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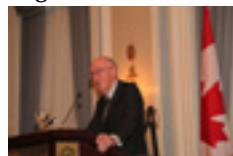
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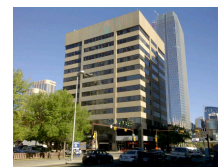
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# Historical Dinners 2012

This year's Historical Dinners will be held on October 18th in Calgary at the Fairmont Palliser Hotel, and on October 25th at the Fairmont Hotel Macdonald in Edmonton.

In Calgary, the Hon. Mr. Justice John Vertes of the Court of Appeal of the Northwest Territories will take dinner guests on a fascinating journey through the administration of justice in Canada's North. He will discuss land claims settlements, governance and other aboriginal issues north of 60°. Justice Vertes believes the Canadian justice system has had to make many adaptations in the North that recognize and accommodate the specific needs of the aboriginal community.



Left:

Hon. Mr. Justice John Vertes, October 18 in Calgary



Right:

Professor Eric Adams, October 25 in Edmonton

Justice Vertes is a justice on the Court of Appeal of the Northwest Territories and the Yukon Court of Appeal as well as a judge of the Supreme Court of the Yukon Territory.

In Edmonton, Eric Adams, a professor in the Faculty of Law at the University of Alberta will discuss a compelling case which took place in Montreal in 1936. Professor Adams will argue that the case, *Christie v. York*, is prominent among the cases

wrongly decided in Canadian legal history. He concludes that the facts, both real and imagined, provide a far richer contribution to the legal history of the complex relationship between race, space and the law.

Professor Adams holds degrees from McGill, Dalhousie, and the University of Toronto. Prior to joining the Faculty of Law at the University of Alberta, he practiced civil litigation in Toronto. He researches and teaches in the areas of constitutional law, legal history and employment law.

Both evenings will begin with a reception at 6:00 pm when guests can enjoy a glass of sparkling wine and good conversation. Dinner will begin at 7:00 pm. All proceeds will go towards maintaining LASA's many historical programs. Tickets are \$150 each or \$1,000 for a table of eight and can be purchased by contacting LASA at 1-403-244-5510 or via email at [lasa@legalarchives.ca](mailto:lasa@legalarchives.ca).

Please join us in supporting the Legal Archives Society of Alberta while enjoying either a trip North of 60° or an adventure involving hockey, beer and boxing.

# From the Vault

## A Year of Commemoration

### 2012 -- Queen's Diamond Jubilee 100-Year Anniversary of the Calgary Stampede

The Royals have visited Alberta on numerous occasions over the years and the warm attendance given by members of Alberta's legal community to members of the Monarchy reflects their admiration. Folklore has it that the Duke and Duchess of Connaught, along with their daughter Patricia, "arrived for a day and stayed for a week" taking in the festivities of the first Calgary Stampede in 1912. In was Calgary lawyer James Loughheed who kicked things off as the official greeter to the Duke -- then Canada's Governor General -- at the Calgary railway station upon their arrival in September 1912.

#### Sir James Loughheed

Like Arthur Sifton's famous garden in Edmonton, the Loughheed's residence, "Beaulieu" or Loughheed House, was the scene of high society activities in early Calgary. The Loughheeds were known to entertain dignitaries, including members of the Royal Family.

In 1919 a formal dinner held in honour of Edward, Prince of Wales, took place across the street from Beaulieu at the Ranchmens Club. The Ranchmens, a gentlemen's establishment in the early days, was a hub for important business dealings where history would unfold.

Festivities on the evening of the Prince's visit in 1919 culminated with Bob Newbold, one of the dinner attendees, tearing off his shirt to allow everyone in attendance to sign their name! Edward, Prince of Wales, signed "Edward P." in the centre, right-hand side of the shirt. The shirt survived and can be viewed at the Glenbow Museum.

