

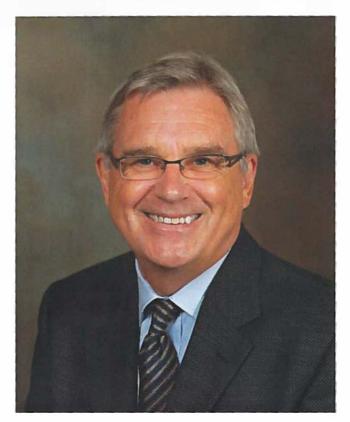
ROBSON HALL 2008-2009







Dean Axworthy's Message



Congratulations to the Class of 2009. You are truly beginning your careers at a time of change change for you and for the world in which we all live. You will be presented with exciting challenges and opportunities.

During the past several years, you have contributed to the growth of the academic, clinical and social life at Robson Hall. While you and your classmates gained directly from these efforts, all of us at the Faculty of Law, as well as alumni and future students, will benefit from the enhanced reputation you have helped create for Robson Hall. I know that you will continue to contribute to the profession and to the community that you serve and that you will be leaders in your chosen careers.

While most of you intend to pursue a legal career, some of you will choose to practice law in a non-traditional manner and others will explore different career paths. Your education has provided you with unlimited, interesting options. Next year will see members of this class working in all parts of the country. Regardless of whether you enter the profession, how you practice or where you reside, I hope you will maintain connections with each other and those of us who remain at Robson Hall.

Best wishes for health, happiness and success in all of your future endeavours.

Associate Dean Turnbull's Message



To the Class of 2009

As I reflect on the three years (or so) that you have spent in Robson Hall, I think of a group who has been part of many changes and new beginnings in our law school. In your time, the Student Services Centre opened its doors, the financial aid and awards to law students approached three quarters of a million dollars allowing us to celebrate achievement and access, and exams could finally be written on computers. Some of you travelled to far off lands to share what you were learning at Robson Hall, some of you traveled to other Canadian cities to shine in mooting competitions, some travelled to Winnipeg Harvest to offer your skills to those in need and others travelled paths closer to home, navigating challenges nonetheless.

Many of you were inspired by Supreme Court of Canada Justice Rosalie Abella who reminded you to make the law serve all Canadians and to have fun along the way, staying connected to family, friends, community and the arts as a way of staying connected with the needs of those we serve. You have also benefitted from all the improvements both capital and resources that Dean Harvey Secter brought to Robson Hall and in your final year you got to be caught up in the energy of our new Dean, Chris Axworthy and a new University President who promise to build for the future. But this is your task also, as you leave the academic formation of legal education and venture into the broader community where you will apply the knowledge, skills and critical perspectives that you have developed. You are the leaders and you can be the change you want to see in the world (to paraphrase Gandhi, who was also a lawyer). I look forward to hearing over the years ahead of all the wonderful things you do to enrich our society.

With my very best wishes,

Lorna A Turnbull Associate Dean (LL.B. Program)



<u>A Message From The Yearbook</u> <u>Committee</u>



It is my pleasure to welcome you to the 2008-2009 yearbook for Robson Hall, Faculty of Law. This year the Yearbook Committee decided to personally design the yearbook online, rather than using professional yearbook designers. This was done with the hope of creating a book that could symbolize the spirit of Robson Hall and all the people and events that filled it during this past academic year. By choosing to design the pages ourselves online, it also ensured that we could offer a yearbook that was more affordable for students, as well as completely in colour to add to the memories encapsulated in it.

We hope that when you look back at this book, whether it be when you first get it or in 20 years, that it will bring back some great memories and remind you of the interesting and wonderful classmates and staff that you had the benefit to spend time with over the last year.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank those of you who contributed write-ups and/or photos - it is these contributions that ensure the memories found within this book are something we will always be able to look back at. I would also like to thank Thayalan Karthigesu, whose regular attendance and support of Robson Hall events and programs resulted in the contribution of a multitude of great photos.

Last but not least a <u>very</u> special thank you goes out to Tatiyana Bubnowicz, whose help and support in designing pages, locating photos and editing the book was greatly appreciated, and without it this book could not have been the success that it is.

As the yearbook marks the end of this academic year and the beginning of another for some, or the start of a career for others, we hope that this book is able to put a smile on your face when remembering your experiences at Robson Hall over the last year as well as ensuring that you never forget how these experiences have shaped the lawyers or legal graduates that you become.

> -Samantha de Wit Yearbook Editor



<u>A Message From The Manitoba Law</u> <u>Students Association</u>

Looking back on the year, there were many highlights, and I am thankful for this opportunity to review some of them for posterity in the yearbook.

First off, I would like to send out a huge thank-you to all the members of the MLSA for their hard work this year in putting on all the events, and consistently and conscientiously accomplishing the goals and challenges that were placed in front of them. We had a very successful year, and it was in large part due to the hard work of the members of the MLSA. THANK YOU ALL!

Once again, September arrived too quickly after a lovely summer, and a crowd of eager first years, anxious second years and (insert your own adjective) third years were ready to welcome the new scholastic year. As in years past, a very successful Pub Night and Cultural Night highlighted a week of Orientation events for the first years.



