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This is our report to the community.

In it, we tell you who we are and what we did in the academic year 2013–14.

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Who We Are

The Faculty of Law, Common Law Section, of the University of Ottawa graduated its first class in 1960. Our origins and our history from the 1950s to the late 2000s are recounted in Reunion, the story of our first half-century.

We admit and graduate more JD students than any other Canadian faculty of law. At the end of 2013–14, 1,176 students were in our JD degree programs. These students come from a wide array of backgrounds – the class of 2015 earned prior academic credentials from more than 55 degree granting institutions from across the country and beyond.

This past academic year, we registered 308 first year JD students in the English language JD programs, of whom 26 were mature students, 27 were admitted in the access category and ten were Aboriginal. These students were selected from among a pool of 3,595 applicants – put another way, there was one spot in our first year class for slightly more than every ten applicants to the English JD program. The first year class was 44% male and 56% female, and included representatives from every province except Newfoundland.

In the several French language degree programs, we registered 83 first year students, of whom seven were mature students, two were admitted in the access category and two were Aboriginal. These students were selected from among a pool of 388 applicants. The first year class was 35% male and 65% female, and included students from Alberta, Manitoba, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Nunavut, Ontario, PEI and Quebec.

The average undergraduate percentile grade of students admitted in the regular admissions pool to the first year class in 2013–14 was 81.1%.

Our students go on to a variety of careers. Data from Fall 2013 on the prior year’s graduating class suggests that more than two-thirds pursued articling opportunities in private practice or business while others work in government, with boards or commissions or public interest bodies or in clerkships. In our October 2013 survey of recent English and French three-year program JD graduates, 93.4% of those for whom we had data had either secured articles or, in a small number of cases, were not actively seeking articles for this past academic year. The vast majority of these students articled in Ontario, with the single largest concentration in Ottawa and Toronto.

Jointly administered by the Common Law and Civil Law Sections, our Graduate Program had 147 students at the end of 2013–14, 60 of whom were pursuing doctoral degrees. 89 of these students were studying in English and 58 in French. 33 of these graduate students were from outside of Canada.

A sizable teaching staff instructed these JD and graduate students. We had 68 full-time tenured and tenure-track faculty in 2013–14. These individuals taught alongside 13 full-time sessional or adjunct professors, and 134 part-time or visiting professors. Four of our full-time professors hold Canada Research Chairs, one holds a University Research Chair, and three hold Endowed/Sponsored Research Chairs. In 2013–14, the law school welcomed to its faculty Dean Nathalie Des Rosiers, and announced the appointments of Professors Yan Campagnolo, Colleen Flood, John Packer, Michael Pal and Amy Salyzyn.

An administrative staff consisting of 38 full-time, regular employees, 24 contractual full-time employees and 69 part-time employees, support students and professors. Collectively, these staff members
worked in the law school’s various centres of excellence; organized the law school’s financing and secretariat services (under the supervision of Chief Administrative Officer Nicole Desnoyers); conducted its academic programming and counseling services (under the leadership of Assistant Dean Amanda Turnbull); and oversaw financial aid and professional development and managed a number of special programs (under the guidance of Assistant Dean Stacy Keehn). The latter projects included:

- The **Academic Success Program**, an equity-based tutorial program that provides access to a just and fair law school experience for students who come from equity seeking groups and who may face particular challenges when adjusting to the demands of legal academic studies.

- The **Peer Advisor Program**, matching first-year students with upper-year students for the purpose of providing peer support during the first year of law school.

- **Career and Professional Development**, supporting all law students in their professional development and job search.

- **Legal Links** and **Bridges Mentoring Program** and **Women’s Legal Mentorship Program**, providing the opportunity for students to be matched with mentors from the local legal community.

- **Public Interest** and **Social Justice Fellowships**, assisting students in gaining exposure to social justice advocacy in both domestic and international contexts, thereby enhancing the capacity of future lawyers to pursue social justice goals, including the protection of human rights.

Many of our staff have been with the law school for decades – and Ginette Chatelain and Fran Russo both celebrated their 25th and 30th years respectively with the University of Ottawa. In this report, we wish to acknowledge the contributions of the many staff members who took on extra duties and worked long hours to make the law school function.

All of these activities take place in and around Fauteux Hall, a building containing 2,739 usable square meters located on the main campus of the University of Ottawa. Fauteux Hall houses the Brian Dickson Law Library, a component of the University of Ottawa Library. With a staff of twelve full-time employees acting under the leadership of Director Margo Jeske, the library holds more than 216,000 volumes, enhanced by online access to several specialized legal databases, as well as a virtual law library. Fauteux Hall and its accompanying buildings are also home to eight “centres of excellence”: the Canadian Internet Policy and Public Interest Clinic (CIPPIC), the Centre for Law, Technology and Society (CLTS), the Secretariat of the IUCN Academy of Environmental Law (IUCN), the Ecojustice Environmental Law Clinic, the Human Rights Research and Education Centre (HRREC), the University of Ottawa Community Legal Clinic and the CGA Ontario Tax & International Business Research Centre.
In 2013, the law school inaugurated the Ian G. Scott Courtroom, a functioning court used by the Ontario Court of Appeal, the Superior Court of Ontario and the Federal Court of Canada. Housed in the recently acquired Brooks Building, the courtroom includes a classroom observatory for use by students and their professors. During the first official use of the Faculty of Law’s new courtroom by the Federal Court, Professor Jamie Liew hosted a workshop with 20 students in the courtroom’s adjoining classroom to watch the judicial review and discuss the case after the hearing.

Also in 2013, the law school opened 600 King Edward Avenue, a sizeable building that abuts Fauteux Hall, and is dedicated exclusively to student space.

Awards and Honours

In 2013–14, a number of institutions recognized our professors for their teaching and research excellence and contributions to the profession. The Governor General invested Dean Nathalie Des Rosiers in the Order of Canada. He also awarded Professor Constance Backhouse the 2013 Person’s Award in commemoration of the Person’s Day case. Lexpert honoured Dean Des Rosiers with a 2013 Lexpert Zenith Award, celebrating women leaders of the legal profession. The Dean also received the Solidarity Award, given by the National Union of Public and General Employees and recognizing an advocate “who has been working on issues of importance to our union and our members.”

The Governing Body of St Catherine’s College, Oxford, elected Professor Peter Oliver to a Christensen Fellowship for Hilary Term 2015. This fellowship is “awarded to distinguished academic visitors who are members of their national academy – equivalent to the Royal Society and the British Academy in the UK – or likely to attain that standard if at an earlier stage in their academic career.”

Harvard Law School awarded Professor Errol Mendes a Visiting Fellowship to continue research on a book published in 2014 under the title Global Governance, Human Rights and International Law. The Fellowship also included presenting lectures on the subject of the book at the law school and other centres at Harvard. Professor Vanessa MacDonnell conducted research on the executive’s role in implementing constitutional rights as a fellow at the Max Planck Institute for Comparative Public Law and International Law. Professor Debra Steger was a Visiting Scholar at the Centre for Trade and Economic Integration, Graduate Institute of International Law and Development Studies, Geneva.

The Law Society of Upper Canada recognized long-time part-time Professor Kim Pate with an Honorary Doctorate (LLD). The Lieutenant Governor of Ontario awarded adjunct Professor Penny Colinet the Order of Ontario. Professor Joseph Magnet and Adjunct Professor John Mark Keyes each received the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal. The Canadian Bar Association awarded Professor Elizabeth Sheehy the 2013 Ramon John Hnatyshyn Award for Law. The CBA also awarded Professor Amy Salyzn a 2013–14 OBA Foundation Chief Justice of Ontario Fellowship in Legal Ethics and Professionalism Research. Professor François Larocque won the 2014 Ontario Bar Association Award for Excellence in International Law. The Canadian Association of Black Lawyers honoured Professor Joanne St. Lewis with the “Trailblazer” Award. Professor Ellen Zweibel won the Desire2Learn Innovation Award in Teaching and Learning, awarded at the 2013 Society for Teaching and Learning in Higher Education (STLHE) annual conference and again at the 2013 Fusion Conference (Boston). The Lambda Foundation renamed its award at the University of Ottawa the Nicole LaViolette Friends of Lambda Prize, in recognition of Professor Nicole LaViolette.

Canadian Lawyer named Professors Michael Geist and Joseph Magnet among Canada’s 25 Most Influential Lawyers. Ottawa Life Magazine named Professor Elizabeth Sanderson, Common Law’s Public-Servant-in-Residence, one of the “Top 25 People in the Capital 2013.”


In April 2014, Professor Craig Forcese received two teaching awards: the Association of Professors of the University of Ottawa Excellence in Teaching Award and a University of Ottawa Excellence in Education Prize.

The University formally recognized Professors Constance Backhouse, Nathalie Des Rosiers, Michael Geist, Vanessa MacDonnell, Joseph Magnet, Errol Mendes, Elizabeth Sanderson, Elizabeth Sheehy, Joanne St. Lewis, and Ellen Zweibel at its 2013 Reception in Celebration of Excellence in Research and Education.