Calgary lawyer, Patrick Bergeron, was President of the Ranchmens Club at the time of the 1919 Royal visit and in that capacity he organized the dinner. Many prominent lawyers and judges were included on the guest list, alongside members of the business community. Legend has it that towards the end of the evening, after senior members of the Bar like Sir James Loughheed had retired for the evening, the party picked up. Festivities culminated with the creation of a small fire pit and fire dance demonstration. It was times like these that solidified the strong Royal connection to Calgary. Edward, Prince of Wales, later King Edward VIII of Great Britain and Ireland, continued to visit Alberta regularly and maintained a vested interest in the EP

Ranch located on the outskirts of Calgary.

#### Justice Frank Ford

**Supreme Court of Alberta, Appellate Division,  
1936-1954**

Frank Ford had the distinction of being named K.C. in three provinces: Saskatchewan in 1907; Ontario in 1910; and Alberta in 1913. He was a meticulous and exacting judge whose dedication to learning and careful administration of justice were hallmarks of his career. When it came to proper Royal etiquette, there was nobody who knew more about the subject than Frank Ford.

Soon after his appointment as judge, he went to England and bought the most expensive gown. In all matters of Royal tradition, people turned to Frank Ford for answers. It was Ford who directed the Bench on the use of 'weepers' (cuffs) added to the judge's gown for discretion when wiping ones teary eyes throughout the mourning period of the Sovereign's passing.

The creation and naming of the "Court of Queen's Bench of Alberta" is an example of how the origin and tradition of our judiciary evolved from the United Kingdom. The red-faced gown adopted by the Supreme Court of Alberta, Trial Division in 1970 distinguishes Court of Queen's Bench Justices in Alberta. Moreover, the Court of Queen's Bench logo is stylized after the Royal Arms of the United Kingdom.

#### From Q.C. to K.C. to Q.C.

Frank Newson, Bencher with the Law Society of Alberta and member of the Heritage Committee (LASA's predecessor) has researched the change in title from Q.C. (under Queen Victoria) to K.C. (under King Edward VII, King George V, King Edward VIII and King George VI) back to Q.C. (under the current Monarch, Queen Elizabeth II) in 1952.

There were a few Alberta lawyers appointed Q.C. during Queen Victoria's reign. C.F.P. Conybeare, first Bencher of the Law Society of Alberta and prominent Lethbridge lawyer, was appointed in 1894.

Probably the earliest Q.C. appointee to arrive in the territory known as Alberta was Chief Justice David Lynch Scott who presided at the trial of Louis Riel in 1885. He was the first person enrolled as an advocate of the North West Territories on January 11, 1886. He practiced in Regina until his appointment to the Bench in 1894.

#### The First K.C. Appointment in Alberta

**J.C.F. Bown, K.C.**

Early Alberta lawyer.

#### James Short, K.C.

Early Calgary lawyer and brother of William Short.

#### William Short, K.C.

Early Edmonton lawyer and brother of James Short. He died suddenly in 1926. He was the partner of Neil Maclean and Hon. C.W. Cross, K.C.

#### R.B. Bennett, K.C.

The first Albertan appointed K.C. He later became Canada's 11th Prime Minister.



For most lawyers, receiving a K.C. or Q.C. appointment is a proud career moment. The photo to the left, showing Fort Macleod lawyer John W. McDonald in barristers' robe, was taken on the day of his appointment as King's Counsel in 1919.

#### First Alberta Woman Appointed Queen's Counsel



Ruple Ferguson of Trochu, Alberta was the first woman appointed Q.C. in Alberta on December 31, 1961. She was a graduate of the University of Alberta and received her LL.B. in 1927.

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**Top:** John W. McDonald in his barristers robe on the date of his K.C. appointment in 1919. LASA #51-G-1

**Bottom:** Ruth Ferguson's newspaper announcement as first woman appointed Q.C., 1961.





## *LASA's Historical Dinner* Hon. Jack Major, C.C., Q.C. Alberta's Remarkable Legal History

At the 2011 Historical Dinners, former Supreme Court of Canada Justice John (Jack) Major detailed several of Alberta's most interesting legal cases. He did so by recognizing such cases as the 1918 fight of Chief Justice Harvey against the guns of the Canadian Army over the conscription of a farmer's son, the divorce granted in the Judge's library to a Provincial Cabinet Minister, the fight for the Province's top judicial post and the life and times of the Premier's mistress.

