barry Family Trust Scholarship**

Sian Evans

**Canadian Bar Association (NB Branch) Entrance Award**

Julia Russell

**Abraham Walker Scholarship**

Kelechi Owasi

**Heritage Scholarship**

Jarrold Ryan

**Allen Earle Scholarship**

Benjamin Ralph

**Newfoundland & Labrador Alumni Scholarship**

Lydia Miller

**Veronica Mondesir Scholarship**

Kelsey Sibanda

**NB Law Foundation Entrance Scholarship**

Mya Westhaver, Elianna Saikali, William Lafford, Daniella Lazarev, Catharine MacKinnon, Brianna Matchett, Elijah Smith, Alexander LaPlante, Devon Gallacher, Joseph Spencer, Spencer MacKeen, Blair Curtis, Carter Bown, Rachel Barrett, Shane Hill, Leah Myles, Chase Wallace, Shanna St. Pierre Power

**UPPER-YEAR SCHOLARSHIPS**

**Honourable William F. Ryan Scholarship**

Alexandra Steinberg

**Frank Covert Scholarship**

Frank Gillies

**Frank Covert Scholarship (renewal)**

M. Colton Smith

**Starr House Award**

Seth Eichhorst

**Dr. Daniel Hurley Scholarship**

Patrick Leger

**Law Foundation of Newfoundland and Labrador Centennial Scholarship**

Daniel Escott

**Prince Edward Island Law Foundation Centennial Scholarship**

Julia O’Hanley

**Harry Scott Scholarship**

Vishal Verma

**Joseph Sears Alumni Scholarship**

Sean Corscadden

**Blake, Cassels & Graydon Scholarship**

Jillian Toonders

**Blake, Cassels & Graydon Scholarship (renewal)**

Megan Smith

**Sherrard Kuzz Scholarship**

Shelby Batten

**David Covert Scholarship**

Julia O’Hanley

**Zöe Odei Scholarship**

Lauren Ogden

**Lawrence and Jean Fraser Scholarship**

Aaron Connolly

**Frederick D. Toole Memorial Scholarship**

Laura Murphy

**A. Frederick Richard Scholarship**

Frank Gillies

**Allen M. Ruben, Q.C. Award for Humanitarian Leadership**

Logan Walters

**Frank McKenna Scholarship**

Frank Gilles

**Borden Ladner Gervais Professional Excellence Award**

Hannah Russell

*“These scholarships recognize not only the financial burden that law school takes on students, but also the hard work and academic excellence that comes with it. I truly appreciate the support.”*

