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Hard to believe an incredible academic year is over, and we're busy planning for an even more remarkable one starting in August. I am looking forward to welcoming the next cohort of first year students and greeting all the returning students as well.

A special welcome to our newest faculty, Chris Essert and Gillian Hadfield, both teachers and scholars of international acclaim. They will contribute to the tremendous scholarly activity here at your law school, where on top of their contributions and scholarship, almost every day one can read an op-ed or interview in local, national, or international media showcasing the thought leadership generated by our faculty. We also discuss the big issues of the day through our panels and conferences. This year, I'm pleased to report we resurrected the annual Corporate and Commercial Law Conference, a jewel of our business scholarship for more than 50 years, and you can read up on this year's event in this edition of Nexus.

Another growing Faculty of Law initiative that is marking a milestone is the Indigenous Initiatives Office. Celebrating seven years, an auspicious anniversary in Indigenous cultures, we highlight it from its early days to the robust programming it features today.

And in keeping with our drive to innovate, our Global Professional LLM is bigger and better than ever, with new exciting concentrations and more executive graduate students from across the business and legal spectrum. Our cover story showcases the enthusiasm that fuels the teaching and learning successes of this unique program and, as you'll read, it's not just the students who are learning.

We had another spectacular Convocation, with more than 200 students now joining you to become a part of a remarkable and global alumni group. The Faculty of Law was honoured to have the Right Honourable Beverly McLachlin speak at the ceremony, and you can hear her [wonderful speech here](#). Read the fantastic Q & A with alumnus Michael Emory, founder and CEO of Allied REIT, a proud Canadian company, and of course, we have a number of Class Notes, one of your favourite sections to read.

All of this incredible activity—and much more!—has occurred in the Jackman Law Building, our beautiful home. Our students, faculty and community continue to benefit from the outstanding spaces made possible by the generosity of our alumni. And we are determined to continue to fill the law school with the very brightest and most deserving students, no matter their financial background. That's why I'm so proud to see generous alumni, such as Marcia Moffat and Campaign Co-Chair Mark Wiseman, step up with an outstanding gift of \$1M to their alma mater, including \$800,000 to support our students. The momentum to deepen financial aid continues to build and in this issue, we thank alumni from a variety of class years, such as Don Crawshaw, Lisa Talbot, Roslyn Tsao, Richard Shaw and Anne-Marie Sorrenti for their generosity. We are also very grateful for these early [supporters](#) and I hope we can add your name in a future issue too.

I never tire of telling the compelling story of the Faculty of Law, and the remarkable place it fills in Canada and the world. Enjoy this digital issue of Nexus, and have a fantastic summer!

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There's no question enthusiastic would be a word many people would use about me, and I think rightly so. I just love what I'm doing.

MICHAEL EMORY



Re: 1L Class Profile, Fall/Winter 2017

This is an interesting issue. I entered U of T Law in 1954 and graduated in 1957; got my call to the bar in 1959; and have actively been in the practice of law ever since, mostly as a sole practitioner.

I was delighted to see a picture of a half dozen of my graduating class on page 30 of this issue. It was noteworthy to me that, like the law which we all studied, I could still recognize each of them notwithstanding the changes that developed during the passage of over six decades.

I noted with interest the statistics concerning the 1Ls, and compared it as best I could to my class in 1954:

- I do not know how many applicants there were in 1954, it is entirely possible that all who applied were accepted;
- I do not know the age range or the average age of my classmates then, but it was probably comparable to the current group;
- There were approximately 75 students on the first day of lectures which was reduced by half following the results of the first set of exams in December – of these less than 30 graduated together;
- There were two women, one of which graduated with us, and the other graduated the following year;

- I do not think there were any mature students in our year;
- I do not recall any students of colour;
- There was no one who identified as LGBTQ;
- There was one student who had a disability (blindness) who did not return in the second year;
- I do not know the number, but I think that the large majority of the class were the first in family to attend law school – but do not have any idea about the other statistics in this grouping;
- With respect to the other bits and pieces of information, none of this is available with respect to my class.

From my graduating year of less than 30 students one became a judge of the Supreme Court of Canada, one became a judge of the Supreme Court of Ontario (as it then was called), and one went to work with the Government of Canada and was involved in the opening of Canada's Embassy in Beijing, and, having retired, is now playing the piano in a bar somewhere in Southeast Asia.

My conclusion is that the class who were 1Ls in 1954 would fit in rather comfortably with those in that class today.

Regards,
L. Murray Eades

PROMOTING STUDENT MENTAL HEALTH IS MY LEGACY. WHAT WILL YOURS BE?

Just like physical illness, mental illness can strike anyone at any time. Arnie Cader knows this very well. That's why he's making a gift to ensure that law students can get professional help if they need it.

Arnie, who has been a lawyer, business executive, corporate director and trustee, has also been a spokesperson for mental health since the mid 1980s, a time when stigma meant that many people were afraid of being associated with the cause.

When Arnie was drawing up his will, he knew U of T Law would be a key beneficiary. "I only have wonderful memories of my years at the law school," he says. "Those years gave me the basis for my life's work."

His gift—which includes annual instalments and a bequest—will support the extensive JD Mental Health Program, which offers in-demand counselling services and other support programs.

Making a charitable gift through his estate helped Arnie increase his contribution to the causes most important to him.

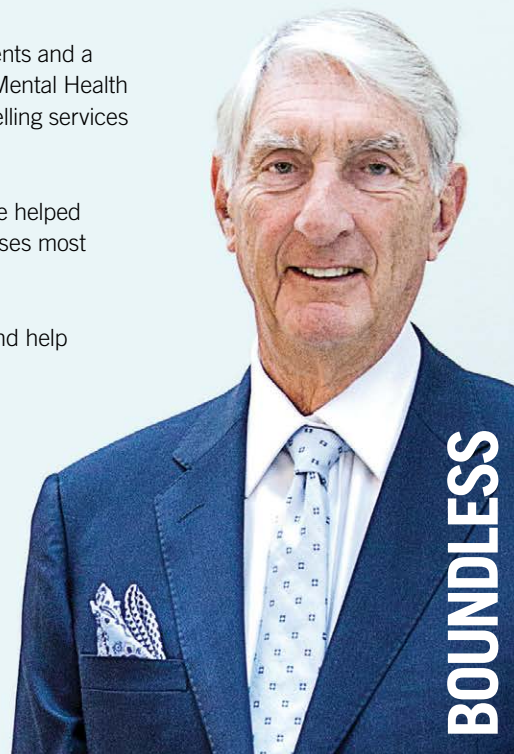
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Alumnus David Sandomierski wins a Governor General's Academic Gold Medal

Recent SJD graduate David Sandomierski has received a Governor General's Academic Gold Medal for his work. It is one of the most prestigious awards for graduate students in Canada, and one of three at the University of Toronto. The gold medal is awarded by each university to the graduate students who achieve the highest academic standing.

