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## A MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN DEAN CHRISTOPHER WATERS

Dear Alumni and Friends,

In September 1968, **Dean Mark MacGuigan** welcomed Windsor Law's first class. **In 2018, we will celebrate 50 years of Windsor Law.** We are celebrating you, our alumni who have gone on to all walks of legal practice and beyond, and our collective community contributions. There will be year-long celebrations, culminating in a gala event on 20 September 2018 in Windsor. Please save the date and watch out for forthcoming details on this event and others across the country.

We enter our 50th year from a position of strength. Among other things, faculty renewal continues (and three Windsor Law professors are now members of the Royal Society of Canada), we are launching a full-scale, for-credit student externship program, and our downtown clinics are serving the legal needs of vulnerable people on a daily basis. As you can see from the pages of this report – which we

think is an important part of our accountability to you – we are able to offer a strong legal education and provide an impressive range of opportunities and supports to our students, thanks to your assistance.

Please consider supporting us again this year. Our tuition is among the most affordable in Ontario, but the costs of a high-impact legal education remain high. Beyond financial support, please stay connected. Sessional teaching, guest lecturing, attending reunions, watching out for Windsor Law students during hiring, following us on social media and reaching out with news and personal contacts, are various ways in which I invite you to remain engaged with the Windsor Law community.

Finally, I look forward to seeing many of you in person over the course of our 50th anniversary celebrations!



Sincerely,

**Christopher Waters**  
Dean



To make a gift or to inquire about how you can support Windsor Law students, please contact us or visit [www.uwindsor.ca/law/alumni](http://www.uwindsor.ca/law/alumni)

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# NEW AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

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### ADR CHAMBERS DUAL JD SCHOLARSHIP

Presented to a student enrolled in the Dual JD Program at Windsor Law. Financial need may be taken into consideration, but is not a requirement. This award was established in 2016 by **Allan Stitt** and **ADR Chambers**.

### ALTAGAS HUGH ALEXANDER FERGUSON AWARD

This award will be granted to a law student in any year of study with superior academic standing of 80% or higher. This award was established by **AltaGas Ltd.** in memory of **Hugh Ferguson '73**, who passed away in 2016.

### THE DI LEONARDI FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP

This award will be presented to a female student in the top 10% of the Law I class. Financial need must be demonstrated and community involvement will also be considered. This award was established in 2017 by **Agnes Di Leonardi '86** and **Phylis Di Leonardi '87** to honour their Dad's pioneering spirit.

### CROWN WARD BURSARY IN MEMORY OF JUSTICE HEIDI LEVENSON POLOWIN

This award will be presented to a law student who demonstrates financial need and who can demonstrate that they were a Crown Ward as a young person. Many thanks go to **Stephen Polowin** for establishing this award in memory of his wife, **Heidi**, who passed away in 2016.

### FAMILY LAW CLINICAL INTERNSHIP AT COMMUNITY LEGAL AID & LEGAL ASSISTANCE OF WINDSOR

This gift was made to create a law student employment internship within the Community Legal Aid and Legal Assistance of Windsor framework for the summer of 2017. This internship was made possible by the generosity of **Heather Hansen (Martha McCarthy & Co)** and her husband, **Nils Englestad (Alamos Gold)**. Learn more on page 5.

### MCTAGUE LAW FIRM LLP AWARD IN HONOUR OF PROFESSOR BRIAN ETHERINGTON

**McTague Law Firm LLP** established this award in 2017 to honour the retirement of **Professor Brian Etherington** from the Faculty of Law at the University of Windsor, where he taught and inspired law students for over 30 years. The award is given to a student who demonstrates excellence in a Labour or Employment Law course.

### GREG MONFORTON & PARTNERS AWARD IN INSURANCE LAW

This prize is awarded annually to the student with the highest grade in Insurance Law. This award was generously established in 2017 by **Greg Monforton and Partners**.

### NATIONAL SELF-REPRESENTED LITIGANTS PROJECT

This gift was made to retain a coordinator for the NSRLP in furtherance of the program goals under the supervision of **Dr. Julie Macfarlane**.

### THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE SAUL NOSANCHUK AWARD IN CRIMINAL LAW

This prize is awarded to a student with the highest grade in Criminal Law. This prize was originally established as a fellowship in 2006 by the friends, family and colleagues of **Justice Saul Nosanchuk** on the occasion of his retirement in April 2006. It was converted to a scholarship in 2017. Justice Nosanchuk passed away in June of 2017.

