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## MAVERICK LAWYERS: WHAT THEY DO WHEN WE'RE NOT LOOKING!

by Stacy Kaufeld

What is a Maverick? This year's Historical Dinner speaker, Aritha van Herk, defines the term in her book titled *Mavericks: An Incurable History of Alberta* as "a unique character, an inspired or determined risk-taker, forward-looking, creative, eager for change, someone who propels Alberta in a new direction or who alters the social, cultural, or political landscape."

van Herk will use this definition to examine the careers, hobbies, interests and even a few idiosyncratic "quirks" – if I can use that term – of many Mavericks in the legal profession.

Notwithstanding their illustrious careers, the professionals that van Herk will discuss (and many names will likely surprise the audience) were also considered characters in their own right. Many had eccentric – rather avant-garde – personalities and interests which were evident during their careers. These men and women were willing to take the chances necessary to bring about social, cultural or political change.

In fact, Alberta's legal profession has been on the cutting edge in many areas. For example, Lillian Ruby Clements was the first woman admitted to the bar in 1915, before she could legally vote in a provincial or federal election. When involved in politics, the Honourable A. Milton Harradence, Q.C. flew himself around the province to make campaign appearances.

Although it is important to celebrate the careers of these Mavericks, their fascinating personalities are equally significant. In her thought-provoking and entertaining style, van Herk will connect these qualities to elucidate the interesting, informative and sometimes humorous side of the legal profession.

Aritha van Herk teaches Creative Writing, Canadian Literature and Contemporary Narrative in the Department of English at the University of Calgary. Born in Wetaskiwin, Alberta, she studied at the University of Alberta where she graduated with a B.A. Honours in 1976, and an M.A. in 1978. She is the author of numerous books including *Mavericks: An Incurable History of Alberta*. The winner of the Grant MacEwan Author's Award, *Mavericks* is the inspiration behind the new permanent exhibition that opened at the Glenbow Museum in 2007.

The Calgary dinner will be held Thursday, September 24, 2009 at the Fairmont Palliser Hotel and the Edmonton dinner will be



Aritha van Herk will address the crowd at LASA's historical dinners this fall

held Wednesday, September 30, 2009 at the Fairmont Hotel Macdonald. Both evenings begin with a reception at 6:00 pm when guests can enjoy a glass of sparkling wine and live music. Dinner will begin at 7:00 pm. All proceeds will go towards maintaining LASA's many historical programs such as displays, oral histories, publications, research services and, of course, the archives. Tickets are \$110 each or \$800 for a table of eight and can be purchased by contacting LASA at 403-244-5510 or via email at [legalarc@legalarchivesociety.ab.ca](mailto:legalarc@legalarchivesociety.ab.ca).

Please join us to support the Legal Archives Society of Alberta while enjoying an evening celebrating the Mavericks in Alberta's legal profession.



## LASA's NORTHERN EXPOSURE TO ALBERTA'S Court of Queen's Bench Courthouses

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Red Deer  
Grande Prairie  
Peace River  
Edmonton

Fort McMurray  
St. Paul  
Wetaskiwin  
Drumheller

Medicine Hat  
Lethbridge  
Calgary

Between March 19-19 and July 27-August 1, 2009, Legal Archivist Brenda McCafferty traveled with her family - husband Sean, daughter Erin and son Conor - to the far-reaching corners of the province to install historical exhibits in the foyers of each Court of Queen's Bench Courthouse in Alberta. To commemorate each visit, Sean took up-to-date photographs and videotaped each courthouse. Each was unique and interesting experience for the family as they explored by car, the vast and beautiful province of Alberta. The exhibits mounted in each district highlight the individual Alberta courthouses focusing on legal personalities and historical events at each locale. The exhibits and display cases mounted by the Legal Archives Society of Alberta were done in cooperation with the Alberta Courts and with financial support from the Alberta Lottery Fund.