Sandomierski looked at ways to change the prevailing approach to teaching in law school so that students become more engaged citizens and versatile professionals. His dissertation focused on how contract law is taught in first year at law schools across the country (he focused only on common law). He interviewed 67 law faculty and used hundreds of primary documents for his paper. He says the nearly 150-year-old case method, which teaches students to think like lawyers by examining decisions and arguing both sides, gives "short shrift" to other important skills such as problem-solving and planning.

Sandomierski was a 2017-2018 visiting scholar at York University's Osgoode Law School, and he designed and co-taught a legal inquiry course at McMaster University, a published account of which received a Canadian Association of Law Teachers' award last year. He was also editor-in-chief of the McGill Law Journal, and served as a law clerk to former Chief Justice of Canada Beverley McLachlin. Sandomierski is now an assistant professor at Western University's law school, where he begins teaching this fall.



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Congrats to the 2018 Dean's Leadership Awardees

Dean Edward Iacobucci is delighted to announce that the recipients of the Dean's Leadership Awards for 1L and 2L students are:

Joshua Lokko (1L)
Cecile McKenzie (1L)
Leslie Anne St Amour (1L)
Zachary Biech (2L)
David Rybak (2L)
Paul Sahota (2L)

The Dean's Leadership Awards recognize the outstanding co- and extra-curricular leadership of our 1L and 2L students at the law school. Like U of T's Cressy awards for graduating students, our Leadership Awards value both traditional and non-traditional forms of leadership, including:

Leadership on U of T Law committees, clubs, organizations, journals and/or student government

Leadership related to equity and diversity at the law school and/or in the legal community

Encouragement of fellow students to become involved in co-curricular and/or extra-curricular activities

Contribution to a sense of community at U of T Law

This year, the selection process was so competitive that the selection committee decided to make an exception and select 3 students from each year. The Faculty of Law is very lucky to have so many engaged and thoughtful students who care about creating an inclusive and vibrant learning environment.



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Treasurers of the LSO: from Paul Schabas '84 to Malcolm Mercer '82

One alumnus of U of T Law has handed over the reins to another as treasurer of the Law Society of Ontario. The treasurer is the top elected official of the Law Society, which regulates Ontario's lawyers and paralegals in the public interest.

Paul Schabas '84 wrapped up his two-year term as treasurer on June 28, 2018. On June 28, the benchers of the Law Society chose alumnus Malcolm M. Mercer '82 as the new treasurer.

A partner with McCarthy Tétrault's Litigation Group, Mercer has been practising for 30 years and currently focuses on commercial and corporate matters and professional negligence. He also acts as the firm's general counsel and is the former co-leader of its national litigation practice.

Mercer was first elected as a Bencher in 2011 and was re-elected in 2015. He has chaired the Law Society's Advertising and Fee Arrangements Issues Working Group and served as vice-chair for the Professional Regulation Committee and the Alternative Business Structures Working Group, along with many other roles on committees of the LSO and with other associations. In 2013, he was recognized by the Canadian Bar Association with the prestigious Louis St. Laurent award. He is a director of Pro Bono Law Ontario and the Victorian Order of Nurses Canada. In 2014, he was voted one of Canadian Lawyer's Top 25 Most Influential Lawyers.



Reboot

Challenges and Opportunities in Corporate and Commercial Law - The 2018 C&C Law Workshop

The Faculty of Law was pleased to revive the Consumer and Commercial Law Workshop in April 2018. The workshop had been run by Professor Emeritus Jacob Ziegel since 1970. It was an annual event that brought together people who were interested in the latest developments in commercial and consumer-related areas of law.

Over the years, the workshop has featured many prominent legal thinkers from Canada and abroad, including justices of various court levels, leading practitioners, and legal scholars. The panels discussed developments concerning diverse areas of interest such as consumer protection, class action litigation, the 2008 Financial Crisis, securities regulation, and many other areas.

Under a slightly new name, the 2018 workshop welcomed roughly one hundred participants to the Faculty of Law to engage in conversations about developing corporate and commercial law topics in Canada. Throughout the day, speakers representing the bar, bench, regulatory community, and academy spoke at four panels, which covered the topics of insolvency law, cryptocurrency and crypto asset regulation, corporate governance, and mergers and acquisitions.

Professors Anita Anand and Adriana Robertson, co-chairs of the workshop, started the proceedings with a discussion about major Canadian corporate events related to the four panels' themes. Anand cited the fluctuating prices of cryptocurrencies, the *InterOil* decision from the Yukon Court of Appeal, and Bill C-25 as examples of recent developments that engage the four topics.

In the first of two morning panels, Professor Anthony Duggan moderated a panel on Canadian insolvency law featuring Andrew Kent (McMillan LLP),

the Honourable Justice Geoffrey Morawetz, and Robin Schwill (Davies LLP). The panel discussed various issues such as employees' and pensioners' claims and costs of proceedings. Workshop participants asked questions about the topics in relation to recent Canadian examples of corporate restructuring events such as Nortel and Danier and their impact on Canadians and the national economy.

Robertson moderated the second panel featuring Pat Chaukos (OSC Launchpad), Carol Derk (Borden Ladner Gervais LLP), and alumnus Josh Stark, JD 2013, discussing the economics and regulatory treatment of cryptocurrencies, crypto assets, and blockchain technology. The topic of the panel generated a significant number of questions from the audience who were interested in learning more about the underlying blockchain technology, the theory behind these crypto-based products, and regulatory approaches towards this nascent field.

At noon, Maureen Jensen, chair and CEO of the OSC, delivered keynote remarks titled "From Cryptocurrencies to Board Diversity: Regulating Fairly in an Era of Change." Jensen covered a wide array of contemporary challenges and opportunities for regulatory bodies, including the rise of cryptocurrencies and enhanced board diversity measures. Fundamentally, the challenges in regulating these new areas include the need for fairness and investor protection, while minimizing unnecessary regulatory costs for participants. She then answered questions from the audience including those related to enforcement activities for white-collar crime and how the OSC is addressing fintech innovation.

The workshop's afternoon events featured two panels that dealt with the topics of board governance and diversity

issues, and mergers and acquisitions.

In the third panel, Anand moderated a discussion featuring Stephen Erlichman (Fasken LLP and the Canadian Coalition of Good Governance), Professor Sarah Kaplan (Rotman School of Management), and Andrew MacDougall (Osler LLP). The conversation considered the current trends in board diversity initiatives including having greater board representation for women and other underrepresented groups in light of Bill C-25, as well as majority voting in Canada.

Finally, in the fourth panel of the day Anand moderated a panel featuring Naizam Kanji (OSC), John Tuer, and Cornell Wright (Torys LLP). The panel discussed recent Canadian decisions including the *InterOil* decision from the Yukon Court of Appeal and its impact on defensive tactics for target companies in takeover bid contexts. The discussion also examined the Aurora-CanniMed transaction and the role of confidential disclosure reports.