Activities at Law School Centres

The Human Rights Research and Education Centre is a multi-disciplinary centre of excellence located on the top floor of Fauteux Hall, providing facilities for a group of researchers and initiatives on human rights. In autumn 2013, the HRREC welcomed its second Gordon F. Henderson Post-Doctoral Fellow, Dr. Areli Valencia, whose research focuses on the context of extractive activities and its strategic role in the current politics of economic development in Peru and Ecuador. The Centre also hosted visual artist Professor Richard Lubben from South Texas College as a visiting Fulbright Chair in Human Rights and Social Justice. This coincided with and catalyzed a series of events including an art exhibit and related conference.
entitled “Respect, Equality, Dignity,” the launch of the inaugural University of Ottawa Human Rights Film Festival in partnership with the Canadian Film Institute, and an inter-active art exhibition by Drew Ann Wake about the Mackenzie Valley Pipeline Inquiry (aka the Berger Enquiry, 1974–77). The HRREC has also developed an active area focus on human rights in Latin America, and in March 2014 hosted a major trilingual conference on “Current Views on the Rule of Law, Transitional and Alternative Justice in Latin America: Shared Experiences.” The HRREC held two book launches: one for Professor Ravi Malhotra’s monograph Exploring Disability Identity and Disability Rights through Narratives: Finding A Voice of Their Own, co-authored with Morgan Rowe (Routledge 2013); and the other for Professor Penelope Simons’ monograph, The Governance Gap: Extractive Industries, Human Rights and the Home State Advantage, co-authored with Audrey Macklin (Routledge 2014). Professor John Packer took up his responsibilities as the new Director in February 2014 together with the newly appointed Assistant Director, Viviana Fernandez.

Under the co-directorship of Professors Jamie Benidickson and Yves Le Bouthillier, the IUCN Academy of Environmental Law increased its membership to 180 law schools in nearly 60 countries. Housed at the law school, the Academy was involved in numerous meetings and workshops, including the annual conference at Waikato, New Zealand, where former colleague Brad Morse is completing his term as Dean.

The Centre for Law, Technology and Society (CLTS) a centre for research, student training and knowledge dissemination, brings together independent scholars interested in a wide variety of subjects relating to law and technology in its broadest sense and from multiple perspectives. In 2013–14, the CLTS held an exciting lunchtime speaker series, including Dr. Nagla Rizk (The American University in Cairo) who spoke about “ICTs for Development: Regulatory Frameworks and Enabling Environments”; Alex Smith (Torys LLP), whose talk was entitled, “Anonymity in Our Age of Internet Defamation”; and Dr. Jacquelyn Burkell (University of Western Ontario), who spoke about “Social Media and Personal Privacy: Towards a Typology of Privacy Orientations.” The CLTS also held a panel on Canadian privacy and surveillance entitled “Who Is Watching the Watchers?” featuring University of Ottawa faculty members Michael Geist, Craig Forcese, Ian Kerr, Valerie Steeves and Wesley Wark.

The CLTS held two book launches, for books edited by its members, one for The Copyright Pentalogy: How the Supreme Court of Canada Shook the Foundations of Canadian Copyright Law (Michael Geist ed), and a second for Intellectual Property for the 21st Century: Interdisciplinary Approaches (B. Courtney Doagoo, Mistrule Goudreau, Madelaine Saginur and Teresa Scassa, eds). The Centre’s annual Deirdre G. Martin Memorial Lecture on Privacy Law was given by Dr. Ronald Deibert and was entitled “After Snowden: The Prospects for Internet Freedom.” The CLTS also co-organized with CanLII (the Canadian Legal Information Institute) a “Law, Government and Open Data” Conference and Hackathon, and co-organized with the eGirls project the eGirls-eCitizens conference.

The CLTS also ran another successful 1L internship program. The First-Year Intern Program was developed to provide University of Ottawa law students with financial assistance to cultivate mentoring relationships and to offer an early opportunity to work with faculty from the Centre for Law, Technology and Society on current initiatives. 30 law students were hired in 2013–2014.

The Canadian Internet Policy and Public Interest Clinic (CIPPIC) had another hugely successful year. CIPPIC undertook cutting-edge research and advocacy involving issues arising from the use of new technologies, contributed to policy and law reform from a public interest perspective, and furthered public education on important emerging issues.

It intervened in a number of court cases, including the Voltage v Doe (2014 FC 161), a case about the intersection of privacy and copyright. Much of CIPPIC’s arguments were adopted in the judgment, ensuring that the test for disclosing identities associated with anonymous internet activity remain sufficiently robust to protect high-value speech, and also ensuring that copyright trolls do not set up shop in Canada.

Students are actively involved in CIPPIC’s work: during the summer of 2013, CIPPIC ran a summer Internship Program which hired six outstanding law students; and during the 2013–14 academic year, many students took the clinic course. Each of these students were offered an unequalled opportunity to learn how to be effective researchers, policy analysts, and advocates.

The Ecojustice Environmental Law Clinic, Canada’s first interdisciplinary public interest environmental law clinic, enjoyed its 7th year of operation, under the directorship of Will Amos. A partnership between Ecojustice, Canada’s leading environmental law charity, and the Common Law Section, the clinic provides legal services to community groups and citizens who seek to protect the environment. Each semester, 15 students earned course credits as they assist Ecojustice lawyers and scientists in providing strategic advice and free legal counsel to groups across the country. In this setting, practical education makes a genuine impact on the environment, as students hold governments and other organizations accountable to environmental laws. In 2013–14, Clinic students worked on issues ranging from genetically modified salmon, Arctic offshore drilling, Gatineau Park protection, bees and neonicotinoids, and groundwater protection.

Additionally, with the support of the Community Foundation of Ottawa and the Canyon Foundation Fund, the Clinic worked with law students to maintain the unique Environmental Hansard website (www.envirohansard.ca). The Environmental Hansard is an easy-to-use, non-partisan collection of all House of Commons discussions and debates about Canada’s environment. Its purpose is to make Parliamentary debate accessible.
and transparent to the Canadian public, researchers and environmental community.

The University of Ottawa Community Legal Clinic is partially funded by Legal Aid Ontario and as such, represents low income individuals in Ottawa. The majority of the clients have mental or physical disabilities and many do not speak French or English. The Clinic also represents women who are victims of domestic violence, sexual assaults and/or historical abuse. Students receive training on interviewing, oral advocacy, file management, the Rules of Professional Conduct, legal drafting and substantive law. Given the clientele, students also receive training on mental health, domestic violence and self-care. As well, issues such as homelessness and mental health are integrated into the traditional lawyering-skills sessions.

Under the supervision of the staff lawyers, students represent clients, from initial interview to the trial or resolution of the case. The Clinic represents clients in criminal matters, housing issues and applications at the Criminal Injuries Compensation Board. As well, the Clinic delivers public legal education to many community partners such as shelters for the homeless, second language schools and sexual assault centers. Topics include human rights, employment law, housing, criminal law and consumer law. In 2013, the Clinic delivered over 100 presentations.

Besides the collaboration with community agencies, the Clinic has partnerships with other legal aid service providers in Ottawa. Students receive training from the Clinic and provide client services at four Ottawa community clinics and various legal aid offices. These partnerships provide students with the opportunity to work in immigration and refugee law, disability law and family law.
What We Do In the Classroom

Provide Opportunity…

In 2013–14, our students pursued studies in seven different JD degree programs and two different graduate degrees. Among other things, we are unique in that we offer the common law JD program in English and French. We also offer joint JD programs with two US law schools, and joint JD/graduate degrees in international affairs and business administration. Students with national ambitions can pursue a National Program, allowing them to earn a Civil Law degree (or, for students who have completed a Civil Law degree, to study for a JD). Others enroll in a fused Civil and Common Law “programme du droit canadien.”

Our graduate program, meanwhile, offered doctoral and LLM programs. LLM specializations were offered in global sustainability and environmental law, international trade and foreign investment, international humanitarian and security law, law and social justice, law and technology and notary law.

In the General and the Specialized…

In 2013–14, we offered 212 classroom-based courses in English (including multiple sections of the same course), in subject matter areas that included advocacy and lawyering skills, business and private law, dispute resolution and professionalism, environmental law, criminal law and evidence, family law, health law, international law, law and technology, public law, social justice law, and tax law. On top of this, students enrolled in 17 competitive moots, 41 school-sponsored internships, 39 school-organized directed research projects, and 9 law clinic courses.

In French, we offered 64 courses (including multiple sections of the same course), three competitive moots, 21 school-organized directed research projects, and six clinical courses.

In total, we offered 421 for-credit opportunities to our students — a total of 9,778 “seats.” On top of this, students conducted a total of 304 internships in 2013–14 that they themselves initiated with organizations, institutions and firms.

Put another way, students chose from a staggering array of different subject matters and learning opportunities.
More that this, our law school has designated areas of academic specialty in Public Law, International Law, Law and Technology, Aboriginal Law, Environmental Law, Social Justice, Dispute Resolution and Professionalism.

With New Approaches to Legal Pedagogy

In 2013–14, 168 of our courses were evaluated, in whole or in part, by exams administered during the regular examination periods. The balance incorporated evaluation of students on the strength of term papers, essays and other written work, oral advocacy exercises and a wide variety of other exercises and projects. Likewise, many exam courses included forms of evaluation above and beyond examination. Our law school is invested in new and innovative means of educating tomorrow’s lawyers and policy makers.

In data released in 2013–14, our professors earned strong teaching evaluations from their students, with 86.6% of students on average ranking their professors in the two best categories in the three questions that are used to assess teaching performance on the University’s standard teaching evaluation form.

