

President's Message Continued

Kevin Carroll and Executive Director John Hoyles and his staff, had filed written submissions with the Commission in support of the Judges' Association and the JCC process. Furthermore, the Chair of CAPCJ's National Compensation Committee, Judge John Maher from Alberta, personally attended the Commission hearings and made compelling submissions on behalf of the members of the Provincial Court Judges' Association of New Brunswick and CAPCJ. This is an excellent example of how CAPCJ and the CBA contribute to promoting the best interests of our members. It is for reasons such as these that CAPCJ asks for your continued support and urges all of our members to become members in the CBA.

More recently, in October 2009, I travelled to St. Andrews By-The-Sea, to attend the Fall Conference and Annual General Meeting of the Provincial Court Judges' Association of New Brunswick. The hospitality and collegiality of our New Brunswick colleagues are second to none in our membership across this country. Moreover, our New Brunswick colleagues have made significant contributions to the work of CAPCJ beyond their numbers, including such members as Judge Jim McNamee, Judge Irwin Lampert, Judge David Walker, Judge Ron LeBlanc, Judge Don LeBlanc, and Judge Yvette Finn. All have made significant contributions in leadership, education and communications within our organization.

On a final note, from November 4th to 6th, 2009 I attended the congrès des juges du Québec in Gatineau, Québec. I received a warm and enthusiastic welcome from our colleagues in Québec. On Friday afternoon at l'assemblée annuelle, the judges of the Conférence des juges du Québec voted overwhelmingly in favour of a motion to have universal membership in CAPCJ. This is a significant event marking the first time in the recent history of CAPCJ that we have achieved universal membership of all Provincial Court Judges across Canada. Congratulations to Judge Jean-Paul Decoste, Judge Michel Babin, Judge Claude Boulanger and all of our members in Québec who worked so hard to achieve this goal. To all of the members of the Conférence des juges du Québec, welcome to CAPCJ.

On Friday evening I had the honour and pleasure of attending the swearing-in ceremony of Judge Élizabéth Corte as Chief Judge of the Cour du Québec and also the celebration for former Chief Judge Guy Gagnon on his appointment as a Justice of the Court of Appeal of Québec. On behalf of all of the members of CAPCJ, congratulations to these two most deserving individuals. We wish them every success in these new chapters in their judicial careers.

Our Executive and Board of Directors are looking forward to serving you in the coming year. If you have any questions, comments or concerns please do not hesitate to contact any of the Executive officers or your Provincial/Territorial Representative.

Judge Gerald Meagher
President, CAPCJ



Federal Department of Justice Grant

The Canadian Association of Provincial Court Judges once again wishes to acknowledge its enormous gratitude to the federal Department of Justice, which continues to provide a grant in the sum of \$100,000. Notwithstanding tremendous financial constraints, the department has advised C.A.P.C.J. that for the fiscal year April 1, 2009 to March 31, 2010, the department will again approve a grant not exceeding \$100,000. This enables C.A.P.C.J. to organize and budget in a timely fashion for its annual activities in the upcoming year.

This grant is almost exclusively used for the numerous translation services – including simultaneous translation at our educational programs, and all of our communication mechanisms, which include the Provincial Judges' *Journal*, corporate minutes, website services, reports of all our committees, in both official languages.

This permits C.A.P.C.J. to fulfill its constitutional mandate of conducting all its affairs in English and French. Without this continued financial assistance, C.A.P.C.J. would be severely restricted in being able to deliver its educational programs in both official languages.

Judge Russ Otter
Executive Director, CAPCJ

Chart Your Course—It's Halifax in 2010

Dear Colleagues,

It is with great pleasure that I extend an invitation to each of you to join us in Nova Scotia for the CAPCJ educational seminar and annual meeting from September 29th to October 2, 2010.

Our education program promises to be both stimulating and creative as conference participants will be able to select from a calendar of courses taught by leading academics from Dalhousie Law School and beyond. The courses will cover a wide range of topics and areas of law and every conference participant is bound to find something of interest.

In keeping with the law school theme we encourage everyone to enjoy a casual conference environment complete with visits to unique venues and musical entertainment for which Nova Scotia is famous.