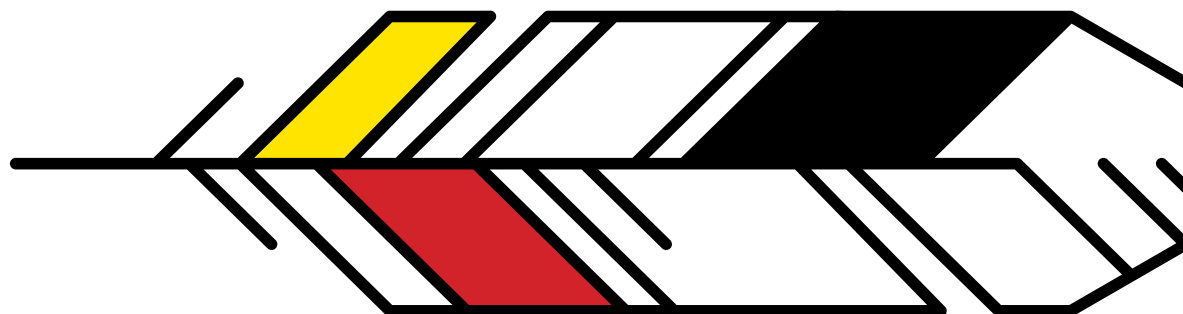
The Honourable Hal Jackman concluded the day's activities with remarks recalling his experience on boards of directors as well as his involvement with the workshop in years past. Jackman's remarks also highlighted the importance of continued engagement with corporate and commercial law topics in Canada. ↗

The 2018 Corporate and Commercial Law Workshop is the latest in a long series of annual conversations with leading practitioners, academics, and jurists in this area of law. With this year's event, the annual tradition has been re-started, so stay tuned for updates about our forthcoming 2019 Workshop, which will be shared on the Faculty of Law website.

By Alvin Yau
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The Indigenous Initiatives Office celebrates seven years—and looks seven generations beyond

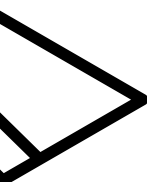
From small town Cochrane, Alberta to the hustle and bustle of Toronto, Nêhiyâw (Plains Cree) Zachary Biech left home in 2012 to pursue his undergraduate degree at U of T in public policy and governance, with minors in Aboriginal Studies and Russian—and to seek out community in the big city. The first person in his family to attend law school, he didn't make this decision lightly: Biech spoke to students and faculty at the Faculty of Law for a sense of what to expect. "I wanted to go to law school to become a lawyer so I can support Indigenous communities specifically. With its reputation for robust programming and the Indigenous and ally on-campus community, I knew U of T Law was the right school for me."

Now entering his third year of law, Biech says one of the Faculty's offerings that caught his attention was the Indigenous Initiatives Office and its programming. Celebrating its seventh anniversary, the IIO—formerly the Aboriginal Law Program—was launched when the province began funding post-secondary institutions to engage in strategies to recruit, retain, support and graduate Indigenous students.

It's an auspicious year for the IIO, as seven is a sacred number for many Indigenous Nations. For some, there are seven sacred directions, seven stages of life, seven sacred teachings, sometimes called seven Grandfather or Grandmother Teachings as well as the Big Dipper Teachings. The Iroquois Confederacy's Great Law and other Nations' teachings speak of the core value of the Seventh Generation, keeping in mind those who are not yet born. There are many more teachings too, and they are as diverse as the First Nations and tribes of these lands.

In the IIO's launch year, the Faculty of Law hired an Indigenous lawyer to help provide a relevant, responsive law school experience to Indigenous students, integrating their heritage into colonial law and education to reflect their voices and needs. The IIO manager position has been filled consecutively by Indigenous-identifying lawyers: Lisa Del Col of the Temiskaming First Nation in Notre-Dame-du-Nord, Quebec; alumna Promise Holmes Skinner, JD 2013, of the Cape Croker First Nation; and currently, Métis lawyer and alumna Amanda Carling, JD 2012. Acting as the daily touchstone for students, Carling consults with students and colleagues to develop programs that address the challenges and barriers Indigenous students often face when attempting to merge into a colonial education system.

"We wanted to make sure Indigenous students had the supports they felt they may need while at law school and beyond—academic supports, housing, financial aid, academic accommodations, daily touch points including meaningful connections between the outside community and Indigenous youth—to provide a welcoming, inclusive learning environment," says Alexis Archbold, a lawyer and assistant dean of the JD program. "We also developed youth-outreach programs, like our week-long Indigenous Youth Summer Program. Youth were recruited from across Canada, often from remote reserves, to come to Toronto to learn about Indigenous law and how it interacts with settler law, gathering with Indigenous law students and academics. After three successful summers we are hoping to offer this again."



In addition, the law school has gone much further than the talk of “recruitment to completion”: the IIO is working toward implementing the [TRC’s call to action #28](#), which calls upon law schools in Canada to provide skills-based training in intercultural competency, conflict resolution, human rights and antiracism. This, says Zach, is crucial. He’s the co-president of the [Indigenous Law Students’ Association](#) (ILSA), a role that led to his representing ILSA in the Faculty’s 2017 TRC Committee where he attended meetings throughout the year and participated in committee decision-making focused on Indigenous issues at the Faculty of Law.

In the seven years since its official launch, the IIO’s programming has become a robust commitment to supporting Indigenous students and creating community for them in the largest urban centre north of the medicine line. Indigenous students are encouraged to get involved in the community through externships offered at the Aboriginal Legal Services Clinic and fellowships available to Indigenous students to work at different community organizations and agencies over the summer. Last summer, Biech received the June Callwood Fellowship through the IIO.

“I worked at Aboriginal Legal Services as a research assistant helping the director write a legal textbook about Indigenous peoples and the Canadian criminal justice system,” says Biech. “This helped me build relevant experience and networks, which led to my job this summer. I’m employed at Olthuis Kleer Townshend LLP, one of Toronto’s top Aboriginal law firms.”

He applauds the variety and relevance of the academic Indigenous-focused programming, citing the Certificate in Aboriginal Legal Studies and the June Callwood Fellowship for Indigenous students as “very enriching experiences focused on Indigenous legal issues.”

Striving to break down the barriers between large institutions and Indigenous students across the country, the Faculty of Law wants prospective students to consider the University of Toronto law school as their potential community. Many initiatives are in full swing, such as regular [blanket exercises](#) (public workshops on Indigenous-settler history and reconciliation), a “See Yourself Here” day specifically for Indigenous youth interested in attending law school, group outings with students, faculty and staff to powwows, and the involvement of traditional teachers and elders on Indigenous governance and ethics. Senator Constance Simmonds, of the Toronto and York Region Métis Council, has provided the students with guidance and a sense of belonging.

“Students often come from northern communities and might be in shock, feel isolated and disconnected from tradition, ceremony and kin. I want to make sure students’ personhood stays intact, inside and out.” As an elder at the Law Society of Ontario with a professional background in health and wellness, addiction and trauma, Simmonds does her best to offer students stability and connection. She conducts bundle and medicine teachings as rites of passage, gathering students in a circle to talk and see each other, recognizing that each of them has a right to that space, as an Indigenous person in the law school. “I help students understand that bundles represent our ancestors, ourselves and the generations ahead of us. And that they are the first piece in their bundles.”

