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Dr. Richard Bauman - Distinguished Service in Legal Scholarship
Called to the bar in 1982, Dr. Richard Bauman has become a leading and respected scholar in the areas of legal theory, corporate law and comparative constitutional law. Over the last twenty years he has made a significant contribution to each of these areas as an author and editor of legal scholarship.

In the area of traditional legal scholarship, Dr. Bauman wrote a report on Corporate Directors’ Liability for the Institute of Law Research and Reform in 1989. He was the co-author of an innovative empirical study on Modification to Corporate Constitutions. Dr. Bauman’s publications have also extended to much less traditional areas. His book, Ideology and Community in the First Wave of Critical Legal Studies, dealt with the impact of the critical legal studies movement and his book Aristotle’s Logic of Education extended to the broader field of philosophy.

Dr. Bauman’s excellence in scholarship and teaching has been recognized in a number of ways. He is the recipient of the McCalla Professorship, awarded by competition to only the top academics at the University of Alberta, and the Honourable Tevie H. Miller Award for Teaching Excellence.

Paul Drager - Distinguished Service to the Community
Called to the Alberta bar in 1990, Paul Drager has been active within municipal, provincial, federal and international communities over the past 25 years. Four specific areas of his distinguished service to the community on the international level include: Paul’s visionary leadership in the Canada Eurasia Energy and Industry Alliance; his ongoing dedication to the University of Calgary, International Business Advisory Board and International Business Advisory Group; his involvement in intergovernmental assistance programs under the auspices of the Canadian International Development Agency, and his ongoing commitments with CARE Canada.

At Macleod Dixon LLP, Paul has been the driving force for internationalization which has lead to the firm becoming the largest internationally oriented Alberta-based firm (seven offices on four continents).

Margaret A. Shone - Distinguished Service to the Community
One of the earliest appointments to the newly founded Alberta Institute of Law Research and Reform, Margaret Shone is now one of Canada’s senior counsel on law reform.

Called to the bar in 1970, Margaret’s energetic record of service in the community, scholarly publications and professional activities identify her as a leader in the legal profession. Motivated by an abiding interest in fair process and respect for the individual, some examples of Margaret’s service to the community include: being an active founder of the Child and Adolescent Services Association and contributing to other health sector organizations including the John D’Olier Health Ethics Centre, the Royal Alexandra Hospital, the University of Alberta Hospital, the Schizophrenia Society of Canada and the Canadian Mental Health Association.

In 1998, Margaret received the Suzanne Mills Award from the Alberta Human Rights and Citizenship Commission and an Alberta Government Achievement Award in 1992.

Lorne C. Goddard, QC - Distinguished Service to the Profession
Lorne Goddard graduated from Osgoode Hall Law School in 1971 and was admitted to the Law Society of Upper Canada in 1973. He was then admitted to the Law Society of Alberta in 1975. Lorne Goddard has a strong belief in promoting a positive image of the legal profession. As a student, Lorne worked for the Student Legal Program to provide free legal services to the public. To this day, he continues to provide legal aid assistance to clients because of his strong conviction that senior counsel and experienced legal services should be available to clients who may not have financial means.

At times Lorne has taken on very unpopular cases at peril to his reputation due to his strong ethical beliefs in the role of the barrister in our society. He has demonstrated an outstanding ability to preserve under duress and to serve the cause of justice.

In 2001 Lorne was appointed Queen’s Counsel. He has also dedicated over 21 years as a Public School Trustee in Red Deer and in that capacity contributed innumerable hours to the welfare of his community.

H. J. Lyndon Irwin, QC - Distinguished Service to the Profession
Called to the bar in 1965 Lyndon Irwin has made numerous contributions to the legal profession throughout his career including being a member of the Practice Review Committee, the Professional Responsibility Committee, the Title Insurance Working Group and the Alberta Requires Licensing Committee of the Law Society of Alberta, the Alberta Residential Conveyancing Guide editorial board and the board of the Alberta Law Reform Institute.

Lyndon was appointed Queen’s Counsel in 2000 and is currently a senior associate at Corbett Smith Bresee LLP.