*- Mark Browne*

**Stewart McKelvey Scholarship**

Alexandra Steinberg

**Leary Moore Memorial Scholarship**

Raylene Mackey

**MacLellan Family Scholarship**

Kelsie Lockyer

**Law Class of 2010 Scholarship**

Alysha-Rae Weekes

**Forging our Futures Law Awards**

Karen Clark, Graeme Hiebert, Eryka Gregory,  
Matthew Coleman

**Kevin Mitchell Award**

Katie O’Keefe

**Christopher Hicks Scholarship**

Alexandra Youssef

**Law Class of 1963 Scholarship**

Benjamin Roizes

**Case Family Scholarship in Business Law**

Isaac MacLellan

**Law Class of 2001 Scholarship**

Katherine Peterson

**Franco and Maria Giamberardino Scholarship**

Kaitlin Gamble

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Erin E. MacDonald

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Isaac MacLellan

**Christy Shaw Scholarship**

Ashley Arsenault

**Evelyn Roach Memorial Scholarship**

Dianna Alteen

**Cape Breton Barristers’ Society Scholarship**

Katie Unsworth

**Kelly A. Driscoll Prof. Cor. Scholarship**

Allison Bigg

**Hoyt Family Scholarship**

Katherine Peterson

**Margaret Teed Tector Scholarship**

Briana Hartley

**Fernand Landry Scholarship**

Rebekah Robbins

**Brian Rees Campbell Scholarship**

Makenzie Hill

**Law Class of 1981 Scholarship**

Chloe Jardine

**Justice Barbara Baird Scholarship in Family Law**

Julia O’Hanley

**Cedric Gilbert Scholarship**

Mark Browne

**Richard J. Scott, Q.C. Scholarship**

Youman Young

**Law Class of 1978 Scholarship**

Raylene Mackey

**Linda and Michael Beairsto Award**

Aaron Connolly

**George McAllister Scholarship**

Patrick Leger

**Allen Earle Scholarships**

Mark Browne, Kelsie Lockyer

**Law Foundation of Nova Scotia Scholarship**

Dylan Gallant, M.Colton Smith

**Canadian Bar Association (NB Branch) Award**

Michael Damyanovich

### **NB Law Foundation Upper Year Scholarship**

Michelle McCabe, Rebekah Robbins, Chris Layte, Jillian Toonders, Olivia Pearson, Shelby Batten, Patrick Leger, Katherine Peterson, Aaron Connolly, Kaitlan Huckabone, James Pinchak

## **ENCAENIA 2021 PRIZES**

### **Lieutenant-Governor's Silver Medal**

Erik Arsenault

### **Law Faculty Prize**

Erik Arsenault

### **Law Faculty Council Prize (third year)**

Erik Arsenault

### **Blake Lynch Prize in Criminal Law & Evidence**

Jake Humphrey

### **McInnes Cooper Prize in Corporate Law & Taxation**

Alexander Carleton

### **J. Gordon Petrie, Q.C. Prize in Labour & Employment Law**

Heather Kennedy, Kathryn Power

### **Lawson A. W. Hunter, Q.C. Prize in Conflict of Laws**

Erik Arsenault, Jordan Hamilton

### **Spirit of UNB Law**

Lori Wareham

## **PRIZES**

### **Law Faculty Council Prize (first year)**

Frank Gillies

### **Law Faculty Council Prize (second year)**

Alexandra Steinberg

### **Bryden Family Prize in Administrative Law**

Aaron Connolly, Brandon Mazerall, James Pinchak

### **Leycester D. D'Arcy Q.C. Prize in Evidence**

Katie O'Keefe, Alden Spencer

### **John Teed Prize in Civil Procedure**

Pragya Chowdhury, Alexandra Steinberg

### **Bereskin & Parr Prize in Intellectual Property**

Alexandra Dejong

### **Townsend/Fisher Prize in Real Estate Transactions**

Tiffany Primmer

### **McInnes Cooper Prize in Trial Practice**

Tiffany Primmer, Navy Vezina

### **NB Trial Lawyers' Association Prize in Trial Practice**

Jacob Elyk, Dana Evans

### **Insolvency Institute of Canada Prize in Insolvency Studies**

Jordan Hamilton

### **John Teed Prize in Community Planning**

Patrick Delaney

### **Jean-Marc Ouellette Insurance Law Prize**

Lucas Savini

### **Lyman Purnell Prize in Wills and Estates**

Heather Kennedy

### **Dawn Muzzerall Prize in Contracts**

Shelby Batten, Hannah Russell

### **Doone McEvoy Prize in Constitutional Law**

Mark Browne, Frank Gillies

### **Emond Montgomery Prize in Property**

Peyton Carmichael, Amanda Sooley

### **Canadian Council of Criminal Defence Lawyers Prize in Criminal Law**

Frank Gillies

### **George McAllister Prize in Torts**

Frank Gillies, Graham Manderville

### **Timothy McLaughlin Prize in Criminal Law**

Hannah Russell

### **Horace Hanson Prize in Constitutional Law & Civil Liberties**

Lori Wareham

### **Richard Hanson Prize in Constitutional Law**

Chelsey Buggie

### **Barry Morrison Prize in Legal Writing**

Becky Noble

### **Maurice Gautreau Prizes in Legal Writing**

Rebekah Robbins, Ceili Randall

# In Memoriam



## **Lloyd Raphael, QC (BCL '64)**

1930 - 2021

"[Lloyd] attended Law School at the University of New Brunswick 1961-64. Worked with the Tax Counsel from 1965-1967. A proud member of the Department of Justice since 1967. Member of the team to draft the *Canadian Goods and Services Tax ACT* and Regis. 1964-1984. Member of the team to draft various amendments to the *Income Tax ACT* and Regis. 1964-1995. Author of *Canadian Taxation of Trusts* 1980, 1982 & 1983. He was proudly awarded the status of QC in 1990."



