Welcome to our newest issue of OslerLink. Inside, you’ll find updates on several of your former Osler colleagues as well as news of recent developments around the firm.

We want to develop other services and programs of benefit to our alumni. You can help by taking just a moment to complete and return the feedback form included with this issue.

We also wanted to share with you news about one of our newest alumna. In August, Debbie Alexander accepted the position of Executive Vice President and General Counsel with The Bank of Nova Scotia. A highly regarded corporate finance lawyer, Debbie had practised with the firm since 1977. We look forward to profiling Debbie and other alumni in future issues.

Finally, please join us in congratulating one of our OslerLink Editorial Advisory Committee members and partners, Jack Petch, who was appointed by Ontario’s Lieutenant Governor to the Governing Council of the University of Toronto this summer. As many OslerLink readers may know, Jack has been very involved with the university for years, particularly through the Law Alumni Association. In 1990, he received the U of T’s Arbor Award in recognition of his contributions. Jack also chairs the board of directors of St. Michael’s Hospital, which is affiliated with the university.
All of the considerable skill and experience accumulated by this former Supreme Court judge during a long, illustrious career will come into play as he tries to resolve several controversial deaths – and help rebuild confidence in the administration of justice after decades of internecine strife in the region.

From his time as a young Royal Canadian Air Force pilot serving overseas with the 6th Bomber Group in World War II, to his 10 years as a Supreme Court of Canada judge deciding some of the most important legal issues in the country's recent history, Peter Cory has never shied away from a challenge.

Now, after just turning 77 on October 25, he's facing what may prove to be the biggest of his career: investigating allegations of collusion between police and loyalist forces in several murders in Northern Ireland during the 1980s and 1990s. In May this year, Peter agreed to take a two-year leave from his work at The Osler ADR Centre when he accepted an appointment by the British and Irish governments to lead a new investigation into the murders. Among the deaths he will examine are those of Lord Justice and Lady Gibson, killed in their car by a bomb in 1987, that of Belfast lawyer Patrick Finucane, who was shot down in front of his family in 1989, and of Rosemary Nelson, another lawyer and human rights activist, who died in a County Antrim car bombing in 1999.

The deaths of key witnesses and the deep-rooted distrust between police investigators and victims' groups are just some of the factors that have defeated two previous investigations. Officials have acknowledged that the lack of a satisfactory resolution poses a major stumbling block to the ongoing peace process in that long-troubled region. Hence, came the agreement, during the July 2001 Weston Park peace talks, to appoint "a judge of international standing" to conduct an investigation and recommend further action, including whether there should be the full-scale public inquiry victims' families have pressed for.

Early this year, the search for that "judge of international standing" led to The Honourable Peter Cory.

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They probably didn't have to look too hard. Peter's reputation - developed over decades in roles such as Ontario and Canadian Supreme Courts judge, Commissioner for the Province of Manitoba's inquiry into the wrongful murder conviction of Thomas Sophonow, member of the federal government advisory committee on military judging and advisor on Canada's DNA Bank, to name just a few - would have drawn some attention.

In announcing Peter's appointment, Irish Foreign Minister Brian Cowen noted that "Mr. Justice Cory brings considerable experience and skill to the task," which he described as "an important step along the road to truth and justice for the families of the victims." Promising that Peter would have all of the support and resources needed to carry out a full investigation, Dr. John Reid, British Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, said he was very grateful that such "an eminent and highly experienced lawyer and judge" had agreed to help.

Interviewed just before his departure, Peter said his biggest challenge will be "just getting it done." For the next several months, working in London, Dublin and Belfast, he will have to pour through mountains of documents and other evidence from previous investigations. He will not be hearing witnesses but will examine submissions from victims' families, rights organizations, government and police agencies. His last task will be to make recommendations to the British and Irish governments on any further action he deems necessary, including a full-scale public inquiry into all or some of the murders.

Peter is very aware of the stakes involved - in the importance of his investigation's outcome in building confidence in the administration of justice in the strife-torn region.