But the IIO is not just for and about Indigenous students. Amanda Carling takes its work directly into the classrooms, [co-teaching a course](#) with Professor Kent Roach about the prevention and rectification of wrongful convictions in the Canadian criminal justice system. “We need to look at the outcomes for Indigenous people in this system. Indigenous students don’t need this training because they are already living this and doing wonderfully in the program, but this is training for the settler students so that the institution can respond further in a meaningful way to the TRC’s calls to action. If we create a faculty that is prepared and educated, then Indigenous students won’t have to carry the load of educating other students and professors, which is often the case.” That, says Carling, is the type of education IIO programming is all about.

What does the future of the IIO look like? Biech hopes to see an even greater increase in Indigenous presence and visibility in academic and extracurricular settings throughout the Faculty of Law.

“The IIO’s recent National Aboriginal Day celebration event was my favourite to date, as it involved great food, friends and community members from within and beyond the law school, and a great hand-drumming lesson.”

Adds Biech: “The student volunteers, Indigenous and non-Indigenous, bring great energy and enthusiasm to the project and show a strong and growing sense of community coming together around Indigenous issues. I hope to see more space made for a strong curriculum focused on Indigenous laws and legal traditions.” ↩

Information about the 2018-19 [Indigenous Initiatives Office Speakers Series](#) is coming soon. You can view videos of past events on the [IIO YouTube Channel](#).



In the Global Professional LLM, learning occurs on both sides of the podium

When Sabrina A. Bandali, JD 2011, joined forces with Mariana Mota Prado, neither really knew what to expect from the collaboration. Prado, an associate professor and associate dean, graduate studies, at the Faculty of Law, had worked with Bandali, a trade and anti-corruption lawyer with Bennett Jones, in the legal committee of the Canadian chapter of Transparency International. Prado invited Bandali to continue their collaboration and co-design a course for the relatively new Global Professional Master of Laws program. This would be Bandali's first experience as an adjunct, and she wanted to ensure the course was useful and engaging for students.

"The GPLLM class is very much a class comprised of people with significant business experience," she said. "We wanted to weave together academic and practical dimensions. We wanted to stimulate a lot of discussion, and give students opportunities to test their ideas and challenge each other on different things." Together, Bandali and Prado designed a class freely drawing on real-life corruption cases "ripped from the headlines," including Brazil's Petrobras scandal and Canada's own SNC Lavalin. "We had Ameet Sandhu, SNC Lavalin's regional integrity head for the US and Latin America, come to speak to the class about what compliance looks like. We had investigators and defense lawyers," Bandali said. "I found it joyful, to be honest, to teach and learn from this cohort of students who have lived business experience, and to address very practically driven questions about challenges that their companies may really face."

The GPLLM has come a long way in its short life. Launched in 2011, the program initially enrolled just 17 students and featured Business Law as its sole concentration. Now, three additional streams are on offer, with a projected enrollment of more than 80 students this fall. These students learn from the law school's leading scholars, adjunct faculty and distinguished visiting faculty, all of whom lend their world class experiences to the various concentrations.

"The response we received from applicants and students has been very positive," Prado said. "It confirmed our intuition that a more diverse set of courses and streams would improve their academic experience and allow them to tailor their degrees to their particular interests and needs."

“When you’re teaching people who come to the material with a great deal of life experience, they bring a lot of added value to it,” said Emma Phillips, JD 2005

Adds Dean Edward Iacobucci: “The new concentrations in the GPLLM allow expansion of the program, and a welcome increase in the Faculty’s intellectual footprint both within and outside the legal profession, while maintaining small cohorts of students and enhancing academic focus. They have been very successful.”

In addition to Business Law, students are now able to choose among three other focused concentrations: Canadian Law in a Global Context; Innovation, Law and Technology; and the Law of Leadership. And while the program does draw a sizable business-based cohort, Assistant Dean Emily Orchard, JD 2005, says practicing lawyers see the merits as well. “There’s incredible value in executive legal education,” she said. “The courses we cover are very of the moment. Innovation Law, for one, is a perfect example of how we are wrestling with changes in technology and the impact of those changes on the practice of law.”

Exhibit A: Charles von Simson, whose long and successful legal career was literally transformed while he attended the program. “It sort of had a nice fit with my professional life at the time,” said von Simson, who, as a partner at Barclay Damon in Buffalo, was spending a lot of time in the firm’s Toronto office. Technology and software licensing formed a big part of his practice, and he enrolled in the GPLLM in part to develop stronger Canadian business connections. “I saw the Innovation, Law and Technology stream as a big opportunity.” That opportunity led to another, truly unexpected one. He decided to join ROSS Intelligence, an AI company founded at U of T that develops software for legal research. “I up and quit my firm,” he said, still sounding a bit surprised. Von Simson drew a direct link between his bold leap and the GPLLM. “For one thing, I really did gain a level of fluency in technology issues that put me in a position to be more useful at ROSS. And these guys were in Toronto, but wanted an American lawyer. So I think the fact that I was at U of T gave them a sense that I had some knowledge and comfort with Canada. I’m not even acting as a lawyer. I’m what’s called a subject matter expert.”

And von Simson isn’t done with the GPLLM either. He’ll be teaching a class in software commercialization next fall, in the very stream he attended as a student. “I’ll be dealing with people who are really motivated. They don’t have to do it. Many of them are paying for it themselves,” he said. “It’s also cool for your own professional development to really dig in. I’m looking at a lot of cases. It really deepens your own understanding.”

It may well be the lively interplay between the professionals at the front of the room and those behind the desks that sets this program apart. There’s something in it for everyone. The students learn from the teachers, and the faculty definitely learn from the students. “When you’re teaching people who come to the material with a great deal of life experience, they bring a lot of added value to it,” said Emma Phillips, JD 2005, a respected Toronto labour lawyer who is enthusiastic about teaching in the Law of Leadership concentration from its inception. “In the first class I taught, I had a student who was a pediatric surgeon, somebody from the PMO’s office, a retired MP and someone who’d been the chair of an administrative tribunal. I had a whole variety of students from interesting backgrounds, which

they brought to the legal questions we were discussing. That allowed us to apply legal principles to real life scenarios.”

That was happening in Brian Cheng’s classes as well. As vice-president and senior client services manager at the Bank of New York Mellon Corporation, much of Cheng’s work involves the review and execution of complex financial transactions. His quest to bolster his scant legal knowledge logically drew him to the Faculty of Law. “As a law school, U of T is the best in the country and definitely one of the best in the world. It was quite an easy decision from the get-go,” he said. “Reviewing legal contracts such as credit agreements or bond indentures, you have to really understand the nomenclature in order to fully interpret the four corners of a contract. Prior to this program I was looking at everything through a business lens.”

The program’s appeal is evident not only through the consistent growth in student enrollment year to year, but also by the number of faculty who choose to come back, despite having busy legal practices and bustling personal lives. “Any teaching engagement is a lot of work,” Bandali admitted. “But it’s a tremendous opportunity to engage with your practice in a different way. The advantage for lawyers in this environment is you’re engaging with the subject matter in a roomful of businesspeople. It’s about being able to have meaningful, rigorous conversations about the law, outside of the comfort zone of lawyer to lawyer. Outside the club.”

