

The Osgoode Society
For Canadian Legal History



THE SEAL OF THE SOCIETY, REPRODUCED ON THE COVER OF THIS REPORT, REFLECTS AN ELEMENT OF THE ARMS OF JOHN BEVERLEY ROBINSON FROM WHOM THE LAND ON WHICH OSGOODE HALL IS BUILT WAS PURCHASED BY THE LAW SOCIETY OF UPPER CANADA IN 1829.

Introduction

THE OSGOODE SOCIETY WAS INCORPORATED IN MAY OF 1979. IN 1993 IT BECAME THE OSGOODE SOCIETY FOR CANADIAN LEGAL HISTORY. FOUNDED AT THE INITIATIVE OF R. ROY MCMURTRY, A FORMER ATTORNEY GENERAL AND CHIEF JUSTICE OF ONTARIO, AND OFFICIALS OF THE LAW SOCIETY OF UPPER CANADA, ITS PURPOSE IS TO STUDY AND PROMOTE PUBLIC INTEREST IN THE HISTORY OF THE LAW, THE LEGAL PROFESSION AND THE JUDICIARY IN ONTARIO AND ELSEWHERE IN CANADA AND TO STIMULATE RESEARCH AND PUBLICATION ON THESE SUBJECTS.

AMONG THE SOCIETY'S ACTIVITIES ARE ITS PUBLICATIONS PROGRAMME, AN ORAL HISTORY PROGRAMME, AND A RESEARCH SUPPORT PROGRAMME TO ASSIST SCHOLARS DOING RESEARCH IN CANADIAN LEGAL HISTORY. THE SOCIETY'S INTENTION IS THAT ITS ANNUAL PUBLICATION WILL BE FUNDED BY MEMBERSHIP FEES. THE CONTINUATION OF RELATED EFFORTS WILL DEPEND PRIMARILY ON SUPPORT FROM THE LAW FOUNDATION OF ONTARIO AND FROM PATRONS, BENEFACTORS AND SUSTAINING MEMBERS.

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Editor's Report

The Osgoode Society has had another good year. We published four books, on a wide range of topics. The fact that our books dealt with the history of our legal system at the elite level (Christopher Moore's history of the Ontario Court of Appeal) and at the level of every day social and economic regulation (Paul Craven's examination of the pre-Confederation sessions system in New Brunswick) is itself testament to the richness and variety of the field and of the Society's promotion of it. Our books also dealt with three different provinces and with the national level, and with Canadian history from 1784 until 1984. These 2014 books also took us to a total of 96 titles since 1981. A very significant milestone approaches! We also continue

to collect oral histories, invaluable resources for current and future historians, and to develop our website. Our finances are in very good shape, and we have a very talented Board of long-serving and new and enthusiastic directors. If I have one concern about our future, it would be that our membership is not growing as I might wish. Current members could help this by each recruiting a new member in the coming year – we are still a bargain for an excellent cause, Canada! As always, I am deeply grateful for the excellent work and dedication of all our directors, and especially to two people who assist me with the day to day work, our Associate Editor Philip Girard and our administrator Marilyn MacFarlane.

The Publishing Programme

In 2014 The Society published four books.

ANNUAL BOOK

A History of the Ontario Court for Appeal, by Christopher Moore, published by the University of Toronto Press.

In 1850 the Court of Error and Appeal for Canada West met for the first time. It was the first appeal court for what is now Ontario that was both independent of the Executive Council and staffed only by professional judges. It is therefore appropriate that Christopher Moore's study of the modern court's history begins with this institution. Moore's account of the court over more than 150 years is part institutional history, charting the various and at times complex reorganisations since 1850 and identifying landmark events, such as the opening up of criminal appeals in the late nineteenth century. This is also partly a biographical history, identifying dominant figures, especially Chief Justices, in the court's development.

OPTIONAL EXTRAS

We offered members *three* optional extras.

1. *The Rise and Fall of British Columbia's*

Human Rights State, 1953-1984, by Dominique Clement, published by University of British Columbia Press.