### SLOPEN DUAL JD AWARD

This award will be presented to a student in the Canadian & American Dual JD program who demonstrates academic standing and financial need. This award was established in 2017 by **Jeffrey M. Slopen**.

### MARTIN WUNDER QC AWARD IN TORTS

This prize is awarded annually to the student with the highest grade in Torts. This prize was established in 2016 by **Theresa Wunder** and **Wunder and O'Brien LLP** to recognize the immense contribution to the legal profession made by **Martin (Bud) Wunder**, who passed away in 2015.

## ESTABLISH AN ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP

**GIFTS OF \$25,000** (which can be fulfilled over five years) will generate scholarships of up to 4% the accumulated interest.

Terms can be tailored to reflect the type of support you wish to provide.

# SOCIAL JUSTICE FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

## LINKING OPPORTUNITY WITH ACTION

### The Canadian Civil Liberties Association

- **Horia Tabatabaei Soltani (2L/JD)** pursued a fellowship this summer in Toronto.

### Dean's Social Justice Fellowship

- **Sarah Voegeli (2L/JD)** spent her summer at the Diocese of London Refugee Ministry in Windsor.

### Debwewin Summer Program

- Ontario's Indigenous Justice Division, in partnership with the Faculty of Law supported two Windsor Law students.  
**George Lin (1L/JD)** spent his summer pursuing this fellowship and was placed at Walpole Island First Nation.
- **Veronica Guido (1L/JD)** was placed at Rama First Nation.

### The Bruce and Nancy Elman Social Justice Fellowship in Democracy and Governance

- **Jessica Proskos (1L/JD)** spent her summer at the International Criminal Court in The Hague.

### Great Lakes Environmental Law Clinic

- **Alexandra Jockwig-Welsh (1L/Dual JD)** pursued his fellowship in Detroit, MI. This clinic is a transnational partnership between Windsor Law and Wayne State University, Wayne Law.

### Stitt Feld Handy Social Justice Fellowship in Africa

- **Laura Noceta (2L/JD)** worked at the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees in Toronto.

### Windsor Law Social Justice Fellowships

- **Ilija Dimeski (1L/JD)** worked at the Human Rights Legal Support Centre in Toronto.
- **Hagar Elsayed (2L/JD)** worked at Nisa Homes in Windsor.
- **Stephanie Fong (2L/Dual JD)** worked at the International Justice Mission in Bangalore, India.
- **Nadia Bakhtiari (2L/Dual JD)** interned at the Barbra Schlifer Clinic in Toronto.
- **Masiya Ahmadzai** pursued a fellowship at the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia.

### Windsor Law Social Justice Fellowship in Criminal Law

- **Mercedes Sretenovic (1L/ JD)** worked at Legal Education Action Fund in Toronto.

## MARY JO NOLAN AWARDED HONORARY LLD FROM LAW SOCIETY OF UPPER CANADA



The Law Society of Upper Canada presented a degree of Doctor of Laws, honoris causa (LLD), to The **Honourable Mary Jo M. Nolan** at its Call to the Bar ceremony on June 19 in London.

The Law Society awards honorary doctorates to distinguished people in recognition of outstanding achievements in the legal profession, the rule of law or the cause of justice. Recipients serve as inspirational keynote speakers for the new lawyers attending the Call to the Bar ceremonies.

The Honourable Mary Jo M. Nolan was called to the Ontario Bar in 1983 and has been dedicated to the administration of justice throughout her career as a social worker, court manager, counsel, case management master and judge of the Superior Court of Justice.

In particular, she has been an advocate for access to justice for the most marginalized residents in Windsor and southern Ontario, especially troubled families and children.

"Receiving a Doctor of Laws, Honoris Causa, from the Law Society of Upper Canada is a singular honour next only to my appointment to the Superior Court of Justice, particularly as it recognized my commitment to Access to Justice, a core principle of the mission of Windsor Law."

She has also been a mentor and an example to hundreds of law students and lawyers, not only as a lawyer and a judge, but also as an educator at the University of Windsor, inspiring

many to follow their passion and to serve the public. Retired from the bench since 2014, she continues to work as an arbitrator and mediator and is an inspiration for women in law.

