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ON THE MOVE – OSLER NEWS AND ALUMNI VIEWS

With the next federal budget expected in the coming weeks, our profiles of two alumni of Osler's national Tax Department are timely. Both **George Vesely** and **Jim Ware** remember when the tax group, under the leadership of **Bob Lindsay**, numbered fewer than 10 members. But as corporate tax grew in strategic importance to the firm's clients, so did Osler's tax practice, which now includes more than 60 professionals.

More recently, corporate governance has been dominating the business headlines – and the attention of senior executives. Osler's stellar corporate advisory team has been front and centre during this post-Enron/Sarbanes-Oxley Act period. This past fall, a panel of Osler partners and intriguing guest speakers discussed the substantial new demands facing general counsel with an audience of client counsel. Read highlights of this session on Page 6.

In this issue, we introduce a new feature – a profile of one of our key practice areas. In the next issue, we'll also begin a series of updates about Osler offices across Canada, starting with our New York

office, which has seen some major changes and additions recently.

In the following pages, also read about long-time Osler partners who retired as members of the firm in 2004; an important addition to our well-regarded Competition Group; and the firm's \$1 million gift to Osgoode Hall Law School.

Finally, we're delighted to start off this new year by introducing our new Alumni Advisory Committee. Joining chair **Judy Stein-Korte** (Chief Client Services Officer) are alumni **David Drinkwater**, Osler partners **Sonia Bjorkquist**, **Terry Burgoyne** and **John Groenwegen**, **Janette Canvin** (Associate Program Director) and **Wendy Rickey**, whose roles with the firm include Secretary to the Executive Committee.

Please feel free to drop any of them a note about *OslerLink* or other ways we can help you stay in touch with your fellow alumni and all of us here at the firm. Send to oslerlink@osler.com.

CATCHING UP WITH TWO YOUNG TURKS OF TAX

The federal government's massive tax reform of 1971 ushered in a new era for Osler. Canadian tax law promised to be an entirely different ballgame once the new law came into effect, and partners **Stuart Thom** and **Purdy Crawford** knew the firm would have to be prepared to help clients respond. Enter **Bob Lindsay**, one of the lawyers who drafted the legislation.



“A collective commitment to high integrity is something that never changed during my years at Osler.”

– George Vesely

WHY A “CONSUMMATE TAX LAWYER” LEFT IT ALL BEHIND

Fifteen years into his career as “the go-to guy” on tax law at Osler, George Vesely was widely considered to be at the top of his profession. So why, one day, did he decide he no longer wanted to practise tax?

George Vesely shakes his head in mild disbelief on recalling that he was the sixth lawyer to join Osler's tax practice back in 1977. Nationally, the group now numbers more than 60 professionals – and counting.

That 10-fold growth over the past 25 years suggests just how crucial astute tax advice has become to business, especially when most governments in developed countries like Canada overhaul much of the relevant legislation every time they bring down a budget. And then it often takes them two or three tries to get parts of it right, George points out.

“That's primarily why practising tax is so dramatically different from other areas of law,” he explains. “The rate of change in tax law is enormous ... essentially, you get a new 500-page rulebook almost every year.”

Highlights of George's 15 years in tax included playing a key role in several major transactions for some of Canada's largest corporations, which led to his being ranked second in a list of Canada's top tax advisors by *The International Tax Review* (1994).

Career Shift

In 1991, when partner **Brian Levitt** followed **Purdy Crawford** to Imasco Limited, George started spending time on corporate matters. Shortly thereafter, a major client asked him to take on a corporate as well as a broader advisory role and to find another tax lawyer at the firm to take over the tax work. That marked a major shift in George's practice. For the next few years, he continued to practise tax, but was also cross-appointed to the Corporate Department.

Ironically, it was the prospect of absorbing another of those ream-thick monstrosities from the Finance Department that prompted George to make a career shift. “One day, another budget landed on my desk. I just decided I wasn't going to read it. So you could say that was the day I made the switch from tax to full-time corporate law. You just can't practise tax part-time and keep up properly.”

A Pivotal Move

It was a pivotal move, one that at least partially paved the way for a bigger career change a few years later. After dealing with the intense work demands created by the M&A wave of the late 1990s, George decided he needed a change. His dilemma was, to what?

Then Serendipity, as she often does, gave him a timely nudge.