The week culminated with the always-popular Boat Cruise, and this years theme of Value Village Prom was easily accessible to students as many dressed up in wacky costumes special props to Amanda Faulkner for her Aunt Fran dress and Andrew Marshall for classing up the event in his tux. The Orientation events spilled over into the second week of classes with Family Night and the Golf Tournament. The golf tournament proved once again that Law students have a LONG ways to go if they ever hope to impress future clients on the green with their golfing prowess (social skills good, golf skills bad).

During the first couple of weeks of school, after the festivities of Orientation were over, things got serious as classes started in earnest and we all tried to keep up with the volumes of reading that accompany all years of law school. During the end of September, the MLSA was busy with the first year elections, and welcomed Amanda Faulkner, Landon Miller and Mike Jones to council. Council also worked hard to finalize and pass constitutional amendments and club funding policies that had been developed in light of shortcomings that arose over the last couple of years. The changes were all unanimously passed, and signaled a sea of change in the MLSA administration and the transparency and communication of the MLSA to the student body.

October signaled the start of the curling season at Robson Hall. Growing up in Vancouver (on the west coast?), I had no idea of the importance of curling in the prairie city social fabric, and had yet to experience the greatest game on ice (and you thought it was boring old hockey). After two years of playing, I have a great appreciation for the grand ol game, the culture and history (the fact they serve beer at ice level has nothing to do with it). As you may or may not know, Canadian and World Champion Jennifer Jones is a three-time past champion of the Law Curling League (certainly the stepping stone to her current successes!). We certainly expect much the same from Chad Penner and his winning team (and of course Dordy Norby and the Sweeping Beauties for the worlds mixed in 2025!!). Special mention must go out to Vince Sinclair and his curling committee for putting in all the hard work over the last three years to ensure this great tradition at Robson Hall continues.

The rest of October and November were a blur of studying, reading and another MLSA social event in the form of the Call to the Bar Social. Hosted at a new venue this year, the event was a great success and set a new high-water mark for SRBRC (Stress Relief By Removal of Clothing) at MLSA events. November was also the month that the faculty interviewed nine candidates for three new tenure track positions. It was great to have a student sit as a full member of the committee and have a large amount of input into this vital process for the continuity and success of the faculty. Welcome to Donn Short, David Milward and Brenda Gunn as the newest members of the Robson Hall faculty!

Exam time came as sure as snow in December, and once they were out of the way, we all enjoyed a couple of weeks of respite before the Winter semester began (on that note - is UofM the only university to have Fall/Winter terms, and not Fall/Spring?). Coming back to classes in January, the MLSA kicked off the new semester in style with the Carbolic Smoke Ball, our winter formal held in conjunction with the Mid-Winter meetings of the Manitoba Bar Association. Once again the event was a great success, with (most) students proving to future employers that they could actually use the correct fork and carry on a conversation. The after-party was a smoking affair as well, I heard.

February brought more reading and studying, and the best week of the year: READING WEEK. Although the name is a bit of a misnomer, it would be much more appropriately and accurately titled SKIING WEEK or BEACH WEEK. After a week of rejuvenation (and maybe a couple hours of reading), it was time to focus in preparation for final exams. March was a complete fog of studying and reading, accompanied by the annual MLSA elections. This years election went off without a hitch (much to the relief of CRO Ken Hawkins and MLSA Chair Brian I. Monteiro), and the new council was welcomed in with a great handover meeting in the beginning of April. Best of luck to Davy Ireland and the entire MLSA council of 2009/2010!!

Final exams came upon us (for the last time for the third years) in the end of April, and as usual it was heads-down and brains on for a couple of weeks as we struggled to remember which section of what statute held the key to the completely unrealistic fact pattern that was presented to us on each exam. In the end, the exams got written, and 79 graduates showed up bright-eyed and bushy-tailed for graduation on April 27. As the conclusion of three years of hard work, it felt great to see each person walk up on stage and receive his or her unofficial and non-binding letter of congratulations in place of an actual diploma. I trust we will all receive the real thing in good time. Special congratulations go out to the individual award winners honoured at the ceremony Jason Gisser as the Susan B. Loadman Award winner, Chris Donaldson as the Bruce Miller Award winner, and Brian I. Monteiro as the Class of 1980 Award winner.

Settling into the summer, and looking forward to the career that stretches before us, I hope we are all thankful for the experiences and friendships that we made at Robson Hall. Good or bad, those times and people have added to the journey, and brought us to where we are today. I hope we can all look back at our three years at Robson Hall and say that they were formative years, both personally and professionally. It has been a pleasure to get to know so many of you, and I wish the class of 2008/2009 the best success in whatever future adventures they embark on.