As part of their final class evaluation, Bandali and Prado drew on real-life files to create fictitious case studies for their students. Each group had to give advice to a hypothetical board of directors—played by the rest of the class—based on scenarios that included delayed shipments, mysterious payments, questionable moves at the border and other potential bribery and corruption red flags. Students considered issues including liability, potential law enforcement activity and compliance changes they might recommend. “It’s exactly the work that is on my desk on a day-to-day basis,” Bandali said. “It’s real, and it’s a great test of what the students learned and their ability to translate that into practical applications in their business.”

And it’s a great example of the challenging and intellectually charged atmosphere that exists in pretty much every class and every stream of the program, according to Emily Orchard. “Although we have incredibly senior and seasoned professionals in the classrooms, people with multiple degrees and certificates to their name, law is new to them,” she said. “You see that spark of passion that comes with looking at issues through a very different lens.”

Presented in this way, law is even new to the lawyers who sign up. Just ask Charles von Simson, freshly embarked on an entirely unforeseen career path. “I’d be surprised if anybody did the GPLLM and it didn’t turn out to be one of the greatest educational experiences they had, just because of where everybody is in their lives,” he said. “I would suspect that most of the people you talk to would say the same thing.”

Want to find out more about teaching in the Global Professional LLM program? Contact Assistant Dean Emily Orchard, emily.orchard@utoronto.ca, 416-978-6702

Campaign for Excellence without Barriers

Alumni rally to support Dean Ed Iacobucci's priority to significantly deepen student financial aid

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MARCIA MOFFAT AND MARK WISEMAN

Many alumni forge lifelong friendships during their three years of law school. That's why alumnus Mark Wiseman, LLB/MBA 1996, didn't hesitate to become Campaign Co-Chair—together with Melissa Kennedy, LLB 1997—when Dean Ed Iacobucci asked him. Ed and Mark were not only classmates, but also clerked together at the Supreme Court of Canada after graduation.

"We want to support the school overall and also want to support our classmate Ed's goals. We think he is doing a fantastic job of taking the law school to the next level."

Marcia Moffat, LLB/MBA 1996, echoes that same loyalty. "We believe in his vision for the law school, and it's a strategy that we're happy to support."

Marcia and Mark have just given a tremendous gift of \$1 million to the law school and to the Rotman School of Management, with the largest portion dedicated to the Moffat/Wiseman Bursaries at Law. "We want to take away the barrier of financing, so that we continue to educate the most talented people and give them opportunities, regardless of their financial background," says Moffat.

"We're very fortunate to have graduated from the LLB/MBA program," says Wiseman. "That education really set us on a path for success in our careers, and we were also fortunate to go to the law school at a time when it was much less costly, frankly. Even though tuition then was a fraction of the cost of what it is today, it still wasn't easy. Today is even harder," said Wiseman, chairman and global head of active equities of BlackRock Alternative Investors. During law school, he worked and received financial aid.



MARK WISEMAN AND MARCIA MOFFAT

"And I had three jobs while I was in law school," says Moffat, now the managing director of BlackRock Canada.

In addition to being the place where she met her spouse, Moffat says she has vivid memories of the diversity of thought during her law school days. "Stepping into that environment from a science background where I didn't have such debate, I was surrounded by people with some very strong views on either one or another end of the spectrum. It was a wonderful environment and my hope is that this environment continues to thrive."

Wiseman agrees. As Campaign Co-Chair, he has this message for all alumni: "We have to protect, grow, and enable world-class institutions like the Faculty of Law to flourish. We need to ensure that the best students are able to achieve their excellence without financial barriers. And we believe that anybody who is a beneficiary of that excellent institution and has the means to do so ought to give back—and pay it forward."

Moffat is keen to drum up "some U of T Faculty of Law spirit" throughout the student body and the alumni base because "...it's an institution we should all be proud of and want to support well into the future."

The Campaign is off to a great start with momentum continuing to build. "I think we're going to meet our goal, and then some," says Wiseman.

And what is that goal? We'll divulge that information on September 27, 2018. Stay tuned.

By Karen Gross
Photography by Michelle Yee, Jeff Kirk & Nick Wong



DONALD CRAWSHAW

Born in Hamilton and raised in a handful of small cities and towns across Ontario, Donald Crawshaw, LLB 1982, had never set foot in New York City before arriving at Columbia University—after leaving U of T law school with the Gold Medal. “It hadn’t crossed my mind to do a graduate degree, but then Dean Frank Iacobucci, Rob Prichard and Jacob Ziegel strongly encouraged me to do it,” he says. “New York was a lot more dangerous and probably more exciting back then.”

Crawshaw liked it so much, he took a job with the powerhouse firm Sullivan & Cromwell LLP, as their first ever Canadian hire. He became the firm’s Canadian recruiting lead and has since been instrumental in hiring many new graduates to S&C and taking a broader leadership role supporting talented Canadian law students to realize their dream of working in NYC. “Many of the people who come here don’t end up staying indefinitely, but they have an incredible experience that serves them well for the rest of their careers.”

Throughout his stellar securities law career—now spanning decades—the soft-spoken Crawshaw has been a steadfast supporter of the Faculty of Law. He currently serves as the NYC regional chair of the Campaign for Excellence without Barriers. Following an outstanding gift of \$350,000 to support the Jackman Law Building, he has now donated more than \$200,000 to create the Robert and Sondra Crawshaw Bursary, named to honour his parents.

“People who graduate from a great law school like U of T are very blessed and should seriously think about giving back. It’s much more commonly done here in the U.S., where there’s a long tradition of it.”

For U of T grads, he reflects that the outstanding students admitted, combined with the rigorous legal education provided at the law school, produces graduates who easily match wits with their American counterparts. “They’re also generally really nice people,” he adds. “Canadians have very good press in the U.S.”

LISA TALBOT

Almost 20 years out of law school, Lisa Talbot, LLB 1999, still speaks in the awed tones of a freshly minted graduate. Growing up in Niagara Falls, both of her parents were school teachers. “Before coming here I didn’t know any lawyers, and law school was a dream of mine that seemed somewhat unattainable. So I just feel really grateful that I had the opportunity.” Talbot took that opportunity and ran with it. As a partner at Torys, she’s a respected litigator specializing in employment law and advisory work. A few years ago she was recognized as one of Lexpert’s Leading Lawyers Under 40. “I like the idea of taking on someone else’s burden and helping them work through a problem,” Talbot says. “I’ve also been lucky to work with people I really respect and learn from every day. It’s a privilege.”

As part of the law school’s mentoring program, Talbot has maintained ties to the campus and its vast intellectual depth. Her efforts with students led to lasting friendships and an enduring belief in the value of a richly varied student base. “I’m really passionate about the need for diversity in our profession,” she says. “I believe that having a strong financial assistance program is key to promoting diversity. It also allows for more choice after graduation. Young lawyers are better able to consider careers in public law or social justice if they’re not carrying challenging debt.” That’s why she supported the law school with a generous \$50,000 gift to create the Lisa Talbot Bursary.

