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Dean's Word

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When saying goodbye, our emeritus professor Bill Foster always says, “Take good care.” As the Torts class he taught me proceeded, my grasp of the legal implications of this statement deepened. The COVID-19 pandemic adds a further dimension, as we think of physical distancing, washing hands, and wearing masks. I hope you have been taking good care and that you and your loved ones are as well as possible.

Je consacre beaucoup de temps à réfléchir à la manière de prendre bien soin de votre Faculté de droit et de notre communauté étudiante. Cette année, notre sollicitude s'exprime largement à distance. Au moment où vous lirez ce magazine, notre corps professoral et notre communauté étudiante se seront habitués à un environnement d'enseignement principalement virtuel. Les heures de bureau des professeur.e.s, le soutien au développement de carrière et le support au bien-être étudiant auront migré vers des plateformes en ligne. Bien que la distanciation soit une forme de bienveillance à l'heure actuelle, nous sommes enthousiastes à l'idée de saisir les occasions de rencontre en personne que les directives de santé publique permettent. Nous priorisons nos cohortes entrantes au BCL/JD et aux programmes de cycles supérieurs pour le déploiement d'activités présentielles en groupes restreints. Malgré les changements que nous vivons, le programme de droit de McGill suscite un fort engouement chez les étudiant.e.s. En effet, une plus grande proportion des offres d'admissions au BCL/JD ont été acceptées comparativement aux dernières années.

The pandemic has confirmed for me the exceptional value and importance of a McGill legal education. We prepare our graduates to solve problems creatively, to cross borders of jurisdictions and legal tradition, and

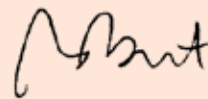


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to navigate conditions of uncertainty. Individuals are crossing borders less than before, but major challenges confronting our world — from climate change to the pandemic — are doing so more than ever. It's no surprise that our scholars have secured funding for research on the pandemic and are actively contributing to public debate on its legal, social, and ethical aspects.

Another such problem is racial injustice, including anti-Black and anti-Indigenous racism. As law teachers, my colleagues and I are keenly aware of the challenges in inaugurating students into a profession that will powerfully equip them to bring about change, but one that has also played a central role in establishing and maintaining racist structures. We need to ensure that the Faculty of Law's longstanding pluralism retains its firm foundations in civil law and common law — and that it evolves to reflect the changing societies our graduates will serve.

Until we can meet again in Chancellor Day Hall or a regional event, take good care. 



Robert Leckey

Dean & Samuel Gale Professor

On 10 December 2020, McGill's Board of Governors reappointed Dean Leckey for a second term of five years beginning 1 July 2021.

Faculty News

YAËLL EMERICH a été nommée lauréate 2019 dans la catégorie Traités et Monographies au Concours juridique annuel de la Fondation du Barreau pour son livre *Droit commun des biens : Perspective trans-systémique*. Elle a également été promue au rang de professeure titulaire en date du 1^{er} octobre.

BRIAN F. HAVEL has received a Doctor of Laws, honoris causa, from the National University of Ireland, University College Dublin.

The Faculty of Law has been ranked among the world's top universities to study law by the *Times Higher Education (THE) World University Rankings*. The 2021 ranking by subject rated McGill the 16th best law school world-wide, placing the Faculty in the global top 20 for a fourth consecutive year.

GENEVIÈVE SAUMIER, titulaire de la Chaire Peter M. Laing Q.C., et **IGNACIO COFONE** ont été nommé.e.s chercheur.e.s facultaires Norton Rose Fulbright en arbitrage international et en droit commercial international. Le professeur Cofone a également remporté le Privacy Papers for Policymakers Award (PPPM) de l'organisme Future of Privacy Forum pour son article « Antidiscrimination Privacy ».

ANDREA K. BJORKLUND a été reconduite à la Chaire L. Yves Fortier en arbitrage international et droit commercial international pour sept ans à compter du 1^{er} juillet.

FRÉDÉRIC MÉGRET et **NANDINI RAMANUJAM** ont commencé un mandat en tant que co-directeurs du Centre pour les droits de la personne et du pluralisme juridique le 1^{er} février. Le professeur Mégret a été renouvelé en tant que titulaire d'une Chaire William Dawson pour cinq ans à compter du 1^{er} mai. La professeure Ramanujam a aussi été promue au rang de professeure titulaire (catégorie professionnelle) en juin.

DANIEL BOYER, Ad. E., Wainwright Librarian and Head of the Nahum Gelber Law Library, was promoted to the rank of full librarian.

NANDINI RAMANUJAM a été promue au rang de professeure titulaire (catégorie professionnelle).

Four Faculty members have received McGill research grants related to COVID-19. **FABIEN GÉLINAS**, Ad. E., and **ADELLE BLACKETT**, Ad. E., F.R.S.C., have each been awarded a COVID-19 Rapid Response Grant, while Professors **LARA KHOURY**, Ad. E., and **ALANA KLEIN** have been awarded a McGill MI-4 Grant. (Read more on page 12)

FRANÇOIS CRÉPEAU, O.C., M.S.R.C., Ad. E., a été nommé coresponsable de l'une des trois équipes de recherche canadiennes financées par l'initiative Horizon 2020 ; au cours des trois prochaines années, ces équipes se pencheront sur des questions cruciales relatives à la migration qui touchent le monde entier.

DANIEL WEINSTOCK a été nommé à la Chaire Katharine A. Pearson en société civile et politiques publiques, à compter du 1^{er} juin.

RICHARD GOLD has been appointed director of the Centre for Intellectual Property Policy (CIPP), effective 1 September. He is also a member of the Royal Society of Canada's Working Group on Economic Recovery. He leads the Innovation chapter of the group's white paper on Canada's economy after the immediate recovery period.

MARK ANTAKI has been appointed director of the Paul-André Crépeau Centre for Private and Comparative Law, effective 1 August.

EVAN FOX-DECENT a été nommé titulaire de la Chaire de recherche du Canada (niveau 1) en droit cosmopolite et justice, et **SÉBASTIEN JODOIN** a été nommé titulaire de la Chaire de recherche du Canada (niveau 2) en droits de la personne et environnement.

ROBERT LECKEY was the recipient of the Principal's Prize for Public Engagement through Media in the inaugural Change-Maker category.

ADELLE BLACKETT, Ad. E., F.R.S.C., was appointed to the roster of the USMCA Annex 31-B Lists of Rapid Response Labor Panelists. She also received the McGill Principal's Prize for Teaching Excellence at the Fall 2020 Convocation ceremony.

ADELLE BLACKETT and **STEPHEN SMITH** were elected Fellows of the Royal Society of Canada's Academy of Social Sciences, while **ROBERT LECKEY** was elected a member of the College of New Scholars, Artists and Scientists.

La Faculté a annoncé l'ajout de deux nouveaux membres à son corps professoral. Le professeur **PEER ZUMBANSEN**, titulaire inaugural de la Chaire professorale en droit des affaires (voir page 4) et la professeure **ALICIA HINAREJOS** (voir page 3) ont rejoint à la Faculté en janvier 2021.

La Faculté a dit au revoir à trois estimés collègues en 2020. Le professeur et ancien doyen **DANIEL JUTRAS**, O.C., Ad. E., a accédé au poste de recteur de l'Université de Montréal; **VINCENT FORRAY** a accepté un poste de professeur à l'École de droit de Sciences po à Paris; et **PAYAM AKHAVAN** s'est joint au Massey College à l'Université de Toronto et poursuit sa pratique de droit international en tant qu'avocat à partir de Londres.

LARA KHOURY a reçu la distinction d'Avocate émérite du Barreau du Québec (Ad. E.). [\[O\]](#)

The Faculty of Law also ranked as the 28th best law school worldwide in the *2020 World University Rankings by Subject*, published by Quacquarelli Symonds (QS). McGill Law has featured in the top 30 institutions of the QS rankings each year since 2015.

Faculty Renewal: *Meet Professor Alicia Hinarejos*

A leading expert in European Union law and comparative public law, **Alicia Hinarejos's** work has been cited in some of the most significant judicial decisions in these fields in recent years. The former University of Cambridge scholar joined the Faculty as a Full Professor in January 2021.



How did you become interested in European Union law?

I first became interested in the European Union's legal system as an undergraduate student. I was drawn to its newness, the fact that it was an experiment: a group of states trying to address certain global challenges by working together and binding themselves to a super-structure that comes close to being a federal state, but is not quite one. This struck me as an area where the rules were not wholly defined yet, and where there was great potential for innovation and discussion.

Quelles questions juridiques vous fascinent actuellement dans votre domaine?

Je suis généralement intéressée par les défis constitutionnels auxquels sont confrontées les entités fédérales ou quasi-fédérales — l'Union européenne (UE), par exemple. Au cours des dernières années, j'ai mené des recherches sur les changements constitutionnels qui ont résulté de la crise dans la zone euro : sur la façon dont la crise et les réformes qu'elle a entraînées ont non seulement changé le fonctionnement de la zone monétaire, mais aussi le caractère de l'UE de façon plus large de même que la relation avec ses états membres.

Ces réformes ont eu des conséquences sur la légitimité démocratique et la protection des droits fondamentaux. Ces jours-ci, je suis particulièrement intéressée par la façon dont l'UE et ses états membres ont mis leurs ressources en commun afin de répondre à la COVID-19. Quelles seront les répercussions sur le caractère ou la structure constitutionnelle de l'Union? Observera-t-on une union de transfert, une structure plus « fédérale » ou verra-t-on un repli sur les frontières nationales?

What do you look forward to in Montreal?

I lived in Montreal many years ago, in 2009-11, and have spent short periods of time there since. It is a charming and very liveable city that is full of character. I am always struck by how welcoming people are. I now look forward to seeing my children getting to know the city and the nature around it, and enjoying the Montreal winter! [\[O\]](#)

A New Chapter *in Business Law* at McGill



In January 2021, McGill Law welcomed the inaugural incumbent of the Professorship in Business Law, **Professor Peer Zumbansen**. With his renowned expertise in private, transnational, and corporate law, Professor Zumbansen will play a leading role in defining and executing the Faculty's overall vision for teaching and research in business law through its distinctive integrated approach.

Many important figures in corporate law and in business hold degrees from McGill Law. The Faculty's new Professorship in Business Law, philanthropically funded for a five-year term, is a result of the collective efforts of some of these graduates to help foster the next generation of exceptional talent in their field. Beginning in 2018, several alumni rallied around a project to recruit a leading scholar in business law to McGill. "The appointment of Professor Zumbansen marks a milestone for the Faculty of Law. I look forward to his leadership in coordinating and expanding our efforts in this area and connecting our research and teaching more closely to those in practice," said Dean Robert Leckey. Fundraising efforts to endow a Chair in Business Law in perpetuity are underway.

Focus Law spoke with Professor Zumbansen about his passion for business law and his vision for the new role.

How did you become interested in business law? Why does it fascinate you?

As a law student in Frankfurt, Germany, I had the honour to study under the guidance of Rudolf Wiethölter. He challenged us to think about law in its socio-economic, historical and political contexts. He helped us mobilize terms such as “social” or “economic” law as subversive, critical tools, despite their uncomfortable fit with existing legal fields. In other words, both social and economic law could be used to question the hidden assumptions that sustained the allegedly clear dividing lines between established legal fields such as contract and tort law, or between labour and corporate law.

Likewise, “social” and “economic” approaches undermined the purportedly self-explanatory rationality of distinguishing between public and private, and of associating the former with “the state” and the latter with “the market.” Business law bears similarities with these subversive formulas as it asks us to interrogate not only the relationship between business and law, but law’s aspirations for a capitalist world.

What are your goals as the Faculty’s inaugural Professor in Business Law?

My hope is to be part of a lively, collegial culture of continuous thought exchange, collaborative scholarship, curricular innovation and outreach activities that can build bridges between different business law camps, but also across a much wider range of legal practice and theory fields. New initiatives in Business Law could plant the seed for the creation of long-term engagements and collaborations between the Faculty and private practice, and also key government agencies and civil society actors in Quebec, Canada and abroad. At the heart of such collaborations lies the question of how to work together to better understand the historical trajectories of economic governance into the 21st century, and how to develop innovative conceptual frameworks for the future.

Qu’est-ce qui vous réjouit à la perspective de vivre à Montréal ?

Montréal — et McGill — occupent depuis longtemps une place unique parmi les endroits où je rêve vivre et travailler. J’espère étendre mes connaissances sur l’histoire de cette ville et de ses divers habitant.e.s, et interagir avec une grande variété de Montréalais.e.s. Je suis honoré de me joindre à une Faculté aussi accomplie en recherche critique à la portée transformatrice et mondiale. J’espère pouvoir contribuer à tisser de nouveaux liens entre la Faculté de droit et les autres départements mcgillois afin de travailler ensemble à rendre les études juridiques critiques, riches et mieux contextualisées.

Oh, et en espérant que le virus soit bientôt chose du passé, je me réjouis à la perspective de futures rencontres avec des musiciens et musiciennes du coin. Mes baguettes de batteur sont déjà sorties de ma valise! [O]

« Je suis honoré de me joindre à une Faculté *aussi accomplie en recherche critique* à la portée transformatrice et mondiale. »



Two alumni who mean *business*

by Karell Michaud



From the legal teams of leading companies to the top ranks of business law firms, McGill Law alumni are leaving their mark in the business world.

Le droit comme entreprise humaine

Une chimie naturelle avec le droit; une passion qui s'est épanouie sous l'égide d'éminents professeurs tels que Yves-Marie Morrisette, Rod Macdonald et Madeleine Cantin-Cumin; trois décennies à gravir les échelons d'un grand cabinet de droit des affaires. **MARC BARBEAU**, président du conseil de Stikeman Elliott, partage son expérience d'apprentissage du leadership juridique.