Furthermore, at a faculty retreat in April 2013, law school professors discussed active and experiential learning and innovation in legal pedagogy. Faculty members shared their experiences in the classrooms and compared notes on new forms of instruction and new tools and technology for teaching.

What follows is a small sampling of things our students then did in their classes in 2013–14, building on new courses or initiatives:

Faculty Interest Groups

In addition to offering course options, the law school organizes itself in part around clusters of research and teaching interests known as interest “groups.”

Faculty and students in Environmental Law Group participated in a wide range of activity in 2013–14. The curriculum benefitted from the involvement of part-time Professor Stephen Hazell, who brought his extensive practical experience to our introductory survey course in the fall, and from January Term IUCN Academy visitors Klaus Bossmann (International Environmental Governance) and Eve Truilhé-Morengo (Preuve juridique et preuve scientifique). The Ecojustice Environmental Law Clinic, under the guidance of Director Will Amos continued to provide valuable opportunities for student research and advocacy. The Clinic focuses on experiential learning, providing students with opportunities to deal with real clients and address some of the most pressing environmental issues in Canada today.

Environmental law faculty also contribute expertise to the University’s Institute of the Environment, both in teaching and as research partners for the work undertaken by Sustainable Prosperity. Environmental law students have been involved in a range of research projects led by Sustainable Prosperity, focusing on the intersection between law, policy and economics. Several significant events took place over the year including conferences on biodiversity offsets and on endangered species.

Graduate students in law hosted a mid-Winter forum on “Law and our Diverse Nature(s)” while the Canadian Association of Environmental Law societies, a national network established at the University of Ottawa, brought students from across Canada together with academic faculty and professionals for a second national conference. The “Making Waves” conference focused on water law and public participation in environmental decision making. Gord Miller, the Environmental Commissioner of Ontario, delivered the opening keynote.

In 2013–14, Professors Debra Steger, Yves Le Bouthillier and new Civil Law Section Dean Céline Lévesque chaired the International Law Group, with support provided by the Group’s part-time coordinator, Barbara Wallace. The International Law Speaker series was a major success. Speakers included the former Vice-President of the International Court of Justice and the former Prime Minister of Jordan, the Honourable Awn Al-Khasawneh; Adama Dieng, Special Adviser to the UN Secretary-General on the Prevention of Genocide; Professor Joanna Harrington from the University of Alberta; and a number of uOttawa colleagues. Professors Tony VanDuzer, Penelope Simons and Graham Mayeda launched their new book, Integrating Sustainable Development into International Investment Agreements: A Guide for Developing Country Negotiators at the Annual Hyman Soloway Lecture in October 2013. With the CCIL conference in Ottawa in November, other distinguished speakers came to speak to students enriching our international law experience.

In September 2013, uOttawa became an Academic Partner of the American Society of International Law (ASIL), a small group of prestigious law schools known for their international law prowess. Two socials were held, in the fall and winter terms, that brought together international law private lawyers, government counsel, diplomats, students and professors. Both events were a success and in particular the March event drew excellent attendance from the downtown firms, government agencies and embassies, as well as students. It was a true collaborative effort, sponsored by the International Commercial and Trade Law Student Association (ICTLSA), the CCIL and the ILG. The CCIL and the ILG plan to hold regular socials twice a year to bring the international law community together in Ottawa.

In 2013–14, the Social Justice Caucus with Professors Suzanne Bouclín and David Wiseman organized the 3rd annual Social Justice Career Roundtables as part of the Faculty’s Careers Fair. The Roundtables combine small groups of students with a diverse array of social justice and public interest practitioners for discussion of career options and pathways. The SJC also
organized another successful edition of the annual Social Justice Soccer Cup and was an organizing partner and fund-raising beneficiary of the annual 'Law Folks Telling Jokes' Comedy Night. The Social Justice Committee sponsored faculty and guest speakers on a range of issues throughout the year, including Professor Jamie Liew on gender and refugee protection, and a discussion on "Recent Developments and New Initiatives on Access to Justice in Family and Civil Matters" with a panel comprised of Patricia Hughes (Executive Director of the Law Commission of Ontario), John Sims (Chair of the Canadian Bar Association committee on Access to Justice) and Natalie Drolet (Lawyer, Connecting Ottawa).

In July 2013 Professor Elizabeth Sheehy was named the Shirley Greenberg Chair for Women and the Legal Profession for a two-year appointment. The Greenberg lectures series hosted talks by Dean Nathalie Des Rosiers and Professor Vanessa Gruben: Fiona Sampson on her organization’s ground-breaking legal work in the “160 Girls” case; Professor Vrinda Narain from McGill Faculty of Law on Quebec’s proposed Charter; Sharon McIvor on her work as an Indigenous litigator and scholar on behalf of missing and murdered Indigenous women; and a multi-participant panel on Professor Sheehy’s new book, Defending Battered Women on Trial. The Greenberg Chair has also supported many other initiatives at the faculty, including the Women’s Legal Mentorship Program, a racial profiling panel organized by the Black Law Students Association featuring Toronto lawyer Selwyn Pieters, and an inspiring talk by Leila Banijamli (JD 2004), “Why Entrepreneurial Thinking is for Everyone.”

The Aboriginal Law Group was also very active. Professor Larry Chartrand helped organize two formal internships with the Specific Claims Tribunal and with the Odawa Aboriginal Justice Diversion Program. Additionally, an internship with the Algonquins on Ontario Consultancy Office is now pending.

A particular highlight in Aboriginal law was the lecture by Justice Harry Laforme of the Court of Appeal for Ontario in February, which resulted in continued discussion both outside and inside the university, eventually leading to a nationally televised news segment with Professor Chartrand and two students from his class being interviewed on In Focus (APTN news).

The Public Law Group had another productive year. Following the great success of its inaugural “boot camp” for journalists in February 2013, the group organized a second media-exclusive event in October. Professors Angela Cameron, Adam Dodek, Vanessa MacDonnell, Carissima Mathen, Errol Mendes and Elizabeth Sheehy previewed upcoming Supreme Court hearings for a group of national journalists. The Group also hosted a panel discussion on the Senate Reference, moderated by Dean Nathalie Des Rosiers, that included former Civil Law Dean Sébastien Grammond, Adam Dodek, Carissima Mathen and Elizabeth Sanderson. Professors Peter Oliver, Carissima Mathen,

Students Continued to Learn through Doing in New Initiatives…

Professor Debra Steger partnered with TradeLab, which advises developing countries, NGOs, international organizations and small businesses, adding capacity in poorer countries that lack specialized expertise in these fields. Professor Steger created a new International Trade and Investment Law Practicum in support of TradeLab. Students worked in small groups on specific legal questions related to trade and investment law coming from real clients, such as governments, NGOs, international organizations and business organizations.

In a similar vein, Professor Tony VanDuzer and incoming Civil Law Dean Céline Lévesque supervised four graduate students reviewing and analyzing the provisions of dozens of international investment treaties as part of a global treaty-mapping project for the United Nations Centre for Trade and Development (UNCTAD).

Professor Ian Kerr replaced traditional evaluation requirements with a thought-provoking series of blogging and podcasting assignments in his forward-looking seminar, The Law of Robotics. In the spirit of “learning through doing” students made their thinking available to the entire world and garnered some international attention as they examined the ethical and legal significance of robots in the workplace, the battlefield, the market and at home.

At the end of 2013–14, Professor Michael Marin launched the Business Law Clinic (BLC). This will be the first bilingual and bijuridical clinic of its kind in Ontario. The BLC will focus on the following areas of law: corporate/commercial, intellectual property, basic tax, employment, charity/non-profit, and arbitration. The BLC’s clients will include entrepreneurs, start-ups, small businesses, non-profit organizations, and cooperatives that cannot afford a lawyer.

Professor Errol Mendes integrated the practice of two lawyers from Labarge Weinstein, James Smith and Michael Sami, into
his Business Organization course. They offered insights into
how business law is practiced in the small- and medium-sized
business worlds, especially in the high-tech sector.

Also in 2013–14, students under the supervision of Professor
David Wiseman worked on the Housing Justice Project, a
partnership between the law school and Ottawa ACORN, a
membership-based community organization of people living
on low-income. Through the Housing Justice Project, volunteer law
students assisted low-income tenants with rental housing problems
other than eviction. The law students were involved at a number
of stages of problem-solving. The Housing Justice Project has
provided assistance to over 100 tenants, many of whom have been
successful in obtaining repair and rent abatement orders.

By Blending Doctrine with Skill Acquisition…

Professor Vanessa MacDonnell abandoned a final examination as
the principal tool of evaluation in her Evidence course, instead
integrating a moot into the class. Her approach emphasized how
the law of evidence operates in a real-world setting. Students
prepared factual and made oral submissions on the admissibility
of two pieces of evidence as their final evaluation. The Legal
Writing Academy provided writing training, as did an experienced
criminal lawyer.

Professor Gabrielle St-Hilaire offered a litigation-oriented tax law
course, designed to develop legal writing and advocacy skills.
Students reviewed a file containing components of a typical
tax dispute. They prepared pleadings, and then argued the case
before a guest judge. The course appealed particularly to students
hoping to do articles at the Canadian Tax Court. In fact, at least
ten students have obtained clerkship positions at the Canadian
Tax Court over the life of this course, including one in 2014.