If there is one thing to be gleaned from Mr. Major's speech: Alberta's legal heritage is anything but uneventful. Certainly the above cases are only a sampling of the uniqueness that can be attributed to Alberta's legal heritage.

The after-dinner speech incorporated historical cases that filled the Courts' docket during the early to mid-twentieth century. These cases made national headlines with Mr. Major arguing that "the successful seduction action brought by Vivian MacMillan against the sitting Premier of Alberta Brownlee probably garnered the most national coverage."

Though historical in nature, Mr. Major illustrated that these cases continue to resonate with lawyers today. For example, the MacPherson divorce case, Mr. Major argued, is well known to all lawyers who will recall "hearing about the MacPherson case

where the [Privy Council] ruled that *prima facie* all court proceedings had to be held in public and open to the public."



This speech also showed the connection between law and society. Not only did two of the cases result in the ruination of two political careers, but two of the cases clarified the long-held principle of judicial

independence. When Chief Justice Harvey took on the federal government over the issue of *habeas corpus* and the conscription issue near the end of World War I, Harvey issued a statement supporting his court's position, stating "the rule of law prevailed over the power of Government." Mr. Major argued that this case demonstrated that "[w]hile the Justices disagreed on interpretation they believed in the tradition of an independent judiciary and the rule of law and protecting the liberties of individuals."

I would like to thank, on behalf of the Board of Directors and the staff at the Legal Archives Society of Alberta, all those who came to support LASA's historical dinners. I would also like to thank all the speakers who added their own noteworthy contribution to the evening. And, last but certainly not least, I would like to thank the Honourable Jack Major, C.C., Q.C., who helped make these historical dinners one of LASA's most successful.

The Historical Dinners of 2012 are scheduled for Thursday, October 18th in Calgary at the Fairmont Palliser Hotel, and Thursday, October 25th in Edmonton at the Fairmont Hotel Macdonald. Please mark your calendars, and join LASA, for what promises to be another enjoyable, entertaining and enlightening evening.

## Remembering



### Edward M. Bredin, Q.C.

LASA was sorry to learn of the recent passing of Calgary lawyer Ed Bredin, Q.C. Mr. Bredin was a long-time supporter of LASA and its many programs. He was in the process of writing a biography of another Calgary lawyer, the raconteur Leonard Brockington, Q.C.

Born on March 17, 1914 in Alsask, Saskatchewan. He attended the University of Alberta in 1933 in the midst of the Great Depression and graduated in 1938 with a combined arts and law degree. At that time, it was a five-year program at the University of Alberta.

On September 13, 1938, Mr. Bredin took Articles at the City of Calgary where his principle was City Solicitor, Tom Collinge. He made a pitty \$60 per month, but that was certainly greater than the \$25 per month the average articling student received. While articling, Mr. Bredin assisted in drafting bylaws and with some litigation.

Mr. Bredin was admitted to the Law Society of Alberta on January 16, 1940 and continued at the City of Calgary as Assistant City Solicitor. He remained in this position until he joined the RAF in July 1942 and served with the Second Tactical Air

Forces as a navigator in Belgium and Germany in support of the army as it advanced across Western Europe.

Upon returning to Calgary, Mr. Bredin took up his position with the City of Calgary, where from 1950 to 1958 he acted as City Solicitor. After leaving the City of Calgary, Mr. Bredin became General Counsel and Secretary at Mobil Oil Canada Limited where he remained until his retirement in 1979. Mr. Bredin joined the Howard, Dixon, Mackie firm where he remained until his full retirement in 1997.

Mr. Bredin married Margaret Anna McQueen on April 23, 1954 and they have two children, James Gordon Macpherson and MaryAnn Grace. Named Queen's Counsel on December 31, 1957, Mr. Bredin was presented with his 50 Year Certificate at the Benchers' Convocation on September 30, 1990.

### Hon. Edward R. Wachowich, Q.C.

LASA was saddened to learn of the passing of the Hon. Edward R. Wachowich, Q.C. Born on January 30, 1929, he was raised in Opel, Alberta and graduated from St. Joseph's High School in Edmonton.