En mars, peu après l'annonce du confinement, Marc Barbeau, BCL'84, LLB'84, a envoyé un message à l'ensemble du cabinet Stikeman Elliott. Le cabinet traverserait la crise comme il avait survécu à plusieurs autres à travers son histoire, y prédisait-il, mais la pandémie présentait un défi particulier, car ils ne pourraient pas la surmonter ensemble, côte à côte. Le fardeau de l'isolement que Barbeau avait pressenti, surtout pour ceux et celles qui sont en début de carrière, demeure un des principaux défis auxquels sont confrontés tous les cabinets.

Cette gestion de crise aux proportions inédites a renforcé pour Barbeau l'importance de la communication et de la confiance au sein de la direction, ainsi que la transparence. « Pour passer aux actes de façon décisive dans un tel contexte d'incertitude, il faut avoir des liens de confiance mutuels solidement ancrés », souligne-t-il.

À la tête du conseil de Stikeman Elliott depuis 2018, Barbeau considère que son rôle de leader institutionnel est en ligne avec l'arc professionnel qu'a suivi sa carrière « Dans tout métier, les premières années sont dévouées à acquérir de l'apprentissage concret, explique-t-il. Avec l'expérience, on devient un leader dans sa pratique. » Le grand défi, souligne Barbeau, est d'accepter de prendre du recul au moment opportun pour soutenir les nouvelles générations dans leur propre apprentissage et pour leur permettre de se tailler une place. « Il est éprouvant de s'éloigner un temps du feu de l'action dans un métier qui nous passionne — mais cela contribue au souffle vital d'une entreprise. »

Professeur auxiliaire à la Faculté depuis maintenant 25 ans, et membre du Conseil consultatif de la Faculté de droit (Faculty Advisory Board), Barbeau a ouvert le chemin pour d'innombrables juristes en devenir. Si l'idée de soutenir la relève fait partie des raisons pour lesquelles il apprécie ce rôle, il y voit d'abord

la perpétuation d'un cycle dont il a profité. « Au cours de mes années étudiantes, j'étais entouré de personnes bienveillantes, investies dans mon développement intellectuel. J'ai commencé à enseigner afin notamment de rendre une partie de tout ce que j'ai reçu. » Son entrée chez Stikeman Elliott en 1985 donnait suite à une recommandation d'un de ses anciens professeurs et mentors.

Grâce à la sphère d'influence considérable du monde des affaires, le droit qui l'entoure demeure florissant à Montréal. Les transactions transfrontalières sont toujours en effervescence. Barbeau note aussi que l'engouement pour la responsabilité sociale des entreprises entraîne la croissance de la portée et de la pertinence du droit qui y est associé.

Quelle que soit la carrière à laquelle se destinent les étudiant.e.s, Barbeau souligne la valeur de l'apprentissage du droit des affaires. « Il s'agit d'un des rares cours qui enseigne spécifiquement le droit et la gouvernance des organisations de personnes. Qu'ils fondent leur propre pratique, se joignent à un organisme sans but lucratif ou œuvrent en entreprise, la majorité des juristes auront à évoluer en organisation au cours de leur carrière. »

Au fil des années, l'humanité de la pratique du droit n'a jamais fait de doute dans l'esprit de Barbeau. « Alors qu'émergent de nouvelles technologies, on proclame de temps à autre la fin de la profession juridique », explique-t-il. « Bien que je n'aie aucun doute qu'une intelligence artificielle saura nommer, voire synthétiser plus rapidement que moi la quantité d'arrêts sur un sujet donné, elle ne remplacera jamais ce que nous offrons comme profession à nos clients : la créativité et le jugement », réplique-t-il. « Le rôle du juriste n'est pas de répondre aux questions, mais de savoir quelles questions poser. » Un art éminemment humain.

From business law to a tech giant

“The only cure for law is more law.” While this Karl Llewellyn quote might have made **JEANELLE DUNDAS** groan as she trudged through the Private Law Dictionary in her civil law property class, it stuck with her through the years. Inspired by the pursuit of a career where endless curiosity is a requirement, Dundas first earned her stripes at a top business law firm before joining Shopify’s in-house team in 2018.



Jeanelle Dundas, BCL/LLB’17, got her first sense of the buzz generated by her employer, the Canadian e-commerce powerhouse Shopify, when she learned that a new colleague in her on-boarding cohort had moved from sunny Brazil to Ottawa for the job—in November!

“I was surprised by how hands-on I was allowed to be from the get-go, and how much trust my team had in me,” she recalls. From day one, she was encouraged—and expected—to manage her own files and get to know her clients.

While she found herself pushed out of her comfort zone learning about Shopify’s platform and complex commercial structure, the former Blake, Cassels & Graydon LLP lawyer was no stranger to delivering under pressure: “At Blakes, I had the opportunity to work with lawyers who are the best at what they do, and the expectation was always excellence, no matter the size of your role,” she says. “Working at a firm is a chance to become a well-rounded, detail-oriented lawyer who’s able to withstand a remarkable amount of pressure.”

Dundas credits Shopify’s culture of constant learning for one of her proudest accomplishments: her work supporting the company’s sustainability fund. “I feel like my personal commitment to staying open-minded, being willing to learn about anything and everything, and being comfortable admitting what I don’t know has helped me achieve the right mindset to support the team,” she explains. “I spent my first two years at Shopify trying to take on as many different files

as possible, especially the ones that made me feel painfully at sea. As a result, I’ve had the opportunity to work on a broader range of agreements than I think I would have been able to in another role at this stage of my career,” shares the young counsel, whose love for drafting has blossomed. “I like running through how a relationship might play out and thinking about whether I can capture a set of expectations more elegantly than the last time.”

“Being surrounded by people who normalize and value the ability to change your mind when presented with new information has unquestionably made me a better human and, by extension, lawyer,” she adds.

Now a mentor through the Faculty’s Career Development Office, Dundas cherishes any opportunity to engage with students and encourages them to pursue their vision of meaningful work early in their careers. “I’m extremely grateful for the professional opportunities I’ve had, as they’ve taught me how to give myself permission to follow my gut. This is important because ‘success’ and ‘meaning’ are such highly personal concepts,” she explains. “There’s no one-size-fits-all approach and, in my opinion, nudging students toward a narrow path of possibilities isn’t in the public interest. There are so many problems that lawyers are trained to think about and to help solve, and so many different ways to have a fulfilling career as a jurist.” [\[O\]](#)

Seven weeks in a COVID-19 hot zone

by Ryan Hicks

Between finishing his final exams and starting a summer position at a top New York law firm, law student **Ryan Hicks** answered the Quebec government's call for help in the province's long-term care homes, which were overwhelmed by the pandemic's first wave last spring. The former CBC political correspondent shares his experience on the front lines.



When I arrived for my first morning shift on the second floor, the personal support worker (PSW) I was assigned to help could see how nervous I was. It did not matter that I had two masks on. She could see it in my eyes. “Just relax, everything’s going to be OK,” she told me as we walked to our unit, where a mix of COVID-19 positive and negative residents lived.

There was no easing me into the job of assistant PSW. The first woman we came upon had advanced dementia and was screaming while sitting in a diaper that was full for who-knows-how-long. Even though we had to serve breakfast to all the residents, we could not leave this woman in such a condition. The dire staff shortage (10,000 health care workers infected with COVID-19 or too scared to come to work) forced us to make these kinds of decisions every day. Who and what do you prioritize in the middle of a deadly pandemic when you do not have enough staff?

I experienced moments I never thought I would live through in Canada. Consoling family members at the bedside of loved ones dying from COVID-19 while they took their final breaths. Packing the personal belongings of dead residents into black garbage bags, labelling them with a Post-it note and placing them in a maintenance closet. Learning how to wrap a dead body with a white plastic sheet before its transfer to the morgue. At times, the backlog at the morgue meant there was nowhere to take the bodies — so dead patients remained in their rooms while the smell got worse and worse.

Even though my legal training never prepared me to provide hands-on elder care, it did teach me how to advocate by using my voice and by listening. During this crisis, both patients and staff needed an advocate. The staff shortage made it impossible for staff to give patients the individual attention they required. As an assistant PSW, I liaised between patients and health care staff, communicating directly with the latter when a patient was in pain or had a question. Staff also needed someone to listen when they recounted the multitude of ways their employer, the Quebec provincial government, was failing in its obligations to provide them a safe workplace, adequate personal protective equipment (PPE) and other infection prevention materials.

My biggest fear is that we will forget the enormity of what has happened to our seniors — the deaths and the toll that months in isolation took on those who survived. We share a collective responsibility, especially as members of the legal community, to push our governments for real action so that our elders live in the dignified, safe, and caring environment they deserve. [O]

Solving the *legal puzzles* of COVID-19

by Ashley Rabinovitch

At McGill Law, the COVID-19 pandemic has prompted new research directions and lent fresh urgency to others. As the virus, like the law, impacts nearly every facet of today's world, faculty members with diverse research interests are turning their attention to the most pressing legal questions of the moment.

Opening the door to discovery

From the perspective of **RICHARD GOLD**, a James McGill Professor and founding director of the Centre for Intellectual Property Policy, the COVID-19 pandemic provides a golden opportunity to make the global drug discovery system more sustainable through open science. "At a minimum, open science entails that all scientific outputs, including articles, data, tools, and materials, are available to everyone at a free or reduced cost," he says.

In a recent article, Gold looked back 100 years to understand a frustrating paradox. "Despite exponential investment in research in recent years, new drugs usually produce equal or lesser benefit than their predecessors, and the most common drugs can still be prohibitively expensive," he says. Gold advocates for open science partnerships as a strategy to "encourage riskier research by sharing radically, and avoiding duplication."

RICHARD GOLD

James McGill Professor
and founding director of
the Centre for Intellectual
Property Policy



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Gold recently co-founded the Viral Interruption Medicines Initiative (VIMI), a nonprofit aimed at conducting drug discovery for virus families that cause pandemics. "The road to a vaccine is longer than most people realize," he believes. "VIMI is applying for grant funding to support the development of antiviral therapies to actually treat, not prevent, the virus." By sharing progress in real time, Gold is confident that VIMI will accelerate the pace of discovery. If all goes as planned, VIMI's impact will extend far beyond treating patients who contract COVID-19. "When the next virus comes around, we will have already developed treatments," he explains. "This time, we will be ready."

Related coverage: Richard Gold talks open science, Focus online, April 2020
<https://mcgill.ca/x/oSj>

Protecting low-wage workers

Professor **ADELLE BLACKETT**, Ad. E., F.R.S.C., received a McGill COVID-19 Rapid Response grant to accelerate her research project, COVID-19's Essential Workers: Rethinking Social Protection Beyond the Employment Relationship, which focuses on strategies to ensure wage replacement, safety standards, and other social protections for low-wage workers such as hospital orderlies, sanitation workers, and grocery store employees.

"These 'invisible' workers form the backbone of our society, but most lack the social protection they need to weather the economic storm that the COVID-19 pandemic has created," says Blackett. As the founder and director of the Labour Law and Development Research Laboratory, she is perfectly placed to review labour and social law frameworks across provincial, federal, and global jurisdictions that have implemented elements of the International Labour Organization's recommendations for minimum social protection policies.

Blackett expects that her work will point to the need for greater international cooperation in supporting low-wage workers across borders. "Developing countries in particular lack the capacity to enact measures that would keep low-wage workers from having to choose between forgoing income and exposing themselves to the virus," she emphasizes. "All labour has dignity, and the responsibility to advocate for the most vulnerable members of society rests on all of us."

Related coverage: See Professor Adelle Blackett's research presentation during Homecoming 2020
<https://mcgill.ca/x/4av>

ADELLE BLACKETT

Founder and director of the Labour Law and Development Research Laboratory



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Titulaire de la Chaire Peter MacKell sur le fédéralisme



Fédéralisme et COVID-19

« Dès le mois de mars 2020, il est devenu manifeste que la pandémie soulevait des défis particuliers dans les États fédéraux », explique la professeure **JOHANNE POIRIER**, titulaire de la Chaire Peter MacKell sur le fédéralisme. « Dans certains cas, les entités constituantes prenaient des mesures, alors que le palier fédéral tardait à agir. Ailleurs, des fédérations très décentralisées se « recentralisaient », du moins temporairement. » Avec le soutien financier du Centre de recherche interdisciplinaire sur la démocratie et la diversité (CRIDAQ), la professeure Poirier a recruté un doctorant, Atagün Kejanlıoğlu, pour élaborer une bibliographie répertoriant le grand nombre d'articles, de séminaires, de blogues, etc., qui foisonnaient sur ce sujet. Ce compendium – en ligne et bilingue – compte aujourd'hui près de 500 ressources et est utilisé par des spécialistes du fédéralisme aux quatre coins de la planète.

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En collaboration avec l'étudiante Jessica Michelin, 4L, la professeure Poirier contribue également à une étude comparative et internationale sur l'intersection entre le fédéralisme et la lutte contre la pandémie. « Au Canada, les deux ordres de gouvernement ont, dans un premier temps du moins, évité les batailles de compétences et largement respecté leurs interventions respectives. Mais on observe également de grandes disparités, tant dans la réalité sanitaire que dans les réponses de diverses parties du pays. Les mécanismes coopératifs mis en place après les crises antérieures (SRAS et H1N1) semblent avoir été mobilisés, mais il est très difficile d'en évaluer l'efficacité tant l'information reste opaque. Par ailleurs, des tensions intergouvernementales commencent à surgir et risquent de s'accroître lorsqu'il s'agira de payer la facture de cette immense mobilisation des pouvoirs publics. » Organisé sous l'égide de l'Association internationale des centres d'études sur le fédéralisme, le projet compare une quinzaine de fédérations, afin de tirer des enseignements sur les avantages et les inconvénients du fédéralisme face à une telle crise, et, inversement d'explorer l'impact de la gestion de crise sur l'équilibre des pouvoirs au sein d'un État fédéral.

Predicting flashpoints in investment law

Professor **FABIEN GÉLINAS**, Ad. E. and Sir William C. Macdonald Chair, head of the Private Justice and the Rule of Law Research Group, views COVID-19 through a different lens. He received a McGill COVID-19 Rapid Response grant to examine the likely effects of the pandemic on investment law. Specifically, he and his team are working to identify a wide variety of potential flashpoints in both international treaties between states, as well as investment contracts between host states and investors themselves.