He'd gotten to know the two principal executives of Maple Financial Group, which had originally taken shape as the Financial Products Group of investment dealer First Marathon. It was spun off as a separate company in 1986, with George and Steve Sigurdson advising the management team during the spin out.

Maple had grown quickly, providing banking, securities, trust, trade financing and other services to institutions, corporations and wealthy individuals internationally. A specialty niche was creating innovative, proprietary “market-neutral” investment vehicles, often involving strategies like statistical arbitrage, mortgage-backed securities and convertible arbitrage to manage risk, preserve capital and generate stable, absolute returns.

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Purdy had been interested in recruiting Bob for years. And while other firms had the same idea, in the end Bob joined Osler. Over the next two decades, he played a key role in building one of the largest and best tax departments in all of Canada – one that has achieved top ranking in the *International Tax Review* for 10 years running.

Two of the young members of Bob's tax team during that exciting period were **George Vesely** and **Jim Ware** – both of whom have since moved on to corporate life. *OslerLink* is pleased to spotlight them in this issue.

NO TRIVIAL CAREER CHANGE

While some of **Jim Ware's** colleagues thought he was “nuts” leaving a high-profile, established practice for a fledgling company with one fad product to its name, that move proved a winning one.

You've landed on yellow, so here's your history question – and it's for the wedge so think it over carefully: which of Osler's original coterie of young “tax Turks” during the 1970s left the firm in 1984 to join the company that created what *Time* magazine called “the biggest phenomenon in game history”?

Jim Ware? Is that your answer? Okay. You're right. Jim left Osler to join Horn Abbot Ltd., the company now owned by Trivial Pursuit® inventors Scott Abbott and Chris Haney. Nearly 25 years after its creation, “TP” (as devoted fans call it) is still the world's No. 1 board game.

Today, as president of the company, Jim oversees the licensing and distribution operation with U.S.-based games and toy giant Hasbro. More than 80 million copies of various versions of the game have been sold in 19 languages and 33 countries. Jim is also involved in the development of new products, the latest of which are Trivial Pursuit® 1990's Edition, Saturday Night Live DVD Edition, Book Lover's Edition and Lord of the Rings DVD Edition. The Trivial Pursuit® Star Wars DVD Edition will be released in the spring. Trivia aficionados can also play on-line at www.trivialpursuit.com or, very soon, via their mobile telephones.

Leveraging the Digital World

“That's what really has been fun for the past five years or so,” says Jim. “As the digital world has exploded, content has become such an asset ... and Trivial Pursuit is the standard as far as trivia content goes. So it's a natural for us to look at what we can do with every new platform, from the Internet to digital gaming through to wireless.”

But just how did a leading Toronto tax lawyer become top executive of a company that owns one of the world's most enduring game properties? Recruited by **Bob Lindsay** in 1974, Jim had been working in Osler's fast-growing Tax Department for nearly 10 years when he was recommended to Scott Abbott, formerly a reporter with the *Sherbrooke Record*, by Scott's old boss, Conrad Black. (Osler had recently acted for Norcen, then one of the Hollinger companies.)

A Tough Decision

Whether to make the move was a tough decision for Jim, who recalls the “continuous highs” of working on some of the biggest deals of the day with a tight core of colleagues like **Norm Loveland**, **Blake Murray**, **David Allgood** and **George Vesely**, whom Jim remembers as the “youngsters” in the group. “The moment I got there, I knew I'd love it. As a tax lawyer, there was no better place to be than Osler,” he observes.

Why? First, he was working with **Bob Lindsay** who, while with the federal Department of Finance, had helped to draft the Trudeau government's new *Income Tax Act*, a massive overhaul of the previous legislation which came into effect in 1971. By the mid-70s, Bob was widely considered as “the premier tax lawyer in the country,” Jim notes. Jim himself had spent a year at National Revenue helping to interpret the new Act in the early '70s – experience that came in handy when he moved to private practice with Osler.



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WHERE THEY ARE NOW >

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It was this line of business (now called Maple Financial Alternative Investments) that George was invited to come and lead as managing partner in 1999. He was drawn to this opportunity in part by the similarity between its culture and the one he'd be leaving behind.

"I knew they were incredibly smart, creative and had a reputation for a very high level of integrity, which I had the opportunity to observe first hand while representing them," he says of Maple's President and CEO, David Roffey, and the Executive Vice President, Tom Higgins. That was important to George, accustomed to "a collective commitment to high integrity" ingrained by Purdy Crawford, his peers and successors at Osler.