It all makes sense to Talbot, who can still easily connect with her younger self despite how far her career has come. “From a personal standpoint, I’m thankful to have had the opportunity to go to law school and be part of this profession,” she says. “At current tuition levels, and without financial aid, I likely would not have been able to attend. I think about how grateful I would have been to get that hand.”





ROSLYN TSAO

As managing partner at Epstein Cole, one of the busiest family law practices in Toronto, you'd be forgiven for assuming Roslyn Tsao has little time for anything beyond work and possibly a sliver of personal space. Yet not only is Tsao, LLB 1991, one of the most respected family law practitioners around, she is also a tireless volunteer, board member, mentor to young law students, organizer of milestone reunions, and determined fundraiser. Currently, Tsao is co-chair of her law class campaign, with the goal of building a \$200,000 bursary for future U of T law students. That last endeavour on the list has been a bit of challenge, Tsao notes wryly, because the class of 1991 was known to hold a bit of a grudge. "Our year was the year we had no building. For three years, we had no law library, and we were taking classes at Sid Smith," she says with a laugh. "We have had some bitterness in our year, but after 25 years, I think we're getting over it."

Tsao got over it as soon as she graduated. Her dedicated volunteer work within the law school earned her an Arbor Award in 2015. Outside the law school, she has co-chaired the university's Academic Discipline Tribunal since 2007, which oversees students campus-wide. Why does she do it? "Personally, the law school and the law degree gave me so many opportunities. I see that as sort of a seed to all the things I have done professionally and personally."

She's quite sure most of her classmates feel the same way, though it may have taken some a longer time to get there. "It goes beyond brick and mortar," Tsao says. "There are intangible benefits to ensuring that excellent students continue to graduate from this law school. It's an investment in our own reputation, and in paying it forward to students in need."

RICHARD SHAW

As chairman of Calgary-based Inter Pipeline Ltd., Richard Shaw, LLB 1971, oversees a public company with a market capitalization of about \$10 billion. And that's just one of the roles he fills, in what you might call his second career as a corporate director, following several decades as a successful corporate securities lawyer with McCarthy Tétrault. "I dealt with oil and gas. I dealt with pipelines. I dealt with electrical generation companies," he says. "I did pretty well the gamut of what you can do in securities and M&A in the energy space."

Shaw's route to the legal world was unexpected. The first in his family to graduate from university, he earned a science degree from McGill and went to work at IBM in Montreal. When a friend there told him he planned to attend law school, Shaw decided he'd try it too. "It wasn't something I had in my mind to do. In fact, I had not even considered it," he says. "It ended up being one of the best decisions I ever made. I tell that story a lot."

From law school, he joined what was then McCarthy & McCarthy, eventually relocating to Calgary to assist in establishing the firm's national presence. And although he's been in Alberta ever since, Shaw's consistent support of the Faculty of Law hasn't wavered. As part of the current financial aid Campaign for Excellence without Barriers, he and his wife Mary, a U of T alumna (MA 1971), contributed \$100,000 for the Richard Shaw and Mary Tansey Shaw Award.

"Mary and I feel very fortunate. We've done well over many years and it's appropriate to help others," he says. "I think today, if I look back at my circumstances growing up, it would be a great challenge for me to go to law school. U of T Law gave me great opportunities and I'd like to give back, in some small way."





ANNE-MARIE SORRENTI

You could say that law school served as a springboard for Anne-Marie Sorrenti, JD 1999. “My legal education has been a differentiator in all my other endeavours,” she says. “It’s always with me and informs everything I do.”

Sorrenti’s accomplishments are as varied as they are impressive. She worked as a corporate lawyer for several years after graduating, but eventually went back to U of T, where she taught and earned a PhD in Renaissance Italian studies in 2014. But she didn’t stop there. Sorrenti now runs her own leadership consulting company, through which she shares her multifaceted skills with a wide range of clients, including lawyers, physicians, engineers and scientists. “Law school gave me the ability to analyze a situation and really boil it down to key issues,” she says. “When people are working on improving themselves and becoming better leaders, having a partner who can hone things down in a direct and succinct way is a big help.”

Sorrenti brought her talents back to the law school as part of its leadership skills development program, leading a workshop with students on the value importance of emotional intelligence. “I’m very happy U of T realizes these issues are so important, that they are career enhancers for their students,” she says. “Having a law school that realizes there’s a whole other piece to success is a real benefit – not just to students but to their future employers.” All the more reason for alumni like her to lend their support. Her generous \$25,000 gift created the Anne-Marie Sorrenti Bursary.

“I see the quality of the students, I think the Faculty is evolving with the times,” Sorrenti says. “I’m very impressed. It’s important to keep the institution on its world class trajectory. You can’t do that unless you make sure every qualified student can afford to attend.” ↗

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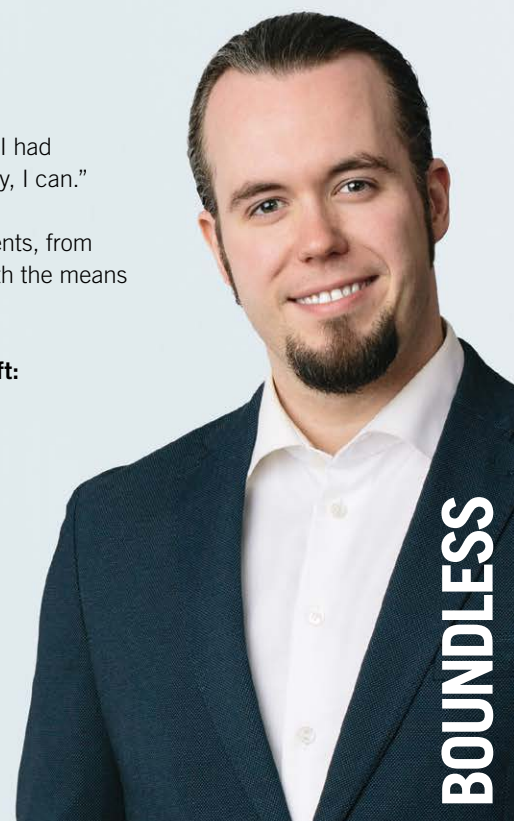
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AMBASSADORS IN THE BIG APPLE

By Lucianna Ciccocioppo
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CANUCKS TO THE CORE: ALUMNAE ALÉCIA CHEN AND KAT PARK.

In the busy worlds of fintech and finance, New York City-based Alécia Chen and Kat Park are volunteering their time to connect Faculty of Law graduates—and using some Maple Leaf moxie to get everyone networked and excited about this Canadian law alumni group.

“The University of Toronto brand is really well respected around the world,” says Park, VP in the office of the COO in Compliance at Goldman Sachs. “I personally take pride in the brand and I wanted to make sure its vibrancy continues in NYC. It’s important to stay connected, not only for professional opportunities, but also for a sense of place, as some may feel lost in the city. I am originally from Vancouver, and it would be nice to have a forum to allow old and new alumni to meet and get to know each other.”