Historian David Mittelstadt writes in his book *Foundation of Justice: Alberta's Historic Courthouses*, that "a rich and fascinating social and political history surrounds the courthouses of Alberta. The courthouse captured the flavour of life in the early communities of Alberta. An important part of Alberta history has taken part here. Their arrival was an advertisement for the prosperity and permanence of their towns and cities". When Alberta became a province in 1905, it was divided into nine judicial districts. Since that time other districts were added bringing the total to eleven: Red Deer, Grande Prairie, Peace River, Edmonton, Fort McMurray, St. Paul, Wetaskiwin, Drumheller, Medicine Hat, Lethbridge, and Calgary.

### **RETRACING THE STEPS OF THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE NICHOLAS DOMINIC BECK, FIRST DISTRICT COURT SITTING**

In 1908, Judge Noel and Justice Beck of the Supreme Court of Alberta arrived in Peace River marking the first sitting of the Supreme Court in Peace River Country. Prior to this, all serious crimes were tried in Edmonton. Sittings occurred infrequently due to the unfavourable transportation conditions. Until 1930 the D.A. Thomas ferry carried Judges on their arduous journey. Brenda's family had the luxury of traveling by car, and it was astonishing to imagine the great distances traveled by the early Judges while on the circuit administering justice.

On September 28, 1914, the first issue of Grande Prairie's *Frontier Signal* newspaper questioned:

"Is it not time that at least once a year we should be furnished with a properly constituted court?  
The authorities lead us to believe every year that we will be favored with a visit from a judge..."

Responding to these pleas, the Honourable Mr. Justice Nicholas D. Beck traveled again to Grande Prairie in 1915 to preside over the first Supreme Court sitting of Alberta in that centre. Of the Supreme Court judges who completed the Peace River Circuit Justice Beck, Justice Walsh, and Justice Thomas Tweedie were among the more enthusiastic travelers. Nicknamed by some as the 'ton of justice', Justice Tweedie presided over many noteworthy trials during the early 20<sup>th</sup> Century in Peace River country, and at judicial centres further south. In fact, Justice Tweedie passed away suddenly following a dinner given in his honour by the Lethbridge Bar Association on October 5, 1944. His remains were discovered the next day on the staircase leading to the visiting Judge's Chambers in the old Lethbridge courthouse.

## ST. PAUL, ALBERTA - THE FINAL QB COURTHOUSE TO OPEN

St. Paul's official inauguration as a Judicial District occurred on January 1, 1998 following the closure of the Judicial District of Vegreville in 1995. The court was relocated to St. Paul because of its more central location, population base, spacious facilities, and the mounting caseloads. Near St. Paul, we visited the historic site of the Frog Lake Massacre. Frustrated by their mistreatment and continued lies about treaty negotiations and food rationing, the Cree uprising, led by Wandering Spirit of Big Bear's Band, during the North-West Rebellion resulted in the death of nine people at Frog Lake on April 2, 1885. Brenda's family continued the southern leg of their journey and headed south along the 'Whoop-Up' Trail extending from Cypress Hills (near Medicine Hat), through Lethbridge and south to Fort Benton, Montana (heart of the wild west). Their trip across the border culminated with a visit to the Little Bighorn Battlefield and site of Custer's Last Stand (June 25, 1876). This battle set in motion a chain of events culminating in the Alberta Treaty signings and revolts like the one at Frog Lake. It was a great place to end the tour and bring the archivist and her family full circle through Alberta's frontier history.

Edmonton's Courthouse Display



Brenda organizing exhibit materials outside The Law Courts in Edmonton.



The 'Greene Block' famous frontier law office in Red Deer



A cold day outside Grande Prairie's Courthouse



Twelve-Foot Davis, Peace River (one of many Alberta landmarks encountered)

The old Wetaskiwin courthouse -now a refurbished City Hall-



Site of the Frog Lake Massacre, near St. Paul



Fort McMurray's Courthouse display



Driver/photographer Sean McCafferty takes a well-deserved break!



