2006
Distinguished Service Awards

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Recognizing distinguished service by lawyers to the legal profession, to the community, in legal scholarship and in pro bono legal service.

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John M. Law
Distinguished Service Award for Legal Scholarship

John Law has been a leader in governance as a practitioner, educator, teacher and mentor for more than 30 years. Since his call to the bar in 1973, John has advanced the stature of the legal profession in many areas.

He has worked tirelessly with law students and vigorously promotes the importance of the role of law in society. John has been a teacher of law for more than 20 years at the University of Alberta in the areas of legal history, administrative law, and professional responsibility.

His roles have inspired many students and colleagues. John served as executive director of the Legal Education Society of Alberta and has been involved with the Canadian Law School Admissions Group and Law School Admission Council for many years.

John’s dedication to the Law Society of Alberta has been marked by his contribution to numerous committees since the days when he graduated from the University of Alberta in the 1970s and Dalhousie University in the 1980s. His work on the Code of Conduct subcommittee from 1989-95 was particularly notable.

Translating his academic interest into action on matters vital to the governance of the legal profession, John’s contributions have raised the bar for colleagues. He continues to serve with the Education and Credentials committee of the Law Society of Alberta and maintains his ties to the University of Alberta, where he recently served as the first staff association nominee to the Board of Governors.

Donald G. Bishop, QC
Distinguished Service Award for Service to the Profession

Don Bishop’s contributions have spanned 42 years and his efforts have helped preserve the history of the practice of law in Alberta.

He served as president of the Law Society of Alberta and the Canadian Bar Association Alberta. He is an honorary life member of the Legal Archives Society of Alberta and is recognized for the positive impact he has had in promoting the profession. Through his work with the archives society, and serving as a long-time director on its board, Don has been very active in contributing to furthering the goals of its members.

Through his work on various committees during his practice, Don has enhanced the public’s perception of lawyers. His peers look up to him as a shining example of talent in the legal profession.

Don has extensive government, industry and community relationships. He was awarded the Royal Order of the Polar Star by the Swedish government in 2003, currently serves as Honorary Consul for Sweden (Edmonton and Northern Alberta) and has close relationships with various levels of government in Canada.

Don was also awarded the Distinguished Service Award in 2000 by the Edmonton Bar Association. He graduated from the University of Alberta in 1962 and was admitted to the Bar in 1963. Since then, his outstanding achievements for the entire profession have earned him the support and respect of his peers.

Robert J. Campbell, QC
Distinguished Service Award for Service to the Community

Bob Campbell’s service to the legal profession has been dedicated to making the community of Fort McMurray, where he practices, a better place in which to live. Since graduating from the University of Alberta in 1973, Bob has remained close to the community he serves.

He is Vice-Chairman on the Keyano College Board of Governors, and has held past positions as president of the YMCA, the Fort McMurray Recreational Facility Society, and the Junior “K” Fort McMurray Oil Barons. He also presently serves as director of the Fort McMurray Sports Hall of Fame and is heavily involved in the sports community.

He is the co-founder of the law firm Campbell & Germain, now Campbell & Cooper, and has served with the firm since 1975.

Bob’s clients include well-known names in Alberta and his relationships with the business community allow him to touch the lives of many people in the profession and in the wider community at large.

Bob brought the Royal Bank Cup Canadian Junior Hockey Championship to Fort McMurray and was instrumental in the organization of the Alberta Winter Games and Summer Games hosted by Fort McMurray in past years. He has performed community service for many years as a member and director of the Chamber of Commerce.

Bob held the position of president of the Fort McMurray Bar Association for more than a decade by acclamation. He also supports various outreach programs and has become an integral part of the fabric and soul of the community.

John T. Henderson, QC
Distinguished Service Award for Pro Bono Legal Service

John Henderson’s unflagging dedication to the community is obvious in every facet of his professional life. His involvement with the Edmonton Centre for Equal Justice (ECEJ) has included countless hours of his time and services.

He helped guide the organization from project status, through its first year of operation as an independent, not-for-profit organization, to its current position in the community as a reliable source of legal advice and representation for those members of society who would otherwise not have access to the justice system.

John promotes the importance of pro bono legal service by recruiting volunteer lawyers for the ECEJ’s legal clinics and has attracted the support of many law firms and other organizations.

Appointed Queen’s Counsel in 2005, he was first called to the Bar in 1980 and graduated from the University of Alberta. He has been involved with the Law Society of Alberta and the Legal Education Society of Alberta, as well as the Canadian Bar Association. John maintains close ties to various community groups and currently practices with Fraser Milner Casgrain LLP.

His strong leadership and contributions to the legal profession continue to have a lasting impact in every area he is involved in. John is a role model for young lawyers and is recognized by his colleagues for his efforts.