He went on to obtain a B.A., LL.B. degree from the University of Alberta in 1954. He was admitted to the Law Society of Alberta on June 3, 1955. One of 8 children, and the father of 6, he married Lucy Groom of Red Deer on August 17, 1957. Mr. Wachowich was part of a family of lawyers, which include the Hon. Allan Wachowich, Q.C., retired Chief Justice of the Court of Queen's Bench of Alberta.

Mr. Wachowich toiled for nearly 45 years in the Edmonton legal community, first as a lawyer and then a Judge. He practiced law for 31 years with his partner Constantine Kosowan, also a retired Chief Judge of the Provincial Court of Alberta. Mr. Wachowich was appointed Queen's Counsel in 1974.

In 1986 Mr. Wachowich was appointed to the Provincial Court of Alberta, Criminal Division where he remained for 3 years until he replaced his former partner as Chief Judge in 1989. He retired as Chief Judge on January 30, 1999.

As a respected member of the Alberta legal and judicial communities, he served as President of the Edmonton Bar Association. He was also active in the Edmonton community through the University of Alberta Alumni Association, and the Alberta Catholic Hospitals Foundation.



# LASA's New Location

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## The rumors are true...we have moved!

After more than 22 years sharing office space with the Law Society of Alberta, LASA has moved to a new location. The move is bittersweet. The prospects of having our own location are exciting. However, when one has shared a space for so long, there is a feeling of emptiness and uncertainty that comes with the separation.

After a long and exhaustive search beginning in late 2011, LASA finally signed a lease to relocate to the Wheatshaf Building located at 1015 - 4th Street S.W. in Calgary.

LASA's new location is larger than the one occupied at the Law Society of Alberta, and will allow for more archival and research space. As space

is a consistent issue in any archive, more vault space will allow LASA to collect additional materials related to the history of law in Alberta.

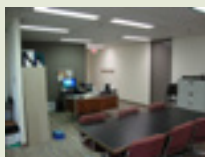
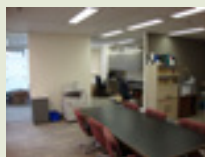
climate-controlled space in which to store our sizable collections.

This new space will allow LASA to

History is important because it helps us understand the present. Alberta's history is linked with its legal heritage and the development of the justice system in our province.

Archives are the only original, authoritative, primary evidence of past actions; if the archival record of the private-sector legal community is not preserved, our understanding of the history of law and society in Alberta will remain speculative and inadequate.

On behalf of LASA, I would like to thank leasing agent Philip Markovich for his assistance in securing LASA's new location. I would also like to thank Drew Thomson at the Law Society of Alberta. LASA is also very appreciative of the continued support of the Benchers.



## Photos of LASA's New Location

In the last number of years, LASA has witnessed an increase in the volume of archival donations that it receives from both the legal and judicial communities. Our increased space will provide a larger temperature and

increase its programs and services. As an historical and archival organization, LASA's programs make the legal system and the role of the judiciary in Alberta more accessible and understandable to the public.





# Remembering Peter Lougheed

*He envisioned a strong Alberta within a strong, united Canada*  
*Todd Hirsch, Policy Options, June - July 2012*

## **Remembering Peter Lougheed: Lawyer, Politician, Businessman, Canadian, and Albertan**

On September 13, 2012, Alberta -- and Canada -- lost a true statesman. Mr. Lougheed was a key player in many seminal events in Alberta's history.

Economist Todd Hirsch wrote in *Policy Options* earlier this year that "Lougheed got Alberta through puberty and on the path to maturity." This *Policy Options* article, along with the entire issue, coincided with the Institute for Research on Public Policy naming Mr. Lougheed Canada's Best Premier of the last 40 years. Many Albertans would agree.

Those familiar with Canadian history and politics will know that these accomplishments were no simple feat. The Lougheed era, from 1971 to 1985, was not always a period of calm. Many will recall his tense fights with Ottawa over Alberta's oil and the constitutional debates that led to repatriation and the introduction of the Charter of Rights and Freedoms. Both of these events advanced Mr.