# MEMORIES OF AN OLD FASHIONED PRAIRIE LAW OFFICE

Cairns Ross Wilson & Wallbridge  
1946-1952

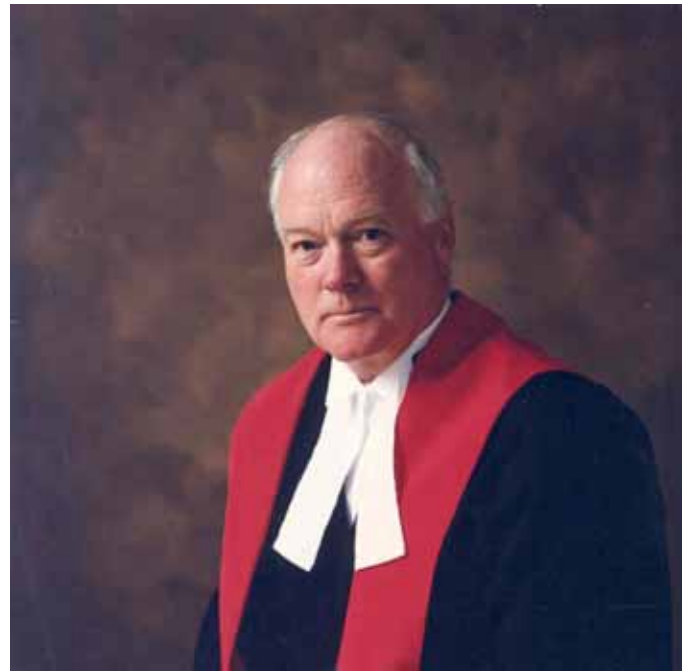
by Justice William E. Wilson

## Part IV - Conclusion

*The following is Part IV, the final of a IV part feature series written by the Hon. Justice W.E. Wilson, son of the late Justice Ernest B. Wilson*

During my stint as an office boy in the period just after the war, most of the firms had their offices in the vicinity of the post office, which stood where the Westin Hotel is now. The post office was an important adjunct to a legal business, with a lot of documents being delivered by mail, and double register proof being required. Indeed, in those days, and into the 1950's there was a Saturday mail delivery, and most law offices opened on Saturday to deal promptly with it. Service of documents by mail was often the norm, with proof of service being established by affidavit, and long attendances at the post office wicket were necessary to get the required receipts. In addition to that, when I was working as an office boy, there was still an excise tax on bills of exchange, and every cheque issued was subject to a stamp tax. Special stamps could be purchased for the purpose. The minimum tax was, as I recall, three cents, and graduated upward depending upon the value of the bill. Many people merely added the amount of the tax to the face value of the cheque, but the office practice was to affix the required stamp to the cheque. It was part of my duties to purchase the stamps for the office, and each day to obtain from the secretaries the cheques that were to be sent out that day, and see that they were properly stamped. That avoided the necessity of the accounting department entering a myriad of small odd amounts in the accounts, particularly the trust account. The tax was a great nuisance, and took a lot of compliance time.

There was a lot of visiting back and forth to get business done, and the Court House was a very busy place. The Rules of Court in those days provided that affidavits in contentious matters could not be sworn before a Commissioner for Oaths or Notary Public in the office that sought to use the document, so it was necessary for the



The Honourable Justice Wilson  
a.k.a. 'Office Boy Wilson'

lawyers and their secretaries to go out to find a Commissioner if they wished to swear such an affidavit. Cairns would usually combine those necessary trips with a visit to a friend, donning his hat and coat to go across the street to the Mr. Pekarsky's office or to McDougall Court to see his old friend James A. Ross, K.C. to have his affidavits sworn.<sup>1</sup> Cairns loved to visit and kid with his friends, and would devote part of every day to visiting his friends up and down Jasper Avenue. He was not a clubby lunch man. He always ate alone at the Shasta Café next door, or with Mr. Day or some other lawyer, usually just two of them, where he would have a toasted cheese and lettuce sandwich and a cup of tea. Then he would go for a walk. He would walk down to 95<sup>th</sup> street near the K Division police headquarters, and see

his laundryman, Yee Woo, who kept a mean little establishment near the barracks, and did a terrific job on shirts. His little windowless shop, in a small wooden shack, had a small reception area separate from the work area, and always smelled of something sweet. (My father told me it was opium). Cairns loved to tease Yee Woo, whom he accused of having lost some of his shirts years ago, and he never let up on the subject. Yee Woo would enter into the spirit of the thing and they would have a great shouting match. "No tickee, no laundlee". Yee Woo always won - Cairns never got his shirts or any recompense, but they both looked forward to the exchange. I have heard similar stories from other Jasper Avenue merchants, for whom Cairns always had some time. He was a humourist, and not mean in his humour. He would often put racial overtones into his banter that would certainly be frowned upon today, but that only delighted his friends in those days, be they Chinese, Lebanese, Jewish, Ukranian or Scottish.