Professor Clement's pioneering study combines the modern history of the rise of human rights with a detailed study of an administrative agency. It focusses particularly on sex discrimination, and documents the political debates surrounding human rights law, analyses the role of social movements in developing the law, and discusses the working of the tribunals and human rights investigators who put the law into practice.

2. *Petty Justice: Low Law and the Sessions System in Charlotte County, NB 1785-1867 by Paul Craven, published by the University of Toronto Press.*

Local administration and law enforcement in pre-Confederation Canada was largely done through a coterie of appointed officials, most notably the justices of the peace, but also including constables, parish officers, overseers of the poor, and the like. This system, inherited from Britain, has not previously been closely examined for Canada, and Paul Craven's masterful study of its operation and decline is thus a landmark in our legal history. In a remarkably deeply researched study of one county,

Craven explains how the system worked, who used it, and how private and public roles and interests overlapped and interacted.

3. *Principles and Interests: The Struggle for a Canadian Bankruptcy Law, 1867-1919*, by Thomas Telfer, published by the University of Toronto Press.

Professor Telfer's deeply researched book shows that between Confederation and 1919, when the federal parliament passed the Bankruptcy Act that remains the basis of the current law, Canadians debated insolvency law with a perhaps surprising amount of passion. The discharge raised deep issues of commercial morality, while arguments about priorities pitted local against regional and national interests. Federalism complicated the story, as it often does in Canadian legal history, as the federal parliament abandoned its jurisdiction over bankruptcy for decades.

IF YOU WISH TO RECEIVE any of the above books, please contact our offices, or visit our website – osgoodesociety.ca – and order on line.

Book Reception

A reception was held at Osgoode Hall, Toronto, on November 4th, 2014 to launch the Society's 2014 books.

2015 Publications

ANNUAL BOOK

***Canadian State Trials, Volume IV: Security, Dissent and the Limits of Toleration in War and Peace, 1914-1939*, edited by Barry Wright, Department of Law, Carleton University, Eric Tucker, Osgoode Hall Law School, and Susan Binnie, Independent Scholar, published by the University of Toronto Press.**

This latest collection in our State Trials series, looks at the legal issues raised by the repression of dissent

from the outside of World War One through the 1930s and the Great Depression. All regions of the country are covered, and special attention given in one essay to Quebec's repression of radicalism. The volume focusses attention on older manifestations of contemporary dilemmas: what are the acceptable limits of dissent in a democracy, and what limits should be placed on state responses to perceived challenges to its authority.

ALL MEMBERS RECEIVE THIS BOOK AT NO EXTRA CHARGE.

OPTIONAL EXTRAS

1. *Law, Life, and Government at Red River*, by Dale Gibson, Professor Emeritus, University of Manitoba, published by McGill-Queen's University Press.

The General Quarterly Court of Assiniboia can justly be called the first 'British' court in western Canada. Although there were predecessor institutions and judicial arrangements for hearing criminal and civil cases, the establishment of the Quarterly Court in the 1830s put the administration of justice in the Red River region on a firm and regularised footing. Professor Gibson's comprehensive history of the Court weaves together the legal history of Red River with its social, economic, and political history. At the centre piece of this book sits the complete court proceedings of the General Quarterly Court from 1844 until 1872, which are examined in detail and in context to provide a compelling narrative of the administration of substantial rather than formal justice in a Company community.

2. *"Honorary Protestants": The Jewish School Question in Montreal, 1867-1997* by David Fraser, Professor of Law, University of Nottingham, published by the University of Toronto Press.

Section 93 of the Constitution Act 1867 guaranteed certain educational rights to Catholics and Protestants in Quebec, but not to anybody else. This study of the challenges, legal and otherwise, encountered by Jewish parents in educating their children in Montreal in the shadow of s. 93, will undoubtedly become the standard work on the



subject. Faced with alternating periods of hostility and tolerance, the Jewish community of Montreal carved out an educational *modus vivendi* based on complex and continuing negotiations with the Protestant and Catholic school boards, the provincial government, and individual municipalities. Bargaining in the shadow of the law, the parties made their own constitution long before the constitutional amendment of 1997 finally put an end to the Jewish school question.