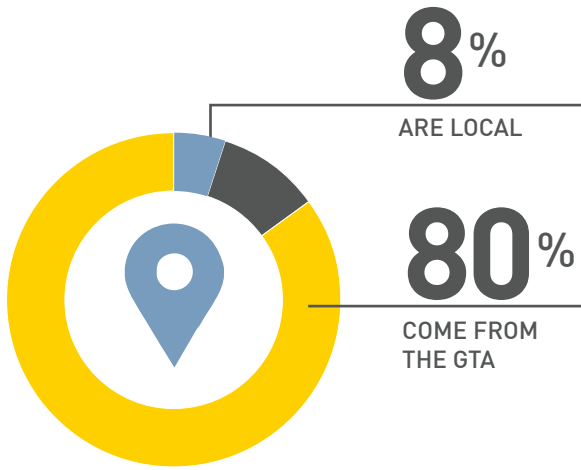
The Madam Justice Mary Jo Nolan Award in Family Law was established in 2014 to recognize the occasion of her retirement from the Ontario Superior Court of Justice. It is awarded to a deserving student who demonstrates a commitment to family law and is registered in a family law course in law school.

### ESTABLISH AN ANNUAL AWARD

**GIFTS OF \$4,500** (which can be fulfilled over three years) will generate an award of \$1,500 per year.

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COME FROM MORE THAN **30** OTHER UNIVERSITIES



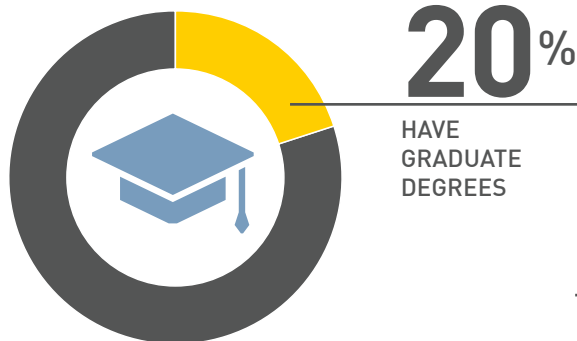
**HIGHER PERCENTAGE OF STUDENT ATHLETES & MUSICIANS**  
AS COMPARED TO OTHER SCHOOLS

**245**  
STUDENTS

**160**  
JD STUDENTS

**85**  
DUAL JD STUDENTS

AVERAGE AGE **25**



# FAMILY LAW CLINICAL INTERNSHIP

## SUMMER REPORT: TEODORA SLIJPCEVIC



I have spent the summer as a caseworker for the Family Law Project at Community Legal Aid (CLA). My position has provided me with an opportunity to gain further experience in this dynamic area of the law. I believe that serving

the community is a fundamental aspect of the legal profession and it is one that I have been able to achieve, and hope to continue achieving, at CLA.

One of my most fulfilling cases to date has been a case involving a woman trying to get custody of her grandchild, as a result of the

child's mother recently passing away. The reason that this case has been fulfilling is because it has been a true test of my ability to build rapport with my client. Upon being assigned to the file, the client was very hesitant to allow me to assist her because she did not want to share her story with a new caseworker. However, after several phone calls and taking the initiative to research community resources that may assist her with her non-legal issues, the client's attitude towards me changed. This case has helped me understand that legal issues and non-legal issues are often interconnected and sometimes the legal issues cannot be resolved until other issues, such as housing and mental health, are resolved first.

In addition to assisting various cases, I have also had the opportunity to work on several Public Legal Education presentations, and some are free and open to the public.

Overall, my time at CLA has played a pivotal role in shaping me into the lawyer I wish to become. On countless occasions, my review counsel, **Harpreet Burmy**, has been a mentor to me and has illustrated the importance of civility in the legal profession. This is something I will take with me throughout my legal career. However, the skills I have gained in this position are secondary to the impact I have been able to have on my client's lives, and this is something that I will always remember because it is the reason I wanted to attend law school.

**CREATE A CLINICAL INTERNSHIP FOR A LAW STUDENT**

**GIFTS of \$10,000** can create a law student summer employment opportunity at one of our clinics. Opportunities can reflect various practice areas of interest.

**Windsor Law would like to thank Heather Hansen '06 and Nils Englestad '07 for their generosity in supporting this internship.**

# THROUGH THE EYES OF THE RECIPIENTS

## CLASS OF 1982 LEADERSHIP AWARD

In 2008, donors from the Class of 1982 decided to commemorate their 25th Anniversary of their graduation by establishing the Class of 1982 Leadership Award. This award is given to an upper year student who has demonstrated leadership within the law school, or the community at large, demonstrated satisfactory academic standing and financial need. Currently the award provides a student with \$6,000 in annual financial support.



"Attending law school was my dream since I was a child. I received the Class of 1982 Leadership scholarship during my third year at Windsor Law and I could not have been more grateful. It is thanks to the

generous donors from the Class of 1982 that I was able to focus on my studies during law school. They inspired me to give both my time and money, as they have. Now, as a practicing lawyer at Mcleish Orlando, I try to pay their generosity forward by being involved in local charities and in particular, the Sick Kids Foundation."