“I find the events inspirational,” says Chen, legal counsel and project leader for OnDeck Capital, the largest online small business lender in the US, “particularly for younger alumni. Not knowing what to do next, whether to go in house or not, hearing about cool jobs and how people took a more active approach in their careers, making connections to find out how to get there and hearing this first hand has been really great.”

Their enthusiasm has produced results. “The first events were very well received,” says Park. “We had a fantastic turnout of about 50 alumni of all different age groups and backgrounds, out of 200 alumni in New York. We found this very encouraging and thought people were definitely looking for ways to connect.”

A phone call from a U of T staffer—who was looking for another Kat Park at Goldman Sachs—picked up on the vivacity of this Kat during their conversation. The caller asked how Kat could give back to her alma mater.

“I offered to start this alumni group myself,” recalls Park, and she recruited Alécia to volunteer as well.

The culture of giving back in the United States is much more ingrained, and the two are working on highlighting the value of a U of T law degree to their fellow alumni. “It’s a long-term investment built out over time,” says Park. Adds Alécia: “We’ve had some success and I’m glad we’re definitely teeing up towards more.”

Both received financial aid during law school, and both were “super grateful.” Student financial aid means “you don’t have to worry or stress about tuition during your studies. It’s important to have that support,” says Park. “I can vouch for the value of having financial aid at U of T and personally how helpful it was for me.”

You could be hearing more about an alumni group out West soon, as Chen heads out this fall to lead an OnDeck team in Denver, Colorado. Continuing to build connections, Chen is already thinking of ways to reach out to alumni there. Maybe you’ll see her on the ski hill? She laughs.

“The people from the law school experience are the most memorable. It would be a missed opportunity not to connect with them and keep learning from each other. It’s so important to have a forum to reach out,” says Chen. ↗

The Stories We Share

Reflections on photographing women's rights abuses in conflict

BY SAMER MUSCATI, JD 2002, DIRECTOR,
INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS PROGRAM



Holding lonely vigil in the square outside the Benghazi courthouse: local icon, Haja

Over a decade of chronicling human rights violations around the world, I've taken thousands of photographs. But there is one that is especially dear to me.

In July 2012, on the eve of Libya's first democratic national election, I was working with Human Rights Watch researching barriers to women's political participation.

I happened upon a slight, elderly Libyan woman wearing a traditional white hijab, holding lonely vigil in the square outside the Benghazi courthouse. Haja had spent many evenings supporting the revolution the previous year. She was a local icon because of her steadfast participation in the protests that eventually led to the toppling of Muammar Gaddafi.

Haja's kind eyes, gentleness and uncompromising conviction reminded me of my own hijab-wearing grandmother, who had passed away a few months earlier. I admired the fact that she was a woman defiantly standing in the midst of a throng of men in a conservative society, refusing to be silenced.

A few years later, in the summer of 2015, I was in South Sudan documenting the civil war. It was there, in the world's newest country, that I met another inspirational woman, Nyacour, outside a small, muddy shelter at a camp for displaced persons.

She was one of dozens of women who had escaped marauding government forces and allied militias committing horrific human rights abuses. When Nyacour invited me inside her shelter, I did a triple take: underneath a mosquito net, in a makeshift crib, were her tiny newborn triplets.

I stood frozen in my gumboots, feeling both sadness and exhilaration. How amazing to witness life flourish here. At the same time, these babies transported me back to my own infant

twin girls a continent away. When I told Nyacour of my twins, she responded with the most generous smile. We shared a moment forged in the bond of parenthood.

The interviews that I conducted over the years have scarred me, but I am also fortunate to have met incredible women whose resilience and strength continue to inspire me. I learned that hope can exist alongside profound despair.

I have also learned that although misogyny is ingrained into the fabric of every culture, gender inequalities worsen during times of conflict as women face increasing levels of violence, including rape, trafficking, abduction and early marriage.

Women are often the last to flee their homes and towns. During crises, families are more likely to pull their girls out from school, and those girls are less likely to return than boys. Despite this, women still manage to be the glue that holds communities and families together. Yes, they are survivors, but they are also resisters, activists and community leaders.

When it comes to human rights advocacy, how the story is told and who gets to tell the story is just as important as the story itself. As a human rights advocate, I collect information that I use to produce a compelling story to push policy-makers to act. I hope that this information will help end abuses, hold perpetrators accountable and lead to remedies for victims. 🐦

Alumnus Samer Muscati is a former senior researcher for Human Rights Watch. His recent photography exhibition, "Uprooted and Dispossessed: Portraits of Women Caught in Conflict and Colonialism," was named one of the "20 must-see shows at Contact Photography Festival 2018" by NOW Magazine and was displayed at U of T's Hart House.



Canada has abundant water, yet water in many Indigenous communities in Ontario is not safe to drink. The water on which many First Nations communities depend is contaminated, hard to access, or toxic due to faulty treatment systems. "My relations with the water from the rivers, lakes, and from the creeks, they are very close to me, they are my family," said Josephine Mandamin, an Anishinaabe grandmother, elder and water activist involved with the Mother Earth Water Walkers, pictured after a water ceremony and an elder circle in Whitefish River First Nation, in Ontario.



An Iraqi girl living in a camp for internally displaced persons in northern Iraq after the Islamic State took over her village.

Jaqueline Mutere, 48, is now raising her daughter, born from rape during Kenya's post-election violence, although she says she struggled to accept her. Jaqueline started Grace Agenda, a community-based organization, to support survivors of sexual violence particularly women struggling to raise children born from rape. Some children face stigma, rejection, and physical and verbal abuse by immediate family, extended family, and in the wider community, as well as discrimination in acquiring birth certificates.



A girl stands near a line for clean water at a UN camp near Bentiu, South Sudan. The demand for water is high and women and girls must wait in long lines, sometimes for hours, even before dawn. There, they are vulnerable to abuse from young men drinking at a nearby market.

An elderly woman from Rubkona County, South Sudan, moved to the UN camp from Bentiu in June 2015, after government soldiers threatened her family.





Interview by Lucianna Ciccocioppo
Photography by Nick Wong

with
Michael Emory,
JD 1982

*Allied REIT's founder and CEO
loves to talk—about technology,
strategy and more, in this
conversation with Nexus editor,
Lucianna Ciccocioppo*

LC: How would you describe your role in your own words, and what is your favourite part?

ME: As the CEO of this company, I spend a great deal of my time thinking strategically about what we're doing, the people we're serving, their needs and how to meet those needs. I spend a great deal of time coordinating the execution of that strategy and then I spend perhaps 25 to 33 per cent of my time communicating with the outside world about the business. We're a public entity so our unit holders are very numerous and spread across the globe. They're very sophisticated investors who need to be kept informed on a constant basis about our business—how it's performing, the risks associated with the business and the opportunities inherent in it. And to the extent you're good at it, you can actually improve the business' ability to raise capital and we're a capital-intensive business. Building the team is one of the most enjoyable parts of the business. I used to think it was all about real estate, all about property but without the people, there's no way you can execute. It's not possible. I really like that part too.