With investment contracts, Gélinas is considering various claims that investors might make in response to government regulations that are intended to protect the population from the pandemic. In a recent case in Peru, for example, an investor in a toll road warned the federal government of its intention to commence proceedings after the suspension of toll collection on highways. Well-heeled investors in restaurants or retail stores that are forced to operate at lower capacities due to state regulation may follow suit. “There is quite a bit of intellectual gymnastics involved in determining which rules govern contracts between a state and an investor,” says Gélinas. “The picture drawn from our analysis is not crystal clear, but given the strength of comparative law research at McGill, we’re in a good position to look at different legal systems, predict issues that may emerge, and determine what international legal instruments may become most relevant in this unsettled time.” [O]

FABIEN GÉLINAS

Sir William C. Macdonald Chair, head of the Private Justice and the Rule of Law Research Group



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LARA KHOURY

Co-Convenor of the McGill Research Group on Health & Law with Professor Alana Klein



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Pouvoirs et responsabilité en situation d'urgence

Les professeurs **LARA KHOURY**, Ad. E., et **ALANA KLEIN**, ainsi que leur collaboratrice Marie-Ève Couture Ménard, DCL'14, de l'Université de Sherbrooke, ont reçu des fonds de l'initiative MI4 Emergency COVID-19 Research Funding pour élaborer un projet intitulé « Le droit en période de pandémie : pouvoirs et responsabilité en situation d'urgence ».

« Nous cherchons à savoir jusqu'où les gouvernements peuvent aller pour protéger la santé de la population face à la COVID-19. Quelles sont la nature, l'étendue et les limites des pouvoirs d'intervention des autorités pendant une urgence sanitaire dans un contexte d'évolution rapide des connaissances scientifiques ? », indiquent-elles.

« Nous étudions aussi les moyens juridiques permettant d'engager la responsabilité de l'État pour sa gestion de la crise sanitaire. Nous analyserons aussi les mécanismes de reddition de comptes qui s'imposent aux gouvernements en contexte d'urgence. »

Lisez l'entrevue complète avec les professeurs :

Focus online, avril 2020: <https://mcgill.ca/x/oS9>

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Making a federal case

by Philip Fine

From the days of the Hon. John Abbott, BCL 1854, and the Hon. Wilfrid Laurier, BCL 1864, McGill Law graduates have always shown a steadfast commitment to public service. We profile four alumni occupying major roles in the current federal government and learn how their time at McGill led them to the halls of power.

The Hon. David Lametti, PC, QC, MP
Minister of Justice and Attorney General
 MP for LaSalle-Émard-Verdun

Professor David Lametti, BCL'89, LLB'89, took a pause from teaching at McGill in 2015 when he was elected to Parliament. The current Minister of Justice and Attorney General took some of his first political steps in Chancellor Day Hall, where he was president of the Law Student Association and left an enduring legacy as the founder of Coffeehouse.



It was while working with the late Professor Rod Macdonald that David Lametti realized academia was his calling. Then a law student, he worked with the former Dean on some seminal projects, including Office Politics, a paper of memos from a fictitious law faculty, which explored authority, internal cultures and decision-making.

"I thought I'd move back to Toronto to practise on Bay Street," says Lametti. Instead, he continued to explore academic issues, first at Yale Law School and then at Oxford University, focusing primarily intellectual property theory.

Lametti began to develop his expertise during a time of major societal shifts. "I got to think about intellectual property at a critical moment in its evolution. There was a technological explosion happening, whether it was the arts, internet or biotech," says Lametti, who returned to McGill as a law professor in 1997 and later co-founded the Centre for Intellectual Property Policy with Professor Richard Gold.

In 2015, Lametti faced a fork in the road. While he was content with his professorial career, he felt that universities were being undermined and devalued by the government at the time, namely as he witnessed worthy research projects going unfunded. He decided to throw his hat in the ring and was elected as part of the Liberal government. That year, federal granting agencies saw increases, something for which he pushed hard.

In January 2019, Lametti was named Minister of Justice and Attorney General. His time in the role has required the former captain of the Oxford ice hockey team to stickhandle a number of delicate files, from medical assistance in dying to extradition to family separation.

Two years into his ministerial role, he remains dedicated to making a difference, and talks passionately of shameful incarceration rates for Indigenous people in Canada, the need for criminal justice reform, and a legal system that's more accessible to all. Still an academic at heart, he remains true to his intellectual property roots, also pushing to develop better norms for the digital world.

The Hon. Catherine McKenna, PC, MP Minister of Infrastructure and Communities

MP for Ottawa Centre



Catherine McKenna, LLB'99, worked as an international human rights lawyer. Now the Minister of Infrastructure and Communities, she became convinced by enthusiastic friends, family and community back home that her voice should be heard in government.

It was the summer before her final year at law school and Catherine McKenna was in Indonesia. The Suharto government was about to fall, and McKenna found herself running from the mayhem that broke out at a protest. She saw people being shot.

"It was life or death for these brave students who were fighting for democracy and literally risking their lives," she remembers. "I knew in that moment that I was committed to doing work on human rights."

When she arrived at McGill, she had degrees in international relations from the University of Toronto and the London School of Economics. She rounded out her study of human rights governance and rule of law at McGill, inspired by courses like Islamic law and her independent field study in Jakarta.

She later became a senior negotiator for a UN peace-keeping mission on a treaty that led to the independence of East Timor. On returning to Canada, she spent three years at Stikeman Elliott and founded an

international non-profit while starting a family. In 2013, when her children were 5, 7 and 9, she decided to run for the Liberals in Ottawa and won her riding in 2015. "We brought in so many new people who had never been involved in politics. It was an amazing campaign."

Days after being elected, she was negotiating the Paris Climate Agreement as Minister of Environment and Climate Change. She was comfortably re-elected in 2019 and named Minister of Infrastructure and Communities.

Her outlook remains pragmatic: "It was a reminder that when you're in politics, decisions you make have a direct impact on people's lives. I just didn't realize it would become so personal," she says. Undeterred, she remains a vocal advocate for women in politics, leveraging her strong social media presence to inspire younger generations of leaders.

The Hon. Marc Miller, PC, MP Minister of Indigenous Services

MP for Ville-Marie—Le Sud-Ouest—Île-des-Sœurs



Prior to joining the political arena, Marc Miller, BCL'01, LLB'01, practised corporate law with Stikeman Elliott. After supporting former classmate Justin Trudeau's first run for office and his campaign for the Liberal Party leadership, the now Minister of Indigenous Services ran for, and won his first election in 2015.

"I am proud to stand here and speak to you in the Mohawk language," Marc Miller told the House of Commons in 2017. It was the first time Mohawk was spoken within its walls.

The speech was short, but the signal was impactful. His tutor, filmmaker Zoe Hopkins, says learning a people's language is an important gesture. "This is what reconciliation ought to look like," she told CBC at the time. Miller still practises the Iroquoian language daily.

Why did he do it? "It was the language of the people who walked the earth in my riding before our people got here," said the Montreal MP. "It struck me, why is it that we can't say 'hi' in a few of the Indigenous languages, but we can in all of the popular European languages?"

Born in Montreal to anglophone parents, Miller was schooled in French and became aware of how French Quebec had to survive in "a sea of English."

He completed undergraduate and graduate degrees in political science at Université de Montréal before coming to McGill Law. He was drawn by the faculty's bijural and bilingual approach, its sense of social justice, and the presence of people from so many backgrounds. "It was rewarding to be in classes and have that level of diversity. It's unique in Canada."

After graduation, he practised law in New York before moving to Sweden in 2005, where his wife was raised. Miller returned to Montreal in 2008 and, later that year, helped an old schoolmate in their first political

campaign. His appreciation for politics began to grow during that effort, in no small part because the old schoolmate was Justin Trudeau.

Today, as Minister of Indigenous Services, he tends to a host of issues and values the conversations he engages in with constituents, some in English, others in French, and even some in Mohawk.

Kirsten Hillman Canadian Ambassador to the United States

Kirsten Hillman, LLB'93, BCL'93, built her career working on international treaties and trade deals. Now Canada's point person to its southern neighbour, she was appointed to a position that calls for steely negotiating skills.



Last March, Kirsten Hillman became the first female Canadian Ambassador in Washington, smashing through that particular glass ceiling with a trade negotiator's velvet glove.

Having served as Canada's representative to the WTO in Geneva, as a negotiator for the Trans-Pacific Partnership, and as a key point person in the renegotiation of NAFTA (now USMCA), she had the bona fides to lead a Canadian Embassy mere steps away from an unpredictable White House.

While the diplomatic persona and the firm negotiator might seem like contradictory roles, Hillman reveals that the truth is not as clear-cut: "It's important to know that diplomats can be very hard and direct in private, and negotiators may also need to be cautious and a little softer in certain situations," she explains. However, Hillman highlights an ambassadorial duty that distinguishes the two roles: presenting a public face.

Canada's lead in the US strikes a thoughtful and analytical persona. She credits McGill Law with teaching her how to consider all sides of an argument. "At McGill, I learned the importance of communicating complex ideas clearly and succinctly."

Born in Alberta, Hillman studied philosophy at the University of Manitoba, where her volunteer work with reformed criminals sparked an interest in the justice system. After law school, she worked in private practice before shifting to the Department of Justice. "I was more interested in public law from the get-go, and I still am today."

Her official appointment in Washington, after seven months as acting ambassador, coincided with the closure of the world's largest trade border to all non-essential travel. "What brought us through that was consistent communication with the US administration."

Despite the launch of USMCA in July, the US has announced various tariffs on certain Canadian imports. "As Canadians, we have to remain vigilant in pushing back on protectionism," she says, demonstrating how toughness and diplomacy can co-exist. [\[O\]](#)



UNE ANNÉE D'ENGAGEMENT ÉTUDIANT CONTRE LA DISCRIMINATION

par Karell Michaud

À travers des temps turbulents, les membres de la communauté étudiante brillent par leur engagement visant à favoriser une société plus juste et équitable pour et toutes. Nous présentons trois initiatives ayant laissé leur marque à McGill, Montréal et au-delà. Ces initiatives tombent à point, entre autres puisque l'Université McGill a déposé son plan de lutte contre le racisme anti-noir à la fin de septembre 2020.

UNE INITIATIVE CITOYENNE POUR REFLÉTER LE VRAI VISAGE DE MONTRÉAL

Balarama Holness, 4L

En novembre, le finissant en droit Balarama Holness a annoncé qu'il présenterait sa candidature aux prochaines élections municipales de Montréal. Cette annonce vient boucler un périple qui a débuté lors des élections municipales de 2017, au cours desquelles l'ancien joueur des Alouettes a perdu la course comme maire d'arrondissement dans Montréal-Nord.

Bien que plus du tiers de la population montréalaise appartienne à une minorité visible, on n'en retrouve que 7 % parmi les élus municipaux, et 6 % parmi le personnel de la Ville. Au lendemain de sa défaite électorale, Holness a lancé l'initiative « Montréal en action » afin de mettre en lumière cette nette sous-représentation. Un groupe d'une cinquantaine d'activistes s'est rallié à l'objectif de déclencher une consultation publique sur le racisme et la discrimination systémique à Montréal. En vertu du droit d'initiative prévu par la Charte montréalaise des droits et responsabilités, l'armée de bénévoles a entamé en 2018 la récolte des 15 000 signatures nécessaires afin de forcer la tenue de la consultation, malgré la résistance du gouvernement. Quatre-vingt-dix jours plus tard, Holness et son équipe déposaient à l'hôtel de ville une pétition endossée par plus de 22 000 signataires, amorçant ainsi la deuxième initiative citoyenne fructueuse de l'histoire de la Ville.

Après une vaste consultation communautaire ayant impliqué plus de 7 000 intervenants, l'Office de consultation publique a rendu public en juin 2020 un rapport accablant sur le racisme systémique dans la métropole, accompagné de 38 recommandations. Quelques semaines plus tard, Holness se retrouvait dans les manchettes du *New York Times*, présenté comme « l'activiste aspirant à devenir l'Obama canadien ».

« Bien humblement, je suis loin d'un Obama, confie Holness, mais je me reconnais dans ses racines d'organisateur communautaire ». Plusieurs traits communs — dont le fait d'avoir tous deux suivi des études juridiques — incitent par ailleurs à la comparaison avec l'ancien président américain, qui figure parmi ses idoles. À la veille d'un nouveau chapitre de sa vie politique, Holness promet d'œuvrer pour rendre Montréal plus inclusive pour tous — après avoir terminé ses examens finaux, bien entendu.

TELLING THE STORIES OF RACISM IN THE PANDEMIC

Lily Maya Wang, 4L

At 2 AM one night in April, Lily Maya Wang (pictured below) found herself unable to sleep. It wasn't the stress of her upcoming finals that was keeping her awake, nor the anxiety of living through a global pandemic. Earlier that day, people around her had shared multiple incidents of flagrant racism directed against people of Asian descent that had occurred since the beginning of the pandemic. "My heart ached," she recalls. "Out of a sense of urgency and tremendous sadness, I decided to act, instead of lying awake."

She first reached out to fellow members of the Faculty's Equity Committee. They gathered testimonies of racist behaviour and micro-aggressions, and submitted a letter to the dean that included a hundred signatures from the student body. The Committee issued two statements regarding COVID-related anti-Asian discrimination and systemic racism, including anti-Black racism, to bring awareness to these issues.

Along with a fellow Montrealer, she also undertook collecting stories throughout the city to bring the issue of anti-Asian racism to the attention of the broader public through news outlets and Montreal's city councillors. After a long media journey that led her to take part in a press conference with the Chief Commissioner of the Canadian Human Rights Commission, Wang saw her efforts rewarded in July when Montreal city council unanimously approved a motion denouncing "acts of hate, discrimination and violence directed against Montrealers of various Asian origins."