We encourage you to bring along a guest as we will have activities both in Halifax and beyond to keep them amused while you are in class.

If you plan to come early or extend your stay in Nova Scotia, we would be delighted to help you plan for some touring in our beautiful province. September and October are the perfect months to see some of the highlights.

Don't delay.....CHART YOUR COURSE

Judge Barbara Beach
Conference Chair

In Defense of Taste

“I don’t know much about wine, but I know what I like” is a phrase which is often uttered to me and most always serves as a caution to check myself when waxing ineloquent about a particular wine. In my enjoyment of wine and enthusiasm for it, as a true amateur (in the French sense), I often fall so easily into hyperbole. I am reminded that T.G. Shaw said in his 1863 text *Wine, the Vine and the Cellar*, “I was convinced 40 years ago - and the conviction remains to this day - that in wine tasting and wine talk there is an enormous amount of humbug.”

What of this? Are there no absolutes of taste in wine or, for that matter, in any other subject of taste such as art, literature or architecture? Is there no truth to the matter of what makes one wine better or worse than another, that a wine is only as good as it tastes to the person currently drinking it? If so there is little point in being critical on the subject and wine writings are only a waste of time.

If there is carriage in the Latin tag *de gustibus non disputandum*, then the true enjoyment of any sensory pleasure (taste included) can only be quantified by the pleasure imparted to the subject of drinker at the moment of consumption. It would stand to reason that damned plonk is as just as good as Dom Perignon! No amount of study, education or experience is required. The treasure is in the pleasure. Drink up and let me refill your glass - the next draught of the same may meet with greater sanction!

Despite much sipping, spitting and dissertation on the subject of taste in wine, surprisingly few words are spent in addressing this troublesome subject in and of itself. Most tasters simply skirt the issue. Is it pure philosophy? Perhaps it is. The famous gourmand Brillant-Savarin wrote in his seminal work entitled *The Physiology of Taste* first published in 1825, “Your true amateur sips his wine; as he lingers over each separate mouthful, he obtains from each the sum total of pleasure which he would have experienced had he emptied his glass as a single draught.”

Even the lately famous Robert M. Parker, Jr. of Monkton, Maryland whose palate has been described by Time Magazine as “indefatigable” notes on the cover of every edition of his immensely popular, bi-monthly Wine Advocate magazine in defence of his now ubiquitous 100 point scoring system, “I know of no one with three or four glasses of wine in front of him or her, regardless of how good or bad the wines might be, who cannot say, ‘I prefer this one to that one’. Scoring wines is simply taking a professional’s opinion and applying some sort of numerical system to it on a consistent basis. Scoring permits rapid communication information to expert and novice alike.” Unfortunately, this advances the philosophical basis for the argument regarding taste very little. Is the opinion referred to merely that? Is there a false contrast between the unequivocal subjective and the unquantifiable objective? We must look deeper. There can be no question that philosophy and wine have many connections and some similarities.

The philosopher, Hume, who was himself a unrepentant subjectivist, wrote in his essay *Of the Standard of Taste* reflecting on connoisseurship and the good taste of a true critic, “Strong sense, united to delicate sentiment, improved by practice, perfected by comparison and cleared of all prejudice, can alone entitle critics to this valuable character; and the joint verdict of such, wherever they are to be found, is the true standard of taste and beauty.” Surely that sums it up and for this humble writer at least, in a nutshell, provides a *raison d’être*.

I must conclude therefore, that a true connoisseur could rightly exclaim; “This is an excellent wine ... but I don’t like it”.

Chief Judge Mark Pike,
Newfoundland and Labrador

Halifax 2010 Announces Launch of Website

The CAPCJ 2010 Halifax Conference Committee announces that its website for the National Education Conference slated for Halifax September 29 to October 2, 2010 will be launched November 16, 2010. The website will include preliminary conference information and links to the Halifax and Nova Scotia visitor's sites as well as links to the conference facilities. The website will be updated regularly. Registration details are not currently available as the final registration fee has not been set. Registration will be available on the conference website shortly.