## **Charles "Charlie" Sargeant (BCL '64)**

1939 - 2021

"Charlie grew up in Plaster Rock, NB, and studied at the University of New Brunswick before beginning his law career. Early in his career he served as Clerk Assistant to the New Brunswick Legislative Assembly and went on to practise law in Fredericton for 50 years. In 1988, he was honoured with the designation of Queen's Counsel, was a long-standing member of the New Brunswick Law Society and the Canadian Bar Association. Charlie had a love of politics and was active with the New Brunswick Liberal Association and Liberal Party of Canada."



## **Patricia "Pat" Elliott (LLB '88)**

1942 - 2021

"Pat was a strong supporter of The United Church of Canada and served it locally; regionally and nationally for many years. Later in life she graduated from St. Thomas University and UNB becoming a lawyer employed by Legal Services, a branch of the Department of Justice."



## **Robert "Butch" Boudreau (LLB '74)**

1944 - 2021

"Born in Edmundston, [Robert Boudreau] was the son of the late Benoit and, Gabrielle (Poitras) Boudreau. Butch worked as a lawyer in the Bathurst area for many years. He was, loved by the many people he served. Former member of the Bathurst, Rotary Club, Kinsman Club, Gowan Brae Golf Club and many other, organizations."



***David Jerome Paul-Elias (LLB '72)***

***1947 - 2021***

"David and [his wife] Rose moved to Dartmouth 23 years ago and enjoyed being closer to family and friends. Before the move, David graduated with a Law degree from UNB in 1972 and worked at different high-profile jobs in many places, including Ottawa, Ontario; Daytona Beach, Florida; Appleton, Wisconsin and Atlanta, Georgia. David enjoyed spending time with his book club friends, loved reading, watching movies and of course keeping a close eye on his beloved baseball team, the LA Dodgers!"



***Thomas Cunningham (LLB '76)***

***1951 - 2021***

"Tom was the devoted son of the late Asa Francis Cunningham and Sybil Louise (Wiggins) Cunningham. Tom is survived by his aunt Elizabeth (Koven) Cormier, and uncle Harvey Cunningham; as well as several cousins and friends."



***Richard "Rick" Cove (LLB '85)***

***1954 - 2021***

"Rick was a criminal defense lawyer who worked as Duty Counsel for Legal Aid New Brunswick. He was well respected by his colleagues and is remembered for being incredibly hardworking, diligent, gentle, and kind. Richard believed in justice for all. He was a fearless advocate for his clients and treated everyone with the utmost care and respect, regardless of their socioeconomic situation."



***The Hon. Pierre Fernand Dubé (LLB '88)***

***1960 - 2021***

"Pierre practised law in Campbellton serving people from all walks of life. He provided the same care and attention to those of little means as he would for his most affluent clients. He never hesitated to act as a friend of the court providing pro bono service to those who required his help. He never showed animosity towards opposing counsel; to the contrary, he guided young lawyers and provided great support to them. For the past 17 years, Pierre served as a judge of the provincial court of New Brunswick. He initially served in Campbellton and most recently in Fredericton."



***Shelly Williams (LLB '86)***

***1962 - 2021***

"Shelly graduated from University of New Brunswick in 1983 with a bachelor's in arts, she went on to receive her Bachelor of Law from University of New Brunswick in 1986 and was accepted to Bar in 1987. Shelly was an active member of many community organizations and services and a former City of Miramichi Councilor having served 9 years."

*Obituary excerpts shared from the Daily Gleaner, Telegraph-Journal, Northern Light, Kings County Record, and Ottawa Citizen.*

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