"I guess you can say it was the way I was brought up. At any rate, it's something that never changed during my years at Osler or Maple."

The 'Go-To' Guy

Norman Loveland, today chair of Osler's National Tax Practice, says the move was a natural for George, whom Norman describes as "a consummate business tax lawyer ... but a lot more than that. He became the 'go-to' guy on just about anything, especially the tax aspects of corporate finance. But he could also see well beyond the details in a strategic way ... beyond what many lawyers are ever able to do."

In 2002, Maple embarked on a transition strategy that would leverage its proven capabilities in identifying and profiting from undiscovered opportunities in financial markets to new lines of business, such as mortgage banking, where its involvement could be longer term. Later that year, George took on the new role of Executive Vice President, Business Development, where he's now occupied, looking out for those new business opportunities.

It's a role that has involved more travel than he would like. He loves the work and says he does not miss practising law. "There is a different dynamic governing your day when you are a lawyer with a number of clients," he observes. "The biggest difference did not turn out to be not having to docket my time. Rather, it's the ability to decide on the priority for the day rather than having different clients make conflicting demands on your time."

What he does miss are "the friends I grew up with at Osler ... and it feels like there are dozens of them." While he tries to keep in touch, usually through lunches snatched from busy schedules, "it's very different from being there and simply walking down the hall to chat for a few minutes."

Still, change is good, he insists. "You're challenged when you move from something you're fairly competent in to something entirely new. But it's those steep learning curves that keep life interesting."

> JIM WARE CONTINUED FROM **PAGE 3**



"It was a pretty dynamic time with new interpretations still flying out of Finance and Revenue Canada fast and thick."

Second, the firm was growing fast – both home to and attracting top talents

like Purdy Crawford, Edgar Sexton, Bertha Wilson, Jack Petch, Tim Kennish and Peter Dey, and promising young lawyers like David Drinkwater and Brian Levitt "to name a few," Jim says.

Then, there was the challenging work all that talent was attracting to the firm during the period when the "mega-deal" was really born. Since every merger or acquisition involved a major, often deal-making-or-breaking, tax component, Jim and his colleagues were often staking out new ground in structuring transactions tax-effectively. "I don't remember ever having a boring day at Osler."

Change Brings New Challenges

But after nearly a decade of so often working "flat out," he was ready for a change when Horn Abbot's partners came calling. Some of his colleagues thought he was "nuts" leaving a high-profile, established practice for a fledgling company with "one fad product to its name."

An "amazingly fast" 20 years later, Jim still finds himself involved in something new almost every day, like the complex contract negotiations and intellectual property challenges that the arenas of global business and new media offer. "One of my greatest satisfactions has been expanding the game to new platforms and topics."

Keeps in Touch

Although he doesn't miss the world of law firm docketing, he has maintained close friendships over the years with a number of his former tax law partners, whose camaraderie he enjoyed so much while at Osler.

"Jim made an enduring contribution to the development of our tax practice while working with Bob Lindsay," says one of those former colleagues, Blake Murray. "They were an unbeatable team at attracting and retaining clients. And, in addition to being a terrific tax lawyer, Jim has always had a wonderful sense of humour, which he generally directs at himself."

Jim Ware does little "hands-on" tax work these days, admitting he's probably fallen behind on new developments in the area. "But I can probably still name every section of the *Income Tax Act* for you," he grins.

"I'm very proud of
the worldwide
success of this
Canadian product."

– Jim Ware

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

The first in a series profiling key practice areas at Osler

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Practice Positioning: Osler's IP experts – including lawyers, patent agents and trade-mark agents – have successfully represented companies in various sectors, including the pharmaceutical, electronics, consumer products, entertainment, sports and food service industries, for decades. "What we have is a phenomenal client base and that is a real strength," says Glen. The firm has recently bolstered its combined team in Ottawa and Toronto with the addition of several new professionals.

Strengths: A broad range of intellectual property services with deep expertise in each of patents, trade-marks and copyright; IP litigation including pharmaceutical patent litigation; and IP support for commercial transactions (particularly sophisticated licensing and structuring of transactions related to IP rights).

