

## Chapter Launch Events - 2011

Each September, PBSC hosts high-profile speakers to launch our programs across the country. We enlist some of the leading *pro bono* and public interest lawyers, advocates and organizations to speak to students about the noble history and tremendous value of *pro bono* work. Our speakers highlight the importance of a commitment to social justice both during law school and as a member of the legal profession, and inspire students with countless stories about the challenges and rewards of working for the public good.

The line-up of speakers for Fall 2011 was as spectacular as ever, and included **Mary Eberts**, co-founder of the Women's Legal Education Action Network (LEAF) and **David Scott, Q.C.**, who was recognized with a Lifetime Achievement Award for his *pro bono* contributions from Lexpert's Zenith Awards.

August 31, 2011 – Université de Montréal – Keynote speakers: **Ayse Dalli** and **Anja Djogo** are both associates in the Litigation Group at McCarthy Tétrault LLP in Montreal and dedicated *pro bono* advocates; **Gilles Trudeau** is Dean of the Faculty of Law.

September 2, 2011 – University of British Columbia – Keynote speaker: **David Eby** is the Executive Director for BC Civil Liberties Association and was this year's winner of the B.C. Human Rights Coalition and U.N. Association in Canada's Renate Shearer Award for his contributions to the human rights field locally and internationally.

September 6, 2011 – McGill University – Keynote speakers: **Janet Dench** is the Executive Director for the Canadian Council for Refugees; **Walter Tom** is a lawyer and coordinator of the Concordia Student Union Legal Information Clinic; **Roderick Macdonald** is a professor at McGill University; and **Daniel Jutras** is Dean of the Faculty of Law.

September 6, 2011 - Schulich School of Law at Dalhousie University – Keynote speaker: **Grace Campbell** is the Project Coordinator of the Mi'kmaw Legal Support Network.

September 6, 2011 – University of Toronto – Keynote speakers: **Cynthia Petersen** is a constitutional lawyer who has litigated many leading equality rights cases, including almost all of the LGBT rights cases decided by the Supreme Court of Canada over the past two decades and **Nikki Gershbain** is PBSC's National Director.

September 7, 2011 – University of Moncton – Keynote speaker: **Michel DesNeiges** is the Director and Founder of the New Brunswick Environmental Law Society's Law Clinic.

September 8, 2011 – University of Calgary – Keynote speakers: Justice **Neil C. Wittmann** is the Chief Justice of the Court of Queen's Bench of Alberta, **Douglas Yoshida** is a partner in the Litigation Group at McCarthy Tétrault LLP in Calgary and **Gillian Marriott, Q.C.** is the Executive Director for Pro Bono Law Alberta (PBLA).

September 9, 2011 - Queen's University – Keynote speaker: Justice **Harvey Brownstone** of the Ontario Court of Justice is a Queen's law graduate and a leading member of Canada's family law bench.

September 12, 2011 – University of Saskatchewan – Keynote speaker: **Mary Eberts** is a lawyer, co-founder of the Women's Legal Education Action Network (LEAF) and the current Ariel F. Sallows Chair in Human Rights at the College of Law, University of Saskatchewan.

September 12, 2011 – Université du Québec à Montréal – Keynote speakers: **Michèle Moreau** is the Executive Director of Pro Bono Law Québec, **Jean-Pierre Beaud** is the Dean of the Faculty of Political Science and Law and **Caroline Paquin** is an associate in the Litigation Group at McCarthy Tétrault LLP in Montreal.

September 13, 2011 – University of New Brunswick – Keynote speakers: **Debra Doherty** is the Executive Director of the Public Legal Education and Information Service of New Brunswick and **Ian Peach** is Dean of the Faculty of Law.

September 14, 2011 – Université de Sherbrooke – Keynote speakers: **Serge Harel** is the Director for the *Centre d'assistance et d'accompagnement aux plaintes de l'Estrie* and **Sébastien Lebel-Grenier** is Dean of the Faculty of Law.

September 14, 2011 – University of Ottawa (Civil and Common Law Sections) – Keynote speakers: **David Scott, Q.C.** is Co-Chairperson of Borden Ladner Gervais (BLG) and Counsel in the Ottawa Office. He was recognized with a Lifetime Achievement Award for his *pro bono* contributions from Lexpert's Zenith Awards. **Bruce Feldthusen** is Dean of the Faculty of Law – Common Law Section, **Pascale Fournier** is the Vice-Dean Research and Associate Professor (Civil Law Section) and **Anne Levesque** is a Part-time Professor (Common Law Section).

September 14, 2011 – Osgoode Hall Law School at York University – Keynote speakers: **Junior Sirivar** is a partner in the Litigation Group at McCarthy Tétrault LLP in Toronto, **Lorne Sossin** is Dean of Osgoode Hall Law School and **Nikki Gersh bain** is PBSC's National Director.

September 15, 2011 – University of Manitoba – Keynote speaker: Justice **Robyn Diamond** is a Court of Queen's Bench judge (Family Division) in Manitoba.

September 19, 2011 – University of Windsor – Keynote speaker: **W. A. Bogart** is a professor at the University of Windsor and was one of the founders of the university's Access to Justice program.

September 20, 2011 – University of Victoria – Keynote speaker: **Jamie McLaren** is the Executive Director for Access Pro Bono Society of British Columbia.

September 22, 2011 – Université Laval – Keynote speaker: **Jérémie-Nicolas Moisan** is an associate in the Litigation Group at McCarthy Tétrault LLP in Quebec and member of the National Committee responsible for the approval of Pro Bono work, **Sylvio Normand** is Dean of the Faculty of Law and **Audrey Villeneuve** is Director of the *Centre de justice de proximité de Québec*.

September 29, 2011 – University of Western Ontario – Keynote speaker: **Douglas Stewart** is a lawyer with Frasner Milner Casgrain (FMC) in Toronto and is supervisor of the firm's participation in Pro Bono Law Ontario's Small Claims Duty Counsel Project.

October 4, 2011 – University of Alberta – Keynote speaker: **Suzanne Alexander Smith** is a lawyer and 2011 Winner for Distinguished Service in Pro Bono Legal Service from the Law Society of Alberta and the Canadian Bar Association – Alberta.

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