Randall Boessenkool, MLSA President

MLSA Executive and Committees 2008-2009

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1st Year Reps - Mike Jones, Amanda Faulkner, Landon Miller

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MALSA Representative - Vince Sinclair

UMSU Representative - Devin Johnston

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Orientation Week 2008









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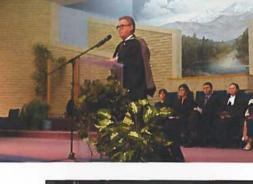
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Kara

Bjornson



Randall Boessenkool



Andrew Buck



Angela Czarnecki



Samantha de Wit



Kelsey

Desjardine



Simrun Dhaliwal



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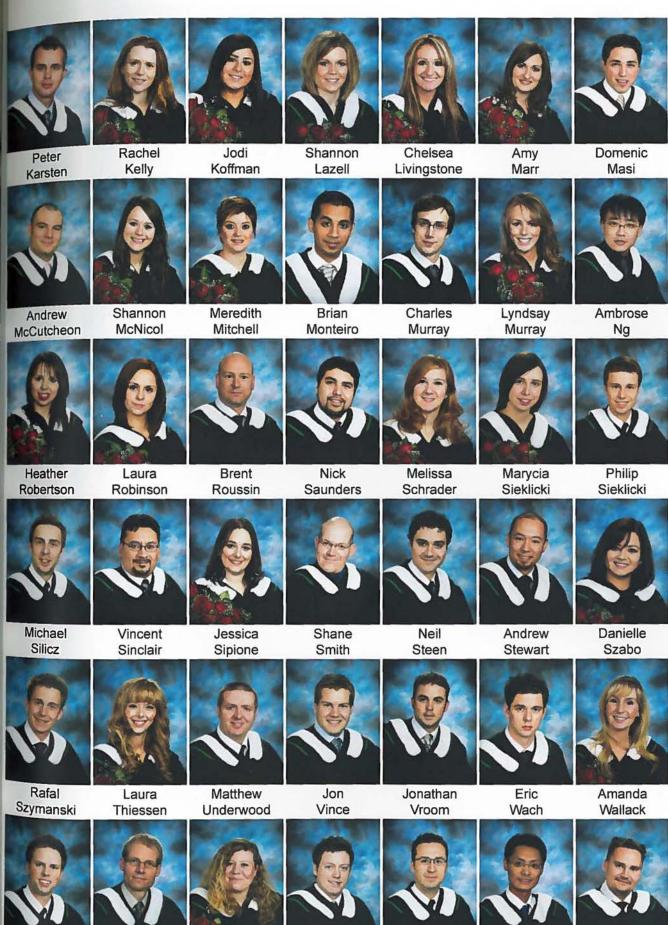
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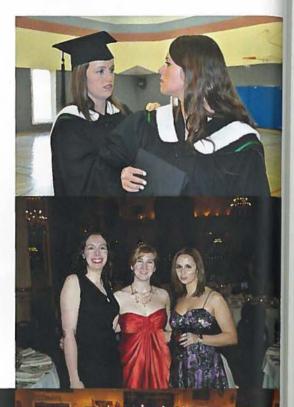


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Wilson Moot

Named in honour of Bertha Wilson, the first woman Justice of the Supreme Court of Canada and tireless equality advocate, the annual Wilson Moot competition recreates an appeal of a Charter equality rights case and always raises timely and fascinating social issues. This year, students mooted a problem based on a young mother with advanced MS who sought homecare support so she could remain living at home with her son even though this posed some risks to her health and safety. The Wilson Moot represents a unique and rewarding opportunity for students to hone their legal knowledge and advocacy skills and to network with students, lawyers, judges and law professors from across the country.

The Wilson Moot was held in Toronto at the end of February 2009, where two of Robson Hall's students were ranked among the Top Ten Oralists. Rafal Szymanski was ranked 3rd and Neil Steen 6th overall. Rounding out the strong Robson Hall team were Peter Karsten and Tom Gagnon. The team was coached by Crown Attorney's Tony Kavanagh and Liz Thomson, and Sarah Lugtig, Counsel to the Manitoba Human Rights Commission.





Laskin Moot

The Laskin Moot is a national competition in Canadian administrative and constitutional law, founded in 1985-86 as the Administrative Law Moot and renamed in honour of former Chief Justice Bora Laskin. The moot is bilingual: each team's presentation must include the use of both English and French. The team normally has four students, though a fifth can be added. Not all team members need to be able to speak French, but at least one team member must present his or her oral argument in French and write the corresponding part of the factum in that language. Simultaneous translation is available for the benefit of unilingual mooters.



The Laskin Moot is Canada's only national bilingual appellate advocacy competition. This year, students mooted a problem based on a challenge to the federal judicial appointments process which raised issues of judicial independence and equality rights. The Laskin team was coached by Professor Gerald Heckman.

Shaheen Haji, Brian Monteiro, Jason Roberts and Danielle Szabo represented Robson Hall at the 2009 Laskin Moot held on February 27 and 28, 2009 in London, Ontario, hosted by the University of Western Ontario. This year, Brian Monteiro was the only member of the team to present his oral, as well as his written argument, entirely in French. Competing with students from eighteen other Canadian law schools, the Robson Hall team brought home the First Place Factum prize.



Solomon Greenberg Moot

The Solomon Greenberg Competition has a long tradition at Robson Hall. Over its 44 year history winners have included Queens Bench judges, ministers of justice and even a former Robson Hall Dean of Law. The competition is the culmination of the advocacy course which was instructed by Jeff Gindin. Eight students are selected out of the entire second year class to be involved. The eight students selected this year were: Nathan Irving, Shaheen Haji, Alison Cathcart, Aaron Braun, David Ireland, Phillipe Richer, Sarah Harvey and Katie Hall.

The Solomon Greenberg finalists were called upon to prepare and present a criminal jury trial. The finalists were divided into four trial pairings: two teams for the defence and two for the Crown. The defence teams were assisted by Saul Simmonds, a well known criminal defence counsel, and the Crown teams were assisted by Liz Thomson, a senior Crown attorney.