Throughout the traumatizing process of collecting stories of everyday racism, Wang confides she held tightly to one of her favourite quotes: "The arc of the moral universe is long, but it bends toward justice." Now in her final year of studies, she feels that the lifelong goal she had laid out in her application to McGill Law holds truer than ever: "to learn powerful tools and find effective solutions for some of the greatest challenges of our times."

(en haut, à gauche) Le finissant en droit Balarama Holness, centre, et d'autres membres de son organisation à but non lucratif Montréal en Action.

DRAWING A PATH TOWARDS GREATER INCLUSION

Olivia Ma, 3L



In 2020, Olivia Ma was commissioned by McGill's Equity Office to create an artwork for their strategic plan.

Danji is the English translation of 丹琪 (Dān qí); it is the first English name under which Olivia Ma (pictured below) went by when her family immigrated to Canada. It is also the signature that appears on the artwork Ma created to illustrate McGill's *Equity, Diversity & Inclusion (EDI) Strategic Plan*.

"Signing off my art as Danji, I remind myself of who I was as a young child, my most honest and transparent self," Ma shares. "It is also an homage to my Chinese identity." Having developed her technical skills in different artistic media since she was a child, Ma's practice took a turn towards greater self-expression and reflection in the last two years.

In 2020, Ma was commissioned by McGill's Equity Office to create an artwork for their strategic plan. "Professor Angela Campbell and I wanted all people to be represented, but more importantly to illustrate a sense of collaboration and community support."



Ma views any generation's collective art as a snapshot of its values, fears, hopes and dreams. "Art gives us insight into why people want social change by representing feelings of pain and suffering, love, disappointment, trauma, ecstasy, hope and peace," she says. "Art, society and culture have always been and will always be in continuous dialogue."

While highlighting that social change brought through art takes time to materialize, she humbly confides her pride in doing her part to ensure that all people feel represented and included. "I feel so lucky to have played a small role in promoting equality, diversity and inclusion within the McGill community," she says. [O]



"During the height of the Black Lives Matter movement, I felt a responsibility to contribute," explains Ma. "Through the black panther surrounded by names of victims of police brutality, I wanted to illustrate the strength of the Black community in the face of injustice. The colour yellow and the border style were chosen to illustrate the Asian community's support, and the self-reflection we need to have on anti-Blackness in our own communities."

This painting will be auctioned in February 2021 and all proceeds will be donated to Montreal in Action. Email olivia.ma@mail.mcgill.ca to sign up for updates.

She got help telling her story, and was accepted into Law

by Philip Fine

With their student-led admission clinics, the Black Law Students' Association of McGill (BLSAM) plays a crucial role in opening doors for applicants of colour. Workshops pair up prospective students with BLSAM members, who conduct a review session of their application materials. That is how then-CEGEP student **Anne-Clara Sanon** met **Fanta Ly**, who helped her find the words to tell her story.



Anne-Clara Sanon (pictured left) met 3L student Fanta Ly (right) at one of the open houses hosted by the Black Law Students' Association of McGill (BLSAM). Sanon was qualified and enthusiastic, and Ly was determined to help her put together a great application.

Ly is co-president of the BLSAM. One of the group's priorities is to connect with diverse populations and work with students in crafting their applications. "My role was to motivate Anne-Clara and to help her understand that she's good enough to be here."

Sanon's interest in law stems from her lived experience. Her parents hail from Haiti, where her father remains to this day as an advocate for improving education. She was confronted with inequality during her visits to the country, meeting cousins who lacked the opportunity to go to school and seeing scenes of youth who did not have the opportunity to fulfill their potential. "When I visited Haiti for the first time, I was shocked by the juxtaposition between kids in school uniforms walking with their parents, and kids on the side of the road trying to sell bottled water to tourists."

Neither student had ever met a lawyer before applying to McGill Law. Ly considers the lack of connections in the profession to be a reflection of the under-representation of certain communities in law school.

Last winter, Ly met with Sanon on several occasions over Zoom. Ly, whose parents hail from Guinea and Senegal, and who came to law with an interest in African constitutionalism, knew how the applicant could stand out. She helped Sanon polish the stories from her observations in Haiti, and helped her demonstrate that going from a mostly white West Island high school to the racially diverse Dawson College boosted both her confidence and her growing interest in the law.

In June, Sanon received good news from Admissions: she had been accepted. "I didn't really expect to get in. I was shocked and excited, and really grateful," says the newly minted law student. She now plans to join the BLSAM so she can pay it forward by giving a hand to students who are qualified, but may not yet imagine themselves at Chancellor Day Hall. [\[O\]](#)

La nature et ses droits

par Jean-Benoît Nadeau

L'approche distinctive de la Faculté de droit offre un terreau fertile aux réflexions d'avant-garde sur l'environnement et le développement durable, comme le montrent trois projets de recherche menés par des membres de notre communauté aux études supérieures.

SARAH-MAUDE BELLEVILLE-CHENARD

Une question de personnalité

En 2017, deux fleuves ont acquis une personnalité juridique et sont devenus des personnes morales : le Whanganui en Nouvelle-Zélande et le Gange en Inde, en vertu du nouveau concept de « droit de la nature ». Pour sa thèse doctorale, Sarah-Maude Belleville-Chenard tentera de déterminer le rôle des savoirs autochtones dans la construction du discours sur le droit de la nature et sa gouvernance. « Peut-on réconcilier l'ontologie autochtone et la perspective occidentale? », demande l'avocate, qui pratique à Montréal.

La doctorante comparera deux groupes : les Néo-Zélandais qui ont agi de concert avec les Maoris, et les citoyens des municipalités américaines qui ont réalisé des avancées en la matière sans la participation concertée de groupes autochtones.

Outre les aspects philosophiques quant à la manière dont s'articulent les divers discours, Belleville-Chenard examinera deux questions sur l'application du droit de la nature : comment s'organise la gouvernance et avec quelle efficacité ? Y a-t-il des différences de résultat dans un contexte ontologique autochtone par opposition au contexte purement occidental ?



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L'intérêt de la doctorante pour les questions autochtones remonte à ses études de maîtrise, qui portaient sur le féminisme autochtone.

Mais n'étant pas autochtone, elle admet avoir souffert du « syndrome de l'imposteur ». Elle s'en est guérie en 2016-2017, alors qu'elle a travaillé avec des Innus dans le dossier de la reconnaissance de l'île d'Anticosti au patrimoine mondial de l'UNESCO, où elle agissait à titre de consultante. Depuis, elle travaille sur les questions autochtones ayant trait à l'économie et l'environnement au cabinet Dionne Schulze. « J'ai eu envie de faire un doctorat sur ce qu'on peut faire différemment, qui sera novateur, pour changer les choses. »

ERMANNANO NAPOLITANO

Entre Pandore et Asimov

Ermanno Napolitano orbite aux frontières de la science-fiction avec son projet de thèse doctorale sur la géo-ingénierie, une nouvelle discipline qui regroupe les techniques susceptibles de moduler le climat et de contrecarrer les effets du réchauffement planétaire. « La réduction du CO₂ est une façon de faire, mais il y en a d'autres comme l'injection de soufre dans l'atmosphère, qui serait une solution beaucoup plus simple et économique », explique le détenteur d'une prestigieuse Bourse Vanier.

Ce sont les aspects de gouvernance, davantage que la technique, qui intéressent Napolitano. « Agir sur le climat, quoi qu'on fasse, suppose qu'on agisse localement pour un résultat global, dit-il. Comment empêcher l'action unilatérale des pays ? » Lui qui a fait une maîtrise à l'Institut du droit aérien et spatial à la Faculté constate que tout est à faire. « Où finit l'air ? Où commence l'espace ? On ignore même dans quel cadre s'appliquerait la géo-ingénierie. »



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Ce casse-tête de gouvernance débute avec la recherche et les projets pilotes nécessaires pour valider le concept avant un éventuel déploiement. « Que faut-il savoir avant d'agir ? », demande-t-il. « Pour certains, la géo-ingénierie, c'est trop beau pour être vrai. Pour d'autres, c'est une boîte de Pandore qu'il ne faut surtout pas toucher. »

Napolitano croit qu'il est possible de monter une gouvernance mondiale pour la géo-ingénierie sans attendre, un peu comme on l'a fait pour l'énergie nucléaire, la conquête spatiale ou le génome humain. « Les exemples sont nombreux. On a bien agi sur la COVID-19 sans connaître le virus ni l'effet économique des actions », dit-il. « Car même si on décide collectivement de ne pas faire de géo-ingénierie, il faudrait savoir pourquoi. »

SIMILOLUWA AYOOLA

La fin de la faim

La crise climatique, les épidémies et les guerres menacent d'aggraver le problème mondial de l'insécurité alimentaire.

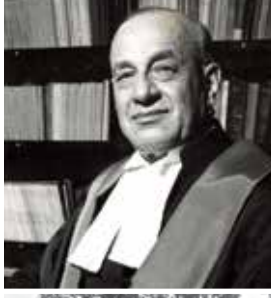
Tel est le sujet de la thèse de Similoluwa Ayoola, étudiante à la maîtrise. « Je veux étudier comment centrer la lutte à l'insécurité alimentaire sur une approche des droits humains », explique l'avocate, qui a pratiqué le droit au Nigéria en plus de travailler comme conseillère juridique pour la *Food and Infrastructure Foundation*, à Abuja.



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Inscrire la sécurité alimentaire en tant que droit humain signifie en pratique que la faim n'est plus seulement une question d'argent, de mauvaise distribution des ressources ou de logistique, et ultimement de mauvais choix individuels ou collectifs. « Si la sécurité alimentaire est un droit, lutter contre la faim devient une obligation morale et légale, et donc un devoir, dit-elle. Un droit humain est exécutoire. Les États n'ont pas nécessairement la volonté d'agir pour assurer la sécurité alimentaire, mais quand cela devient un droit, cela augmente l'obligation. »

Après avoir remporté deux prix dans le cadre du concours mcgillois « Ma thèse en 180 secondes », Ayoola admet avoir dû réorienter son projet. Elle continuera ainsi d'éplucher la base documentaire de l'Organisation des Nations Unies pour l'alimentation et l'agriculture pour évaluer comment la question climatique a augmenté l'insécurité alimentaire. Cependant, il lui sera difficile de faire toute la recherche de terrain qu'elle aurait souhaité. Son approche deviendra un peu plus théorique, explique-t-elle : « Au départ, ma thèse devait porter spécifiquement sur la zone du lac Tchad, mais la crise sanitaire complique les déplacements, alors je vais plutôt approfondir la perspective globale sur le droit à la sécurité alimentaire. » **[O]**



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Collation des grades virtuelle pour la promotion 2020



Debbie Yeboah, BCL/JD'20, a prononcé le discours d'envoi, inspiré par sa profonde admiration pour ses collègues.

L'Université McGill et la Faculté de droit ont tenu à souligner en grande pompe — virtuelle — la fin des études de ses plus récents diplômés et diplômées au BCL/JD, LLM et DCL.

Pour la première fois de son histoire, c'est lors d'une diffusion en direct sur YouTube que la cornemuse a retenti devant le Pavillon des arts McCall McBain au printemps dernier. Au cours d'une cérémonie en ligne superbement organisée, le chancelier Michael A. Meighen, LLD'12, la principale et vice-chancelière Suzanne Fortier, les premiers ministres François Legault et Justin Trudeau, ainsi que le chouchou du Québec, le Dr Laurent Duvernay-Tardif, MDCM'18, ont pris la parole pour féliciter les nouveaux diplômé.e.s et les encourager à célébrer la remarquable réussite que représente la fin de leurs études.

Après la diffusion universitaire, la Faculté a accueilli la nouvelle cohorte de diplômé.e.s et leurs proches dans une cérémonie privée sur Zoom. Le bibliothécaire en chef Daniel Boyer, Ad. E., a présenté le lauréat du Prix d'excellence en enseignement John W. Durnford, le chargé de cours facultaire Jakub Adamski, BCL'02, LLB'02. Faisant écho aux commentaires de la communauté étudiante, Boyer a souligné tant le dévouement d'Adamski à l'enseignement du droit que son profond engagement envers le succès de ses étudiant.e.s.

C'est Debbie Yeboah, BCL/JD'20, qui a ensuite prononcé le discours d'envoi, inspiré par sa profonde admiration pour ses collègues. « Dans un monde qui, par moments, semble en voie de s'effondrer, je demeure optimiste, car la promotion de 2020, un groupe de personnes fortes, intelligentes, gentilles et attentionnées, est sur le point de se mettre au travail », a-t-elle confié à ses camarades.

Pour conclure, le doyen Robert Leckey a exprimé sa reconnaissance envers la promotion de 2020, qu'il a accueillie au début de son décanat. « À présent, vous connaissez sans doute vos valeurs fondamentales. Vous avez une conception évolutive de la justice. Vous savez quelles activités vous donnent le sentiment d'être dans votre élément. Restez fidèles à tout cela », leur a-t-il recommandé dans son allocution. [O]

Visionnez la cérémonie organisée par McGill :

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Revoyez la cérémonie privée de la Faculté :

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Three illustrious alumni of the Faculty recorded a message for the new law graduates, assuring them to believe in themselves and that they are perfectly equipped to face the challenges ahead.

"This is an incredible moment in your career."

The Hon. Marc Miller, PC, MP, BCL'01, LLB'01



"As McGill Law graduates, you are exceptionally well positioned to navigate the turbulent times we are living in."

The Hon. Mr. Justice Mahmud Jamal, BCL'93, LLB'93



"I really hope your experience was as life-changing as mine was."

The Hon. Madam Justice Sheilah L. Martin, BCL'81, LLB'81





The JD designation comes to McGill

As of 2020, graduating McGill Law students will receive a diploma bearing the JD designation, rather than the traditional LLB, along with their BCL diploma.

Graduates of a common law program at a Canadian university historically earned an LLB.