The website will be password protected and the password codes will be sent to CAPCJ members when the website is launched.

The dates for the conference are September 29 to October 2, 2010.

You can find the website at : www.capcj-acjcp-2010.ca

Phnom Penh Inside Story

29 January 2009 Phnom Penh

An excerpt from Provincial Court of Manitoba Judge Krystyna Tarwid's emails while travelling throughout Thailand, Cambodia and Vietnam this past winter with her Husband, Merv Malyon.

Today after dipping our feet into the Mekong River we leave the village and head north to Phnom Penh via a tuk tuk- about a one hour drive. We had an accident with some moto –the female driver turned into the tuk tuk when someone cut her off. Our poor local cabbie was worried –he doesn't know the capital well but after ascertaining the damage was minimal we left before the cops or angry relatives showed up.

Our choices in Phnom Penh: we can visit a notorious prison with gruesome instruments of torture-opposite our hotel; the killing fields with 8000 skulls on display at a stone stupa; the garbage dump where kids eke out a living or we can become tourists.

Well, we made the decision that instead of doing tourist stuff such as museums, ruins etc. we would hit the famous Phnom Penh garbage dump. There is an English expat by the name of David who has fed the kids at the dump for the last five years-2-3 times a week depending on donations.

We met at the "Bogie and Bacall Bar" -David lives upstairs. There was Simon (Englishman from London) two Belgian ladies (one was the mother in her mid 60's with bum knees but she wanted to see where the money



Phnom Penh Inside Story Cont'd

went), ourselves (two Canadians) as well as two local girls who acted as translators and one 4 year kid belonging to one of the local girls.

The Belgians went by tuk tuk. We went in the back of a truck. I got a chair from the bar (huge mahogany, heavy sucker). Picture me sitting in a chair in the back of an old pickup and everyone else squatting as we ride thru the dirty, dusty streets of town. We headed for the local markets to buy food: 400 loaves of baguettes, 80 kilos of apples, 80 kilos of bananas, 20 kilos of Asian pears and 40 kilos of oranges (cost about \$200 US).

We hit the dump at about noon and the kids start to run after the truck chanting and singing -lots in school uniforms purchased by various people. No uniform, no school. This was the lunch hour or whatever. They would grab the back of the truck and climb aboard or hang on. Glad no one slipped. Life is cheap here. If you hit someone with a car, people usually back over them several times to kill them as then you only pay \$2000 for a life, whereas if you left them crippled, then you were responsible till the end of that person's life for their upkeep.



We organized 2 lines -boys in one, girls in the other (girls really get cast aside in a lot of ways, used and abused). Then some people had to monitor the lines so there were no queue jumpers and every kid or adult got a baguette, several bananas, an orange and apple.

The flow was steady with no end in sight. Hot, dirty, dusty and toxic! We just kept up handing out the goods till we were running out and then the crush started as everyone knew the food was ending. Our hands were dirty from handling the fruit and of course the bread got dirty and squashed. In the end, we cut off the rotten bits of fruit and handed out the remains. I now know what Red Cross relief workers feel like.

The kids were thrilled to see us -everyone wanted a photo and then we would show them the digital screen so they could look at themselves. "Hello Hello" they would shout. Most gave you a smile. Man, are we lucky.....

Back to the bar to decompress, wash up and have cold drinks. Coke on ice never tasted so good.

Talked to Brady- ex pilot from the States-he helped at the dump; Lena his girlfriend, a local Cambodian lady, who told horror tales of women marrying Koreans or Japanese men, then being kept as virtual slaves; Simon the Englishman who handed out leaflets re the dump trek (he's spending what's left of his holiday volunteering); Simone from Australia who spent the night at the Singapore airport, then wandered around the night market (cheaper than getting a hotel) she's here to volunteer. Somehow she ended up at the bar. Where did the hours go, we just talked and talked.....