Professor Constance Backhouse offered “a new twist on mentoring”
in her legal history seminar. There, students were required to
conduct an oral history interview with a lawyer or judge, and
then write a biographical essay about their lives. Students
picked a remarkable range of subjects, from faculty members
to retired Supreme Court judges; prisoners’ rights advocates to
lawyers with disabilities; young lawyers just setting up their
own practices to Nobel Peace Prize winning lawyers on the
international stage. The essays were fascinating, and revealed
just how much learning can be had from asking others about
their lives and career tracks.

Professor Jeremy de Beer launched the Intellectual Property
Advocacy Practicum, an innovative experiential learning
opportunity that gave a group of students access to some of
the best litigation training in the country. The course centred
on two competitive intellectual property law moots that took
received practical experience and in-depth advice, not only
from their professor and other uOttawa faculty members, but
also from some of Canada’s most renowned lawyers and
judges working in the field. Regular teaching sessions held in
the Ian G. Scott Courtroom contributed to major successes for
both teams. uOttawa’s Harold G. Fox moot team won 4 of 5
possible awards, including first place team overall, best appellant’s
factum, best oral advocate, and best second-year student. The
Oxford International moot team went undefeated into the
semi-finals, and took home the prize for the competition’s best
written submissions.

Professor Martha Jackman introduced a new bilingual Feminist
Law Reform seminar, co-taught by Common Law alumna,
Julie Shugarman (’08), and designed to provide an opportunity
for students to develop the knowledge and skills necessary for
effective law reform efforts at the federal level. Guests included
journalists, political insiders, feminist lawyers and activists from
national women’s organizations. Students attended Question
Period in the House of Commons and met with feminist MPs;
were given an op-ed under the tutelage of Informed Opinion’s Shari
Graydon; and provided assistance to NGOs on ongoing law
reform projects. The online materials and pod casts from the
course will be posted on the National Association of Women
and the Law web-site, to make them widely available and to
encourage similar initiatives in other law schools across Canada.

Professor Jena McGill emphasized collaboration in her Sexuality,
Gender & the Law seminar. There, students working in groups
assumed responsibility for developing and facilitating a full
3-hour class session on one of the topics covered. Students
were responsible for choosing readings, assigning discussion
questions, engaging the class and delivering the legal content
in an effective manner.

Professor Daphne Gilbert worked with a local lawyer from the
Criminal Defence Bar, involving her first year Criminal Law
students in a bail hearing case. Students relied on a complete
transcript of the initial hearing to prepare appeal documents.

Professor Larry Chartrand explored different learning strategies
in his Aboriginal Legal Traditions class. Here, he used Indigenous
methodology such as the talking circle according to traditional
Indigenous protocols. In addition, students were evaluated
according to how well they could animate an issue within
group projects that are interactive and multi-media oriented.

Professor Craig Forcese included training in two new skills in
his national security course: testimony before parliamentary
committees and op-ed writing. Students dedicated class time to
discussing effective op-ed writing and prepared simulated op-eds
on topics in national security law. They also listened to a podcast
interview with an experienced lawyer on parliamentary brief
writing, discussed techniques and tactics associated with
parliamentary appearances and then prepared a simulated
parliamentary brief and participated in six mock parliamentary
hearings, with panels of students presenting their briefs while
their peers role-played parliamentarians. Professor Forcese
video recorded each of these presentations via iPad, and then narrated comments shared with each student online.

**On Subjects Ripped from the Headlines…**

Students in Professor Adam Dodek’s Supreme Court Seminar studied the operation of the Supreme Court and the controversy over the appointment of Justice Marc Nadon in real time. They attended the Supreme Court five times over the course of the semester: for a briefing by General Counsel Barbara Kincaid on the leave to appeal process; by Executive Legal Officer Owen Rees for a media briefing; for a private meeting with Justice Rosalie Silverman Abella; to watch the Senate Reference being argued; and to watch another hearing in October 2013. Additionally, students heard from Supreme Court litigator Guy Pratte and from former law clerks of the Supreme Court of Canada.

**In Order to Change the World…**

Professor Rakhi Ruparelia’s social justice students worked in small groups to create a social justice project using community-organizing principles learned in class. The objective was to give students an opportunity to practice social justice work by identifying a discrete issue and strategizing how to address it in collaboration with affected community members. The approach focused on developing students’ critical thinking skills and capacities for working responsibly with marginalized communities. At the end of the term, each group presented their project to the class and received feedback from their classmates.

Part-time Professor Lorne Waldman launched a public interest litigation practicum project, pairing upper-year students with “ripe” litigation projects (often in the immigration and refugee area) raising public interest issues.

**Across Disciplines…**

Professor Chidi Oguamanam’s students in Food Security and Sustainability engaged in simulated group panel discussions on cutting-edge law and policy issues at the intersection of Food Security and Sustainability. Students were assigned specific subject areas and charged to represent the interests of specific stakeholder organizations, including corporations, regional bodies, indigenous communities, etc. Panel discussions were conducted in lieu of traditional paper presentations and were designed to develop both student research and advocacy skills.

Professor Jamie Benidickson began work with international colleagues on a generic curriculum dealing with environmentally protected areas law, to be made available on-line in 2015. With Scott Findlay of the Department of Biology, he introduced a new course on Science and Law aimed at the needs of undergraduate BSc students.

Professor Vanessa Gruben’s Access to Health Care introduced students to an interdisciplinary approach to problem solving. Drawing on readings from various legal and non-legal sources as well as guest speakers (e.g. health care professionals, patient advocates), she promoted critical thinking among students. Students were asked to write a critical comment and present their work on one of the topics in the syllabus. At that time, the comment was circulated to the class so that students could reflect on the readings and comment and prepare questions for the presenter. In addition to responding to the student questions, presenters were asked to prepare discussion questions and problem-based learning exercises for the class.

Mind-Brain-Law was Professor Jennifer Chandler’s bi-monthly “extra-curricular” journal club for a small group of students who had a deep interest in the legal and ethical issues raised by our evolving understanding of the brain and the mind. This understanding is central to important legal concepts such as capacity and responsibility. It is also at the heart of the vulnerability and discrimination felt by many within our community. The club was enriched by interdisciplinary participation by law students as well as students from other Faculties at the University of Ottawa.
And Across Borders…

**Professor Michael Geist** (uOttawa) and Professor Tal Zarsky (University of Haifa) taught the first Ottawa-Haifa Global Technology Law course in May 2013. Comprising ten participants from each school, students each received CDN$2,500 from the Gerald Schwartz and Heather Reisman Foundation to defray travel and accommodation costs. The course provided an exceptional comparative law experience with the chance to experience the similarities and differences between Canada and Israel.

The Canadian classes included guest lectures from the Chair of the Governmental Advisory Committee at ICANN (the government representative body for Internet governance), the CEO of the Canadian Internet Registration Authority, the Chair of the American Registry of Internet Numbers, Assistant Privacy Commissioner of Canada Chantal Bernier, Google Policy Counsel Jacob Glick, and **Professor Ian Kerr**. There were several extracurricular activities including a visit to the Supreme Court of Canada featuring an emotional meeting with Justice Rosalie Abella, a visit to the Parliament of Canada, and an evening watching the Stanley Cup playoffs from a popular venue in the Byward market.

The Israeli segment of the course was just as strong as the one in Canada – good classes, some interesting speakers, and a fantastic cultural exchange. While in Israel, students met with the legal head of the Israeli privacy office and the Israeli director of intellectual property within the Ministry of Justice.

**Professor Daphne Gilbert** taught a week-long course on “Equality” as part of the Felipe Tena Ramirez Seminar on Comparative Constitutional Law. This yearly six-week seminar in Mexico City features scholars from around the world and included classes and lectures at Escuela Libre de Derecho and the Legal Research Institute of the Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México (UNAM) and ITAM Law School.

**Professor Bruce Feldhusen** taught a one-week Advanced Torts course at the University of Puerto Rico in December, 2013.

Mooting Excellence

**Professor Anthony Daimsis** continued his successful leadership of the law school’s competitive mooting program in the company of a large team of coaches that included Robert Brookfield, Jeremy de Beer, Larry Chartrand, Vanessa Gruben, Jackie Huston, Celine Levesque, Anne London-Weinstein, Marc MacLaren-Caux, Daniel Poulin, Michael Purcell, John Siewic, Heather Squires, Anthony VanDuzer and P.M. Vasudev.