There were two half day trials held on January 10, 2009 presided over by Rick Saull, who was the coach of Robson Hall's Western Canada Moot Trial team. The trials were before judge and jury and concerned the case of *R. v. Landry*. The accused was found guilty of failure to remain at the scene of an accident in each trial.

The winner of the Solomon Greenberg Competition for 2008 was David Ireland and the runner-up was Alison Cathcart. Both went on to represent Manitoba at the Western Canada Moot Trial Competition held in Saskatoon on January 30 and 31, 2009.





Sopinka Cup

The Robson Hall team of Alison Cathcart and David Ireland placed 2nd in the 11th annual Sopinka Cup Moot Court competition, held on March 3 and 4, 2009 in downtown Ottawa. In addition to this excellent showing as a team, David Ireland was singled out for special attention, winning the prizes for best overall advocate and best direct examination.

The Robson Hall team was expertly coached in the Sopinka Cup by Crown Counsel Rick Saull and Defense Counsel Jeff Gindin, who teaches advocacy as part of the second year curriculum at Robson Hall.

Corporate Securities Moot

The Robson Hall team was made up of Andrew Buck, Adam Garetson, Andrew Synyshyn and James Wood, who represented the law school at the 2009 Davies, Ward, Phillips, Vineberg Corporate Securities Moot in Toronto on March 6 and 7, 2009. The team was coached by Professors Darcy MacPherson and John Pozios.

This was Robson Hall's first involvement with this event. In the Corporate Securities Moot, each mooter had the obligation to represent both the appellant and respondent in different rounds of the competition. After many hours of research and preparation, the team successfully represented Robson Hall.



Negotiations Competition 2009



On March 12, 2009, the fourth annual Robson Hall Negotiation Competition took place amongst second year negotiation students. The negotiation problem involved Martin Boyle and Suzan Marchelle and their dispute over the property rights in the florist shop, Common Scents and the web store, My Two Scents, which concerned trademark and copyright and unjust enrichment claims. The competition was organized by Professors Vivian Hilder and Lisa Fainstein.

The team of Al Menticoglou and Andrew Synyshyn won first prize, and the team of Heather-Belle Guest and James Wood tied for second place with the team of Nida Chaudhry and Sarah Harvey.

As the winners of the Negotiations Competition, Andrew Synyshyn and Al Menticoglou will go on to represent Robson Hall in the American Bar Association Law Student Negotiation Competition in Indiana in November 2009.

ABA National Student Negotiation Competition



Robson Hall team Kelsey Desjardine and Andrew Buck performed brilliantly at the 2009 ABA National Student Negotiation Competition. Of the 240 student teams from across Canada and the U.S. that competed at the regional level in November, 2008, our team was among the top 24 teams invited to compete in the National Competition in Boston. The team was coached by Professor Vivian Hilder.

The Robson hall team tied for fifth place, after advancing to the semi-finals. Throughout the competition, Kelsey and Andrew were uniformly complimented by teams, other coaches and the judges for their preparation, collaborative yet firm approach, good outcomes and clear self-analysis.







The Honourable Justice Rothstein Visits Robson Hall

The Honourable Justice Marshall Rothstein, of the Supreme Court of Canada and distinguished alumnus of our faculty, visited Robson Hall on February 26th, 2009 to present "Trial by Ambush?: Advocacy Strategies" where he reminded students and faculty of the duties owed by the profession to the court, judges and fellow lawyers. This included tips for writing factums in appeal cases, and what courts like the Supreme Court are looking for in those factums.

<u>The Manitoba Court of Appeal</u> <u>Visits Robson Hall</u>

History was made at the University of Manitoba on Wednesday, November 19, 2008 when the Manitoba Court of Appeal relocated to Robson Hall to hear an appeal in the case of *Bell Mobility Inc. v. MTS Allstream Inc.* This was a first for the Manitoba Court of Appeal and only the second time in Canadian legal history that a real Court of Appeal case has been heard at a law school.