This was the case at McGill as far back as the 1920s, when the Faculty first offered common law instruction, with 24 students obtaining an LLB between 1920 and 1926. After the National Program was established in 1968, students could obtain their first degree in three years — typically a Bachelor of Civil Law (BCL) — with the option of completing an additional year of studies to obtain a second degree (LLB or BCL, as the case might be). In 1999, the Faculty implemented the current transsystemic program, through which students study civil law and common law concurrently and receive two degrees, styled as BCL/LLB.


“At all points when McGill has offered a common law degree, it took up the prevailing designation at the time and conferred the diploma most recognizable in the context of the day,” Assistant Dean Brian Peebles explains. “At the turn of the century, however, that context began to shift.”

Beginning with the University of Toronto in 2001, law faculties across Canada transitioned towards granting JDs. The two other law faculties offering common law degrees in Quebec adopted the JD designation in 2011. McGill found itself the sole remaining law faculty in Canada offering an LLB for its common law degree.

Discussion about taking up the JD designation recurred at McGill for over a decade. Two referenda held by the Law Student Association indicated that nearly 70% of the student population supported the change. In a January 2019 consultation, student support for the JD designation stood at almost 9 to 1.

Meanwhile, Faculty members increasingly received queries from prospective students and recent graduates seeking confirmation that McGill’s LLB was JD-equivalent. “Alumni shared that they had encountered questions about their degrees for purposes such as salary or seniority, particularly within larger international organizations,” explains the Director of the Career Development Office, Sophie Roy-Lafleur, BCL/LLB’11. “A growing reliance on automated recruitment systems risked causing LLB holders to be overlooked for lack of a JD if the degrees were classified differently in the system,” she adds.

In response to this changing landscape, Faculty Council passed motions in April 2019 to confer a BCL and a JD to graduates of the Faculty’s integrated program, and to allow a graduate holding an LLB to request a substitute JD diploma. Quebec’s Ministry of Higher Education approved the adoption of the JD designation as of winter 2020, before authorizing retroactive requests in summer 2020.

“We’re pleased that this change will help our graduates in having their extraordinary legal education recognized in the many markets where their ambitions take them,” Dean Robert Leckey said. 

Alumni who wish to request a new common law diploma with the JD designation are invited to follow the process set out on McGill’s Diplomas website at www.mcgill.ca/graduation/diplomas

Un été sur les bancs d'école

En mars dernier, les plans d'été de centaines de membres de la communauté étudiante se sont volatilisés. Échanges et stages internationaux sont tombés à l'eau alors que les frontières se fermaient à travers le monde; nombre d'entreprises et d'organismes à but non lucratif ont dû raccourcir et même résilier leurs offres d'emploi. «Plusieurs étudiant.e.s, se retrouvant malgré eux à disposer d'un été libre, ont voulu rendre productif ce congé imprévu», se remémore la professeure **ROSALIE JUKIER**, vice-doyenne à l'enseignement.

Dans ce qui relève de l'exploit logistique, le Secrétariat des études a su tripler le nombre de places offertes sur les bancs d'été de la Faculté en quelques semaines à peine. Un nombre record de cours ont été offerts selon un calendrier échelonné jusqu'au mois de juillet, permettant ainsi à une personne de s'inscrire aisément à plus d'un cours. Une allocation maximale de sept crédits, soit l'équivalent de deux cours, a été fixée afin que tous et toutes puissent pleinement profiter du programme.

À son offre qui comprenait les cours *Business Associations*, *Judicial Institutions and Civil Procedure* et *Women and Constitutions*, la Faculté a ajouté deux cours de droit civil («Droit des personnes» et «Administration du bien d'autrui et Fiducie») ainsi que le nouveau cours *Technology and the Charter*. Les cours *Regulating Artificial Intelligence* et *Public International Law*, donnés respectivement par les professeurs Cofone et Akhavan, ont été devancés.

La Faculté a également saisi cette occasion inespérée d'inviter plusieurs de ses diplômé.e.s à participer à l'offre de cours. C'est ainsi que deux ateliers pratiques Focus Week se sont ajoutés au programme d'été pour la première fois : *Technology in Law Firms*, par la bibliothécaire de liaison Katarina Daniels, BCL/LLB'15, et *Self-Represented Litigants*, par la diplômée Cassandra Richards, BCL/LLB'19. Les ateliers pratiques Focus Week sont possibles grâce au Fonds McCarthy Tétrault pour l'innovation dans l'enseignement du droit.

«Comme le veut le dicton, “never let a disaster go to waste!”», confie Jukier en riant. «J'ai été éblouie par la bonne volonté dont tous ont fait preuve — tant le professorat et le personnel que notre communauté étudiante et diplômée — afin de tirer le meilleur parti possible d'une situation éprouvante». [O]



Technology and the Charter

Over the month of July, students tackled complex questions ranging from online censorship and digital surveillance, to automated discrimination and smart cities. Former Supreme Court clerk and Citizen Lab research fellow **LEX GILL**, BCL/LLB'17, ran a seminar course exploring the relationship between emerging technologies and the *Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms*. “Technology rearranges relationships of power. It reshapes the limits and possibilities for what is constitutionally and democratically imaginable,” she explains. “These urgent, 21st-century debates allow us to get to the heart of timeless democratic and constitutional questions: who decides, who belongs, and what does it mean to be free?”

Gill invited a diverse line-up of guest lecturers, from international human rights activists to scholars and grassroots organizers, whose work and bravery inspire her own law practice. “My goal was for students to leave the class with a better toolkit for tackling some of the more urgent legal and political questions of our time. But I also needed them to leave knowing that they have a place at the table in those debates. You can't do that without representation, without visibility, without role models.”

SUPPORTING RECONCILIATION BY EMPOWERING INDIGENOUS STUDENTS

Having lived and work in Canada, the United States, France, Switzerland, Germany, and the United Kingdom, **BOBBY KATZ**, BCL'86, LLB'86, speaks from experience in saying that his McGill Law training prepared him for creatively tackling complex legal and business issues in various legal systems. Three decades into a successful corporate law and business career, Katz wanted to help support the next generation of leaders. "As someone from a modest socio-economic background who benefitted significantly from the opportunity to attend McGill, I feel a duty to help others who have been excluded," Katz says.

"Diversity and inclusion are fundamental to *ensuring the vitality* of any country."

Hoping to further the cause of diversity and inclusion in Canadian society, Katz and his spouse, Tina Otto, BA'85, established a scholarship to support the Faculty of Law's reconciliation efforts. This new entrance scholarship is awarded annually to Indigenous students, or to candidates from historically underrepresented groups.

"I believe that we can drive lasting change by providing opportunities for First Nations and Inuit students to become McGill-trained lawyers and use their professional skills to foster greater economic, social and political power for First Nations and Inuit communities," Katz says.

Katz and Otto hope that the scholarship in their names will inspire its recipients to step up for justice. "Diversity and inclusion are fundamental to ensuring the vitality of any country. Please use your legal training to drive social justice and ensure that disadvantaged members of our community have a champion to fight for them and their ability to be heard, listened to and respected," they concluded. [\[O\]](#)

Recognizing two distinguished alumni

Law Alumni Awards are the most prestigious honours given out by the Faculty of Law. They are conferred upon graduates in recognition of their professional achievements, continued participation in Faculty life, and commitment to justice.

In September 2019, **Hillel Rosen**, BCL'85, LLB'85, and **Alexandre Bien-Aimé**, BCL/LLB'10, were honoured in a ceremony with friends and family in the historic foyer of Old Chancellor Day Hall.



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HILLEL ROSEN, BCL'85, LLB'85,
recipient of the James A. Robb Award

Hillel Rosen is a partner at Davies Ward Philips & Vineberg LLP in Montreal, where he advises Canadian and foreign companies on their transactional matters across diverse sectors. Rosen has repeatedly been identified as a leading practitioner by many publications, including Best Lawyers in Canada, Lexpert, and Legal 500 Canada. He recently completed a lengthy term on our Faculty Board.

The James A. Robb Award honours those who nobly give of their time and efforts to support the Faculty of Law in the pursuit of its academic endeavours. It is named after James A. Robb, BA'51, BCL'54, who, as a former McGill Governor and former president of the Alumni Association, is one of McGill's most well-known volunteers.

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ALEXANDRE BIEN-AIMÉ, BCL/LLB'10,
recipient of the Charles D. Gonthier Outstanding Young Alumni Award

Alexandre Bien-Aimé is a partner at Shadley Bien-Aimé LLP in Montreal, where he practices criminal law. Bien-Aimé has been involved at the Faculty as a highly appreciated course lecturer. In 2017, the Montreal Criminal Defense Lawyers Association awarded him the Gabriel Lapointe Prize in recognition of the exceptional promise he has shown in his career. In 2018, the Jeune Barreau de Montréal (JBM) recognized him as "Avocat JBM de l'année" in the criminal law category. [\[O\]](#)

The Charles D. Gonthier Outstanding Young Alumni Award recognizes the contribution of an alumnus or alumna who has graduated within the past decade and set an example for aspiring jurists through professional achievement, community service, or commitment to the Faculty of Law. The award is named after the Honourable Charles Doherty Gonthier (1928-2009), CC, BCL'51, LLD'90, who generously supported and mentored young jurists throughout his career.



PAUL FORNIER

Leaving a legacy in the name of a loved one



For McGill Law students, the name of our late alumnus **Paul Harris**, BComm'72, BCL'76, LLB'78, will become a powerful expression of the ways in which alumni care deeply about their success. We look at how a family chose to honour their loved one's memory by supporting the next generations of McGill jurists.



PAUL HARRIS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

In memory of Paul Harris, BCom'72, BCL'76, LLB'78, a former partner at Davies Ward Phillips & Vineberg LLP, friends, colleagues and family wanted to honour the quality by which he was best remembered.

"Our father was a skilled and accomplished lawyer, but what differentiated him and made him so esteemed were his relationships — the bonds and trust he formed with his clients, the time he spent nurturing and mentoring young attorneys, and the way he prioritized and loved his family despite a demanding career," shares his daughter, Michelle Luft.

"After his passing, we received an overwhelming number of messages from former colleagues, clients and friends relaying stories about the deep impact our father had on them and their careers," recounts his son, Ken Harris.

"Simply put, he cared about people and he gave the best advice. This sentiment was consistent in all the wonderful memories that have been shared with us." His other son, Andrew Harris, a young attorney himself, noted that

"this scholarship is very meaningful to our family, as it is intended to continue our father's legacy of nurturing and helping young talent."

Through an initiative launched by his good friend Allen Rubin, who also led the fund-raising efforts, Harris' colleagues and loved ones donated over \$125,000 to endow a BCL/JD entrance scholarship for students of outstanding merit. The scholarship will be awarded to candidates who have demonstrated outstanding leadership in mentorship, community engagement or helping others. [\[O\]](#)

The Faculty of Law wishes to express its gratitude to volunteer Allen Rubin and to all donors who supported the Paul Harris Memorial Scholarship.

Class Acts

Graduation anniversaries provide former McGill Law classmates with an opportunity to celebrate, reconnect and reminisce about their best law school memories. They have also inspired a tradition of making a class gift to the Faculty in order to create new opportunities for future generations of students. Here's how the classes of 1989 and 1999 are helping build McGill Law's future.

Class of 1989: Providing a world-class learning environment

To mark the 30th anniversary of their graduation, the class of '89 set a record when they exceeded a \$350,000 fundraising objective to make the largest single-class gift in the history of McGill Law. The donation will allow the Faculty to transform a second-floor classroom into a flexible learning space. In addition, the cohort will contribute to the recruitment of promising young leaders by establishing a scholarship aimed at supporting students who have faced systemic barriers to education.

"We were very fortunate to see our informal — and, some thought, lofty — initiative to raise funds for our alma mater materialize into this incredible achievement," said Arthur Wechsler, a co-chair of the class' initiative. "It was very important for us to establish not only a brand-new endowed scholarship for deserving students, but also to create a state-of-the-art physical space that will allow students to learn in a more contemporary and interactive environment."

Three decades out from McGill Law, the class of '89 remains a tightly knit group. Last year's reunion brought back almost 50 classmates, who enjoyed a weekend recollecting their days in Old Chancellor Day Hall, Skit Nights, Law Games at different faculties across Canada, and intramural baseball teams, among many other events and activities.

"The McGill Law class of 1989 fundraising objective could never have been achieved without the help and tremendous collaboration of the co-chairs, namely my colleagues Tom Friedland, Jean Lortie and Jennifer Dolman," said Wechsler. "Most importantly, it was a testament to the bonds forged in the McGill Faculty of Law that have now endured for over 30 years."

Class of 1999: Experiences of a lifetime

For the members of the class of '99, extracurricular activities provided learning experiences that helped shape them as jurists, business people and citizens-at-large. Two decades after walking across the stage at Convocation, 20th-year reunion campaign co-chairs Stéphanie Lapierre and Patrick M. Shea, led the class in raising over \$200,000 to support student experiences for future cohorts of McGill Law students.

"Extracurricular activities were very important to all of us," said Shea. "We were certainly a very social class that was always well represented at weekly Coffee Houses, which were held in the old Common Room during our first three years. In our final year, we inaugurated the atrium as the first graduating class to hold Coffee Houses there. More formal, organized activities like competitive mootings, clubs, internships and conferences were also foundational elements of our collective law school experience." The bonds they developed extended far beyond their student years, with the class of '99 representing the largest contingent at the 2019 Law Alumni Homecoming Banquet.

"We created the class of 1999 Student Opportunities Fund in order to provide critical resources that will enhance the number and quality of experiential learning opportunities for students for many years to come," Shea notes. [\[O\]](#)

Call to action

How will your class help shape McGill Law's next century?

Your support is essential in helping the Faculty of Law remain at the forefront of training, research and serving the public good. To find out about ongoing class initiatives or to volunteer as a class champion, please reach out to Julie Timmins at julie.timmins@mcgill.ca.

Les Retrouvailles 2020 en rediffusion

Pour les toutes premières **Retrouvailles « à la maison »**, la Faculté a proposé un riche programme d'activités virtuelles afin de réunir la communauté diplômée malgré la distance qui nous sépare.