For more info on the dump at Phnom Penh

Subject: "Inside Stung Meanchey Rubbish Dump" by David Calleja

Date: Wed, 28 Jan 2009 15:19:23 +0700

<http://www.foreignpolicyjournal.com/tag/david-calleja/>

THE JUDGES COUNSELLING PROGRAM

What follows is a summary of the services offered to CAPCJ members and their families. For more information you should visit the JCP directory on the Judicom desktop (just look for the apple), or visit the website directly at www.jcp.ca. The service provider, ShepellFGI has a website at www.shepellfgi.com/go/members. The Username: judges; the Password: judges 101. Confidential JCP counselling is available toll-free 24 hours a day, 365 days per year in English and French at 1-866-872-6336, hearing impaired, TDD 1-800-363-6270. There is no cost for short-term counselling or referrals for judges, retired judges or their families.

Confidential and Independent

The program is operated independently of the court administrators and judges associations as a federally incorporated not-for-profit corporation in order to ensure confidentiality, and effective monitoring. Judicial counselling is confidential. No one else receives information from ShepellFGI without the counseled judge's written informed consent. No one will know a judge has used judicial counselling unless the judge decides to tell someone.



There is an advisory board made up of federal and provincial judges from each province and territory. Justice Elizabeth Hughes of the Alberta Court of Queen's Bench is currently President of the Board. Judge Robert Hyslop of Newfoundland and Labrador is Executive Vice-President.

The Kinds of Counselling Provided:

The JCP program contains three distinct types of services:

- a) **Crisis Intervention and Assistance** – Emergency treatment and assistance for judges and family members suffering from depression and emotional and psychological problems caused by stress, either job-related or induced by addiction or personal problems.
- b) **Work-Life Solutions** – Advice and coaching to help judges and their families find an effective balance in their lives. CAPCJ JCP board member Judge Robert Hyslop of Newfoundland and Labrador has sent a digital version of the Work-Life Solutions and Well Being Manual to all the provincial reps and the table officers.
- c) **Judges Trial Support** – A specialized support program designed by clinical professionals at ShepellFGI in consultation with the JCP Executive to support judges involved **with difficult cases (pre, during and post-trial)**.

For more details on these services you can contact your provincial Director, a CAPCJ member who is listed at www.jcp.ca or you may go to the ShepellFGI site, www.shepellfgi.com/go/members using the username: judges and password: judges101.

The Cost to You:

Initially, the service is at no cost to the judge or family member. Most problems can be handled in around five to ten hours of counselling. If long term or specialized counselling is required, the counselor will assist with a referral to a specialist. ShepellFGI must find a referral that does not involve a service provider who provides services, assessments or reports to the court in which the judge sits. This will sometimes necessitate an out-of-community referral. After the initial referral, the individual judge is responsible for any charges that benefits plan or provincial health insurance does not cover.

THE JUDGES COUNSELLING PROGRAM Cont'd

Eligibility:

A judge, their spouse, or other family members, who include dependent children until the age of 25 living at home and in full time attendance at post-secondary education, may use the service. There is flexibility for assistance for grown-up children where their difficulties can be seen to affect a sitting or retired judge. During retirement, the judge and family may continue to use the service. After the judge dies, the services are available to the family for a further six months.

Justice Paul H. Reinhardt,
Ontario

A Question for the 21st Century...

I REMEMBER THE DAY, twelve short years ago, when my little girl refused to hold my hand. Walking to church with her, I could not believe it was so. Yet there was no mistaking that our relationship had changed forever. My daughter was grabbing at whatever independence a five year old could hold. Unfortunately for me, this didn't include my hand.



A lot has happened in twelve years. Margaret is now taller than either of her parents, is driving herself everywhere she goes, and is talking, every day, about her plan to leave home for university next fall. Were I Snagglepuss, from *The Quick Draw McGraw Show*, I would describe her pending departure in three words: "Exit, stage right!"

From whichever angle I view our reality, Margaret is a little girl no more. Last week I asked her why she did not ever phone her friends, with text and email messages on her BlackBerry now her prevailing mode of communication. She looked at me for a while with one of those long, long looks. "Dad, is this the 21st century?"

Merriam Webster defines a rhetorical question as one asked merely for effect, with no answer expected. Well, no answer was given, but I had a question of my own. When, I wondered, did young people stop talking to each other?