"The task will be an arduous and lengthy one. However, if it's of some benefit to the peace process, it will be more than worthwhile."

Meanwhile, back home, Peter's contributions were recognized early this summer when he was named a Companion of the Order of Canada, its highest ranking.

The Osler ADR Centre continues to be ably led by The Honourable Edward Saunders, The Honourable James Southey (both formerly of Ontario's Superior Court of Justice) and Gordon Marantz, a former Chair of Osler, Hoskin & Harcourt LLP's Insolvency & Restructuring practice and a highly regarded figure in national and international insolvency circles. All are busy helping to resolve a wide variety of corporate and commercial disputes, nationally and internationally.
NEW YORK OFFICE MOUNTS FAST RESPONSE TO NEW U.S. INVESTOR PROTECTION LAW

Lawyers in Osler’s New York office whipped into high gear during the first days of August to produce a detailed analysis of the United States’ new investor protection legislation and prepare client seminars on the topic, when it was revealed that the new law affects all companies listed on NASDAQ or the New York Stock Exchange – including Canadian ones.

Many observers here had expected Canadian organizations would be exempt from the tough new requirements in the Sarbanes-Oxley Act. Among other things, it requires chief executive and chief financial officers to certify the accuracy of financial statements. The Act was signed into law by President George Bush on July 30, 2002.

Osler’s analysis was swiftly distributed to affected Canadian clients and posted to the firm’s Web site. (Go to the Publications section on osler.com to see, “Canadian Companies Listed in the U.S. Must Act Immediately to Comply with New Investor Protection Legislation” and related updates.) Seminars on the new law were held in our Calgary, Montréal and Toronto offices, beginning in mid-August.

During the most recent session, held in Toronto on September 12, the presentation team explained the new rules released by the U.S. Securities Exchange Commission since the Act was passed, and what Canadian companies need to do to comply with the CEO and CFO financial statement certification requirements, prohibitions on loans to executive officers and directors and new audit committee composition requirements.

The team included Don Ross (who heads our M&A practice), Steve Sigurdson (the managing partner of Osler’s New York office) and Rob Lando (a resident partner in the New York office).

Rob Lando, who has practised law on both sides of the border, noted a number of special concerns faced by Canadian CEOs and CFOs. Foremost is the potential for personal liability – and the attention-grabbing, maximum 20-year jail sentence - if something is seriously wrong with the certifications they will have to provide with corporate filings. Coupled with the risk of having to forfeit incentive-based compensation and trading profits if a company’s financial information has to be restated because of misconduct, the new law packs a formidable punch.

Osler will continue to keep alumni and other clients informed of developments, such as more new rules the SEC must create under the Act, and any similar actions taken by Canadian regulators.

INNOVATIVE CD WINS RAVES

A comprehensive electronic update on Canadian business law, created by Osler for lawyers, executives and other contacts in the United States, is generating some very positive feedback from colleagues there and in Canada.

NorthSouth, Osler’s Digital Compendium of Key Canadian Business Law Developments for U.S. Counsel, was distributed via the July issue of American Lawyer magazine. Within days, the firm was receiving phone calls and e-mails from dozens of appreciative U.S. contacts. It’s also being reviewed in an upcoming issue of the American Bar Association’s Law Practice Management magazine.

The CD covers legal news and emerging issues in 12 areas of business law, including corporate law, mergers and acquisitions, corporate governance, securities law and competition/antitrust, and explains the impact of these developments on companies doing business in Canada. With over 100,000 copies produced, the NorthSouth CD package is also being distributed in October issues of Corporate Counsel magazine and The Docket, which is published by the American Corporate Counsel Association.

To review NorthSouth, simply go to our Web site (osler.com) and click on the NorthSouth image. Or, to receive your own CD, contact Adrienne Hislop (Tel: 416.646.3456; E-mail: northsouth@osler.com).
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David Allgood brackets his career at Osler with two fond memories. The first was as a student and avid hockey fan, surreptitiously watching Ken Dryden, as the former Montréal Canadiens star pondered some obscure legal question while gazing at the collection of goalie masks mounted on his office wall.