#### (Footnotes)

<sup>1</sup> James A. Ross, K.C., was an Irish barrister, with a small one man office on the second floor of MacDougall Court, south of the Cairns office. The building itself looked like something out of Dickens. Ross' office was on the second floor, reached by a walk up, a small one room one window affair, with a roll-top desk against the wall, and the rest of the office occupied by filing cabinets, and a typewriter on a desk. I think that Mr. Ross did most of his own typing. A client or visitor to the office would be seated in the middle of the room, and Ross would swivel his chair away from his desk, to discuss the current topic with him. Ross was a severe looking man, who always wore a vest, with a large gold watch chain from which depended a big personal seal. He was an effective if somewhat pedantic counsel. His demeanour and clothing can be seen in the photo in the Edmonton Judge's dining room, taken at the dedication in 1947 of the Second World War plaque at the old Court House. He and Cairns are both in the front row of that photo. Mr. Ross would often ask L. Y. Cairns to mind his practice for him when Ross found it necessary to go out of town.



Miss Maureen Wells, (later Mrs. Maureen Campbell, married to the lawyer James Campbell who became a distinguished member of the Provincial Court Bench), was hired by Cairns in the early 1955 to do land titles searching and filings, told me that Cairns was an excellent man to work for, but a stickler for detail and accuracy. She remembered his "wonderfully sonorous voice and she recalled that he enjoyed any gathering where he could sing 'We Belong to the Mutual Admiration Society'". When she interviewed him for the job, his question to her was, "Are you 100% accurate?" She must have satisfied him of this impossible standard, as she was very much treasured by the firm as long as she worked there. She recalled with amusement the occasion when a young woman working in the office put a telephone message on Cairn's desk, asking him to telephone "Myra Mains" at the Hainstocks and Sons Funeral parlour. He must have done so, as he came out of his office in great glee, roaring with laughter. As President Walter Johns of the University of Alberta remarked later in his book,<sup>2</sup> Cairns was always "full of wit and mischief," and enjoyed those traits in others.

Mrs. Campbell has provided me with a photograph of a gathering at the Cairns' home on Ravine drive, the occasion being an office party hosted by the Cairns. His law books can be seen in the background. On the far right is Mrs. Cairns and two of her relatives. On the far left is Stan Ross, standing, and in front of him the book-keeper, Miss McFetridge. Sitting on the floor in front are James A. Cox, on the left and Vern Johnson, on the right. Immediately above Johnson can be seen James Wallbridge, Q.C., (with the glasses), and to his left in a bow tie, Neil Crawford, then an articling student, and later the Attorney General of Alberta. Mrs. Wallbridge is in the back to the left of the girl with the black necklace. Larry Pilon, then a partner, is seated to the left with his arms around two girls. Cairns, of course is in the middle back.

#### (Footnotes)

<sup>2</sup> Johns, "A History of the University of Alberta, 1908-1969, published by the University of Alberta Press 1981.

Photograph of a gathering at Cairns' home on Ravine drive

## Continued...

When I was working there, the bookkeeper was a dour old Scot, of the old school, who "would not lie if you paid him and who would starve before he stole."<sup>3</sup> He and his assistant maintained two of the largest desks in the office bull-pen, as they had to have room for the very large ledgers that were in constant use. He had two daily personal habits, a big belt of scotch at noon, and a bet with his bookie. Cairns would gently tease him about these habits, and there was never a problem with his work, never a penny of problem with the books or the accounts, all of which were entered up in ink by hand in a fine script with a straight pen nib. My father also used a straight pen in his office, constantly dipping into the inkwell to replenish the supply of ink on the nib. He continued that habit when he went to the bench and wrote all his notes that way, at fair speed, and in a legible hand.

My father had a number of Muslim clients. They would often be found occupying the one bench reserved for clients in the office, and if Cairns saw them there, he would come out of his office to kid and tease with them, asking them if they had come to make a donation to the United Jewish Appeal, and similar nonsense, all accompanied with much chuckling and humour.