Competitive Edge: Osler brings a powerful combination of IP talent in key high-demand areas, such as patents and patent litigation, and a corporate practice that demands a high level of expertise in commercial aspects of IP in the many national and international transactions in which we get involved. Members of the Osler IP practice also serve as the Editorial Board of the *Canadian Patent Reporter*, the respected law report series universally used by the Canadian intellectual property bar. "Not only does this provide great exposure for our group, but it means we are always on top of IP law in Canada as we review every decision from all of the courts weekly and summarize those that merit publication."

Recent Additions: Geoff North, an associate with degrees in both computer science and biology, and Mark Vickers, patent agent trainee, with a Ph.D. in biochemistry, previously with Biomira Inc. in Edmonton, are based in Ottawa. They enhance the patent practice and in particular provide support for pharmaceutical patent litigation. Josée Thibodeau (an associate in Ottawa who moved from the firm's Technology Business Group) and Andrea Slane (a new associate in the Toronto IP practice) augment the commercial IP practice and provide transaction support. Melissa Fisher, a litigation associate in Ottawa, and new associate Patrick Reimer in Toronto, have joined the group to focus on IP litigation.

Rationale for Expansion: "Because IP is becoming an increasingly important part of large commercial transactions, it is business-critical for our clients – and therefore a key area of practice for the firm. The recent additions to the group also increase our

capabilities in pharmaceutical patent litigation with relevant technical and scientific expertise. Plus, they enhance our ability to continue to provide a full range of services across the spectrum in IP law."

Recent IP Litigation Landmarks: Osler played an integral role in cases this past year where Canada's top courts made leading decisions after grappling with novel IP issues. To name just a few examples:

- **CCH Canadian Ltd. v. Law Society of Upper Canada.** In a landmark decision that will shape Canadian copyright law for years to come, in its first decision on fair dealing, the Supreme Court of Canada held that courts must strive to maintain an appropriate balance between the dual objectives of promoting the public interest in encouraging the dissemination of works and obtaining a just reward for the creator. Osler partner Glen Bloom was co-counsel to the publishers.
- **Realsearch Inc. and Dingwell's Machinery & Supply Ltd. v. Valone Kone Brunette Ltd. and BDR Machinery Ltd.** On the patent front, Osler partner David Aitken appeared for the successful appellants in Realsearch Inc., in which the Federal Court of Appeal rejected the first attempt to introduce Markman-type hearings into Canadian patent litigation.
- **SOCAN v. the Canadian Association of Internet Providers.** This case was the first decision of the Supreme Court of Canada to address an Internet jurisdictional issue. The Court ruled on ISP liability for the transmission of musical works over the Internet. Osler acted for the Canadian Recording Industry Association and the International Federation of the Phonogram Industry in a decision that the recording industry is upholding as a precedent of worldwide importance.
- **Tommy Hilfiger Licensing, Inc. v. International Clothiers Inc.** Acting for Tommy Hilfiger, Osler succeeded on a trade-mark infringement passing off and copyright infringement case. The decision of the Federal Court of Appeal showed that intent was not a required element to establish trade-mark infringement.
- **Janssen-Ortho Inc. v. Novopharm Limited.** Acting for Novopharm, Osler partner David Aitken and associate Brad White successfully defended Novopharm against an application for prohibition aimed at preventing it from gaining regulatory approval to market the drug levofloxacin in Canada.
- **Growth Plans:** To add more bench strength in the near future to the patent group. "This is a profitable, strategic area in which we will continue to invest."

PRACTICE UPDATE



Glen Bloom, Chair



John Cotter, Vice Chair



Left to right:

Melissa Fisher, Geoff North,
Patrick Reimer, Andrea Slane,
Josée Thibodeau, Mark Vickers

GLASS HOUSES: THE ROLE OF CORPORATE COUNSEL IN THE AGE OF TRANSPARENCY

“The board’s duty to investigate and correct problems must override the common inclination to ‘circle the wagons’ and defend the status quo at any cost.”

– Wes Voorheis



“In the past decade, the landscape of Canadian corporate governance has changed dramatically – to the point where it is one of the dominant aspects of managing a corporation,” said **Peter Dey** of Osler in opening a panel session for general counsel in Toronto last fall. In fact, today, the governance system is now held accountable for not just a failure of the Board of Directors itself, but corporate failures of almost any type – from flawed management and financial controls to sub-par corporate performance.