Redécouvrez votre Faculté de droit

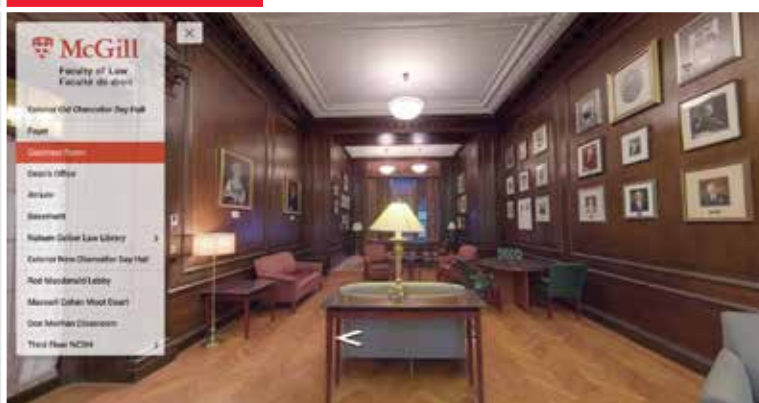
Où que vous soyez à travers le monde, venez à nouveau parcourir les couloirs de votre alma mater. Grâce à la magie du virtuel, vous pouvez vous promener à votre gré dans le pavillon Chancellor-Day, le nouveau pavillon Chancellor-Day, ainsi que dans la bibliothèque de droit Nahum Gelber.

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La pandémie dans la pandémie — enjeux juridiques de la COVID-19

Comme le veut la tradition, la Faculté a offert une conférence de formation continue accréditée par les barreaux du Québec et de l'Ontario. Les professeurs **Adelle Blackett**, Ad. E., F.R.S.C., et **Lara Khoury**, Ad. E., lors d'une discussion animée par le doyen **Robert Leckey**, ont présenté leurs recherches d'actualité sur des enjeux juridiques soulevés par la COVID-19. Apprenez-en davantage sur leurs travaux à la page 10.



Has the Grass Ever Been Greener? (Anti)Blackness in Canada in the Era of COVID-19

In a discussion moderated by **Brittany Williams**, BCL/LLB'19, panelists **Annamaria Enenajor**, BCL/LLB'12, **Anthony Morgan**, BCL/LLB'12, **Émilie Nicolas** and **Desmond Cole** (*The Skin We're In*) debunked the myth of the "Canadian exception," according to which racism is 'not as bad' on our side of the border.

The panelists notably brought up the numerous ways in which the pandemic has a disproportionate health and legal impact on Black communities. Law student **Chukwubuike Nnebe**, BCom'16, concluded the discussion with a thought-provoking Q&A with questions submitted by the listeners.

Homecoming 2019 Law Alumni Banquet

photos by Nicolas Morin

It has become a cherished tradition for generations of McGill Law graduates to reunite at the Faculty's Law Alumni Banquet.

Plus de 350 membres de la communauté diplômée ont répondu à l'invitation en 2019. Le professeur et diplômé l'honorable **David Lametti**, PC, QC, MP, BCL'89, LLB'89, actuel ministre de la Justice et procureur général du Canada, a prononcé le discours d'honneur.



(above) Special guest Professor David Lametti, PC, QC, MP, BCL'89, LLB'89, currently Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada, wore his signature bowtie for the occasion.



Class of 89 members Paul Prosterman, Robert Joseph, Dimitri Mastrocola, Josée Noiseux, Faculty Advisory Board member Arthur Wechsler, and other guests.

(below) Table 16, including Azim Hussain, BCL'00, LLB'00, Eric Mendelsohn, BCL'01, LLB'01, LLM'13; David E. Roberge, BCL'01, LLB'01, Mira Gauvin, BCL'99, LLB'99, Isabelle Tremblay, BCL'99, LLB'99.



(above) Some members of the class of 1989, including Jennifer Dolman, Faculty Advisory Board Chair Tony Fata, Roberto Buffone and his spouse, Kenneth Aboud, and Tom Friedland.



(above) Class of 1984 attendees included Stephen Fogarty, Charlene Laprise, David Wiseman and Nancy Wiseman, Dominique Monet, Marc Barbeau, and Robert Torralbo.



(above) Jean-Philippe MacKay, BCL/LLB'14, Chris Durrant, BCL/LLB'14, Jean-Marc Lacourcière, BCL/LLB'14, Cai Cheng, BCL/LLB'17, Jordan Altman, BCL/LLB'14, Roger Bill, BCL/LLB'14, Stephen De Four-Wyre, BCL/LLB'14, and Julia Betts, BCL/LLB'14.



(above) One of the tables dedicated to the Class of 1989, including Douglas Yip and Gerry Apostolatos.



(below) Table 27 included Stephen Drymer, BCL'90, LLB'90, Alexandre Bien-Aimé, BCL/LLB'10, Jack Fattal, BCL/LLB'10, Matthew Chung, BCL/LLB'17, and Fortunat Nadima, BCL/LLB'17.



(above) Amanda Gibeault, BCL/LLB'14, Laurence Ricard, BCL/LLB'13, Laure Prévost, BCL/LLB'13, Marie-Laure Tapp BCL/LLB'14, et d'autres camarades de leur promotion.



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Cocktail des jeunes diplômé.e.s de Montréal

photos par Nicolas Morin

Le 12 février 2020, nos diplômé.e.s de la région de Montréal ayant terminé leurs études au cours des dix dernières années se sont réuni.e.s dans l'atrium à l'occasion de leur cocktail annuel.



(en haut) Marie-Pier Cloutier, BCL/LLB'13, a prononcé un court discours pour ouvrir l'événement.

(à gauche) Nadir Pracha, BCL/LLB'16, et Eric van Eyken, BCL/LLB'09.



(en haut) Andrea Baptiste, BCL/LLB'19, le doyen Robert Leckey, BCL/LLB'02, et Brittany Williams, BCL/LLB'19.

(à droite) Cette rencontre annuelle permet de tisser de nouveaux liens parmi la communauté des diplômé.e.s ayant terminé leurs études au cours des dix dernières années.



(en haut) L'atrium bondé était animé de conversations entre collègues de classe.



Toronto Young Alumni Cocktail

photos by Taurus Multimedia



(above) James Doris, BCL'90, LLB'90, the Hon. Mahmud Jahmal, BCL/LLB'93, and Randolph Hahn, LLB'94.

(above) Event host Neil Sternthal, LLB'95, Stephen Halperin, BCL'75, LLB'78, Greg David, BCL/LLB'93, and Michael Sax, BCL'74, LLB'75.

(below) Kirk Emery, BCL/LLB'13, Andrew Baker, BCL/LLB'14, Claire Gowdy, BCL/LLB'13, Jagtaran Singh, BCL/LLB'12, Vladimira Ivanov, BCL/LLB'14, and Aaron Wenner, BCL/LLB'15.



In November 2019, the Faculty of Law held its annual Toronto Law Alumni Cocktail, graciously hosted by Thomson Reuters.



(above) Alex Don, LLM'17, Rapti Ratnayake, LLB'18, and Trevor May MA'16, BCL/LLB'19.

(left) Zachary Shefman, BCL/LLB'18, Julie Lesage, BCL/LLB'17, Agatha Wong, BCL/LLB'18, Massimo Orsini, BCL/LLB'18, and Samantha Samuels, BCL/LLB'18.

Cocktail diplômé à Ottawa

photos by Dave Chan



(en haut) Kandice Ardiel, BCL/LLB'08, Meagan Hough, BCL/LLB'07, et Louise Haberl, LLB'86, BCL'86.

(en bas) Près de 80 diplômé.e.s représentant des promotions de 1956 à 2019 ont répondu à l'invitation.



(en haut) Le doyen Robert Leckey, BCL/LLB'02, Peter Doherty, BCL/LLB'19, et Marc-André Roy, BCL/LLB'13.



Le 17 septembre 2019, les membres de la communauté diplômée de la région d'Ottawa se sont retrouvés à la Brasserie Metropolitain pour une soirée chaleureuse entre camarades.



(en haut) Chaque année, rires et sourires sont au rendez-vous lors de ces joviales retrouvailles annuelles.

(à gauche) Meg Jones, BCL/LLB'18, le doyen Robert Leckey, BCL/LLB'02, et André Capretti, BCL/LLB'18.

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New York City Cocktail

photos by David Beyda

On October 30, 2019, we were delighted to reconnect with our NYC area alumni at a cocktail hosted by Jordan Waxman, BCL'91, LLB'92, in the HighTower offices.



(above) Cédric Soule BCL/LLB'10, and Viva Dadwal, BCL/LLB'19.

(below) Ngozi Okidegbe, BCL/LLB'15, Tara Mani, BCL'95, LLB'95, and Mark Chapman, BCL'95, LLB'95.



(above) Ian Cuillerier, BCL'95, LLB'95, Rena Shadowitz, BCL'98, LLB'98, and Career Development Office Director Sophie Roy-Lafleur, BCL/LLB'11.



(right) Damion Stodola, BCL/LLB'01, Dilshad Marolia, BCL/LLB'02, and Valerie Vena, BCL/LLB'02.

(below) Peter Pound, BCL'01, LLB'01, Dean Robert Leckey, BCL/LLB'02, and event host Jordan Waxman, BCL'91, LLB'92.



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In Memoriam

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Allan Salomon, BCL'66
Anne Saris, LLB'99, DCL'05
Charles L. Smiley, BCL'68, LLB'69
George P. Springate, CM, BCL'68, LLB'69
Richard Starck, LLB'81, BCL'82
Myer M. Stern, BCL'67
Jo-Coreen Waters, BCL'81, LLB'82
Arthur A. Yanofsky, QC, BCL'53
The Hon. Dionysia (Denny) Zerbisias, BCL'62
John Kirkpatrick (former Law Library staff)

ALUMNOTES —

The '60s and '70s

JAMIE CAMERON, LLB'78, has retired from Osgoode Hall Law School, where she began teaching in 1984. A beloved teacher and highly respected scholar, her research and teaching interests focused on the Charter, freedom of expression and of the press, the Supreme Court of Canada, and criminal law.

The Hon. **PEPITA G. CAPRIOLO**, BCL'75, a supernumerary justice of the Superior Court of Quebec, has been commissioned by the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Montreal to conduct an independent external investigation regarding a diocesan priest found guilty of sexual assault of minors.

Professor Emeritus the Hon. **IRWIN COTLER**, OC, OQ, PC, BA'61, BCL'64, LLB'19, was named Special Envoy on Preserving Holocaust Remembrance & Combatting Antisemitism by Prime Minister Justin Trudeau in November 2020.

MARIE GIGUÈRE, CM, Ad E, BCL'75, qui siège aux conseils d'administration du Groupe TMX et d'Ivanhoé Cambridge, a été nommée membre de l'Ordre du Canada.

Professor emerita **MARGARET SOMERVILLE**, AM, FRSC, DCL'78, now a Professor of Bioethics at the University of Notre Dame, in Sydney, Australia, and at its School of Medicine, was named a Dame of the Order of St. Gregory the Great by Pope Francis.

The '80s

MARC BARBEAU, BCL'84, LLB'84, was recognized by *Lexpert* as a leading lawyer for 2020 in Corporate Commercial, Corporate Finance & Securities, Corporate Mid-Market, Mergers & Acquisitions and Private Equity. Barbeau, who chairs Stikeman Elliot LLP and teaches at the Faculty as an Adjunct Professor, gave a thoughtful presentation to first-year students on legal ethics and professionalism during this fall's Integration Week.

The Hon. **CLÉMENT GASCON**, BCL'81, joined Woods LLP as Senior Counsel in the spring of 2020, after completing his reserve judgments during the six months following his retirement from the Supreme Court of Canada. His return to private practice follows more than 17 years as member of the judiciary.

SHAHIR GUINDI, BCL'89, LLB'89, who is partner and national co-chair at Osler Hoskin & Harcourt LLP, was named Chair of the Chamber of Commerce of Metropolitan Montreal for 2019-2020.

WARREN J. NEWMAN, BCL'81, LLB'81, Senior Counsel in the Constitutional, Administrative & International Law Section of Justice of Canada, completed a PhD at Queen's University under the supervision of Dean Mark Walters, who previously held the F.R. Scott Chair in Public and Constitutional Law at McGill.

CLAIRE HOLDEN ROTHMAN, BCL'84, has published three novels and two collections of short stories. Her latest novel, *Lear's Shadow* (Penguin, 2018), won the 2019 Vine Award for Canadian Jewish Literature.

STUART RUSSELL, BCL'81, LLB'82, was appointed to the Nomination Committee of the Edelstam Prize. Based in Sweden, the Edelstam Prize is awarded every two years for outstanding contributions and courage in defence of human rights. Russell is also co-Chair of the Monitoring Committee on Attacks on Lawyers of the International Association of People's Lawyers. He has conducted research and published widely on attacks against lawyers around the world.

On 20 July 2020, **LINDA RYCHEL**, LLB'89, celebrated 28 years of federal public service and her last day of work in July 2020, happily retiring from her role as Senior Counsel in the Specific Claims Section of CIRNAC/ISC Legal Services, Justice Canada. When she graduated, Linda never imagined she would be a government lawyer, or that she would finish her career working for her classmate the Hon. **DAVID LAMETTI**, PC, QC, MP, BCL'89, LLB'89. An interesting end to a rewarding career, she says.

The '90s

RICHARD AFTANAS, LLB'94, joined the New York office of Hogan Lovells as a partner in the Corporate & Finance Group. He is a member of the firm's global Capital Markets leadership. Previously a partner at Kirkland & Ellis, he has worked on numerous IPOs and other public and private equity securities offerings, as well as high-yield and investment-grade debt offerings for companies in a wide range of industries. Aftanas is a member of the McGill Leaders' Advisory Board.