To my parents' chagrin, our phone rang nonstop during my high school years. I never stopped talking to my friends. But for the youth of today, it does not appear to be the case.

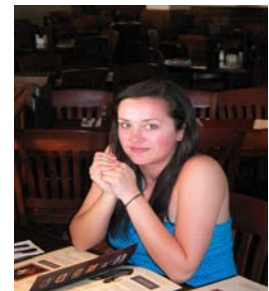
A Question for the 21st Century... Cont'd

Now, before I wax on needlessly, let me come clean - at least before the word "hypocrite" sounds from the lips of anyone reading this who knows me well. I am, as well, a BlackBerry person, here in 2009. Despite turning off the ringer on my unit, I was one of many judges at the CAPCJ conference in Calgary who was constantly checking for incoming messages; kind of a latter day security blanket in the view of some!

But let me get back to my initial rant. When I put it all into perspective, even accepting the positive changes technology has brought to our lives, the benefits of people talking to each other – face to face – can be seen every day. I see it in court, during pre-trial conferences in civil cases, and during conferences under s. 19 of the *Youth Criminal Justice Act*. I see it when people come to understand what another is saying, and get past their initial misunderstanding and prejudice. And I see it every day, outside the strict confines of our court, when judges, lawyers, fathers, daughters and a whole range of people in a community look for solutions to the problems they face.

To my daughter, my question remains.

When did young people stop talking to each other? Put another way: How do we ever hope to solve our problems if we can't talk to each other? I am expecting her response on my BlackBerry any second now.



Judge Ross Green,
Yorkton, Saskatchewan
October 13, 2009



Beyond the Bench

I was appointed a Provincial Court Judge in January of 1976, and became an Adhoc Judge in January of 2000. That species of Judge has been replaced with the Senior Judges Program in B.C. My assignments come from the Office of the Chief Judge, and average one week per month. These assignments cover many of the regions of B.C.

When not judging, I am primarily in my woodwork shop, building wooden toys. Those toys are now with less fortunate children on every continent. Prior to semi-retirement, and with the aid of a number of carpenter buddies (from western Canada theatre, the Kamloops-based professional theatre company where I am both on the board of Directors, and an honorary carpenter) built my 600 square foot workshop. It is fully equipped, which enables me to build many thousands of toys to date, and provides space for family, friends, and lately, soldiers to attach wheels, oil and varnish the toys.

Much of the wood is donated by local businesses, but I do have to underwrite the cost of laminated pine, hardwoods, wheels, dowels, dolls for the cradles, and all finishing materials.

Since June of 2005, I have chaired a Mayor's Committee which provides tsunami recovery to Tangalle, Sri Lanka. Tangalle is a southern fishing community of 11,000 that lost 257 residents and 920 buildings during the tsunami. The severity of the devastation was overwhelming to me on my first volunteer trip in 2005, with Developing World Connections. Since then, I have returned to Tangalle six times. to participate in the construction of houses, and communities (one at Ketakalawatta has a playground and retail shops.) Presently we are constructing a trades training facility and we also fund computer labs and offer opportunities for English language instruction. To date, all of our funding comes from volunteers and from fundraising.

Hundreds of my wooden toys have found their way to Tangalle, where I have had the pleasure of seeing the children's faces light up upon receipt of the toys. Most recipients have no other toy. And the circle continues to widen. In January of 2009, I arrived home from my last trip to Sri Lanka to find an e-mail of digital photos of our Canadian soldiers handing out my toys while on patrol in Kandahar, Afghanistan. Since that time, I have delivered two more shipments of toys to the Armoury in Kamloops for delivery to named soldiers in Afghanistan. I received confirmation in March that the second shipment had arrived safely and will be distributed to an orphanage.

My interest in international volunteer work began long before my work in Sri Lanka. In 2002 I was a voluntary mentor to Judges in the newly created Basic Court of Brycko district, Bosnia-Hezegovina. I was there at the behest of Central and Eastern European Law Initiative (CEEL.I)

Beyond the Bench Cont'd

That experience was both challenging and enlightening, and I believe that has changed me in some ways. The personal stories of the adversity and the horrors of war remain with me. The judges told me that they appreciated the Canadian perspective, and the absence of condescension in my mentoring. It was an honour to work with such courageous professionals.