Among this year’s mooting competition results were the following: Common Law students **Sarah Sullivan** and **Reem Zaia** finished in first place at the National Trial Advocacy Competition to win the coveted Sopinka Cup, Canada’s most prestigious trial advocacy mooting prize. Sarah Sullivan received an individual award for Best Direct Examination and Reem Zaia took home the award for Best Overall Advocate. **Tanner Oscapella** and **Chris Kreutzner** were victorious at the American Bar Association Regional Negotiation Competition at the New England School of Law in Boston. **Nathaniel Piche** and **Laurel Hogg** won The Harold G. Fox Cup in the Harold G. Fox Intellectual Property Moot, while Laurel was also recognized with the Donald F. Sim Award as the best oral advocate at the competition. **Gianottomaso Colaneri** and **Veronica Tsou** won the Gordon F. Henderson Award for the best written submissions by an appellant team. Along with that prize, Laurel also won the Dimock Stratton LLP award for the best second-year student. **Lisa Danay**, **Megan Martins**, and **Laura Morrison** won first prize at the Oxford International Intellectual Property Moot Competition for best written submissions, and the team reached the semi-finals for the third straight year, going undefeated through all preliminary rounds and the quarterfinals. **Alessandra Toteda**, **Patrick Connors**, **Sam Pack** and **Chris Kreutzner** finished second overall in the Canadian Qualifying Round of the 2014 Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition, advancing to the World Championship Round in Washington, D.C. in April and finishing in the top 8 in the world. There, Sam Pack won the World’s Best Respondent Team Speaker award, Alessandra Toteda was the World’s 9th Best Speaker and the team earned the World’s fourth best combined written submission. **Suzie Bouchard**, **Alexandra Diebel**, **Jessica Smith** and **Melissa VanderHouwen** took home three awards at the 2014 Laskin Moot, earning recognition in the individual and pair oralist categories, and ranking as the third best team overall. **Melodi Alopaeus**, **Vanja Ginic**, **Mark Strychar-Bodnar**, and **Rishi Dhir**
were the top ranked Canadian team at the 2014 Willem C Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot, earning an Honourable Mention in the Respondent’s Written Submission category. Philip Holdsworth, Elena Ponte and Erin VanderVeer, and National Program student Sébastien Cusson finished in the top eight out of 72 schools in the 2013 Foreign Direct Investment International Arbitration Moot. Natasha Hyppolite, Sarah Mavula, Aruba Mustafa, Randy Schliemann, and Kenji Tokawa participated in the National Julius Alexander Isaac Diversity Moot 2013–14 in Halifax, placing second in both the appellant and respondent categories. French Common Law student Alex Robineau won the Beaulne-Sirois Prize for best oral presentation in the Ottawa-Moncton Annual Moot.

Common Law students also earned praise from coaches and colleagues at the non-competitive Kawaskimhon Moot in Aboriginal law.

In 2013–14, the law school’s competitive mooting program was honoured with a rare invitation to one of the most selective and distinguished moot competitions in the world at the American law firm of Cravath, Swaine & Moore LLP, alongside teams from Harvard, Columbia, and the University of Vienna, among others.

Meanwhile, in early November and after only 10 weeks in law school, 180 enthusiastic first-year students participated in the 7th annual Nelligan O’Brien Payne First-Year Moot Court Competition under the direction of Prof. Stephen Blair and Ashley Deathé from the Nelligan firm. A total of 49 preliminary and playoff round hearings were held. 73 volunteer judges drawn from the Nelligan firm, local legal community, Common Law faculty members and upper-year students, judged these competitors. A few days later, about 100 people gathered to watch the Championship Hearing before the Honourable Louise Charron and Justices Giovanna Toscano Roccama and James McNamara of the Ontario Superior Court of Justice. The arguments by all finalists were excellent. Mr. John Nelligan, Q.C. and members of the Nelligan firm were present at the hearing and later presented the awards. Kyle Morrow and Tracey Doyle won the John P. Nelligan Cup as the best two-person team in the moot competition. Tyler Raymond won the Top Advocate Prize. Devan Schefter and Alex Dezan won the best factum prize given by the County of Carleton Law Association.

If past years are any indication, many participants from the 2013 Nelligan Moot will go on to serve with distinction on our upper-year competitive moot teams.

In the French-language program, Professors Louise Bélanger-Hardy, Marel Katsivela and Alain Roussy (with the collaboration of Yan Zawisa) organised the Gowlings First-Year French Common Law Program Moot, which took place in March 2014 at the Ottawa Court House. Thanks to the collaboration of ten French-speaking members of the Ottawas Bar, the 80 participants acquired skills in factum preparation and oral advocacy.

In addition to serving as coaches and practice judges for law school teams, our professors also made broader contributions to the mooting community. The European Law Students’ Association (ELSA) Moot Court Competition on WTO Law appointed Professor Debra Steger as a Member of the Academic Board (the only Board member from North America). She also helped to organize and participated as a judge in the All Americas Regional Round held at American University, Washington College of Law in March 2014. Professor Anthony VanDuzer served as a judge in the Rick Weiler Mediation Competition.
Breaking Up the Silos

During the academic year of 2013–14, the law school expanded efforts to coordinate learning between and among courses. Two major projects were the Legal Writing Academy and the Advocacy Bundle.

Professors Ellen Zweibel, Adam Dodek, Virginia McRae and Shelley Appleby-Ostroff spearheaded the Legal Writing Academy, integrating practical writing instruction throughout all three years of legal study. Experiential learning drives every component of the Academy. It uses real-life writing assignments, combined with skills-based workshops, personalized and frequent feedback, peer-mentoring, as well as presentations by practitioner-experts. It emphasizes student self-reflection, goal setting, and techniques for life-long learning. Our students live the practical experience of thinking like a lawyer, writing with purpose, writing to the audience, and writing precisely and concisely.

In the very first days of law school, students wrote their first legal memo to a Law Society bencher. Within days, every student received personal feedback on their writing that they then used to set personal writing goals for the year. Writing experts then led workshops on Reading Cases Like an Expert, Writing for the Legal Reader, Predictive versus Persuasive Writing, and Editing Your Own Work. In January, the students returned to their writing goals when they wrote a client advice letter.

The Legal Writing Academy Portfolio and Leaders and Professor Melanie Mallet’s Dean’s Research and Writing Fellows are specialized courses where students refine their own skills and then become peer mentors to other students. Past students report that their fellowship work arises in job interviews, allowing them to discuss their leadership skills in reinforcing legal research skills among first-year students. The students also speak to the largely self-directed and “true-to-life” research projects that they complete in the seminar portion of the program; these have included an assessment of the legality of drones in international law; Charter applications by prisoners in federal corrections institutions; and interpreting the meaning and implications of MMPs in the Controlled Drugs and Substances Act.

Our Academy writing professors collaborated with other professors to integrate an experiential writing unit into upper-year courses. In 2013–14, over 300 students benefited from a two-class writing unit that teaches both substantive knowledge and writing skills. Students work on a practical problem and produce a legal memo, factum, government-briefing note or policy brief. The unit included a session on self-editing techniques and a self-reflection to self-assess, identify strengths, and set goals.

The website www.pointfirstwriting.com is the Academy’s most recent project. Legal Memos Made Easy is an online module, designed for both law classes and self-learning. The module uses text, audio, and video to tackle effective memo writing. Exercises engage the learners in memo writing skills. Future modules will cover Editing Your Own Work, Point First Writing, Factums, Opinion Letters and Policy Briefs.

Professor Stephen Blair organized the Advocacy Bundle, combining four separate upper year courses offered to a single group of students. The courses were civil procedure, trial advocacy, evidence and appellate advocacy. Importantly, these courses
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are taught on an integrated basis. In this way, our students learned the substantive rules of evidence and civil procedure in a traditional class setting. They then immediately applied many of these rules in series of practical exercises designed to develop their oral advocacy skills under the watchful eyes of experienced counsel. Preparing for and doing an oral advocacy exercise then reinforced the student’s understanding of the substantive law topic. Student feedback from 2013–14 was positive. One student wrote: “The advocacy bundle was a well-balanced mix of evidence, procedure, and practical exercises. The classes complemented each other with interrelated assignments and teaching examples. This helped reinforce what I learned. It was a great experience, and I would recommend it to any student interested in advocacy.” Plans are now underway for year two.
What We Do Outside the Classroom

We are a research-intensive law school, and our professors are as active outside the classroom as they are in it. Indeed, for many law professors the connection between the classroom and their research and public interest work and interests is a close one.

Our Research Attracts Financial Support from External Agencies and from the University

In sum total, the law school administered over $3 million in research grants in 2013–14, in addition to $360,000 funding from the Law Foundation of Ontario.

Here are some of the highlights from 2013–14:

• The Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC) awarded Professor Michael Geist the very prestigious SSHRC Connection Award, recognizing an outstanding SSHRC-funded initiative to facilitate the flow and exchange of research knowledge within and/or beyond the academic community. This prize is accompanied by a $50,000 research grant to further advance his SSHRC-funded project, The Future of Copyright Law in Canada: Reconciling Creator and User Rights. SSHRC also renewed Professor Geist’s Tier 1 Canada Research Chair in Internet and E-Commerce Law (valued at $1.4 million over 7 years).

• SSHRC, Genome Canada and three collaborating universities (uOttawa, Saskatchewan and Simon Fraser) awarded Professor Jeremy de Beer (Principal Investigator) and a team of affiliated researchers a 5-year, $354,000 Insight Grant to support the project, Rethinking Intellectual Property Rights for Open Innovation. Professor de Beer was also the Co-convener of the 3rd Global Congress on Intellectual Property and the Public Interest in Cape Town, South Africa. The conference celebrated the research findings of Professor de Beer and his team’s 3-year, $ 2.75 million Open Africa Innovation Research project (Open AIR). It attracted over 300 participants from 50 countries, representing national government and inter-governmental agencies, private sector businesses, civil society organizations, and academic institutions.

• Professor Martha Jackman concluded her second SSHRC-funded Community-University Research Alliance Project: “Reconceiving Human Rights Practice.” Co-directed by Bruce Porter, the 5-year $1 million www.socialrightscura.ca project brought together academics and community activists from across Canada to promote innovative and strategic forms of social rights practice, in both international and domestic venues.

• Professor Tony VanDuzer joined an international team that received a $150,000 grant from the Canadian Institutes of Health Research to study the effects on health of the Trans-Pacific Partnership Agreement (TPP).
The Vice Dean, Research, awarded internal grants to

• Professors Teresa Scassa and Elizabeth Judge were part of networked 5-year partnership grant awarded by SSHRC in 2013. The project – entitled GEOTHINK – focuses on Government-Citizen Interactions on the Geoweb.