IF YOU WISH TO RECEIVE any of the optional extras, please indicate so on the attached form, and you will be billed when it appears.

Books Previously Published

- 2014 **The Court of Appeal for Ontario: Defining the Right of Appeal 1792-2013**, Christopher Moore
Equality Deferred: Sex Discrimination and British Columbia's Human Rights State, 1953-1984, Dominique Clement
Petty Justice: Low Law and the Sessions System in Charlotte County, NB 1785-1867, Paul Craven
Ruin & Redemption: The Struggle for a Canadian Bankruptcy Law, 1867-1919, Thomas Telfer
- 2013 **Memoirs & Reflections**, Roy McMurtry
The Massey Murder: A Maid, Her Master and the Trial that Shocked a Nation, Charlotte Gray
Lawyers, Families, and Businesses: The Shaping of a Bay Street Law Firm, Faskens 1863-1963, C. Ian Kyer
Essays in the History of Canadian Law: Volume XI: Quebec and the Canadas, edited by G. Blaine Baker and Donald Fyson
- 2012 **Arming and Disarming: A History of Gun Control in Canada**, R. Blake Brown
Property on Trial: Canadian Cases in Context, edited by Eric Tucker, James Muir & Bruce Ziff
Hunger, Horses and Government Men: Criminal Law on the Aboriginal Plains, 1870-1905, Shelley Gavigan
The African-Canadians Legal Odyssey: Selected Essays, edited by Barrington Walker
- 2011 **The Lazier Murder: Prince Edward County, 1884**, Robert J. Sharpe
Lawyers and Legal Culture in British North America: Beamish Murdoch of Halifax, Philip

Girard

- Dewigged, Bothered and Bewildered: British Colonial Judges on Trial**, John McLaren
Westward Bound: Sex, Violence, the Law, and the Making of a Settler Society, Lesley Erickson
- 2010 **Work on Trial: Canadian Labour Law Struggles**, edited by Judy Fudge and Eric Tucker
A History of the British Columbia Court of Appeal, Christopher Moore
Viscount Haldane: Wicked Stepfather of the Canadian Constitution, Frederick Vaughan
Race on Trial: Black Defendants in Ontario's Criminal Courts, 1850-1950, Barrington Walker
- 2009 **Canadian Maverick: The Life and Times of Ivan C. Rand**, William Kaplan
A Trying Question: The Jury in Nineteenth Century Canada, R. Blake Brown
Canadian State Trials, Vol. III, Political Trials and Security Measures, 1840-1914, edited by Barry Wright & Susan Binnie
The Last Day, the Last Hour: The Currie Libel Trial, Robert J. Sharpe (*2nd edition- originally published in 1988*)
- 2008 **Carnal Crimes: Sexual Assault Law in Canada, 1900-1975**, Constance Backhouse
Essays in the History of Canadian Law, Vol. X: A Tribute to Peter N. Oliver, edited by Jim Phillips, R. Roy McMurtry John Saywell
The Law of the Land: The Advent of the Torrens System in Canada, Greg Taylor
The Grand Experiment: Law and Legal Culture in British Settler Societies, edited by Hamar Foster, Benjamin Berger, A.R. Buck
- 2007 **The Persons Case: The Origins and Legacy of the Fight for Legal Personhood**, Robert J. Sharpe and Patricia McMahon
Misconceptions: Unmarried Motherhood and the Children of Unmarried Parents Act, Lori Chambers
The Alberta Supreme Court at 100: History & Authority, edited by Jonathan Swainger
My Life in Crime and Other Academic Adventures, Martin Friedland
- 2006 **Magistrates, Police & People: Everyday Criminal Justice in Quebec and Lower Canada, 1764-1837**, Donald Fyson
The Court of Queen's Bench of Manitoba 1870-1950: A Biographical History, Dale Brawn
R.C.B. Risk, A History of Canadian Legal Thought: Collected Essays, edited and introduced