Experts Share Insights

The current state of corporate governance – still in flux – creates several new challenges for corporate counsel. And the many recent changes in governance also raise more questions than answers. Five experts provided these insights on the changing role and challenges facing corporate counsel in our new “age of transparency” at our panel session. To share just a few of their expert insights:

- Leading off the expert panel with the board member’s perspective was **Frank McKenna**, recently appointed as Canada’s new ambassador to the U.S. but formerly chairman of one public company and a director of others. “More than ever, boards are counting on corporate counsel as a lifeline, particularly in times of crisis,” Frank observed. But every day, he added, it is essential that counsel be proactive to ensure the necessary governance policies are in place and updated as needed, to enable the board to focus on its value-enhancing function.
- **Jean Fraser**, a senior corporate law partner with Osler representing external counsels’ view, pointed out that the intense scrutiny of corporate governance and behaviour resulting from *Sarbanes-Oxley* and its offspring, as well as from cases like Enron and Hollinger, means a broader role for

general counsel. “Proactive corporate counsel should be both the company’s early warning system in understanding and interpreting changes in the governance landscape *and* its first line of defence when something goes wrong,” Jean said.

- **Wes Voorheis**, President of Voorheis and Co., has been involved in a number of high-profile governance issues, advising both investors and corporations. He observed that directors must be able to recognize risks in today’s environment – rather than just show up for board meetings. The board’s duty to investigate and correct problems must override the common inclination to “circle the wagons” and defend the status quo at any cost. It is general counsel’s duty to be a direct pipeline between management and the board, and help directors deal effectively with issues as they arise.
- The increasing integration of North American capital markets has meant the growing use of litigation as a first response to corporate problems in Canada – a trend that will be accelerated by our courts’ endorsement of contingency fees for all litigation, noted Osler litigation partner **Brian Morgan**. Here, the good news is the growing willingness of courts to look much more closely and critically at class actions. But, when facing a problem in this changed environment, corporate counsel must also be alert to the privilege issue in their dual role: as legal counsel – where privilege applies – and as part of the business team attempting to solve the problem – where privilege does not apply.
- Media advisor **John Lute** of Lute & Company noted that while there are many challenging ethical and technical points of law in the new governance environment, general counsel are more than lawyers – they are part of the corporate management team, which means they must think of the longer-term reputation of their company. The governance procedures counsel have helped put in place, and how effective they are, affect not just the company’s legal position but its reputation. How problems are dealt with – *and are seen to be dealt with* – are not just legal considerations, but vital long-term business decisions.

Similar sessions are being planned for 2005. If you would like to receive information about these, please contact **Vaughna MacKenzie** at 416.862.4937 or email to vmackenzie@osler.com.

“Proactive corporate counsel should be both the company’s early warning system ... and its first line of defence.”

– Jean Fraser

NEWS ROUND-UP

FIRM APPOINTS NEW LEADERS

In early January, Osler announced new management responsibilities for three of its partners.

Clay Horner has been appointed Co-Chair, sharing this leadership role in the national business law firm with Brian Levitt. Clay succeeds Tim Kennish who became Chair of the firm in 1999 and retired on December 31, 2004 (see below).

Stephen Sigurdson was named Managing Partner with responsibility for the firm's operations.

Dale Ponder moves to the role of Managing Partner responsible for strategic development and client relationships. That position was formerly held by Terry Burgoyne who is returning to full-time practice after six years as a Managing Partner.

"I am following Tim Kennish as Co-Chair, not replacing him," Clay said. "Brian Levitt (Co-Chair) and I believe our mandate from the partners is to ensure the firm keeps building on Tim's example."

As Brian noted, "All three of these new appointments are drawn from Osler's large rank of lawyers with some 20 years of professional experience and probably another two decades ahead of them."

"This depth allows for Osler's tradition of evolution in management," Brian added. "Dale and I represent continuity in the management of the firm while Clay and Steve bring new leadership for the future."

FIRM NEWS



Clay Horner



Brian Levitt



Dale Ponder



Steve Sigurdson

CATCHING UP WITH THE GOINGS-ON OF OSLER ALUMNI

Four former Osler partners, all of whom made many significant contributions to our firm, retired from the partnership on December 31:



Many alumni will remember Maurice Coombs, who was one of the senior members of our Research Department and who served as Chair of that department for many years.



Tim Kennish also retired as partner and Chair but will continue to serve clients as counsel in Osler's highly regarded Competition Group. As new Co-Chair Clay Horner noted (see *New Leaders* above), "With 40 years as a partner, member of the Executive Committee, Managing Partner and Chair, Tim's contribution to making Osler what it is today cannot be overstated. His dedication to serving clients with the best, business-critical legal counsel has set an example for the firm."