I heartily recommend the notion and practice of international service vacations, which combine opportunities for travel with opportunities to improve the quality of life for others. Developing World Connections (www.developingworldconnections.org) partner with stable NGOs in many countries, delivering a significant variety of goods and services directly to the people who most need them. The rewards far exceed the effort and expense. I'm confident that retired Judges have much to offer, and much to contribute.

Action is eloquence.

William Shakespeare

Judge Terry Shupe,
British Columbia



In Memory of Judge Stansfield

Our Country lost a great jurist and a remarkable man when Hugh Stansfield passed away on May 8, 2009. He was, both in his professional and personal life, an inspiration to everyone who came to know him.

Adjectives are almost limitless when one reflects on Hugh and his character. He was indeed a very exceptional individual in so many ways. He was a man of great compassion and uncompromising integrity. Hugh approached everything he did with passion and energy. He loved the law and he loved being a judge. He was loyal and had a great understanding of people. He was a courageous individual, unafraid to challenge conventional norms, and unafraid to challenge the disease that ultimately claimed his life.

He became a judge of the Provincial Court of British Columbia in 1993 and later became an Associate Chief Judge. In 2005, he was appointed the Court's Chief Judge, a position he held until his untimely passing.

Hugh approached his position of Chief Judge with a vision and a purpose. He was deeply disturbed by the opinion held by many members of the public about our Justice System and was preoccupied with the seemingly ongoing disenchantment and distance between the public and the job that we do. Although he felt sincerely that the perceived eroding lack of public confidence was not justified, nonetheless he felt that he needed to do whatever he could, in his own way, to reach out to the public and to mend the relationship that seemed to be increasingly fractured and broken.

He did this in many ways. His judicial outreach led him to go where few judges have gone before; reaching out to the public through the media and public education and meeting community leaders and community groups; challenging members of his own profession that we needed to re-examine what we did and how we did it and that we needed to make ourselves more relevant to the public that we serve. He challenged traditional norms and was always seeking innovative ways to do things differently. He was fearless.

Hugh also challenged us to think about doing things differently, to reach out and to listen to the public rather than to tell the public what we thought they needed from the Justice System. He was instrumental in the establishment of Canada's first community court and a host of other initiatives all designed to improve service to the public. His dream was to see the establishment of a Centre for Court Innovation in Canada.

He was also a leader in National Judicial Education. He made a tremendous contribution in his



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work with the National Judicial Institute and judges across this country quickly came to recognize his name and his face as he was not shy to speak on a host of issues.

In addition to his passion, Hugh had boundless energy and an eloquence that could only make the rest of us envy. He had an incredible ability to express himself in a manner that all of us could understand and he was able to go to the heart of an issue and to articulate and dissect an issue and make suggestions in a way that made us all, quite frankly, quite envious.

Leadership is not borne of office. Hugh's leadership came through his vision, his energy, his dedication and his willingness to challenge everything and to take on challenges. He deeply believed that, through the law, he could make a change in the lives of people.

Sometimes people are blessed with the gift of the gab. They are polished and articulate but when the veneer of that polish is erased, there sometimes is not much substance behind it. That was not the case with Hugh. One only needed to talk with him a few minutes to find out that he had a depth of thinking that was extraordinary and yet he was not an arrogant or conceited individual, in fact, quite the contrary. He was always very humble.

Hugh had multiple myeloma for many years but he was not going to let his disease keep him from all of those passions he believed in: his work, the public and his family. We have all been witness to courageous battles and in the end the inevitable result occurs but Hugh faced death in the same way he faced life. He looked it straight in the eye and rose to the challenge. Even near the end, when he was receiving regular transfusions, he was still going to court, attending meetings, travelling across the country, meeting with judges, conducting educational seminars at a time when the rest of use would have been overwhelmed with the battle. When doctors said he would not walk, he did. When they said he could not go to work, he did. When they said he would not leave the hospital, he did.