Photograph of the Edmonton Legal Discussion Club May 31, 1940, Mayfair Golf Club  
Photo features many of Cairns' and Wilson's closest friends

**Back row:** M. Macleod, A. Frazer Duncan, G.J. Bryan, G.L. Parney, H.J. Macdonald, W.F. Bowker, H. Emery, B. Massie, A. Blair Paterson, W. Auxier, L.D. Hyndman, J.D. Wallbridge, and R. Martland.

**Middle row:** S.H. McCuaig, W.F.H. Mason, A.T. Kinnaid, G. Thom, R.P. Wallace, Dean J.A. Weir, **Laurence Y. Cairns**, G.M. Blackstock, L. Maynard, J.B. McBride, **H.J. Wilson**, W. E. Simpson, Spud Murphy, and L.S. Fraser.

**Front row:** E. W. S. Kane, D. Mackenzie, B. Whittaker, F. Layton, H. Hawe, A. Miller, J. N. McDonald, C. Purvis, D. W. Cobbledick, and S.B. Smith.

In later years, Cairns and his wife Jean visited Japan for a long tour, and during their stay there, at the Imperial Hotel, Cairns, during his evening constitutional outside the hotel smoking his pipe, was accosted by a streetwalker, Yoko. She persisted in pursuing him for a date, and he resisted by saying that his wife would not like that. When Yoko told him "You wife no mind!" Cairns insisted that Yoko come with him to ask Jean if she would mind. The result was that Mr. and Mrs. Cairns got to know the young girl quite well, and I think gave her some assistance to better herself. Cairns brought the story home, and gave a wonderfully humorous account of the encounter to a dinner in the MacDonald Hotel in a celebrated speech, which, unfortunately, was not recorded.

There is no doubt that for all his virtues, Cairns was a temperamental man, who must have been very hard to live with. He was a strict taskmaster. He ran his prairie law partnership wonderfully well, although he resisted change and innovation in many things. But his strengths were many, not the least of which were his loyalty to his friends and fellow members of the Bar, his strong work and moral ethic, his sense of professional ethics, his extraordinary knowledge of the law and command of the language, his general good humour and his devotion to his community, his university, his family and friends. My family is deeply indebted to him, and I, in particular, acknowledge deeply my debt to him.

The old office would look strange today. As quaint as its appearance and its ways were, it was efficient, as Miss Moses said, and things got done, and done well. My father, and our family were fortunate to have a friend like Cairns. This interesting man was my friend, my mentor, and my law principal. I was very lucky that was the case.<sup>4</sup>

### (Footnotes)

<sup>3</sup> Rudyard Kipling, "The Mary Gloster"

<sup>4</sup> Cairns accepted an appointment to the District Court of the District of Northern Alberta in the fall of 1957. It was said that he had rejected a seat on the Supreme Court of Alberta, as he objected to capital punishment. He suffered a stroke in 1965 and retired, and died in 1967, possibly from a staph infection following surgery.



# Letter to the Editor

Edward M. Bredin, Q.C.  
Calgary, AB  
June 10, 2009

Had the following personal reminiscences to add about Justice Wilson's article and the late L.Y. Cairns:

I was very much interested in the article "Memories of an Old-Fashioned Prairie Law Office" by Mr. Justice Wilson which appeared in Vol 18 Issue 1, Spring 2009 of *Archtypes*.

I was a member of the law class of 1938 and even then L.Y. Cairns had acquired a reputation for his wit. He was said to have been the Limerick Champion of the West Coast. Reference was made to items in his repertoire, one of which was "we never mention Aunt Clara (her picture is turned to the wall)". The final two lines of the ditty are missing. It goes on to say "though she lives in the French Riveria, mother says she is dead to us all." I recall also that during the depression Mr. Aberhart acquired a company automobile for his own use, I believe it was a Buick. Mr Cairns wrote, "Aby's gone and got himself a dream car. He got too good to ride on the streetcar. For poverty midst plenty filled him with disgust, so Aby took the plenty and left poverty for us." He also had a song which went "down at the fairgrounds at Borden Park all the benches put there by Mayor Joe Clarke, that's where I long to be."