• Professor Jennifer Chandler was part of a 5-year Canadian National Transplant Research Program, announced by CIHR in 2013. This major initiative brings together over one hundred researchers from nine provinces. Professor Chandler will serve as a Co-Leader of the Core group focusing on ethical, economic, legal and social issues raised by organ donation and transplantation.

• Professors Jane Bailey and Valerie Steeves (Criminology) received a Connections Grant of $24,739 from SSHRC to fund the eGirls, eCitizens: Girls’ Experiences of Gender, Privacy and Equality Online conference. Also in 2013–14, Professor Bailey headed Working Group 1 of the 7-year SSHRC funded research project Towards Cyberjustice (that is exploring whether and how technology could be employed to improve access to justice).

• Professor Joseph Magnat and part time Professor Tolga Yalkin received $25,000 in 2014 from SSHRC’s Connections Grant, with additional funding from the Canadian International Council, the Panel and the University, for “Governance and its Future in the Horn of Africa.”

• Professors Jennifer Bond and David Wiseman received $20,000 from the Research Development Program for their work on access to justice and evidence issues arising in Canada’s newly reformed refugee system.

• Professors Vanessa Gruben and Jennifer Chandler received a $5,000 grant from the Canadian Society of Transplantation for an interdisciplinary research project studying the experiences of Canadian families with end-of-life decision-making and donations after cardiac death.

• Professor Ravi Malhotra, with Dr. Benjamin Isitt, co-organized a mini-conference in conjunction with the Canadian Law and Society Association annual meeting, representing the culmination of years of SSHRC funded interdisciplinary research on double amputee and radical intellectual E.T. Kingsley (1856–1929).

• Professor Jena McGill received $5,000 from a Foundation for Legal Research Grant for her work on “Reconciling Competing Human Rights Claims in Canada.” Professor Michelle Flaherty also received $5,000 from the Foundation for her work on “The role of the Adjudicator: Making Justice Accessible for Self-Represented Litigants.”

• The Vice Dean, Research, awarded internal grants to Professors Jennifer Bond, Angela Cameron, Vanessa Gruben, Michelle Flaherty, Alain Roussy, Graham Mayeda, Marina Pavlovic, Rakhi Ruparelia, Elizabeth Sheehey, Penelope Simons, Joanne St. Lewis, and David Wiseman to pursue research on topics related to access to justice.

And that Financial Support Benefits our Students…

Students are active contributors to professors’ research activities. In 2013–14, there were 219 research assistant contracts, totaling $662,912. In addition, the law school’s Graduate Studies office awarded 31 research assistantship bursaries, totally $79,500. Law school professor research projects contributed another $129,117 to ten doctoral students and $42,750 to ten LLM students. Professor grants also provided monies for 46 JD related research projects, totaling $96,970.

In addition to regular research assistantships funded by external granting agencies, 14 Common Law students (from English and French Programs) participated in the Undergraduate Research Opportunity Program (UROP) a university-wide initiative which provides students with a unique opportunity to conduct research on a topic of interest with a full-time professor of their choice. For instance, Alysha Pannu, a first-year Common Law student was granted the UROP for the fall session of 2013 and Mary Kapron, a second-year Common Law student, was granted the UROP Library Award for the winter session of 2014. Successful applicants received a one-time $1,000 award to conduct 50 hours of research, while faculty sponsors received $500 in research funds. This year, the result of the research projects was presented in poster form at the annual UROP Poster Symposium held in late March 2014 at the University of Ottawa.

We Publish…

With external financial support or without it, our professors produced scholarship in significant quantities. A list of 2013–14 publications authored, co-authored or edited by law school professors is found at the end of this report.

And We Contribute More Generally to Academic Scholarship…

Law professors also served as editors of law publications in 2013–14.

With financial support from the Faculty of Law and the Shirley Greenberg Chair, the Canadian Journal of Women and the Law (CJWL) was relocated from the University of Manitoba to our faculty. Professor Rosemary Cairns Way served as English Language editor of the CJWL, a post inherited by Professor Natasha Bakht in 2014. Under Professor Cairns Way’s leadership, new junior editorship opportunities have been created for second- and third-year law students.

Professor Errol Mendes completed his 24th year as Editor-in-Chief of the National Journal of Constitutional Law, Canada’s leading journal of constitutional law.
This past academic year marked the third year that Professor John Currie has served as Editor-in-Chief of The Canadian Yearbook of International Law/L’Annuaire canadien de droit international. With Professor Nicole LaViolette acting as Assistant to the Editors, the Yearbook published its 50th volume (2013), and also won the 2013 Hugh Lawford Award for Excellence in Legal Publishing.

But More than Write, We Act…

We are also a public interest law school and most faculty members are involved in one or more public interest activities. Among things of note from 2013-14:

We Serve on Commissions and Appear before Courts…

Professor Pacifique Manirakiza was appointed to the Commission of Inquiry charged with investigating human rights violations committed during the armed conflict that erupted in South Sudan in mid-December 2013.

Professor Errol Mendes was re-appointed as a Commissioner on the Ontario Human Rights Commission last year and spearheaded a landmark Commission Policy on making the requirement of “Canadian Experience” in employment a rebuttable presumption of discrimination. This has and will affect hundreds of thousands of immigrants in Ontario and has been applauded by immigrant communities across Ontario. Professor Michelle Flaherty, meanwhile, continued sitting as a member of the Ontario Human Rights Tribunal.

Professor Denis Boivin was reappointed to the Ontario Financial Services Tribunal. Since 2005, he has been an active member of this administrative tribunal, chairing disciplinary hearings involving insurance and mortgage intermediaries. In 2014, his mandate was renewed for another five years by the provincial government.

Professors Louise Bélanger-Hardy, Vanessa Gruben and Gabrielle St-Hilaire sat on the Health Professions Appeal and Review Board and the Health Services Appeal and Review Board.

Professor François Larocque represented Amnesty International in the Kazemi case before the Supreme Court of Canada – a
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matter contesting the Iranian government’s immunity from liability in Canada for torture and murder of a Canadian photojournalist in Iran. He also acted for the Association canadienne-francaise de l’Alberta in an intervention in R v Caron, before the Alberta Court of Appeal.

Professor Penelope Simons represented Amnesty International with Paul Champ in the Choc v Hudbay Minerals Inc. case before the Ontario Superior Court of Justice, a case alleging the involvement of a Canadian mining company in gross human rights abuses in Guatemala. It is the first case brought against a Canadian extractive company in Canadian courts to have moved beyond the pleadings stage to trial.

Professor Joseph Magnet was Lead Counsel for Canada (Parliamentary Budget Officer) in a Federal Court Reference that challenged the Government of Canada’s failure to provide the Parliamentary Budget Officer with information relating to the Government’s budget. He was also Lead Counsel in two aboriginal rights cases. In the first, he acted for the Congress of Aboriginal Peoples in Daniels et. al. v. Canada (A.G.) in the Federal Court of Appeal. This case seeks to resolve the dispute between Canada and the Provinces about jurisdiction and responsibility for some 600,000 Non-Status Indians and Métis peoples. The Royal Commission on Aboriginal Peoples described this issue as “the most basic current form of governmental discrimination” against Aboriginal People. Two University of Ottawa law students assisted him with this appeal. In the second case, he acted for First Nations in Land Claims exceeding $200 million. Two University of Ottawa law students assisted him in this case work.

Professor Magnet also worked internationally in two matters. First, he acted as lead Counsel for the Afar Nation of Eritrea in its claims against the Government of Eritrea for ethnic cleansing, mass murder and confiscation of property. These claims were sustained in the past year by the United Nations Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Eritrea and also sustained by the United Nations Human Rights Council. Second, he served as lead counsel for 240 Eritrean refugees who were detained on arrival in Yemen. 180 of these refugees have since been released and resettled in third countries.

Professor Martha Jackman represented the Charter Committee on Poverty Issues, Justice for Girls and Pivot Legal Society before the Ontario Superior Court and the Ontario Court of Appeal in the ongoing Tanudjaja case, a Charter challenge to the Canadian and Ontario governments’ actions and inaction on homelessness.

Professor Jennifer Bond supervised a group of students working on Febles, a refugee case that was heard at the Supreme Court of Canada in March 2014.

Professor Bruce Feldthusen is currently involved as a litigation consultant in Janet Merlo v AG Canada and Min of Justice British Columbia, BC Supreme Court, a class action based on systemic sexual harassment by the RCMP; Watkins v Apotex, Ontario Superior Court of Justice, a class action on behalf of women who were prescribed defective birth control pills that may have resulted in unwanted pregnancies; and Papassay v Ontario, Ontario Superior Court of Justice, a class action against the Ontario government for failing to advise and assist Crown Wards to obtain compensation under Criminal Injuries Compensation legislation or in tort for abuse suffered during their childhoods.

We Join Boards and Consultative Bodies and Participate in Policy Colloquia…

Professor Ian Kerr actively promoted the international “Campaign to Stop Killer Robots,” a movement involving a coalition of more than 50 non-governmental organizations from around the world, working to ban fully autonomous weapons. The coalition’s principal concern is to oppose the development of robotic weapons that would be able to choose and fire on targets on their own, without any human intervention. In April 2014, Professor Kerr played a key role in the launch of the Canadian campaign, presenting his research at public events, a special meeting with parliamentarians, and a parliamentary press conference.