- by G. Blaine Baker and Jim Phillips
- 2005 **Bora Laskin: Bringing Law to Life**, Philip Girard
In Search of Justice: An Autobiography, Fred Kaufman
Essays in the History of Canadian Law, Vol. IX, Two Islands: Newfoundland & PEI, edited by Christopher English
- 2004 **Osgoode Hall: An Illustrated History**, John Honsberger
Aggressive in Pursuit: The Life of Justice Emmett Hall, Frederick Vaughan
The Heiress vs. The Establishment: Mrs. Campbell's Campaign for Legal Justice, Constance Backhouse and Nancy Backhouse
The Supreme Court of Nova Scotia, 1754-2004; From Imperial Bastion to Provincial Oracle, edited by Philip Girard, Jim Phillips & Barry Cahill
- 2003 **Brian Dickson: A Judge's Journey**, Robert Sharpe and Kent Roach
The Conventional Man: The Diaries of Ontario Chief Justice Robert A Harrison, 1856-1878, edited with an introduction by Peter Oliver
John J. Robinette, Peerless Mentor: An Appreciation, George D. Finlayson
Rule of the Admirals: Law, Custom, and Naval Government in Newfoundland, 1699-1832, Jerry Bannister
- 2002 **The Law Makers: Judicial Power and the Shaping of Canadian Federalism**, John T. Saywell
Colonial Justice: Justice, Morality and Crime in the Niagara District, 1791-1849, David Murray
Canadian State Trials Volume Two: Rebellion and Invasion in the Canadas, 1837-8, edited by F. Murray Greenwood and Barry Wright
Courted and Abandoned: Seduction in Canadian Law, Patrick Brode
- 2001 **Judging Bertha Wilson: Law as Large as Life**, Ellen Anderson
Labour Before the Law: Collective Action in Canada, 1900-1945, Judy Fudge and Eric Tucker
Renegade Lawyer: The Life of J.L. Cohen, Laurel Sefton MacDowell
- 2000 **'The Thousandth Man': A Biography of James McGregor Stewart**, Barry Cahill
The Spinster and the Prophet: Florence Deeks, H.G. Wells, and the Mystery of the Purloined Past, A.B. McKillop
Uncertain Justice: Canadian Women and Capital Punishment, Beverley Boissery and F. Murray Greenwood
Unforeseen Legacies: Reuben Wells Leonard and the Leonard Foundation Trust, Bruce Ziff.
- 1999 **Colour-Coded: A Legal History of Racism in Canada, 1900-50**, Constance Backhouse
Essays in the History of Canadian Law, Vol. VIII, in Honour of R.C.B. Risk, edited by G. Blaine Baker and Jim Phillips
Chief Justice W.R. Jackett: By the Law of the Land, Richard Pound
Fulfilment, Memoirs of a Criminal Court Judge, David Vanek
- 1998 **White Man's Law: Native People in Nineteenth-Century Canadian Jurisprudence**, Sidney Harring
'Terror to Evil-Doers': Prisons and Punishments in Nineteenth-Century Ontario, Peter Oliver
- 1997 **'Race', Rights and the Law in the Supreme Court of Canada: Historical Case Studies**, James W. St.G. Walker
Married Women and Property Law in Victorian Ontario, Lori Chambers
Casual Slaughters and Accidental Judgments: Canadian War Crimes and Prosecutions, 1944-48, Patrick Brode
The Federal Court of Canada: A History, 1875-1992, Ian Bushnell
- 1996 **Essays in the History of Canadian Law, Vol. VII, Inside the Law: Canadian Law Firms in Historical Perspective**, edited by Carol Wilton
Bad Judgment: The Case of Mr. Justice Leo Landreville, William Kaplan
Canadian State Trials, Vol. I, Law, Politics and Security Measures 1608-1837, edited by F. Murray Greenwood and Barry Wright
- 1995 **Just Lawyers: Seven Portraits**, David R. Williams
Northern Justice: The Memoirs of Mr. Justice William G. Morrow, edited by W.H. Morrow
Essays in the History of Canadian Law, Vol. VI, British Columbia and the Yukon, edited by Hamar Foster and John McLaren
A Deep Sense of Wrong, The Treason, Trials, and Transportation to New South Wales of Lower Canadian Rebels After the 1838 Rebellion, Beverley Boissery
- 1994 **A Passion for Justice: The Legacy of James Chalmers McRuer**, Patrick Boyer
Essays in the History of Canadian Law, Vol. V., Crime and Criminal Justice, edited by Jim Phillips, Tina Loo & Susan Lewthwaite