Don Marston, considered one of the virtuosos of Canadian construction law for at least the past two decades, also retired at year end. We're fortunate that Don will continue to serve as a panel member of the Osler ADR Centre.



Our last long-time partner to retire at the end of 2004 is Stephen Smart, a pioneer in aboriginal law. (Steve acted for the federal government as negotiator in several initiatives to resolve aboriginal claims).

Other Recent Retirees



Another long-serving member of the firm retired in June 2004. Peter White, a former Chair of the Commercial Transactions Group, practised with Osler for 34 years.



Kudos to John (Jack) Petch on his appointment last fall to the University of Toronto's Governing Council as Vice-Chair. Jack, a former partner, firm Vice-Chair and a past member of Osler's Executive Committee, retired at the end of 2003 but continues to act as counsel to the firm.

Editor's note: If you have news about Osler alumni you'd like to share with your colleagues, please let us know. Either send us an email to oslerlink@osler.com or contact Wendy Rickey, tel: 416.862.6526.

ALUMNI NEWS



LOOK FOR MORE NEWS ON THESE ALUMNI IN FUTURE ISSUES OF *OSLERLINK*.

LEADING COMPETITION LIGHT JOINS OSLER



Osler welcomes **Paul Crampton**, who has joined the firm as a partner in the Competition & Antitrust Practice Group in Toronto. A leading Canadian competition lawyer, Paul comes to Osler following two years as the Head of the Outreach unit of the Competition Division of the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development in Paris,

where he worked with developing and transition countries in the field of competition.

Paul was ranked among the top 10 competition lawyers under the age of 45 worldwide in 1998 by *Global Competition Review* and is cited in Chambers Global's *The World's Leading Lawyers 2002 – 2003* as one of the leading individuals in Canadian competition/antitrust law.

OSGOODE CHAIR IN BUSINESS LAW THE LATEST GIFT FROM OSLER



Osler partners, Osgoode faculty and students toast the firm's \$1 million gift. Front row, from left to right: Osgoode Associate Dean Janet Walker, Professor Emeritus Peter Hogg, Osler's Purdy Crawford, Osgoode Dean Patrick Monahan, Osler's Tim Kennish and Don Ross.

Osler's \$1 million donation to Osgoode Hall Law School of York University last fall for the creation of the Osler Chair in Business Law helps to create the first endowed Chair at the school. The donation is also the largest gift Osgoode has ever received from a law firm. The university will match the donation, creating a \$2 million endowment that will establish an additional faculty position for a nationally recognized scholar in the field of corporate and commercial law.

"We are delighted that one of the best business law firms in the country has shown its support for Osgoode's scholarship and teaching in business law," said Osgoode Dean Patrick Monahan. "The Osler Chair allows us to build on our considerable faculty strength in business law education, which we have consistently identified as a priority for faculty recruitment to meet the needs of students."

Currently the third largest university in the country, York is host to a dynamic academic community of 50,000 students and 7,000 faculty and staff, as well as 180,000 alumni worldwide. It has 10 faculties and 21 research centres. And as many Osler alumni know, Osgoode Hall Law School's undergraduate, graduate and professional development programs excel in various areas of specialization.

"We see this donation as a way to recognize the contribution Osgoode graduates have made to the firm as well as an investment in the lawyers who will be joining Osler in the future," said **Tim Kennish**, then Co-Chair of Osler. "Enhancing Osgoode's teaching and research in business law is not only good for the school and its students, but for our firm, the legal profession, and the business community in Canada."

A Tradition of Supporting Excellence

Establishing a Chair in Business Law at Osgoode continues Osler's long-standing commitment to supporting legal education and professional development. In 1997, our firm committed more than \$2.5 million – at the time, the largest law firm donation ever in Canada – to create its Programs of Excellence at several Canadian law schools to provide funds for student bursaries and scholarships, seminars and conferences, research, visiting professorships and chairs.

In addition to Osgoode, recipient law schools include: Dalhousie University, University of Calgary, McGill University, Queen's University, University of Toronto, University of Western Ontario, University of Windsor and University of Montréal.

The firm also sponsors the annual Bertha Wilson/Osler, Hoskin Harcourt LLP Distinguished Professorship in Human Rights in honour of the retired Justice of the Supreme Court of Canada and former firm partner.

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