We were all humbled by what we saw because I think many of us felt we would never have the personal courage to rise to the challenge that he did.

And if he ever had a negative thought or doubt, we never saw it.

His power was filled with vision, energy and spirit. His miraculous 15,000 kilometer motorcycle ride across Canada the last year of his life symbolized his life.

He was passionate about his family, his wife Jo-Ann and his four sons. He named them "Team Stansfield". He always spoke of his sons with unbridled pride and Jo-Ann, his love, was his



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strength through thick and thin.

Hugh was as humble as any individual could be. He understood people. He had a wonderful sense of humour. He was a man of faith. He was a man of many talents including possessing a great singing voice.

Hugh understood the human condition. He understood that we were all in the end flawed. Hugh's inspiration will live on but when we lost Hugh we lost a great individual and I lost a great friend, a kindred spirit and one of those people who comes along a few times in your life, whose ideas and ideals you share and who inspires you. His untimely passing was a blow to all of us who knew him and loved him.

This kind and gentle man will be greatly missed by us all.

Judge Ray Wyant,
Manitoba

Justice David Stone's Biography

New Third Vice-President

At CAPCJ's recent Annual General Meeting in Calgary, Justice David Stone of the Provincial Court of Ontario was welcomed as third Vice-President. Many CAPCJ members will remember Justice Stone and his guitar at various hospitality suite sing-alongs!



Justice David M. Stone was born and raised in Parry Sound, Ontario. He earned a B.A. from York University in 1970, and his LL. B. from the University of Windsor in 1973. In 1975, he was called to the Bar of Ontario with Honours.

Justice Stone began practice as a solicitor and general practitioner in Parry Sound, expanding to litigation and criminal work. In 1980, he became a drug prosecutor for the federal Department of Justice in Toronto, and joining the D.O.J. Arctic Flying Squad, doing relief duty in the Yukon and Northwest Territories, and briefly as acting regional director in Whitehorse. In Toronto he developed a niche practice involving the smuggling of endangered species. Finally he moved to the Immigration and Refugee Board as its senior legal advisor in Toronto. In 1990, he was appointed to the Provincial Court, serving in Oshawa, Ontario.

Justice Stone comes to the CAPCJ Executive with an extensive history of service. He has served on Ontario's Joint Committee on Court Reporting. He has been treasurer, president, CBA rep, and has chaired the Judicial Benefits Committee for the Ontario Conference of Judges and its predecessor. He was a founder of, and still chairs, the Judicial Council Compensation Fund. He has served in all executive positions, including chair, of the CBA's judicial section, the Canadian Judges' Forum. He has served two terms as a director of CAPCJ and is a contributing member of the Compensation Chairs Committee.

Justice Stone is married to Jane, has one son and daughter-in-law, and dotes on his twin grandchildren. He has twice been the president of the Pickering Rotary Club; is a co-founder and chair of the Pickering Rotary Music Festival; is a member of the local waterfront development committee; and co-founder and chair of the Durham West Arts Centre Foundation, which is currently seeking to build a major performing and visual arts centre in Pickering. When he has some time, he plays golf, curls, gardens and, of course, plays guitar!

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Appointments:

A warm welcome to the following new judges:

Alberta:

Judge John Henderson
 Judge Gordon Krinke
 Judge Eugene Creighton
 Judge Diane Young
 Judge Todd LaRoche
 Judge John Shaw
 Judge James Hunter
 Judge Kathleen Williams
 Judge Gordon E. Deck
 Mary A. McCorquodale
 William A. Andreassen

Saskatchewan:

Judge Jeffery Kalmakoff
 Judge James Plemel

Manitoba:

Judge Sandra Chapman
 Judge Robert Heinrichs

Ontario:

Justice Mara Greene
 Justice Fergus O'Donnell
 Justice Heather Perkins-McVey
 Justice Wayne Rabley
 Justice Richard Schwarzl
 Justice Maria Speyer
 Justice Mitch Hoffman
 Justice Barry Tobin
 Justice Patrick Boucher
 Justice Jean Legault