Lougheed's ultimate goal of a strong Alberta within a united Canada.

Born on July 26, 1928 in Calgary, Alberta, Mr. Lougheed attended Strathcona School for Boys, Earl Grey and Rideau Public Schools in Calgary. He graduated from Central High School, but not before he founded a Student Union and became its first President.

He enrolled at the University of Alberta where he received a Bachelor of Arts degree in October 1951 and an LL.B. in May 1952. While at the U of A, he was a noted athlete playing football for the Golden Bears. His athletic accomplishments earned him a place in the University's sports Hall of Fame. Mr. Lougheed also served in the Canadian Officers' Training Corp where he qualified as a Commissioned Officer in 1952. He served along side his college roommate and future Chief Justice of the Court of Queen's Bench, the Honourable Ken Moore, Q.C.

After graduating from the University of Alberta, Mr. Lougheed ventured to Boston, Massachusetts where

he attended the Graduate School of Administration at Harvard University where he obtained a Masters of Business Administration in June 1952.

Mr. Lougheed then returned to Calgary and joined the Alberta Bar in October 1955. He left the firm of Fenerty, Fenerty, McGillivray & Robertson, where he Articled, and joined the Mannix Corporation in June 1956 to serve as Secretary and General Counsel. Later, turning to politics, he became Leader of the Opposition in 1967, and in 1971 Mr. Lougheed led his Conservative Party to victory becoming Premier of Alberta, a position he held until retirement in 1985. He returned to practicing law in 1987 joining the firm Bennett Jones Verchere (now Bennett Jones LLP). Mr. Lougheed also taught at the Department of Political Science at the University of Calgary for a number of years.

Over the years, Mr. Lougheed received a number of distinguished awards and honours, including the first Honorary Bachelor of Applied Technology degree from the Southern Alberta Institute of Technology in 1995. He also received Honorary LL.D. degrees from St. Francis Xavier University,



the University of Alberta, the University of Calgary, the University of Lethbridge and the University of Windsor. Both the Law Society of Alberta and the Canadian Bar Association recognized Mr. Lougheed for his 30 years of service to the profession. In 1986, he was made Companion to the Order of Canada. Mr. Lougheed was also Chancellor Emeritus at Queen's University in Kingston, Ontario.

Legal pedigree cemented Mr. Lougheed's legacy as a lawyer in Alberta. His Grandfather, Sir James Lougheed, is listed as number "1" on the Law Society of Alberta Roll as the first member admitted to the bar in 1907. Mr. Lougheed may have had a family pedigree, but he was determined to fix his own legacy in the history of the province.

For most Albertans, Mr. Lougheed will be remembered as a politician. He was not only the founder of the modern Conservative dynasty in Alberta, but he showed that one could be fiscally conservative and socially progressive. Pragmatism, not ideology, was the key to good governance for Mr. Lougheed.

Upon entering office in 1971, his first piece of significant legislation was the Alberta Bill of Rights, which provided all Albertans, regardless of race, gender or religion, with equality before the law. The Alberta Bill of Rights was the first law of its kind at the provincial level in Canada.

Mr. Lougheed was also responsible for the establishment of the Alberta Heritage Fund, which was set up to collect a portion of Alberta's non-renewable resource revenue for future generations. Twenty-seven years after Mr. Lougheed retired from politics, the Fund is being used to support government programs essential to Albertans like education and health care.

In an interview with Mr. Lougheed in the July-June 2012 issue of *Policy Options*, he expressed disappointment that the Fund hadn't maintained the importance among his successors as it once did. In fact, when Mr. Lougheed left office in 1985 the Fund was sitting at \$12 billion, and not much has changed in twenty-seven years. His displeasure with this fact was very public.

Of legend were Mr. Lougheed's battles with then Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau. Though he was the

Alberta Premier, Mr. Lougheed envisioned a strong Canada, and always said that he was a Canadian first. There is no clearer indication of this than during the negotiations to repatriate the Constitution in 1981.