Professor Debra Steger participated as an expert in the E15 Initiative sponsored by the International Centre for Trade and Sustainable Development (ICTSD) on The Future of the WTO, and as a Member of the International Scientific Review Committee appointed by the Swiss National Science Foundation. She made her annual visit to the University of Bern to review the National Centres for Competence in Research and Trade projects and proposals of the World Trade Institute.
**Professors Tony VanDuzer** and **Penelope Simons** led a half-day workshop on international investment agreements and sustainable development for members of the Canadian Council for International Co-operation.

With the support of the President’s Office and the Human Rights Research and Education Centre, **Professor Penelope Simons** organized and moderated a panel discussion and public debate in November 2013 on the relationship between mining investment and development, the potential for NGOs as agents of corporate change and the impacts of the Department of Foreign Affairs, Trade and Development’s (formerly CIDA’s) CSR programming.

**Professor Jennifer Chandler** joined the Research Ethics Board, Royal Ottawa Health Care Group, which provides research ethics oversight in the area of mental health research, and the Ethics Working Group, Trillium Gift of Life Network, relating to ethics in organ transplantation policy. She also served on the planning committee, and participated as an ethico-legal expert at the Canadian Blood Services’ Workshop on “Leading Practices for Effective Requesting in Deceased Organ and Tissue Donation.”

**Professor Bruce Feldthusen** represented Canada as part of the North American delegation at the Inaugural Meeting and the 1st Academic Conference of the World Tort Law Society (WTLS) in Harbin, China in September 2013. He also gave a lecture on Civil Liability for Sexual Assault at UNAM in Mexico City in January 2013.

**Adjunct Professor John Mark Keyes** was elected as the Treasurer of the Commonwealth Association of Legislative Counsel.

**Professor Martha Jackman** continued her work as a member of Board of Directors of the Canadian Health Coalition, the Board of Directors of the Social Rights Advocacy Centre, the National Steering Committee of the National Association of Women and the Law, and a Trustee of the NAWL Charitable Trust for Research and Education.

**Professor Chidi Oguamanam** served as a Member of the African Union Expert Consultative Group on Coordinated African Regional Response to the Implementation of the *Nagoya Protocol on Access to Genetic Resources and the Fair and Equitable Sharing of Benefits Arising from their Utilization to the Convention on Biological Diversity.*

**Professor Rosemary Cairns Way** continued projects on judicial education through the National Judicial Institute. She was senior advisor for three educational programs delivered to the Ontario Court of Justice on criminal law and was senior advisor for an intensive sentencing and prison program.

Likewise, **Professor Anthony Daimsis** advised recently-appointed judges on how to deliver oral judgments and ran seminars with **Professor Errol Mendes** for retired judges and senior law firm partners on international arbitration.

**Professor Nicole LaViolette** conducted professional development training for the Immigration and Refugee Board of Canada on refugee claims based on sexual orientation and gender identity. She also travelled to Amman, Jordan, where she was involved in a training program for staff of the United Nations High Commission on Refugees and the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East on how best to work with LGBT refugees.

**Professor Amy Salyzyn** acted as Research Director for the Canadian Bar Association Ethical Infrastructure Project and became Co-Chair of the National Steering Committee of NAWL (National Association of Women and the Law).

**Professor Larry Chartrand** provided a significant contribution as presenter and organizing committee member to a successful National Judicial Institute training program on Aboriginal law for the Manitoba Queen’s Bench and other judiciary from across Canada in early March 2014.

**Professor Jennifer Bond** acted as research director in the preparation of the 2013 Michigan Guidelines on the Exclusion of International Criminals. The Michigan Guidelines are unanimously agreed to by a panel of international experts and deal with cutting-edge concerns related to asylum and refugee law. The Guidelines, which are published in English, French, Russian, and Arabic, are frequently cited by courts around the world and help shape the way judges, lawyers, and other decision-makers look at refugee issues. Professor Bond’s supporting background paper was published alongside the Guidelines.

**Professor Bond** also accepted an invitation to serve as an expert stakeholder in the Refugee Law Initiative (School of Advanced Study, University of London, UK) and the Center for International Criminal Justice (CICI – Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam, Netherlands). The project will establish an international network to study, analyze and debate the complex topic of asylum-seekers who have been excluded from refugee status and other migrants suspected or convicted of serious criminality.

**Professors Vanessa Gruben** and **Angela Cameron** were invited to attend an international, multi-stakeholder workshop organized by the University of Montreal on conception through egg and sperm donation. Professor Cameron was a featured participant in the magazine *International Innovation,* discussing the conference proceedings. Professor Cameron also organized a May 2013 event at the law school: “Emerging Issues in Reproductive Justice.” It was well attended by over 50 delegates and presenters from the community, NGOs and academia.

The Philippe Kirsch Institute named **Professors François Larocque** and **Errol Mendes** as faculty members. The Institute offers CLE in international human rights law, international criminal law and humanitarian law.
We Do Outside the Classroom

Professor Gabrielle St-Hilaire served as a Trustee of the National Association of Women and the Law Charitable Trust for Research and Education.

Professor Pierre Foucher served as an analyst for the Language Rights Support Program, a federally funded program managed at the University of Ottawa and providing some financial assistance to litigants in constitutional language rights matters. He also attended the first annual conference of the International Association of Language Commissioners in Barcelona.

Professor Jennie Abell acted as the Treasurer of an international NGO: ACPD (Action Canada for Population and Development).

Professor Daphne Gilbert sat on the Media Action Média Board and collaborated with a new international organization on Reproductive Justice.

Professor Angela Cameron sat on the Board of Canadians for Choice, a national organization dedicated to women’s reproductive autonomy.

Professor Anthony Daimsis served as the Ontario representative on two international arbitration taskforces.

Professor Teresa Scassa served on the Canadian Geomatics Round Table Legal and Policy Dimension Task Team. She was also a member of the Canadian Government Advisory Panel on Open Government.

Dean Nathalie Des Rosiers taught a 2014 Introduction to Law in the Aboriginal Self Governance Program in the Innu Territory.

Professor Carissima Mathen joined the Board for the Committee for the Study of Parliament Group.

Professor Penelope Simons acted as the Law School Liaison and member of the Executive Committee of the International Commission of Jurists Canada.

We Participate in Policy Deliberations...

Professor Amir Attaran appeared before two Senates – in Canada, and in the United States – in briefings explaining the dangers that transnational criminals pose to the global supply of medicines, as reports mount of substandard or even fake medicines becoming more common.

Professor Michael Geist appeared before the House of Commons Standing Committee on Industry, Science and Technology on Bill C-8 (Counterfeiting) in November 2013; the Standing Committee on International Trade on Trans-Pacific Partnership in June 2013; and the Standing Committee on Industry, Science and Technology on SME adoption of digital technologies in May 2013. His public policy work in these venues, and in the conventional and social media, focused on government surveillance, lawful access, the Trans-Pacific Partnership, Digital policy, Anti-Spam Law implementation, Privacy Reform and Wireless policy and competition.

Professor Jeremy de Beer appeared in front on the Commons Standing Committee on Industry, Science and Technology.

Professor Ian Kerr made submissions to the Standing Committee on Access to Information, Privacy and Ethics, contributing to their study on “Privacy and Social Media in the Age of Big Data.”

Professor Jane Bailey made submissions to the Senate Standing Committee on Human Rights on June 25, 2013, advocating against the passage of Bill C-304, which repealed the internet hate propagation provisions in the Canadian Human Rights Act.

Professors Carissima Mathen, Adam Dodek and Errol Mendes were extremely active on issues surrounding the appointment of Justice Marc Nadon to the Supreme Court of Canada. Professor Mathen & Michael Plaxton (University of Saskatchewan) authored an article analyzing the issue on SSRN within 10 days of the challenge, ultimately cited by the majority judgment. Professors Mathen and Dodek appeared before the Standing Committee on Justice and Human Rights on November 19, 2013 (amendments to Supreme Court Act) and Professor Mathen appeared before the Standing Senate Committee on Legal and Constitutional Affairs on November 21 (amendments to Supreme Court Act).

Law school professors were also deeply involved in the question of accreditation by Trinity Western University’s law school. The law school as a whole passed a resolution expressing concern over accreditation of a law school that discriminates against gays and lesbians. Professors Angela Cameron and Jena McGill joined others in publishing editorials criticizing that institution’s accreditation, and with recent graduate Angela Chaisson, submitted a 40-plus page brief to the LSUC outlining the legal reasons to deny TWU accreditation under the Law Society Act.

Professors Errol Mendes and Anthony Daimsis worked in Myanmar, advising its government on accession to the New York Convention on international arbitration and investment.

Adjunct Professor John Mark Keyes authored a legal analysis for the International Labour Organization of a proposed employment insurance system for Malaysia.

And Contribute to Discussions in both the Conventional and Social Media...

Our law school and its law professors figure in the media often. From April 2013 to April 2014, University of Ottawa “Faculty of Law” or “Common Law Section” or “law school” appeared in Canada’s major English language print dailies 123 times and “University of Ottawa law professor” 84 times. Colleagues also
participated in dozens of interviews in the electronic media. Meanwhile, a number of colleagues penned op-eds on the major issues of the day. A full list is appended to this report. By way of example, Professor Rakhi Ruparelia published an op-ed in the Ottawa Citizen (“The Privilege of Colour-Blindness”) in response to the backlash against a student anti-racism initiative on campus. The piece became one of the most read and most shared on the website that day (from the website alone, it attracted over 2,000 Facebook “recommends”).