LC: How is technology impacting your strategy?

ME: Technology is impacting the real estate business at five different levels, at least. First of all, users in the technology sector are actually driving demand, probably the biggest source of demand for office space today in the urban environment. Secondly, what constitutes acceptable workspace today is defined in a big way by the tech users. And what they value can be summarized as natural light, good air, an open-office plan for their employees to interact with one another collaboratively, collision space, the whole thing.

The other thing people really want are amenity-rich environments. In other words, Queen Street West and King Street West rather than King and Bay.

The third impact is actual building technology. We can build more sustainably than ever before. The building technology has progressed dramatically and is being incorporated into new buildings.

The fourth element is what some people call prop tech. It's really technologies that help people use their space better. A good example is what Deloitte and others have done—a hoteling concept. They recognize that a lot of their people are not in their office for significant periods of time. An intelligent hoteling system allows them to book their desk three to four days of the five days in the week that they're going to be in the office. So you accommodate the same number of people in much smaller amounts of space.

Finally, we have the so-called Internet of Things, and the buildings have the ability to become part of the Internet of Things. It involves very sophisticated measurement of the performance of the building,

for example being able to measure the air quality in the space on a real-time basis. That's incredibly valuable so the user can know that in fact the air quality that's conducive to human wellness is being sustained during office hours. It also involves controlling the operation of the building on an automated basis.

LC: Some argue that asset prices are overvalued across the board. Is there a big correction coming?

ME: It's a great question. It's one that our investors ask themselves and us as well. Here's how you have to think about it. The urban centres in Canada are intensifying. If you go back to just after the Second World War, people moved out of the inner city to live and to work and there were very rational good reasons for that. The suburbs had more space. Cars could easily get you the distance and in the case of work environments, there was more parking and it was more affordable.

Then in about the mid '90s, that started reversing itself. So the desire to live and work in the inner city basically caused a reverse migration. Vertical development was encouraged. Urban sprawl was discouraged. The [Ontario] Greenbelt was probably the most spectacular example of discouraging further sprawl. The demand that you see for real estate and the upward pressure in prices that you see as a result isn't fueled by cheap money. It's fueled by demand and that's why I think it's less likely that you'll see a cyclical collapse. You'll always see corrections, so there will come a point in time where pricing will moderate. We may even be in a bit of a correction in the residential market. It's not a very big one but it's a bit of a correction. At some point we'll see a correction commercially, but I don't think we're going to see a collapse like we did in the '80s.

LC: Top three words your colleagues would use to describe you?

ME: That's a hard one. I can make an educated guess. There's no question enthusiastic would be a word many people would use about me, and I think rightly so. I just love what I'm doing. I think energetic would probably be another one. Someone once said: 'Michael has unlimited energy, and he keeps putting it out there.' Maybe a third would be talkative but mostly in a positive way. I remember my wife started coming to our annual general meetings, where I give a fairly involved presentation and answer a wide array of questions after that. She said: 'You really do speak well.' She was almost surprised, but she's been a strong supporter from day-one. I don't think many people would use a negative as a defining element of my character. I hope not. ↩

This interview has been edited and condensed. Read the full version online: <http://uoft.me/meallied>

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CONVOCATION 2018

More than 200 law grads joined an outstanding global alumni group, as the Class of 2018 celebrated Convocation Day on June 8th. The Right Honourable Beverley McLachlin, former chief justice of the Supreme Court of Canada, was the Convocation Speaker, a tremendous honour for the Faculty of Law. Katie Longo served as valedictorian, and top students received their awards ([see the complete list](#)) at the law school reception. Prof. Vincent Chiao received the John Mewett Award for Teaching, and also gave the Hail and Farewell address, both honours selected by the students.

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FRANK SHOSTACK, JD: I'm still vertical, conscious and hope to continue to practice full time, as long as my clients pay my bills. However, when asked if I am still practicing full time, my wife's response is "He thinks he is!" What I have valued the most after 48 years of practice is the personal relationships that I have been fortunate enough to establish and maintain.

1973

CHRIS MCNAUGHT, LLB: My third novel, *The Linnet* (Pegasus/Vanguard Press, UK), is inspired by professional experience in Kyiv in 2000. Sex trafficking, Holodomor, WWII, the Gulag, ex-KGB mafia, MI6 and the Canadian embassy all play into the "new" Ukraine.

1988

ANDREW HEAL, JD: Started Heal & Co. LLP in 2013, specializing in construction law. We are a Toronto-based boutique construction law firm of six lawyers plus support staff. Married Monica Kowal (U of T Law '87) 15 years after first meeting her at law school, and we have two young teenagers, when most of my classmates (and other friends) may be seeing their kids off to college/university, or full time jobs! Still connected to U of T Law through the Law Alumni Association, and I would urge all of you to reach out and do the same. Now is the time to get involved more, and to give back. I have also been reconnecting with my undergraduate friends from McGill and even that other law school (Osgoode) where I received an LLM in 1997. Time flies and reaching back to give back or to mentor, contribute, or reconnect in any way is a generous gift well received. Life is a blessing... and I am grateful for the career opportunities and friendships that U of T has provided. Looking forward to our 30th reunion!

GISELE MILLER, LLB: I have been sitting in the Superior Court of Justice in Milton, ON since 2006 where I preside over trials in civil, family and criminal law and appeals from the Ontario Court of Justice. I will be moving to Orangeville in October 2018 to take up the

position of local administrative judge there. I have recently returned from the International Association of Women Judges' Conference in Buenos Aires, followed by a holiday in Peru with a trek to Machu Picchu via the Salkantay Pass.

I was part of the Canadian Chapter of the International Association of Women Judges at U of T Law in February 2018 to provide students with an opportunity to meet and ask questions of women judges. Alumni participants included Justice Michal Fairburn, '90, Ontario Court of Appeal; Justice Lise Favreau, '94, Superior Court of Justice; and Justice Manjusha Pawag, '95, of the Ontario Court of Justice. The event was enthusiastically received by the students and very much enjoyed by the judges as well.



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TODD STANLEY, LLB: I'm condensing, as this is two updates in one. In July 2017 I was appointed deputy minister and deputy attorney general for the Department of Justice and Public Safety of the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador. In May 2018, after 16 great years with the Department, I moved back to the private sector to Cox & Palmer in the St. John's office, practicing primarily commercial and energy-related law. I'm back to where I started as an associate after graduating from U of T in 1995. It has been a busy year!

2000

DAVID SHAW, LLB/MBA: After 17 rewarding years practicing as a corporate lawyer at Blake, Cassels & Graydon LLP in Toronto, I am excited to join Dale & Lessmann LLP as a partner in its corporate commercial group. My strength in business and franchise law will further strengthen and complement Dale & Lessmann's vibrant corporate commercial and franchise teams. I am married to my beautiful wife Rochelle and have two incredible children, Megan (15) and Benjamin (13). We celebrated Benjamin's bar mitzvah in March at Maple Downs. He did an amazing job and we had a great night. dshaw@dalelessmann.com.



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