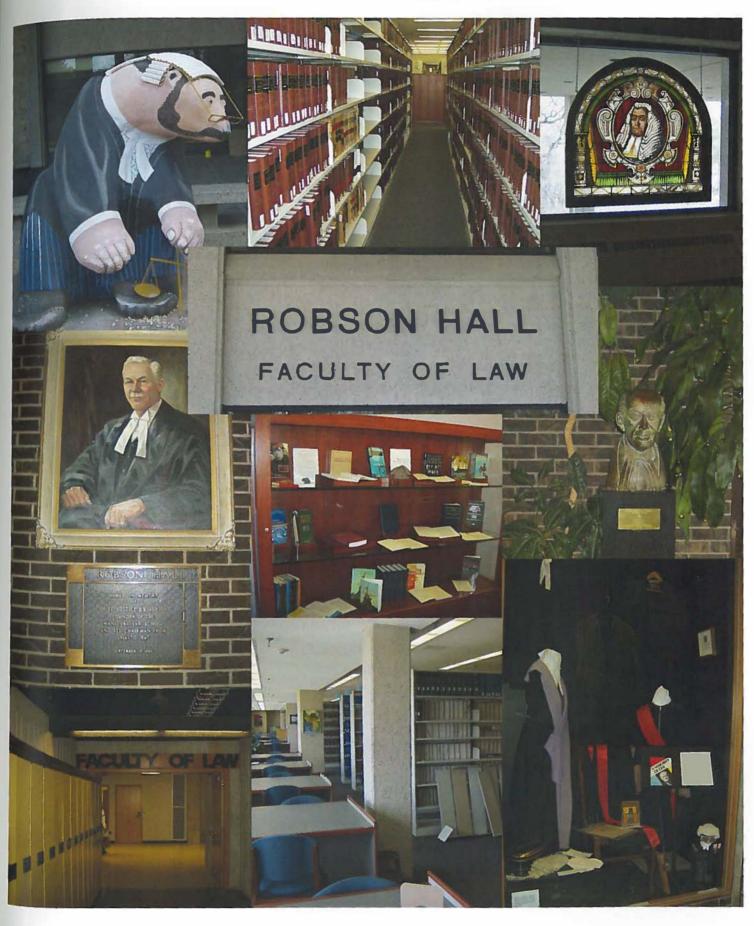
The court panel was made up of Chief Justice Richard Scott, Madam Justice Freda Steel and Madam Justice Barbara Hamilton.

After the hearing ended, Chief Justice Scott took a few minutes to speak to the audience which he acknowledged was a bit larger than they were used to having at the Court of Appeal! He explained the next steps the judges would take following the hearing. He thanked counsel and the clients for their support and cooperation and the court adjourned.

All counsel had agreed that they would stay after the hearing to share their thoughts on appellate advocacy. The students were not disappointed as the lawyers offered their top tips based on their extensive advocacy experience and then fielded questions from the audience.

The Faculty of Law at the University of Manitoba has always enjoyed a special relationship with the bar and bench and this hearing could not have taken place without the initiative of the Court of Appeal and the generous cooperation of all counsel and clients. Based on the positive feedback from the clients, the lawyers, the judges and the students, the faculty hopes that this will not be the last time that the Court of Appeal sits at Robson Hall.

Around Robson Hall



Robson Hall Jets

The Robson Hall Jets hockey program is open to all students who wish to join, with different teams competing at various skill levels. In late-September, all players were invited to play in the Cliff Edwards Classic at the Winnipeg Winter Club. Two student teams faced-off against two teams of Robson Hall Alumni in a small 8-game tournament. The Alumni emerged as champions after a thrilling shoot-out final, but nonetheless a great time was had by all. Special thanks to Kara Bjornson and Jessie Sipione, who volunteered as timekeepers.

In early October, a team of 16 Jets went down to Grand Forks, North Dakota for a weekend to face-off against the UND Law School team. After some border troubles and an ill-advised stop at a burger stand, we weren't in the greatest shape to play. We lost the game, but had an incredible time running loose in the city afterward. Thanks to Katie Brownell, Shannon Patterson and Tina Petrick for making the drive to be our cheering section.

In early January, a select team of Robson Hall Jets players travelled to Edmonton to play in the Western Canadian Law Hockey Championship, graciously hosted by the University of Alberta Tortfeasors. We beat all of our opponents except the University of Saskatchewan, who we lost to in the finals. Justin Haines (most accurate shot), Travis Webber (shootout competition) and Chris Donaldson (top goaltender) all walked off victorious in Blakes Skills Competition.

In early February, the Jets hosted a game pitting female Robson Hall students against female Alumni. In a hard fought battle, the Alumni squeaked out a victory. Feedback was positive from all the girls involved on both sides and the Jets look forward to hosting the game again next year. Special thanks to Adam Garetson and Cam Wong for refereeing.

The Robson Hall Jets also iced a team in both semesters of the U of M Intramural League, making it as far as the division semi-final in the winter term. As well, players were drafted by and played for firms in the Manitoba Law Hockey League. The 2008-09 season was both busy and successful, and we anticipate more of the same next year.



-Chris Donaldson













<u>Curling</u>

This years MLSA curling league was more popular than ever with 13 teams signing up to play. The first years came out in style, creating three new teams for the league, while the upper years brought back some of the old favourites and created some new teams as well. Due to the increase in numbers, the playoffs were divided into two groups, with the top 9 competing for pools A and B and the bottom 4 competing in pool C.

First year team Tortalicious, consisting of all males, managed to make it into the finals for pool C without winning a single game the whole season, due to forfeits by the other teams in the pool. They faced off against fellow first years POGG, and managed to pull off their first win of the season to take first place in pool C.

Pool B finals placed teams No Luvers of Cricket and Dordy Norby and the Sweeping Beauties against each other. A great pair-up as Dordy Norby placed first in pool B, while No Luvers placed first in pool A in the 2007-2008 season. However, No Luvers pulled through and won this pool.

Finally, pool A finals saw first years Reasonable Forsweepability face off against the second year team known as Chads Team. What Chads Team lacked in creativity to come up with a team name, they made up for in curling skills and took home first place in the league.

Members of Chads Team also took home the two individual prizes. Skip Chad Penner was voted as Most Valuable Player of the league, while Brendan Burns was voted Most Improved Player for being able to keep up with his skilled teammates even though it was his first season of curling.