I was privileged to spend an evening in Mr. Cairns' home and the evening was enlivened by his usual wit.

Cairns told about having once been at a party and a lady present was wearing a dress with a bolero jacket. She explained to the group surrounding her that the jacket came off. Cairns said what are we waiting for and proceeded to take off her jacket. Just then his wife appeared and he was in for trouble. His song commemorating the event goes as follows: "I was at a party with a girl called Rose and Jeannie caught me taking off her clothes. I said Jeannie put your little heart at rest, for underneath what I took off, she wore a dress."

I once heard him in court in an injury case against the King Edward Hotel. He was most eloquent, although he was unsuccessful in winning a judgement, but no one could have made a better plea.

Sincerely,

  
Edward M. Bredin

# Thank You

LASA would like to acknowledge and thank all those who volunteered their time to support our recent fundraising Casino held at Elbow River Casino on July 10 & 11, 2009. LASA is indebted to the following individuals who gave graciously of their time to support LASA's programs:

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**Thank you also to everyone who made a donation in response to the 2009 Annual Campaign. Letters and donor cards were sent out in May. The donations you make go toward the day-to-day operation of the Legal Archives. If you haven't yet made a donation for this year, we hope you will please consider us.**

# Book Review

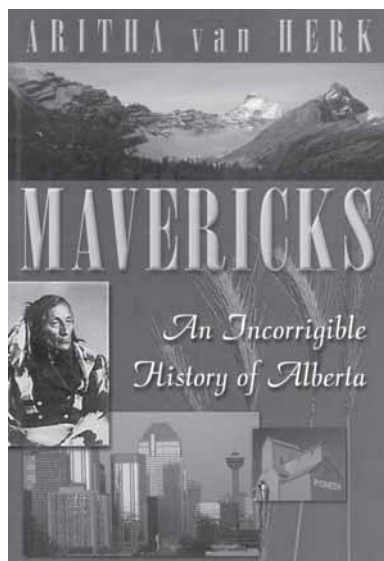
## Mavericks

by Kim Horner

van Herk, Aritha.  
*Mavericks: An Incurable History of Alberta*

Toronto: Penguin, Viking, c2001.

Physical description: xii, 434 p. : ill. ; 24 cm. Includes bibliographical references and index.



The author explains at the onset that she is "content to tell the story of Alberta from her own idiosyncratic and biased point of view," thereby allowing her readers the freedom to fully enjoy her descriptive literary sketches.

van Herk's descriptions of the characters and personalities who shaped the province are a testament of her writing skills. The chapters "The Invention of Alberta" and "Crazy Politicians" are rife with fascinating accounts of lawyers, religious and labour leaders jockeying for positions of power and influence. She labels some as "carpetbagging Easterners" and one as "a new penny with an old name!"

Aritha van Herk succeeds in her desire to portray the dynamism of Alberta through this very entertaining narrative history.



# LASA SAYS FAREWELL TO OLD FRIENDS

Dinner Honouring  
Graham Price, Q.C.

Ranchmen's Club , June 4, 2009

## GRAHAM PRICE, Q.C.

LASA's founding President Graham Price, Q.C. has retired as Chair of the Board of Directors of the Legal Archives Society of Alberta 1990-2009.

In 1984, a number of judges and practicing lawyers in the Law Society of Alberta became concerned that the long and colourful history of the legal profession in Alberta and its predecessor the North West Territories was being lost as no organization existed to preserve its archival records and oral histories. It soon became apparent that this endeavour was a formidable task requiring a separate staff and Board of Directors. Following this inspiration, the Legal Archives was born and incorporated in 1990. Graham spearheaded this initiative and was elected as LASA's first President. Indeed, for the entire 19-year life of LASA, Graham has been the Society's only President! In that period Graham spent countless hours developing LASA and was in regular communication with staff directing, promoting and assisting in daily operations and projects. Not only was Graham the principal officer of the Society, he also sat on many of the committees where his talent, input, and expertise will be greatly missed.