PETER BIRO, BCL'91, LLB'91, has launched the www.section1.ca civic education initiative and edited a related book titled *Constitutional Democracy under Stress: A Time for Heroic Citizenship* (Mosaic Press, 2020), which includes contributions from former faculty members **IRWIN COTLER**, BCL'64, LLB'19, and **ALISON HARVISON YOUNG**, BCL'83, LLB'83. After a 20-year career as a litigator and partner at two major firms in Toronto, he is now President and Chief Executive Officer of Newcon Optik, a leading manufacturer of electro-optics. Biro is the Chair Emeritus of the Jane Goodall Institute.

DONALD F. BUR, BCL'90, has published *Laws of the Constitution, Consolidated* (U. Alberta Press, 2020), which gathers all historical and contemporary constitutional documents pertaining to Canada, its provinces, and its territories, and organizes them thematically and topically. Throughout his career, Bur has focused on public law issues, and in particular issues of federalism, practising administrative and constitutional law.

JAMES DORIS, BCL'90, LLB'90, is one of the founding partners of Tyr LLP, a new trial-litigation boutique, which fellow law alumnus **CARLOS SAYAO**, BCL/LLB'14, has also joined as a partner. Prior to founding Tyr LLP in June 2019, he was a senior partner at Davies Ward Phillips & Vineberg LLP in the Litigation Group, where he practiced for over 25 years.

JIM HUGHES, BCL'91, became President and Chief Executive Officer of the Old Brewery Mission in September. Previously, he had been Executive Lead and Senior Fellow at the J.W. McConnell Family Foundation.

DOMINIQUE HUSSEY, LLB'97, Vice Chair and Toronto Managing Partner of Bennett Jones LLP, was named the Outstanding Practitioner in Patent Law by *Managing IP* in their Americas Awards 2020. Hussey also leads the firm's Intellectual Property Litigation Group and is co-head of its Innovation, Technology and Branding Group. Her practice involves all aspects of IP litigation and dispute resolution with an emphasis on litigation involving pharma/biotech patents, and trademarks.

ALEX JOHNSTON, BCL'99, LLB'99, is the Chief Executive Officer of 360 Concussion Care, which offers fully integrated, interdisciplinary care to help patients recover from concussions. The organization's advisory board includes another familiar face – McGill's past Principal the Rt. Hon. **DAVID JOHNSTON**, PC, CC, CMM, COM, CD, FRSC(hon), FRCPSC(hon), LLB'00.

PATRICIA KOSSEIM, BCL'92, LLB'92, was named Ontario's Information and Privacy Commissioner. She had been counsel for Osler, Hoskin & Harcourt LLP's Privacy & Data Management Group and National Co-leader of Osler's AccessPrivacy knowledge platform. Prior to her role with Osler, she worked as Senior General Counsel and Director General at the Office of the Privacy Commissioner of Canada for eleven years.

GAVIN A. MACFADYEN, LLB'98, left his private criminal law practice in 2019 to serve as an Assistant District Attorney in Plattsburgh, Clinton County, New York.

ISABELLE MARCOUX, CM, BCL'94, présidente du conseil de TC Transcontinental, a été nommée membre de l'Ordre du Canada. Marcoux siège aux conseils d'administration de Rogers Communications Inc. et de Power Corporation du Canada. Membre du conseil de la Fondation de l'Hôpital de Montréal pour enfants ainsi que du Comité consultatif de la Faculté de droit de McGill, elle s'implique auprès de Centraide Grand Montréal, où elle est présidente du Cercle des grands donateurs depuis 2018.

CATHERINE MCKENZIE, BCL'99, LLB'99, has retired from the practice of law after 23 years with IMK LLP. The best-selling author plans to continue writing, among other things. Her most recent novel is *You Can't Catch Me* (Simon & Schuster, 2020).

NICK RODRIGO, BCL'98, LLB'98, a partner in Davies Ward Phillips & Vineberg LLP's Montreal office, was inducted this past spring into the American College of Trial Lawyers. A leading trial and appellate lawyer, Rodrigo focuses on class action defence, particularly in relation to securities and competition law.

L'hon. **ALEXANDER PLESS**, BCL'98, LLB'98, précédemment avocat général principal de Justice Canada à Montréal, a été nommé juge de la Cour supérieure du Québec pour le district de Montréal. Un professeur auxiliaire de la Faculté de droit, le juge Pless y enseigne le contentieux administratif, le droit constitutionnel et le processus administratif depuis plusieurs années.

AMEE SANDHU, LLB'98, is the founder and principal lawyer of Lex Integra, a law firm dedicated to business law and corporate ethics. She advises clients on their legal, commercial, integrity, and compliance programs, needs, and questions. She frequently speaks on ethics, compliance programs, and anti-corruption law, and, occasionally, on diversity.

The '00s

JONATHAN AMIEL, BCL'02, LLB'02, received the DGDM Family Foundation Community Leadership and Volunteer Award of Excellence from the Montreal Children's Hospital.

ADAM CIEPLY, BCL/LLB'09, was named partner at White & Case LLP in New York. A member of their Global Mergers & Acquisitions Group, Cieply represents domestic and international buyers and sellers in public and private mergers and acquisitions, restructurings, joint ventures, and private investments.

LAINY DESTIN, BCL/LLB'07, took up the role of Strategic Planning & Coordination Analyst with Public Services and Procurement Canada. Destin has led a varied career as a federal public servant, working in turn as a policy advisor for Canada's Ambassador for Climate Change, for Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada, and for Indigenous Services Canada.

ALANNA DEVINE, BCL/LLB'06, started a private practice, Devine Animal Law, in July. She was previously the Montreal SPCA Director of Advocacy for a decade, during which she oversaw and modernized the organization's cruelty investigations department, and headed strategic campaigns that led to significant legislative victories for animals.

JULIEN FOURET, LLM'04, recently joined Eversheds Sutherland in Paris as partner in their International Arbitration and Public International Law Group. He also co-edited a new book, *The ICSID Convention, Regulations and Rules* (Elgar, 2019), which includes a piece from classmate **DAMIEN NYER**, LLM'04.

AZIM HUSSAIN, BCL'00, LLB'00, joined Montreal's NOVAlex as a partner in litigation and dispute resolution.

CHARMAINE LYN, BCL/LLB'03, joined Ashoka Canada as Director of Change-maker Education. She works with the Canadian Changemaker campuses and accompanies new campuses through the

designation process, all in an effort to support institutional change in Canadian post-secondary education.

GEETA NARANG, BCL'00, Partner at Narang & associés, was appointed to the position of puisne Judge of the Superior Court of Quebec for the district of Montreal.

YONATAN S. PETEL, BCL/LLB'08, a partner in McMillan LLP's Montreal office, was recognized as a Leading Lawyer Under 40 in the *Lexpert* 2019 Rising Stars Awards. As a financial services lawyer, he implemented a forgivable loan structure, generally only used for public subsidies, to enable financial support of an international acquisition by the target's customers. In the Champlain Bridge financing, his innovative use of a Quebec trust to circumvent restrictions on the assignment of Crown debts set a precedent for future federal P3s in the province.

DAVID-EMMANUEL ROBERGE, BCL'01, LLB'01, a fait l'objet d'un profil élogieux dans la série Figures de maître du Barreau du Québec. Y sont notamment soulignés son passage à la Cour suprême dans le dossier *Godbout c. Pagé* en 2017, son engagement pro bono dans des causes LGBTQ2, son implication dans la cause de l'aide médicale à mourir et son dévouement pour améliorer l'accès à la justice. Lire le profil : <https://mcgill.ca/x/4jN>

PIERRE-OLIVIER SAVOIE, BCL/LLB'05, et **PIERRE-OLIVIER LAPORTE**, BCL/LLB'05, ont fondé le cabinet de droit Savoie Laporte, qui détient des bureaux à Montréal et à Paris. Ils se spécialisent dans le droit international, en mettant l'accent sur le règlement des différends internationaux et le conseil aux États, aux organisations internationales et aux investisseurs internationaux.

LUCAS MATHIEU, BCL/JD'20, s'est joint au cabinet pour l'été.

JOYDEEP SENGUPTA, BCL/LLB'08, works in the Paris office of Mayer Brown LLP. His practice focuses on cross-border litigation, compliance, and enforcement matters. He has represented major Asian,

U.S., and European banks, as well as global corporations in internal investigations related to U.S. and European anti-money laundering, economic sanctions, market manipulation, and anti-corruption laws.

SAMUEL SINGER, BCL/LLB'09, LLM'11, was named an OBA Foundation Chief Justice of Ontario Fellow in Legal Ethics and Professionalism for 2019-2020 for his project on the ethical, professional, and record-keeping obligations of lawyers, judges, and other legal stakeholders serving trans clients. He began his career as a law professor at Thompson Rivers University in British Columbia, where he received the Upper Year Teaching Excellence Award in April. In July he joined the University of Ottawa's Faculty of Law as an Assistant Professor.

SARAH WOODS, BCL/LLB'03, has been named to the *Benchmark Top 50 Women Litigators in Canada* list. A partner at Woods LLP, Woods is a seasoned litigator who has appeared before all levels of court in Quebec and before the Federal Court. Her diverse practice includes all aspects of commercial litigation, including securities litigation, shareholder disputes and class actions. She teaches the Civil Litigation Workshop at the Faculty of Law.

The '10s and '20s

TIMIEBI AGANABA-JEANTY, LLM'12, DCL'16, is an Assistant Professor at the School for the Future of Innovation, Arizona State University. She is a member of the board of advisors of World View Enterprises, an aviation and aerospace company in Tucson, Arizona.

NORA AHMED, BCL/LLB'12, was appointed Legal Director at the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) of Louisiana. She conceptualized, led, and announced a project called "Justice Lab: Putting Racist Policing on Trial," in which the ACLU seeks to enlist the help of law firms and legal clinics to represent 1,000 plaintiffs to challenge unconstitutional stops and seizures.

AYODELE AKENROYE, DCL'18, is a Tribunal Member at the Immigration and Refugee Board of Canada, where he makes decisions on admissibility hearings and detention reviews for foreign nationals or permanent residents. He is also a Postdoctoral Fellow in Digital Justice at the Centre for Criminology and Sociolegal Studies, University of Toronto, researching the use of videoconferencing technology in Canadian criminal proceedings.

KELSEY ANGELEY, BCL/LLB'18, works as a Deputy Public Defender in Elko, Nevada, putting to use the skills that helped her bring the Sopinka Cup home to McGill. She reports that she is learning a great deal.

CHRISTIE BATES, BCL/LLB'16, joined Cassels Brock & Blackwell LLP in Toronto as an Intellectual Property Associate, where she has a broad practice in copyright advisory work, trademark prosecution, entertainment law, and intellectual property litigation. She was previously at McMillan LLP.

EMILIE BUNDOCK, BCL/LLB'12, a été nommée associée chez Fasken s.e.n.c.r.l. Elle est membre des groupes de pratique nationaux en droit de l'énergie, en droit minier et en droit autochtone. Elle concentre sa pratique sur le développement de projets d'énergie et de mise en valeur des ressources naturelles et sur le droit de l'environnement. Elle conseille aussi les clients en matière de droit autochtone.

KUZI CHARAMBA, LL.M'11, DCL'17, has published *Hired Guns and Human Rights. Global Governance and Access to Remedies in the Private Military and Security Industry* (Elgar, 2020), a monography that explores the challenges of regulating PMSCs, and the significant jurisprudential and practical difficulties that victims face in attaining recourse, whether through state or non-state, judicial or non-judicial mechanisms.

JOYEETA CHATTERJEE, LL.M'13, joined the Toulouse offices of Airbus as legal counsel. Previously, she was part of the aerospace team at Reed Smith. She specializes in corporate transactions with a specialty in financing and export-credit based projects, as well as international

Le 3 décembre, le Jeune Barreau de Montréal (JBM) a remis le prix de « leaders de demain » à trois membres de notre communauté diplômée :

TARA MANDJEE, BCL/LLB'13 (catégorie Pratique en contentieux / Juriste de l'État)

JORDAN ALTMAN, BCL/LLB'14 (catégorie Droit corporatif)

MICHAËL LESSARD, BCL/LLB'15 (catégorie Carrière alternative)

ERIC VAN EYKEN, BCL/LLB'09, et **ALEXANDRE SHEE**, BCL/LLB'11, figuraient également parmi les finalistes.

law, and the space and satellite industry. She volunteers on the Space Generation Advisory Council.

MARTHA CHERTKOW, BCL/LLB'15, moved to Ottawa to take up a position as Legal Counsel with Justice Canada after four years as Crown Counsel in Yellowknife, NWT.

TANYA DE MELLO, BCL/LLB'11, was appointed inaugural Assistant Dean for Student Programming, Development and Equity at Ryerson University. She was previously Director of Human Rights at Ryerson. In July, she defended her PhD at the University of Toronto, which focused on access to the legal sector in Toronto by examining recruitment and interview processes.

ALEX DOBROTA, BCL/LLB'10, a été nommé « Avocat de l'année 2019 » du Jeune Barreau de Montréal dans la catégorie Litige civil et commercial, et répertorié sur la *Benchmark 40 and Under Hot List*, qui recense les talents les plus prometteurs de la communauté du litige aux États-Unis et au Canada. Associé chez Woods s.e.n.c.r.l., Dobrota se spécialise dans les litiges commerciaux, l'arbitrage international et les affaires d'insolvabilité transfrontalière. Avec sa collègue **SARAH WOODS**, BCL/LLB'03, il coenseigne le « Civil Litigation Workshop » à la Faculté de droit.

JENNIFER DROUIN, BCL/LLB'18, vient d'être embauchée comme avocate, vulgarisatrice juridique et traductrice par Éducaloi, un OSBL dédié à la vulgarisation des notions de droit pour la population québécoise. Elle y avait effectué son stage.

JUSTIN FISCH, BCL/LLB'16, who practices at Morrison & Foerster LLP in California, with a focus on environmental, land use, energy, and social impact law, was recently featured as a nature expedition guide on French-language channel TV5. Fisch teaches environmental law at the University of Ottawa's Department of Geography, Environment and Geomatics.