The last was the “roast” delivered by Co-chair Tim Kennish during the firm’s October 1998 send-off for David, after he had accepted the position of Senior Vice President, Corporate Tax, at Royal Bank Financial Group’s Toronto headquarters.

“That little speech of his … complete with embarrassing photos … sums up the character of the firm for me. Fun, affectionate and supportive. But you’ll never get away with getting too full of yourself.”

After more than 25 years with the firm, the move to a top executive role in Canada’s largest financial services company brought with it some culture shocks. For one thing, like so many huge North American corporations, the bank was much more hierarchical. Then there was getting used to the sheer size and complexity of the organization – with more than 10 million individual and business customers, 1,300 branches in Canada and another 724 offices in over 30 countries, including a large and growing presence in the U.S. through subsidiaries such as RBC Centura, RBC Prism Mortgage and RBC Liberty Insurance to name a few.

But he needed the change, he notes. It was somewhat of a baptism by fire, as he moved to the Royal while it was in the midst of merger talks with Bank of Montreal – plans torpedoed shortly thereafter by the federal government’s refusal to entertain the subject of bank mergers until after it had finished overhauling its financial services legislation.

“I hadn't done a lot of work for the bank at that time. So the learning curve, in addition to everything else that was going on, was immense.” – David Allgood

The challenges he encounters at the bank are a major departure from those he juggled as a partner in private practice. As a senior tax and financial services advisor at Osler, his work was “highly specialized, very detailed and focused.” Today, as Executive Vice President and General Counsel (he was promoted in July 2000 upon the retirement of RBFG’s former General Counsel), he is responsible for nearly 100 lawyers throughout the bank’s global operations and another 27 tax staff. Daily challenges run the gamut from securities and banking law to privacy and employment issues, and, of course, tax. “Just keeping on top of such a wide variety of law keeps you hopping.”

Then there are the varied and demanding tasks involved in running such a large, business-critical department, such as monitoring the work of lawyers at all of the bank’s far-flung operations, developing the management skills of his senior people, and overseeing the relationships with the two principal firms the bank deals with (of whom Osler is one), including “who is doing what work.”

“With an internal department of this size, obviously we do a lot ourselves. We're not just gate-keeping the work that goes to our outside firms. But you want to make sure you're assigning the right work to the right people, inside and out. And that those relationships are working well.”

His experience as a partner and Executive Committee member with Osler helps a lot with those roles, he adds. The work he was involved with, while on leave from Osler during the mid-1980s – as Special Tax Counsel to the Tax Policy and Legislation Branch of the federal Department of Finance and as a member of a tax advisory group assisting then-Minister of Revenue Jane Stewart – also gave him valuable insights on public sector priorities and processes, which stand him in good stead today.

The aspect of the job he probably enjoys most though, he adds, is developing people, something he’s obviously very good at. Heather McKeen, now a partner (and former Co-managing Partner) remembers asking to work with him when he was a rising tax star and she was a student in 1980.

“He was very articulate and had this great ability to explain to non-lawyers what we were trying to achieve. He had a razor-sharp legal mind and a solid understanding of business issues. Yet he wasn't intimidating at all and he was very generous in taking the time to share what he knew. Those were qualities that, as a student, you simply revered.”

Those kind of plaudits didn’t make it into Tim Kennish’s send-off speech for David Allgood. But that’s okay, Tim. David says he’s almost forgiven you for it.
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But that title hardly captures the scope of his responsibilities. His corporate development role involves both overseeing strategic initiatives, like buying and selling generating and other assets, and strategic planning for what is today a $16.7 billion dollar company with more than 10,000 employees. General Counsel Adele Malo (another Osler alumnus) and her department of 20 in-house legal staff fall under David's wing of the organizational chart, as does a separate regulatory group that deals with the Ontario Energy Board and its equivalents in various U.S. states the company operates in.