Professors Jena McGill and Angela Cameron, along with a group of LGBTQ academics and lawyers published an op-ed in the National Post (“Why TWU Should Not Have a Law School”) in January 2013.

Professor Angela Cameron, in April 2013, also appeared on Radio-Canada television, in French, and in English CBC print media discussing the bid by Trinity Western University to establish a law school.

Other professors appeared in both conventional and social media. Professor Carissima Mathen become a media go-to person during the Nadon Supreme Court appointment dispute and was trending on Twitter on March 21, 2014, the day the Supreme Court released its ruling in the Nadon reference. Professor Michael Geist maintained his influential blog on technology law issues, and saw his Twitter following grow to over 33,000.

Professors Jena McGill, Vanessa MacDonnell and Angela Cameron co-edited/curated the faculty’s collective feminist blog, www.bloggingforequality.ca.

Professor Errol Mendes appeared on several occasions on CTV to address the international law issues concerning Russia’s annexation of Crimea and the ongoing threats to intervene in other parts of Ukraine. He was also a panelist on the issue organized by the University’s Centre for International Policy Studies, which was broadcast by CPAC, the Public Affairs Channel. He wrote on op-ed on the issue and others relating to the international law issues involving China’s claim to the South and East China Seas in the Huffington Post.

Supporting Student Scholarship

Professors are not alone in publishing legal scholarship. Our students too published or participated in notable scholarly activities in 2013–14. Among the highlights are the following:


Lars Brusven was awarded a Torys Fellowship by the University of Toronto Faculty of Law Review (UTFLR) for his paper “The Safest Secrets: A Jurisdictional and Policy Critique of Section 38 of the Canada Evidence Act Applied in Civil Proceedings.”

The American Society of International Law selected Nicholas Hersh for a 2013 Arthur C. Helton Fellowship, allowing him to work with the UN High Commissioner for Refugees for six months and further research and write a publishable paper on the adjudication of refugee claims based on sexual orientation.

Following a Directed Research Course in Public and Constitutional Law run by Professor Errol Mendes, Michelle Bloodworth published her peer-reviewed paper in the National Journal of Constitutional Law. Another student is revising his paper, after being reviewed by the editors of the journal for future publication.


Jessica Earle co-authored an article with Professor Ian Kerr on privacy in the age of big data, published in the Stanford Law Review. Katie Szylagyi likewise co-authored a forthcoming book chapter with Professor Ian Kerr. Under the supervision of Professor Kerr, Sinzi Gutiu and Kristen Thomassen also authored book chapters that have been accepted for publication, each subject to international competition and peer review.
What We Do Outside the Classroom

Alexandra Mogyoros co-authored an article with Professor Chandler, noted in the bibliography below. Alexandra Mogyoros, Sean Stidwill, Kristen Holman, and Izabella Sowa co-authored articles with Professor Jeremy de Beer, also noted in the bibliography. And two students travelled with Professor de Beer for the book launch stemming from the Open Africa Innovation Research Project. Likewise, Marie-Andrée Denis-Boileau and Joëlle Pastora Sala co-authored articles with Professor Suzanne Bouclin.

Eleven first year students in Professor Adam Dodek’s first year thematic Legal Ethics and Professional Responsibility course published papers on SLAW, the online legal newspaper.

Graduate student Thomas Burelli was named one of five winners of the 2013 “Concours de Vulgarisation” (Popularization Contest) from the Association francophone pour le savoir (ACFAS) for his text “Les chercheurs : incorrigibles filibustiers de la connaissance?” A number of other graduate students also authored papers.


Saleh Al-Sharieh with Anne-Laure Mention published “Open Innovation and Intellectual Property: The Relationship and Its Challenges” in The Dark Side of Technological Innovation (Information Age Pub, 2013) 111. Saleh Al-Sharieh also co-authored an article with Professor Elizabeth Judge, noted in the bibliography below.

Student Public Interest Advocacy

The law school is full of people championing worthy causes, and receiving recognition for it. For instance, Claire Seaborn founded the Canadian Intern Association and has, among other things, testified at a Parliamentary committee on the issue of unpaid internships.

Meanwhile, Laura Konkel was among 40 Canadians honoured with the Governor General’s Caring Canadian Award, which is bestowed upon Canadians who volunteer their time to help build a smarter and more caring nation.

Jocelyn Formsma attended the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues as a representative of the National Indian Child Welfare Association (NICWA). Also last year she was a representative from the Global Indigenous Women’s Caucus as part of the North American delegation attending the International Indigenous Preparatory Meeting in Alta, Norway. She continues to participate in advocating for the rights of Indigenous children in national and international fora.

Iman Amin was awarded a $30,000 grant from the PFF Leadership Program, through the Centre of Global and Community Engagement at the University of Ottawa. Her project will assist the Katuaq Society, a small non-governmental organization in Rankin Inlet, Nunavut, which governs the operations of the only domestic violence shelter in the entire Kivilliq region of Nunavut. The project will support the shelter in building appropriate and sustainable policies and processes to enhance the shelter’s services to women of the region.

Additionally, two second-year Common Law students, Crystal Head and Neegann Aaswaakshin, were awarded Law Student Scholarships in 2013 by the Indigenous Bar Association, highlighting the work they have done, and continue to do, in service of Indigenous communities.
As a case study focusing on a particularly active area, a number of faculty and students worked actively in 2013–14 to weave together many of the refugee law related initiatives underway in the law school through the creation of uOttawa's Refugee Hub. The following presents a snapshot of the sorts of major initiatives underway in this area, complementing a wide variety of student-organized special events, panels, and movie nights:

- **University of Ottawa Refugee Assistance Project**: spearheaded by Professors Peter Showler, Jennifer Bond, and David Wiseman is a $1 million access to justice project, generously funded with a core grant from the Law Foundation of Ontario and operating under the direction of four professors at the Faculty of Law. UORAP’s mandate is to deliver legal information resources to the refugee support sector in order to mitigate access to justice barriers, and to monitor the new refugee system to identify such barriers. In 2013–14, the UORAP secured a unique information sharing agreement with the IRB to facilitate our research on access to justice issues.

- **Refugee Law Research Team**: Under the direction of Professor Jennifer Bond, this group of students and alumni provide pro bono legal support for important refugee cases. In both the 2012–13 and the 2013–14 academic years, the group wrote a number of legal memos and facta in support of interventions at the Supreme Court of Canada. Work for the UNHCR and legal aid cases before the IRB has also been supported.

- **CARL uOttawa**: Comprising over 100 students, the University of Ottawa has the most active chapter of the Canadian Association of Refugee Lawyers (CARL) of any law school in Canada. CARL students gain research and practical experience in refugee law, including through working groups that support CARL National’s high-profile litigation efforts. CARL uOttawa also provides many opportunities for its students to connect with the local refugee bar and leading refugee law experts across Canada, and, for example, recently hosted a reception following a Supreme Court of Canada hearing and a panel on careers in immigration and refugee law.

- **Capital Rainbow Refugee Resettlement Project**: This group was founded by Professor Nicole LaViolette and has successfully completed the resettlement to Canada of a lesbian couple from South Asia who fled gender and sexual orientation persecution. Through legal research, resettlement support, and fundraising efforts, students alongside community members have gained experience with resettlement under Canada’s refugee system. The group has now embarked on a second resettlement project.

- **Refugee Night**: Refugee Night is an annual night of drama, humour, and education about refugee issues and the latest trends in Canadian refugee policy. This year, the Human Rights Research and Education Centre, CARL uOttawa, and the Refugee Hub co-sponsored Refugee Journeys: Navigating the Road to Safety. A cast made up of students, lawyers and faculty members, told the story of three refugees as they moved through the Canadian refugee process. Throughout the story, guest speakers interjected to discuss pressing issues in refugee law today, including human smuggling, refugee health care, and LGBT refugee claims. The event culminated with the presentation of the Roberto Miranda award to a refugee in Canada who has made an outstanding contribution to social justice. Refugee Night 2014 attracted over 150 members of the university and the broader community. This annual event has quickly become a yearly highlight for this community.
Looking Forward to 2014–15

As this report is being written, we are in the final stages of preparing for the 2014–15 academic year. Professors John Currie and Louise Bélanger-Hardy will assume the offices of Vice Dean, English, and Vice Dean, French, respectively. Professor Elizabeth Sheehy will assume the office of Vice Dean, Research. Professor Lynda Collins will be the Director of the First Year Program and Professor Jamie Benidickson will be the Director of the January Term.

We will continue to offer a remarkable array of courses and for-credit opportunities, continue to innovate in (and out) of the classroom and continue to contribute to legal scholarship and public policy debates. In 2014–15, we will also begin preparing for the periodic review of our JD program. And in 2014–15, the law school will also host the French-language component of the Law Society’s Law Practice Program (LPP). The LPP will provide aspiring lawyers with a new pathway to the Ontario Bar. The mission of the University of Ottawa’s LPP is to promote access to justice for francophones and other marginalized groups by training future lawyers to provide high quality legal services in French.

In sum, our institution and faculty will continue to serve our students, and our community. We look forward to another excellent academic year.
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