CONRAD FLACZYK, BCL/LLB'18, joined Norton Rose Fulbright LLP in Toronto as a knowledge and innovation lawyer, where he supplies major practice groups with relevant legal updates. He articulated at Gowlings with their corporate, litigation, and debt recovery groups.

JOSEPH MURDOCH-FLOWERS, BCL/LLB'12, who was a Justice of the Peace and Youth Court Judge for over two years in Iqaluit, Nunavut, has joined Nunavut Legal Aid as a staff lawyer. He provides legal guidance in relation to civil matters. He generously recorded a video addressed to our first-year students' Integration Workshop this fall.

ALEXANDRE FOREST, BCL/LLB'10, a été nommé associé chez Gowing WLG s.e.n.c.r.l. Il œuvre au sein des groupes de Réorganisation, faillite et insolvabilité et de Litige commercial, où sa pratique consiste à représenter les sociétés en processus de restructuration et leurs créanciers. Me Forest a été Bâtonnier du Barreau de Montréal en 2019-2020.

KATE GLOVER, DCL'17, joined Osgoode Hall Law School in July 2020 as an Assistant Professor. Glover teaches and researches in the areas of administrative law and public law, with a focus on the nature, design, operation, and oversight of the administrative state. She previously taught in the Faculty of Law at Western University.

RHONDA GRINTUCH, BCL/LLB'12, a été nommée associée chez Fasken s.e.n.c.r.l. Elle travaille au sein du groupe Travail, emploi et droits de la personne. Sa pratique s'oriente vers le droit de l'emploi, comme des questions stratégiques en matière d'embauche, de mise à pied et de congédiement, ainsi que des normes d'emploi aux niveaux fédéral et provincial. Elle offre également des conseils en matière de relations de travail, notamment en arbitrage de griefs et en accréditation syndicale.

JENNIFER HARDING-MARLIN, BCL/LLB'14, won five medals at a national swimming competition in February and hoped to compete in the 2020 summer Olympics, now postponed to 2021. Since her graduation, she has moved to the Caribbean and become a lawyer in St. Kitts & Nevis. She has established a private legal practice specializing in citizenship by investment and in corporate commercial law.

GJERGJI HASA, BCL/LLB'13, founded Hasa Attorneys in 2016, where he is Managing Partner. Based in Montreal, the firm's main area of practice is the broad field of immigration, as well as criminal law, family law, administrative law, and mediation.

SAJEDA HEDARALY, BCL/LLB'18, vient de rejoindre le cabinet montréalais de McCarthy Tétrault à titre d'avocate en litige. Avant de se joindre au cabinet, elle a occupé le poste d'auxiliaire juridique à la Cour suprême du Canada auprès des juges **CLÉMENT GASCON**, BCL'81, et **NICHOLAS KASIRER**, BCL'85, LLB'85. Elle a aussi travaillé comme auxiliaire juridique à la Cour d'appel de l'Ontario pour les juges Paul Rouleau et Katherine van Rensburg.

KENDRA ALEXIA HEFTI, BCL/LLB'16, has been named Chief Executive Officer of eGovern, a company based in the United Arab Emirates that helps clients identify, design, and implement blockchain solutions. She was previously Global Blockchain Leader, Indirect Tax, at Deloitte. She is a member of the Fintech Advisory Board for the Government of Bermuda and an Advisory Board Member of Women Entrepreneurs Global.

ROSEL KIM, BCL/LLB'15, joined the Women's Legal Education and Action Fund (LEAF) Canada as a staff lawyer, working closely with fellow staff lawyer **CEE STRAUSS**, BCL/LLB'16, and their Executive Director & General Counsel, **MEGAN STEPHENS**, BA'94, BCL/LLB'02. Kim had worked at a financial technology company and as an associate at a Bay Street firm. She is one of the founding members of the Asian Canadian Women's Alliance. In 2017, Kim was selected as one of the 25 CivicAction DiverseCity Fellows in the Greater Toronto and Hamilton region for her leadership potential.

SAAM MASHHAD, BCL/LLB'17, has made a jump over to California to start up Litty, a technology company that uses data and capital to help plaintiffs and attorneys achieve better legal outcomes, after a three-year stint at Norton Rose Fulbright in Toronto. He generously recorded a video addressed to our first-year students' Integration Workshop this fall.

LUCAS MATHIEU, BCL/JD'20, s'est joint au cabinet Savoie Laporte, fondé par **PIERRE-OLIVIER SAVOIE**, BCL/LLB'05, et **PIERRE-OLIVIER LAPORTE**, BCL/LLB'05, pour l'été, avant d'entamer une cléricature à la Cour internationale de Justice.

LIAM MCHUGH-RUSSELL, LL.M'13, who was a postdoctoral researcher with the Labour Law and Development Research Laboratory in 2019, started in July as Assistant Professor at the Schulich School of Law, Dalhousie University. He teaches labour law and business law and is continuing his

research on law and development, the political economy of law, and the intersection of law and knowledge.

ANTHONY MORGAN, BCL/LLB'12, was named one of the *100 Most Influential People of African Descent in Government and Politics, Under 40*, in the "Politics and Governance" category during this year's United Nations General Assembly.

IÑAKI NAVARETTE, BCL/LLB'16, has been offered the position of Associate Legal Officer at the International Court of Justice in The Hague. He will be working with Judge Peter Tomka, with whom he worked also as a Judicial Fellow (international clerk) in 2019-2020.

PATRYCJA NOWAKOWSKA, BCL/LLB'15, a remporté le second prix de l'*International Debate Championship*, le pendant anglophone du concours oratoire Paris-Montréal organisé par le Jeune Barreau de Montréal. Son discours répondait à l'amusante question de savoir si un passager assis sur le siège du milieu dans un avion peut utiliser les deux accoudoirs. M^e Nowakowska est avocate chez Bergman & Associates à Montréal.

ZOÉ POULIOT-MASSE, BCL/LLB'18, a décroché un poste d'avocate-rechercheur en droit criminel à la Cour supérieure du Québec, après un passage chez Édulaloi.

NGOZI OKIDEGBE, BCL/LLB'15, was appointed Assistant Professor at Cardozo Law School, effective July 2020. She held the Harold A. Stevens Visiting Assistant Professorship at Cardozo during the 2019-2020 academic year. Okidegbe's research focuses on criminal procedure, evidence, and critical race theory. Her work explores how race, and ideas about race, can affect procedural and evidentiary outcomes in the criminal justice system.

ANNE-SOPHIE OUELLET, BCL/LLB'17, a été recrutée comme avocate spécialisée en droit du travail chez Beauvais Truchon s.e.n.c.r.l., après un stage chez Norton Rose Fulbright. Elle a été auxiliaire juridique à la Cour suprême du Canada auprès du juge **CLÉMENT GASCON**, BCL'81, en 2018-2019.

VINCENT RANGER, BCL/LLB'12, a lancé *Per curiam* avocats en 2018, un cabinet québécois dédié exclusivement à l'appel en matière civile. Le cabinet œuvre principalement dans les domaines du droit civil, du droit commercial, du droit familial et du droit public.

BROCK N. RUTTER, LLM'12, an expert in privacy, cybersecurity, compliance, and risk, has joined HITRUST as a senior Standards CSF Analyst. He helps to institute best practices and provide guidance in the unsettled and evolving area of privacy and security supporting global clinical trials.

SVETLANA SAMOCHKINE, BCL/LLB'11, a été nommée associée chez Fasken s.e.n.c.r.l. Elle est membre du groupe Financement et opérations bancaires du bureau de Montréal. Elle représente tant les institutions financières que les emprunteurs dans le cadre de prêts syndiqués, de financements de projets et d'autres opérations de financement à l'échelle nationale et internationale.

SIMONE SAMUELS, BCL/LLB'14, was appointed Director of Outreach Programs at the Ontario Justice Education Network (OJEN), a bilingual organization dedicated to promoting understanding, education, and dialogue to support a responsive and inclusive justice system.

STEFANIE V. SANTANA, BCL/LLB'19, joined LegalForce Inc. in May 2019, a legal tech company in Tokyo, Japan, that provides contract review services powered by artificial intelligence. As Practice Development Lead, she launched a system that can review nearly a dozen English-language contract types. She is the co-founder of the Latin American Alliance for Legal Innovation (ALIL).

CARLOS SAYAO, BCL/LLB'14, has joined trial-litigation boutique Tyr LLP, founded by fellow law alumnus **JAMES DORIS**, BCL/LLB'90, as a partner. His practice includes a focus on sports-related litigation, as well as a variety of litigation and arbitration proceedings, including class actions, contract disputes, securities law disputes, and environmental claims.

McGill Law alumni step up during the pandemic

FAHAD DIWAN, BCL/LLB'17, **ALEX DON**, LLM'17, Mark Mejia, LLM'17, and **JANE BOLUJO KUPOLATI**, LLM'20, started and joined the **National Canadian Lawyers' Initiative** (natcanlaw.com), an online platform that provides free legal assistance to those affected by the COVID-19 crisis in Canada. The platform matches practitioners ("mentors") and law students with Canadians in need of legal guidance because of the crisis. Law students are able to obtain hands-on experience while contributing to society. The goal is to have students' experience counted towards the Law Society of Ontario and Quebec Bar's articling requirements. Several McGill Law students are volunteering with the initiative.

In April, employment and human rights lawyer **LAEKA ISHAT REZA**, BCL/LLB'11, and Assistant Crown Attorney **ANYA KORTENAAR**, BCL/LLB'11, launched the **COVID LawHive** (lawhive.ca), which provided pro bono summary legal advice to members of the public during the summer. This Canadian initiative comprised a team of volunteer lawyers and law students, most connected to the Faculty. They answered over 100 questions from across Canada on pandemic-related matters connected to employment, government assistance, housing, family law, and consumer protection.

JESSICA CYTRYN, BCL/LLB'19, **TALIA RALPH**, BCL/LLB'19, **SYDNEY WARSHAW**, BCL/LLB'17, and **PIERRE-GABRIEL GRÉGOIRE**, BCL/LLB'19, along with several students, organized the **Montreal Restaurant Workers Relief Fund**. The Fund provides emergency assistance to workers in the hard-hit hospitality industry to help them pay for immediate necessities. Through an active crowdfunding campaign, a dynamic presence on Instagram (@mtlrwrf), and several partnerships with Montreal businesses, the Fund has raised nearly \$175,000 and distributed one-time e-transfers of \$50, \$100 or \$150 to over 900 workers. Find out more in our June *Focus online* story: mcgill.ca/x/4Hs.

University of Alberta professor and lawyer **PETER SANKOFF** launched the **#100Interns project** in early April to help students find internships after many saw their summer job plans cancelled. Through his efforts, at least seven McGill Law students were among the 100 students across Canada who secured a funded summer internship, including with Ruby, Schiller & Enenajor, where **ANNAMARIA ENENAJOR**, BCL/LLB'12, is a partner.

As the pandemic continues to affect the global economy, many class actions related to it have been filed in the United States, Canada, and Quebec. This spring, **JEAN-MICHEL BOUDREAU**, BCL/LLB'07, partner at IMK LLP, and **ANNE MERMINOD**, BCL/LLB'09, partner at Borden Ladner Gervais LLP, presented a webinar on this issue, examining the main themes and trends that are emerging from these proceedings. Merminod recently penned the "COVID-19 Class Actions Forecast," published by the American Bar Association.

YUAN STEVENS, BCL/LLB'17, is a co-principal investigator for the Data & Society Research Institute, a New York City-based think/do tank dedicated to addressing social, technical, ethical, legal, and policy issues emerging from data-centric technological development. She was appointed Policy Lead on Technology, Cybersecurity & Democracy at the Ryerson Leadership Lab.

CEE STRAUSS, BCL/LLB'16, joined the Women's Legal Education and Action Fund (LEAF) Canada as a staff lawyer, where she works with fellow staff lawyer

ROSEL KIM, BCL/LLB'15, and the organization's Executive Director & General Counsel, **MEGAN STEPHENS**, BA'94, BCL/LLB'02. Previously, Strauss worked as an associate at a criminal defence firm in Toronto; as a legal assistant at a civil litigation firm in Montreal; and as a clerk for Justice **SHEILAH L. MARTIN**, BCL'81, LLB'81, at the Supreme Court of Canada.

JUNAID SUBHAN, BCL/LLB'10, is Director, Legal Affairs, and Chief Compliance Officer at Sagard Holdings and

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MARIE-LAURE TAPP, BCL/LLB'14, a été nommée Agente du Programme de suivi des conditions de détention des immigrants de la Croix-Rouge canadienne pour l'Est du Canada, après un passage de deux ans à l'Université Laval comme auxiliaire de recherche de 2^e cycle et superviseuse d'équipe.

CEYDA TURAN, BCL/LLB'12, received in March the Toronto Lawyers Association Emerging Excellence Award. In her solo practice at Turan Law Office, she specializes in litigation of Indigenous and treaty rights, historic treaties, and dispute resolution through negotiations and mediation. She volunteers with Pro Bono Ontario, helping unaccompanied refugee minors navigate the refugee claims process and appearing on their behalf before the Immigration and Refugee Board of Canada.

ISAVELLA VASILOGEORGI, LL.M'12, DCL'17, has been a legal officer at the United Nations in New York for the past three years. A member of the Athens Bar Association, she is an attorney at law admitted to Greece's Courts of Appeal, where she specializes in Public International Law, International Organizations, International Administrative Law, Data Protection Law, and International Air & Space Law, among others.

BRITTANY WILLIAMS, BCL/LLB'19, s'est jointe à la Faculté à titre de doyenne adjointe intérimaire (admissions et recrutement) pour un mandat d'un an. Avant son embauche, elle était la gestionnaire des programmes et de la stratégie pour la Fondation Filles d'action. Au cours de ses études en droit, elle a détenu le rôle de directrice générale de la Clinique d'information juridique de McGill, elle a réalisé un mandat au sein de la direction de l'Association des étudiant.e.s en droit de McGill, et elle a activement contribué au *Women of Colour Collective*. Focus online l'a interviewée en décembre: <https://mcgill.ca/x/oTo>

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