



### Putting the Pro in Pro Bono!

Pro Bono Students Canada (PBSC) at the University of Calgary continues to serve the public interest and foster greater volunteerism.



Nabeel Peermohamed

Our tenth year looks very promising. With our upcoming events, workshops, and projects, PBSC Calgary is focussed on giving its student volunteers practical legal experiences.



Allison Cintosun

This issue of *The Changing Times* marks a transition from outgoing coordinators Tim Ross and Michelle Han, to incoming coordinators Nabeel Peermohamed and Allison Cintosun. Nabeel and Allison are students with a strong interest in the volunteer sector, and are excited to be working with our PBSC student-led initiatives.

### The Pros of Pro Bono



Shaun Fluker

Professor Shaun Fluker is the on-site faculty advisor for PBSC at the University of Calgary. He has provided PBSC with guidance and direction for the past 2 years. He is passionate about environmental justice and as such, has developed several PBSC projects for students in the areas of environmental, natural resources, and administrative law. Professor Fluker joined the Faculty of Law in July 2007. His teaching and research interests are in environmental law and ethics, regulatory theory, natural resources regulation, and administrative law.

Doug Yoshida is a Partner with McCarthy Tétrault's Litigation Group and has served as a key advisor and Lawyer Supervisor for PBSC. "I have had the pleasure of working with talented and enthusiastic U of C law students who are dedicated to contributing to their community,"



Doug Yoshida

says Yoshida. "Less fortunate Calgarians and the organizations that assist such people have been helped, students have received the benefit of learning what it is like to practice law, and the lawyers receive welcome additional help and the energy that comes with working with young people." Since 2004, the McCarthy Tétrault Foundation has been PBSC's national law firm sponsor.

### 2009-2010 Student Executive

- Community Outreach/ Education Officers: Fatima Samhat, Shannon Beckett
- Group Leaders: Charles McRoberts, Robert Black, Arash Rai
- ELS Liaison: Heather Richardson
- Publicity/Planning: Andrea Berenbaum
- Events Officer: Jane Butcher

Positions available: 2 first-year representatives

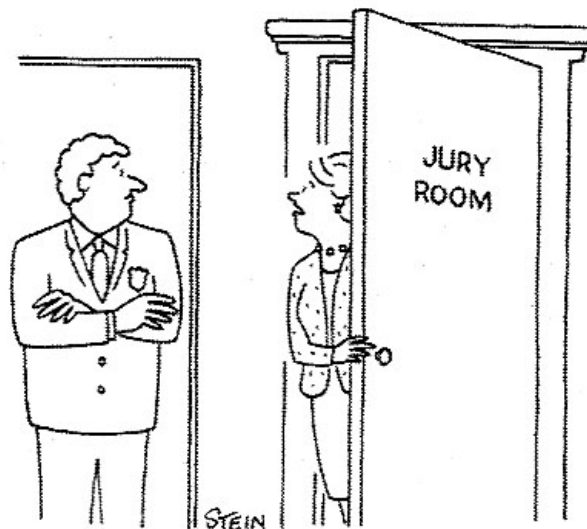
### Upcoming Events - Summer '09

- Thursday, July 16th: Organization Training Day, 12 - 1:30 pm, Room 3330, MFH, U of C
- Tuesday, Aug 18th: Organization Training Day, 12 - 1:30 pm, Room 3330, MFH, U of C
- Tuesday, Sept 8th: Sundaes Served in the Courtyard! Classes Resume
- Thursday, Sept 10th: PBSC Launch Event, 12 - 2 pm, Room 2370, MFH, U of C
- Thursday, Sept 17th: Remember Your Personal Statement: Pro Bono, Public Interest & Insights Into Your Law Career\*, 12 - 2 pm, Room 2370, MFH, U of C

\*In partnership with Pro Bono Law Alberta and U of C's Faculty of Law Career Services

### Just Laughs

<http://www.elisteincartoons.com>



"Can you get us a copy of the Ten Commandments?"



Pro Bono Law Alberta (PBLA) is a provincial not-for-profit charitable organization established in 2007. PBLA promotes access to justice by creating opportunities for lawyers to provide pro bono legal services to low income Albertans who are not eligible for Legal Aid. Pro bono legal services are intended to complement, not to replace, a properly funded legal aid system. Pro Bono Law Alberta was formed to ensure that access to justice is a reality for all Albertans regardless of their income level.

### PBSC and PBLA: Pro Partnership

PBSC and PBLA will collaborate in an effort to serve the public interest and connect with the legal community. In partnership with the University of Calgary Faculty of Law Career Services, PBSC and PBLA will present "Remember Your Personal Statement: Pro Bono, Public Interest, and Insights Into Your Law Career". This event, to take place in September 2009, will feature a distinguished panel including PBLA Executive Director, Ms. Gillian Marriott. Appointed in January 2009, Ms. Marriott



Gillian Marriott

has been responsible for the overall operations of PBLA, the development of programs and services and fostering awareness of the organization in both the legal and public community. Ms. Marriott is also an adjunct assistant professor of family law at the U of C. Ms. Marriott will also be speaking at the PBSC Launch Event in September. For information on PBLA projects and activities, contact Pro Bono Law Alberta at (403) 541-4840 or visit [www.pbla.ca](http://www.pbla.ca).

## The PBSC Advisory Committee

The PBSC Advisory Committee is a sounding board for new ideas, events, and serves to provide direction and guidance to the program. Our deepest gratitude to the members: Professor Shaun Fluker, Doug Yoshida, Gillian Marriott, Dean Al Lucas, and Associate Chief Justice Wittmann.



Dean Al Lucas

Professor Alastair Lucas, Q.C. is the Dean of the Faculty of Law at the U of C. Professor Lucas has been a member of the Alberta Bar since 1968. During his term with the Faculty of Law at The University of Calgary, he has served as Executive Director of the Canadian Institute of Resources Law and as Associate Dean of Research and Graduate Studies. Dean Lucas has provided and continues to provide PBSC with guidance, direction, and support.

Neil Wittmann was a lawyer in private practice in Alberta, mainly Calgary, for approximately 31 years prior to his appointment to the Court of Appeal of Alberta in 1999. Justice Wittmann was appointed Associate Chief Justice of the Court of Queen's Bench of Alberta in January, 2005.



Associate Chief Justice Wittmann

We welcome all the members to the 2009 PBSC Advisory committee! Our first meeting was held on July 14. We are very excited and fortunate to be working with such a diverse group dedicated to the public interest sector.

## Are You Ready? PBSC Wants You!

**Organizations**, send in your Projects!

**Lawyers**, register today as a Lawyer Supervisor!

**Students**, send in your Application Forms!

Contact PBSC for information and application forms. We look forward to hearing from all of you!

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