Justice Leslie Chapin
 Justice Steve Coroza
 Justice Joyce Elder
 Justice Neil Kozloff
 Justice Diane Oleskiw

Quebec:

Judge Denis Le Reste
 Judge Pierre Labelle
 Judge Marie-Chantal Doucet
 Judge Jacques Tremblay
 Judge Lise Gagnon
 Judge Éric Simard
 Judge Dominique Larochelle
 Judge Nancy McKenna
 Judge Gilles Lafrenière

New Brunswick:

Judge Geri Mahoney
 Judge John Friel
 Judge Julian Dickson

Nova Scotia:

Judge Richard MacKinnon
 Judge Jean Dewolfe
 Judge Del Atwood

Retirements:

Best wishes to the following judges on their well-deserved retirement:

British Columbia:

Judge Susan Antifaev
 Judge Ross Tweedale
 Judge William Jack

Saskatchewan:

Judge J. Benison
 Judge D. Ebert

Newfoundland and Labrador:

Chief Judge Reginald Reid

Manitoba:

Judge Susan Devine
 Judge Roger Gregoire

Nova Scotia:

Judge Jean-Louis Batiot
 Judge Anne Crawford
 Judge Clyde MacDonald
 Judge John MacDougall
 Judge Castor Williams

Northwest Territories:

Chief Judge Brian Bruser

Deaths:

Our condolences to the friends, families and colleagues of those judges we have recently lost:

British Columbia:

Chief Judge Hugh Stansfield

Alberta:

Judge Brian C. Scott, former Assistant Chief Judge of the Civil Division

Congratulations and Farewell

KUDOS:

This year we have lost many of our members through appointments to s. 96 courts, in clear recognition of the quality of jurists in the provincial/territorial courts! Our congratulations and a fond farewell go out to the following:

- Judge John J. Walsh on his appointment to the Court of Queen's Bench of New Brunswick;
- Judge Monica R. Bast on her appointment to the Court of Queen's Bench of Alberta;
- Judge Sandra L. Hunt-Macdonald on her appointment to the Court of Queen's Bench of Alberta;
- Judge Gregory T.W. Bowden on his appointment to the Supreme Court of British Columbia;
- Judge Brian D. MacKenzie on his appointment to the Supreme Court of British Columbia;
- Chief Judge Guy Gagnon on his appointment to the Court of Appeal of Quebec.

Congratulations to Judge Graydon Nicholas on his appointment as the next Lieutenant-Governor of New Brunswick. Judge Nicholas makes history as the first aboriginal person to serve as Lieutenant-Governor in the province.

Congratulations to the following judges on their appointments to serve as Chief of their respective courts:

- Chief Judge Ken Champagne, Provincial Court of Manitoba;
- Chief Judge Mark Pike, Provincial Court of Newfoundland and Labrador;
- Chief Judge Élizabéth Corte, la Cour du Québec ;
- Chief Judge Robert Gorin, Territorial Court of the Northwest Territories.

Congratulations to Judge Susan Devine formerly of the Provincial Court of Manitoba on being awarded the Cecilia I. Johnstone Award, in recognition of her outstanding work for the advancement of women in the legal profession.

Best wishes to Judge Bill English as he embarks on his LL.M. studies in Alternative Dispute Resolution at Osgoode.

Editor's Note

This latest edition of the CAPCJ Newsletter includes articles from across the country on a wide variety of topics. Many thanks to those judges who took the time to share their thoughts and wisdom.

To all of you frustrated journalists out there, we are always on the lookout for submissions. Our next edition will be in February of 2010. Anything you would like to include should be sent to me at karen.ruddy@territorialcourt.yk.ca.

My thanks to our hardworking editorial board: Judges Stella Frame, Maris McMillan, and Tom Woods; and to judicial assistant, Michelle Larouche for her efforts in formatting this edition. A special thank-you and fond farewell to my now former assistant, Renee Jansen, for the endless hours she spent on developing and formatting the CAPCJ Newsletter.

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Correction:

My apologies to Judge Jean M. Whalen from the Provincial Court of Nova Scotia for misspelling her name in last edition's Membership News.