Under Graham's direction, LASA has succeeded in fulfilling the mandate under which the Law Society of Alberta created it. In the 19 plus years of his presidency, LASA has:

- Acquired historical archival documents, monographs, rare books, audio-visual material and sound recordings now filling more than 750 metres of shelf space.
- Established a province-wide system of touring interpretive exhibits of Alberta's courthouses and created special exhibits that focus on selected legal topics to highlight the careers of retired members of the legal profession.
- Raised money to commission bronze busts of former Chief Justices of Alberta.
- Become the primary source of material for research into the history of law and society in Alberta.
- Established an oral history program for a province-wide series of recorded interviews preserving the memory of Alberta's legal community. These interviews are currently underway in every corner of the province.
- Published historical studies, biographies, records and reference works from Alberta's legal past.

This is a proud record of accomplishment in which Graham has been the driving force. In this selfless dedication to LASA, he has performed a great service to the citizens of Alberta and to the legal community. He will be sorely missed by the staff and Board of the Legal Archives Society of Alberta.



Graham Price with LASA staff  
Brenda McCafferty and Stacy  
Kaufeld



Carol Price mingles with the  
crowd gathered to say goodbye to  
Graham at the Ranchmen's Club



# GORDON HOFFMAN, Q.C.

A member of LASA's Board of Directors since 1994, Gordon Hoffman has been an enthusiastic supporter of LASA and has worked very hard the past 15 years fundraising on behalf of the Society. For several years, Gordon single-handedly organized and solicited auction items for LASA's historical dinner in Calgary. Thanks to Gordon's efforts, LASA's Historical Dinners have always been a marked success. The profits realized by his efforts have gone far in promoting and preserving the history and legacy of the legal profession in Alberta. His participation on the Board will be hard to replace.

Gordon Hoffman's service to the greater community of Calgary has also been outstanding. On October 30, 2006 the ACTLA Awards of Distinction presented the Champion's Award to Gordon J. Hoffman, Q.C. in recognition of his outstanding support of the community as well as his creative, tireless and innovative efforts to aid the underprivileged and those in need. LASA applauds Gordon Hoffman, Q.C. for his tireless work and wishes him success in his future endeavours.

David Bickman,  
Kirsten Olson,  
and Harry Sanders



Gordon Hoffman  
at left with Rick  
Klumpenhauer and at  
right with Carol Price  
at Graham's farewell.



## LASA Seeks New Board Members

Are you interested in local history? Would you like to ensure the legacy of the legal profession in Alberta is preserved for future generations? LASA is now accepting applications for new Board members. If you are interested to join this dynamic Board and meeting some of the best known legal minds in the Province of Alberta....here is your chance. Please contact LASA at 403-244-5510 to submit your name for nomination to LASA's Board of Directors. Meetings are held four times a year. Applicants from throughout the Province are welcome to apply. Make your mark in legal history by becoming involved with the Legal Archives!

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The dates for LASA's Historical Dinners are:

- Thursday, September 24, 2009 in Calgary (Fairmont Palliser Hotel)
- Wednesday, September 30, 2009 in Edmonton (Fairmont Hotel Macdonald)

Aritha van Herk, author of *Mavericks: An Incurable History of Alberta*, will speak at both functions. Contact LASA at 403-244-55190 to reserve your tickets today! Watch out for our dinner flyer to be circulated soon.

# In Memorium

**Matheson, The Honourable Douglas Randolph, Q.C., May 6, 1921 - June 15, 2009**

LASA was saddened to hear about the recent passing of Doug Matheson who we enjoyed working with during our "Lawyers at War" historical dinner in 2001. Mr. Matheson served with No. 411 Squadron, RCAF as a Spitfire pilot. On December 1, 1943, he was shot down over France. After several weeks of living under disguise Matheson was captured and eventually transferred to Stalagluft III (scene of the 'Great Escape'). The Honourable Douglas Matheson was a respected Edmonton lawyer and Justice of the Court of Queen's Bench.

**Weir, John Alexander Q.C., March 31, 1933 - February 16, 2009**

LASA would like to extend its condolences to the family of John A. Weir, Q.C., distinguished member of Alberta's legal profession who passed away on February 16, 2009 in Edmonton. John Weir was an outstanding lawyer and contributor to LASA's legal history collection. He left behind many friends and colleagues in the legal profession within Alberta and beyond.

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