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That was in 1974. But then, “interesting things kept happening,” David smiles. As one of a small group of new associates, he recalls, he had the chance to work on a challenging mix of work, with a variety of clients and “great people to learn from.”

Then came partnership, and the opportunity to work at the firm’s London office. After that, it was back to Toronto to head up the firm’s Securities Law group. During the mid-1990s, he served as Secretary and Counsel to the Toronto Stock Exchange Corporate Governance Committee and chaired the Securities Advisory Committee advising the Ontario Securities Commission on new regulations, among other roles.

Osler partner Peter Dey notes that David brought to all of these challenges a rare combination of “outstanding legal skills and excellent business judgment. Plus, he has a well-developed sense of what is commercially sound. Those qualities make him the consummate business lawyer.”

It was in 1996, while David was doing his second stint in London, this time as Managing Partner of the firm’s international affiliate, Osler Renault, that he received a call about a position with Bell Canada – a job intriguing enough to lure him back to his original calling in business.

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TRADING TIME ZONES: OSLER ALUMNAE BALANCE THE LAW AND LIFE IN LONDON

It’s a dream for many young Canadian lawyers – venturing abroad to see how they can do in bigger financial centres like London or New York. But it’s a dream that often comes with somewhat of a rude awakening.

“Here, we’re in the middle of two other key time zones …Tokyo and New York. So I often find myself at the office all hours trying to catch clients and colleagues half-way around the world.”

– Clara Gonzalez-Martin
Interviewed with all five of the London-based magic circle firms – and landed five offers. Sushma returned to Toronto briefly to wrap up her practice, then began working at Linklaters in April 2000.

She also found the move to a firm so much larger disorienting at first. "After 13 years at Osler, I knew everyone ... knew who to call for what kind of help or advice. Starting out here, I was just another teensy fish in a big pond. You have to swim really hard to break the surface," she laughs.

Osler partner Laurie Barnett had no doubt Sushma would rise quickly, even at a huge firm like Linklaters. "In addition to her legal skills ... which are superb ... she had a special knack with clients, especially the difficult ones. That's a talent every firm needs."

Sushma has found London to be an exciting place to live and work. "And the Continent is only an hour away." She’s involved with deals that are often international in scope (those time zones again), complex and innovative. While much of her work at Osler was focused in financial services, in London she finds herself more involved in acquisition financing and structured financing. "It’s a huge market for that kind of work here."

Both Clara and Sushma (who remain close friends today) say young Canadian lawyers with experience gained at a front-ranked firm like Osler are well received by the London legal community. "Generally, you’re regarded as being well trained and, of course, the similarity in legal systems among Commonwealth countries is an advantage," Sushma notes.

Having at least one other language is also a boon with the multinational scope of so many deals, Clara adds. In addition to English, she speaks fluent Spanish and French. Sushma also speaks French and Hindi. Many of their colleagues in London are as multilingual.

Asked if they’ve had any regrets about leaving Canada, both acknowledge they miss their friends and former colleagues at Osler, and some of the great client relationships they had established over the years. As exciting as life in London is, Clara says she believes Toronto still offers a better lifestyle. "Everything is so expensive here, especially real estate. It’s either a smaller flat in central London or a long commute. That can be difficult if you have a family."

Sushma ponders a moment, then echoes Clara’s thoughts: "After 13 years, I have so many fond memories of Osler ... everything from starting as Brian Levitt’s tag-along student to making partner. It’s hard leaving all that behind," she acknowledges, then continues:

"Working and living in a big, expensive city like London ... as dynamic as it is ... is definitely not for everyone. But that’s the great thing about the work we do ... and the experience you get working at a firm like Osler. The options become almost limitless."
OSLER TOPS OUT IN REVIEWS

Over the past few years, we have to admit that Osler, Hoskin & Harcourt LLP has received more than our fair share of recognition from clients, peers and commentators on the business law scene. Here’s a rundown of just some of the plaudits bestowed on the firm from national and international sources during the past year:

- **December 2001:** Osler is ranked as the top law firm in Toronto – for the second year in a row – when it comes to bench strength and reputation in business-critical corporate matters (M&A, finance, tax, banking, bankruptcy/insolvency, competition/antitrust and corporate litigation) in the Lexpert/American Lawyer Media 2002 Guide to the Leading 500 Lawyers in Canada.