- Selina Andrello

*Class of 2013, 2013 Recipient*



"I received the Class of 1982 Leadership scholarship during my second year at Windsor Law. I was and continue to be beyond thankful! During my first year of law school, I worked

considerable hours at a part-time job in order to afford living expenses. Thanks to the generous donors from the Class of 1982 I was able to minimize my paid work hours and put the focus into my studies and to giving back to the community. Without this scholarship, I would not have been involved in as many clubs, community events, or volunteer activities, all of which were integral to my law school experience and beyond!"

- Shannon McHugh

*Class of 2013, 2012 Recipient*

**ESTABLISH A CLASS GIFT**

Classmates can group together to create class gifts - a reunion is a great time to take action. Alumni can make pledge commitments over three years as part of their annual giving, or make one-time gifts to a specific fund. Class gifts can support a particular project, create an annual award, or establish a scholarship in perpetuity.

# SUPPORT OUR STUDENTS

Funds raised through our Annual Fund Campaign make Windsor Law stronger. We can provide more opportunities for students. We can support aspiring lawyers with practical training, externships and fellowships. We can increase our graduates' ability to be competitive and help them passionately go after their dreams. We can support their goals of being socially conscious global citizens and great resources for their future clients. Most of all, we provide the foundation for our students to obtain a first-class education.

You can make a gift at [uwindsor.ca/donate](http://uwindsor.ca/donate). Please visit our website for opportunities to make your gift and change students' lives.

Gifts over \$100 will be reported in our 2017 Donor Roll.



Windsor Law Class of 2017

## WINDSOR LAW ANNUAL ALUMNI AND FRIENDS DINNER

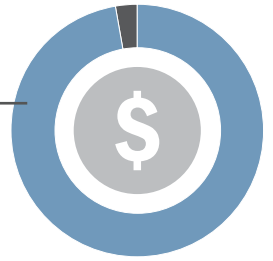


Please join us for the Windsor Law Annual Alumni and Friends Dinner  
Windsor, ON: November 1, 2017  
Caesars Windsor: Augustus III  
Cocktails 5:30 pm. Dinner 7:00 p.m.  
RSVP at [attend.com/windsordinner2017](http://attend.com/windsordinner2017)

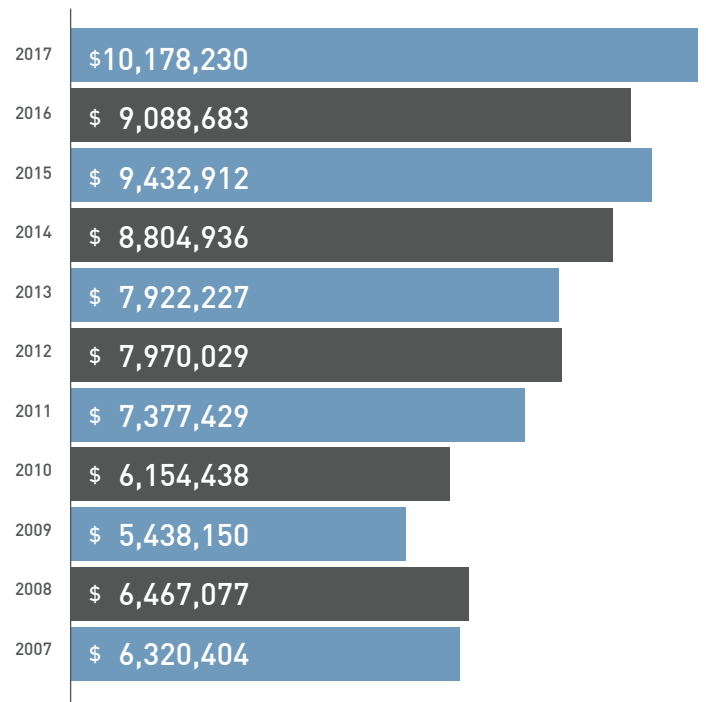
Gifts made between January 1, 2017 and December 31, 2017 will be recognized in our Donor Roll in the Summer 2018 issue.

### TOTAL BURSARIES AWARDED

**\$2.879**  
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### ANNUAL ENDOWMENT HISTORY



### AVERAGE 1ST YEAR BURSARY

**\$7,000**

### MAXIMUM BURSARY AWARDED

**\$17,700**

\$5,000 \$10,000 \$15,000 \$20,000