While Best First Year Team from 2007-2008 failed to make it to any of the final rounds, the Privy Curlers still took part in the prizes. Due to their enthusiasm, awesome cheers, songs and team shirts, the Privy Curlers were honoured with the Team Spirit award. Finally, the League said good-bye to Vince Sinclair, the organizer and Curling Champion for the past two seasons.



-Breena Murray













Pro Bono Students Canada

Victims of domestic violence, survivors of Residential Schools, and the wrongfully convicted are some of the groups that Pro Bono Students Canada (PBSC) volunteers assisted from May of 2008 to March of 2009. In this period PBSC at Robson Hall offered students a wide range of projects to involve themselves in through research or clinical placements. For instance, in 2008-09 PBSC at Robson Hall introduced a research project for an organization whose aim is to promote socially responsible livestock production in Canada.



With a volunteer force of approximately 80 students, PBSC at Robson Hall is one of Canada's largest bodies of law students that work together with community organizations and pro bono lawyers to provide legal services to the underrepresented and disadvantaged. At the annual PBSC at Robson Hall event in March, the volunteers got the chance to enjoy refreshments and to meet with community contacts, and exceptional volunteers were recognized with awards.

We at PBSC would like to thank our volunteers for all the hard work they put into this successful term. We would also like to thank the Manitoba Law Foundation, the Winnipeg Foundation, the University of Manitoba's Faculty of Law, and the Coffeehouse performers and organizers for their generous support of our programs.

-Jason Hatherly and Celia Valel-Church PBSC Coordinators

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Law Games 2009

Robson Hall Brings It at Law Games!

Our team of twenty-one students represented Robson Hall at the 2009 Law Games, held by University of Saskatchewan in Saskatoon, SK. Powered by energy drinks and the crazy spirit exerted by everyone, we tore up the court!... the volleyball, dodgeball, and basketball court that is! We also sent delegates to play soccer, curling, and floor hockey. After long days of challenging sports activity and pool lounging, we truly showed our colours in the nighttime events, our team bringing home the coveted bronze medal in the pub crawl scavenger hunt!

Awesome times were had, great connections were made, and many many cheers will be seared in our heads forever more (Go Jets Go!). We encourage everyone to come out to the next Law Games so we can let the tradition grow!



Mentorship Program

With the arrival of the fall season came a whole new crop of first year students into Robson Hall who had the opportunity to participate in the Mentorship Program run by the Manitoba Bar Association and the Manitoba Law Students Association. The aim of the Mentorship Program is to match law students with lawyers in Manitoba who are willing to share experiences about the practice of law and the process of becoming a successful lawyer. It is a chance for Manitoba lawyers to help students build important networks within the legal community and to serve as valuable career advisors for students who are just embarking upon their legal careers.

There are two organized events each year. In November the Fall Wine and Cheese Reception was hosted by Thompson Dorfman Sweatman LLP. The event was attended by over 90 lawyers and students. The first year students looked dashing in their newly purchased suits, and conversation flowed between groups of students and mentors. Discussion of future employment seemed to be the most popular point of conversation, and business cards were traded by eager students and willing lawyers. Student comments on the event ranged from "It was a great experience to meet and greet some local lawyers, and get their viewpoint on the state of the profession" (James MacFarlane) to "SWEET... free wine!!" (Dustin Rainkie).

The final mentorship event was held in February at Academy Uptown Bowling Lanes. It was another successful evening that required brave souls to venture out for some exciting bowling action for both students and lawyers. Law students and mentors were divided into teams for two hours of bowling. Both experienced and novice bowlers enjoyed the event. The game was the ever-popular "bingo bowling" which leveled the playing field of old pros and young novices. Competitive spirits were at their highest with 1st year students Kyle Lamothe, James McFarlane and Sarah Gravelines, and their captain, champion-bowler Mike Law, taking the first game. The second game proved to be a closely contested battle but resulted in a repeat victory. The third game ended in dramatic fashion with Dave Hill making a decisive strike for his team to win the sudden-death bowl-off!

While this was the last formal mentorship event planned for the year, the hope is that this was not the end of these mentorship relationships. Thank you to everyone who helped make it another successful year for the program!!

<u>Robson Arms Softball Team</u> <u>Summer 2008</u>

The Manitoba Bar Association Softball League is an important networking source for many Robson Hall students. The Softball League plays every Wednesday from May to September, with teams comprising of lawyers, law students and support staff from law firms across Winnipeg.

Robson Halls team, the Robson Arms, completed a stellar 2008 season with a 4-11 record. Every Wednesday, Robson Arms played their hearts out on the field and then met up with the rest of the league at Movados Sports Bar, where all players enjoyed complimentary nachos, beer and a little law gossip.

As the 3rd year law students move on to do their articles, many continue playing in the Bar Association Softball League on various teams, making professional contacts every season while enjoying some well deserved leisure time spent with other members of Winnipeg's legal community.

Business Law Group

2008-2009 was another great year for the Business Law Group! We kicked off the year with a meet and greet of the executive council and the launch of the Stock Market Challenge. Membership once again was outstanding, including almost 1/3 of the student body and students from all three years. Both terms were filled with fun events for students interested in practicing business law.