- **March 2002:** the U.K.-based Chambers Global: The World’s Leading Lawyers 2002-2003, took note of our “outstanding strengths” in corporate law, M&A, competition/antitrust, tax and communications law, naming 36 of our leading partners – more than any other law firm in Canada.

- **April 2002:** a comprehensive survey conducted by another U.K. publication, The International Who’s Who of Business Lawyers 2002, found that Osler is home to more of the world’s leading lawyers than any other Canadian law firm, citing 23 of our partners in various practices.

- **June 2002:** Thomson Financial’s league tables showed that the firm ranked first in Canada based on the value of completed M&A deals in the first half of 2002.

- **August 2002:** The International Tax Review (another authoritative U.K. survey focusing on tax advisors from both the legal and accounting professions) placed Osler as the leading Canadian law firm in providing tax advice in capital markets work for the ninth straight year. Two of our advisors, Firoz Ahmed (ranked first) and Richard Tremblay (ranked fourth), were named among the country’s top five tax practitioners.

- **September 2002:** Lexpert magazine, in an article called, “The Top 40 Under 40,” put four young Osler lawyers – Michelle Lally, John Macfarlane, Doug Marshall and Ward Sellers – in this group. Once again, that was more than any other law firm in Canada.

LEADING INTERNET AUTHORITY JOINS OSLER

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Dr. Michael Geist joined the firm as Technology Counsel in October. Dr. Geist is an established international leader on Internet and e-commerce law, research and policy development. A professor at the University of Ottawa Faculty of Law, Dr. Geist is the creator and editor of BNA’s Internet Law News. His work appears regularly in leading Internet and business law publications in Canada, the United States and Europe and he has participated on a variety of international Internet committees.

In a press release, Craig Wright, chair of Osler, Hoskin & Harcourt’s Technology Business Group, said “We are pleased to welcome Michael Geist to Osler. Michael is a well-respected advisor whose research has had a significant impact on Internet law and policy worldwide. His extensive knowledge of the issues involved in areas such as intellectual property, Internet jurisdiction, domain name matters and privacy laws will be a tremendous asset to us and to our clients.”

In addition to appearing before parliamentary committees on e-commerce and policy legislation and regularly assisting federal and provincial governments on policy formation, Dr. Geist chaired the American Bar Association’s working committee that examined and considered Internet Jurisdiction. He also serves as an advisor to a number of organizations, including the American Law Institute’s Project on International Intellectual Property. He is a member of the board of directors of the Canadian IT Law Association and is a Director as well as the only elected member from the legal community on the Canadian Internet Registration Authority, which governs the “.ca” domain.

“Osler, Hoskin & Harcourt LLP is an outstanding business law firm and its technology practice has an excellent, well-earned, reputation,” said Dr. Geist. “I look forward to working with my new colleagues in the practice and across the firm. With Internet and e-commerce issues at the forefront of business today, law and policies continue to evolve. I look forward to being part of the Osler team that will help to guide clients through this evolution.”

Dr. Geist’s research has been published in leading national and international law journals and featured in media such as the Wall Street Journal, New York Times, Chicago Tribune and USA Today. In addition to his work as editor of the daily publication, Internet Law News, he is also the author of Internet Law in Canada (now in its 3rd edition). He is editor-in-chief of Internet and E-commerce Law in Canada, founded the Ontario Research Network for E-commerce, and serves on the editorial Boards of several other legal publications and is a national columnist on Internet Law issues for The Globe and Mail. He has been a speaker at numerous industry and academic conferences worldwide and at Canadian and U.S. law schools.

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