Those protracted negotiations, over a number of years, culminated in a two-day conference in Ottawa on November 4-5, 1981 where Lougheed, among other Provincial Premiers, insisted on the notwithstanding clause in the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedom. This ensured that power remained with elected officials. The provinces could "opt" out of federal legislation that was deemed to be an infringement on provincial jurisdiction.

Then there were the disputes, often heated, with Prime Minister Trudeau over Alberta's energy revenues. NEP is an acronym that continues to resinate negatively in the minds of many Albertans who remember those heated battles between Edmonton and Ottawa.

"The Ottawa government has, without negotiation, without agreement, simply walked into our home and occupied the living room," was how Mr. Lougheed described the actions of the Federal Liberals to a province-wide television audience. Though he was always a proponent of a strong, united Canada, Mr. Lougheed's stand against the NEP highlighted Alberta's place in Confederation. In other words, he was defending the rights and interests of the people who elected him.

The National Energy Program placed stringent controls on domestic oil prices and unilaterally imposed export taxes to exert national control over the energy sector. Many saw this as a blatant disregard, on behalf of the Federal Government, with respect to provincial rights over energy revenue. Mr. Lougheed responded by mounting legal action, putting oil-sands projects on hold and cutting oil sales to the rest of Canada. Mr. Lougheed knew that this would have an immediate, but short-term, negative affect on Albertans.

Though these negotiations and battles over Alberta's energy sector were intense, they were never hateful.

This is testament to the attitude Mr. Lougheed had for other people, even his political adversaries. Jeffery Simpson wrote in the *Globe and Mail* the day after Mr. Lougheed's passing, "he could be friends, or at least establish a respectful relationship, with those with whom he sometimes disagreed, as with NDP premier Allan Blakeney of Saskatchewan and even, believe it or not, Pierre Trudeau."

After leaving politics he continued to be publicly vocal about issues concerning Albertans. He often spoke out against the rapid development of the oil sands and believed a moratorium should be followed by more sustainable development. He publicly criticized the building of the Keystone XL pipeline. In a recent interview, he stated that more processing of the oil sands should be done in Alberta.

Mr. Lougheed was also outspoken about the changing political landscape. Simpson wrote, he privately dismissed the Reform Party and add that Preston Manning was a merely modern version of his father. In fact, he once opined, "[Ralph] Klein came along and he reverted the party backward to what I call the old Social Credit days, when Alberta was the whole focus and it wasn't a cross-Canada focus."

He publicly endorsed Alison Redford during the recent Alberta election. It can be surmised that his endorsement helped lift Ms. Redford over the surging Wild Rose led by Danielle Smith, and thus secured for another four years the Conservative dynasty that he built.

The Lougheed name will be long remembered in the history of Alberta. Firstly because of Sir James Lougheed, and then because Peter Lougheed left his own indelible mark on Alberta that will be felt for many generations to come.

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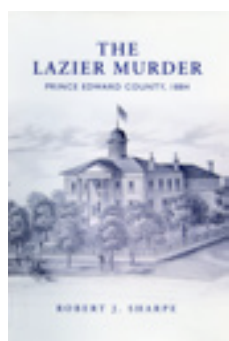
C.D. Evans, best known to Alberta lawyers as a defense lawyer and author of two memoirs -- one on the Hon. Milt Harradence and one on his own forty years at the criminal bar.

In his latest work he has teamed up with Dr. L.M. Shyba to write a biting work of fiction.

Based in the future in the fictional province of Alberia, the authors set out to tell the story of PetroFubar Energy's response to the discovery of 5000 dead ducks in a oil sands tailing pond.

This piece of satirical fiction is a great mixture of suspense and comedy as the energy company works to avoid the fall out from this environmental disaster.

Though there may be several parallels, the reader should remember that this is fiction.



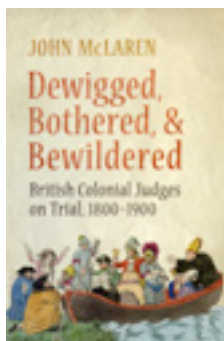
This is an examination of a murder case in Picton, Ontario in the late nineteenth century.

Robert Sharpe thoroughly examines all aspects of the case from the murder of a local citizen, to the court and government proceedings, to the response of the local community.