For our first guest speaker, we were fortunate to hear words of networking wisdom from Daniel Sherbo, Partner at Tapper Cuddy LLP, over a pizza lunch sponsored by the firm. In October, the Business Law Group hosted the annual Mingling, Munchies and the Moose night - students had an opportunity to visit with various business law lawyers, while watching the Manitoba Moose game in luxury boxes at the MTS Centre. In January, the Business Law Group held a Book Drive for the Childrens Hospital and through the generous donations of staff and students, we were able to donate several boxes of books.

In February, we held a Wine Tasting & Seminar, presented by David Ireland, 2nd year student at Robson Hall. Students had a chance to acquire some wine knowledge to prepare them for upcoming firm dinners and networking events while meeting business law lawyers. In March, Aikins, MacAulay & Thorvaldson LLP hosted their annual Wine & Cheese Reception for the Business Law Group which was thoroughly enjoyed by both students and lawyers. The 2008-2009 year wound up with the close of the Stock Market Challenge and a presentation by Professor John Pozios, who shared information with the group about the courses and opportunities available for students interested in practicing business law.

The Business Law Group would like to thank all members for their support and a big thank you to the executive council for their efforts in making this year a very successful one!

-Chelsea Livingstone





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<u>Christian Legal Fellowship</u> <u>Conference 2009</u>

It is difficult to believe that another school year has passed. For many, this time of year marks the end of a threeyear journey. For many others, it marks a checkpoint on the journey. For CLF Robson Hall, this year was our second official year as a student group and we took on a big responsibility as well!

In February, CLF Manitoba hosted the 2009 CLF National Student Conference. It was an excellent time of fellowship with students from other campuses spanning from Victoria, BC to Fredericton, NB. The Conference was a group effort, with significant contributions by many law students, local lawyers and CLF National. We would like to extend our gratitude for all the support received from the Robson Hall faculty and student body. Thank you!

Our plenary speakers were Jeffery Ventrella, Senior Vice President of Strategic Planning for the Alliance Defence Fund, USA; Ruth Ross, Executive Director of CLF National; Professor Michael P. Schutt, Institute for Christian Legal Studies; and Professor William Wagner, Thomas M. Cooley Law School & Salt and Light Global Ministry, Michigan. Panel members included local lawyers and lawyers from across Canada.

Group activities included glow bowling and the Festival du Voyageur. The weekends main activities ended with a celebration banquet on campus, with keynote speaker Jeffery Ventrella.

To all graduating students, we wish you all the best in your future endeavours! As for all returning students, we hope you all have an exceedingly pleasant summer!



























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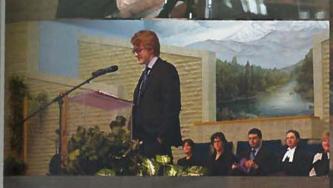


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Greetings from the Faculty Professor Heckman

> Valedictory Address Neil Steen

Greetings from the Legal Profession Justice Deborah McCawley



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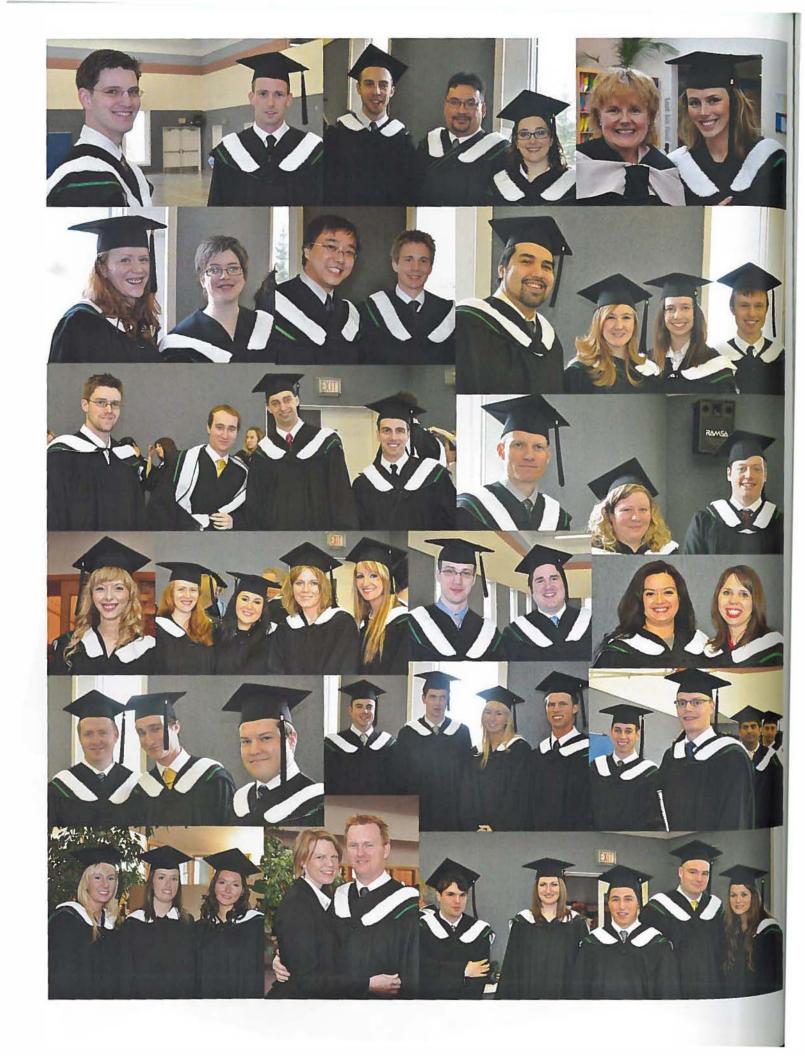




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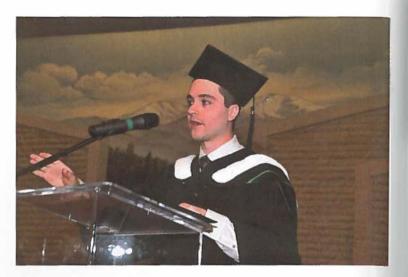
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<u>A Message</u> <u>From The</u> Valedictorian

A funny thing happened at the Robson Hall law school graduation ceremony this year: The class of 2009 invited representatives from different areas of law, to speak to us about the next phase of our lives. The interesting thing was that a common theme emerged from the remarks given that morning. That theme was the idea of being challenged.



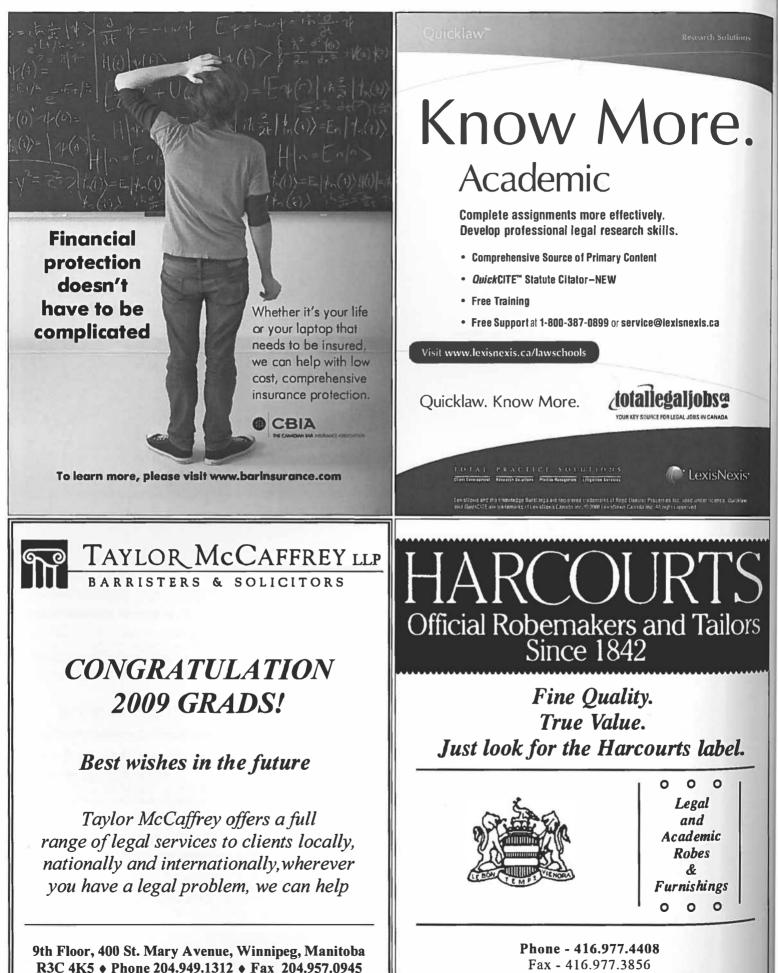
Professor Heckman, the representative from the faculty, threw down the gauntlet and challenged us to tackle the profession of law on our own terms, and to make the system more accessible and amenable to work-life balance. He challenged us not to accept the profession for the way it is now, but to commit ourselves to making it better. Justice McCawley, the representative from the profession, challenged us to find in our professional lives, a love and respect for justice; and to serve just goals over the course of our careers. As the representative of the graduating class, I discussed the basic concept of facing challenges for which we feel unprepared; and how we have been properly primed for that struggle by three years of law school.

Certainly there was no premeditation among the speakers with respect to the content of the remarks given that morning. But I don't think the emergence of that common theme was a coincidence either. I think it was a natural consequence of events that have taken place over the last few years as we have progressed through law school. Events that have taken place both inside and outside the legal community, that have given rise to some serious questions: Questions about the manner in which law is practiced, questions about the difficult economic climate we find ourselves in, and a general uncertainty about the future. These questions are unavoidable at this point in time; and the best way to describe the feeling at this turning point in our lives, is that we are standing on a precipice, preparing to make a giant leap into the unknown. This is our challenge.

So you have just opened your 2008/2009 law school yearbook. You're what 5 years out? 10? 20? At this point you know who was disbarred, who became a judge (assuming they are different people), who left the profession, who didn't. Did they ever fix the parking situation in L lot? Does Aramark still supply grossly over-priced food to starving law students?

Perhaps more importantly, you have some insight into the challenges we ended up facing as we entered the real world some time ago. Were they really that hard? Were they what we expected? Have we served and changed the profession as Professor Heckman challenged us to? Did we take up the cause of justice in our professional lives as implored by Justice McCawley? You have all the answers now, so I'm asking: Did we meet the challenges presented to us the day we graduated?

-Neil Steen, Valedictorian Class of 2009



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