He makes use of the tremendous archival and newspaper accounts available from this trial.

It is an excellent study of the process of a murder trial in late nineteenth century Ontario, which led to the conviction and execution of three men.

A judge on the Court of Appeal of Ontario, Sharpe examines this case with a keen legal eye, and eventually concludes that it was a miscarriage of justice.



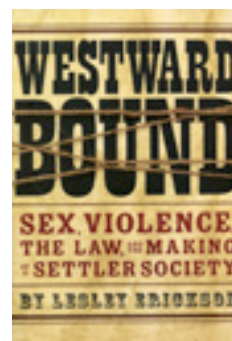
This book examines legal history in the empire and, in particular, the role of judges in the administration of law.

John McLaren makes use of case studies from across the empire -- including Canada -- to illustrate the roles judges played not only in administering the law, but in some cases governing the colony.

As McLaren demonstrates, political interference led many judges to be either removed or suspended from their duties.

As such, he examines the process of judicial appointments, accountability and judicial independence across the empire.

The book is a thorough analysis on the state of the relationship between law and politics throughout the British Empire.



This study examines the administration of criminal law in the prairie West from the late nineteenth to early twentieth centuries.

Through the lens of crime and punishment, Lesley Erickson sets out to survey the relationship between law and society in settler communities throughout the Canadian prairies.

From the perspective of a social historian, Erickson examines the affect of the law on a number of social groups, in particular women, as offenders and victims.

She discovers through meticulous sifting of court and archival records that this subject crosses race and class boundaries and has no geographical significance.

The result is an excellent study of the relationship between law and society in the Canadian West.



Like most biographies, this book is not only about an individual, but is an illustration of a period of time -- nineteenth-century Halifax.

It's an excellent examination of a lawyer's practice in the nineteenth century, but within the greater context of the legal profession as it existed in British North America.

Unlike previous histories of pre-Confederation law, Girard's study takes cultural history as its starting point. In an attempt to gain greater insight and perspective into legal practice and to demonstrate the commonalities among lawyers and the legal profession during this period, Girard places Beamish Murdoch into the greater international context with comparisons of legal practice in Upper and Lower Canada, the Maritimes, the United States and England.



## — Thank You —

LASA would like to acknowledge and thank all those who volunteered their time to support our recent fundraising Casino held at Cowboys Casino on September 7 and 8, 2012. 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 2012 Annual Campaign.

Letters and donor cards were sent out in May.

The donations you make go towards the day-to-day operations of the Legal Archives Society of Alberta.

If you haven't yet made a donation for this year, we hope you will please consider us.

Please see the back page for LASA's Donation form.

## LASA Outreach

### Faculty of Law, University of Alberta

LASA prepared an exhibit for the University of Alberta, Faculty of Law's 100 - Year Centenary gala dinner that was held on Friday, September 21, 2012 at that Shaw Conference Centre in Edmonton. The display focused on the era of each of the ten deans, with additional space being devoted to Deans Weir and Bowker. Other themes in the display included highlighting special events and individuals associated with the Faculty of Law over the last 100 years.

### Fraser Milner Casgrain LLP

LASA is also preparing a historical display for the upcoming centenary celebrations for Fraser Milner Casgrain LLP. This display will highlight the firm's history over the past 100 years and the various branches/lineages that grew from the Fenerty-Calgary side of the firm. Special display boards will be created to highlight areas of practice expertise, World War veterans, and other important events and contributions made by firm members.

### Book Launch -- 5000 Dead Ducks

On November 24, 2011, Stacy Kaufeld attended the book launch for *5000 Dead Ducks* by C.D. Evans, Q.C. and Dr. L.M. Shyba. The event was held at the Beat Nic in Calgary. It was a well-attended event by friends and colleagues from the legal and judicial communities of the two authors. Allan Shewchuk, Q.C. acted as emcee, and both Mr. Evans and Dr. Shyba did three readings of excerpts from their newly released novel.



Left to Right: Allan Shewchuk, Q.C., C.D. Evans, Q.C., Dr. L.M. Shyba and Stacy Kaufeld

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