- The Life and Times of Arthur Maloney: The Last of the Tribunes**, Charles Pullen (*out of print*)
- The Politics of Codification: The Lower Canadian Civil Code of 1866**, Brian Young
- 1993 **Legacies of Fear: Law and Politics in Quebec in the Era of the French Revolution**, F. Murray Greenwood
- Policing Canada's Century: A History of the Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police**, Greg Marquis
- 1992 **Speedy Justice: The Tragic Last Voyage of His Majesty's Vessel Speedy**, Brendan O'Brien
- Provincial Justice: Upper Canadian Legal Portraits from the Dictionary of Canadian Biography**, edited by Robert Fraser
- 1991 **Petticoats and Prejudice: Women and Law in Nineteenth-Century Canada**, Constance Backhouse
- 1990 **Essays in the History of Canadian Law, Vol. III, Nova Scotia**, edited by Philip Girard and Jim Phillips (*Now available in paperback*)
- Essays in the History of Canadian Law, Vol. IV, Beyond the Law, Lawyers and Business in Canada 1830-1930**, edited by Carol Wilton
- 1989 **The Genesis of the Canadian Criminal Code of 1892**, Desmond Brown
- The Odyssey of John Anderson**, Patrick Brode
- 1988 **Middleton: The Beloved Judge**, John Arnup
See also 2009
- 1987 **The Fiercest Debate: Cecil A. Wright, the Benchers and Legal Education in Ontario, 1923-1957**, C. Ian Kyer and Jerome Bickenbach
- 1986 **Mr. Attorney: The Attorney General for Ontario in Court, Cabinet and Legislature, 1791-1899**, Paul Romney
- The Case of Valentine Shortis: A True Story of Crime and Politics in Canada**, Martin Friedland
- 1985 **The Supreme Court of Canada: History of the Institution**, James Snell and Frederick Vaughan
- 1984 **Sir John Beverley Robinson: Bone and Sinew of the Compact**, Patrick Brode
- Duff, A Life in the Law**, David R. Williams (*out of print*)
- 1983 **Essays in the History of Canadian Law, Vol. II**, edited by David H. Flaherty (*Now available in paperback*)
- 1982 **Cornerstones of Order: Courthouses and Town Halls of Ontario, 1784-1914**, Marion MacRae & Anthony Adamson
- 1981 **Essays in the History of Canadian Law, Vol. I**, edited by David H. Flaherty

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The nineteenth Annual Patrons’ Dinner was held on May 28th, 2014 at Osgoode Hall in the Benchers’ Dining Room. The dinner was hosted by Thomas Conway, Treasurer of the Law Society of Upper Canada, and chaired by R. Roy McMurtry, president of the Society. The purpose of the dinner is to honour Society Patrons whose generosity makes possible the continuation of much of the Society’s work, including the publication of optional extras. The Osgoode Society thanks the Law Society of Upper Canada for hosting and sponsoring the Patrons’ Dinner.

The Stuart Thom Fund



In 1998, following receipt of two generous gifts from the estates of Stuart Thom and his wife, Lian, the Osgoode Society established the Stuart Thom Fund. In 1999 and 2000 further grants from the Thom estates totalling

\$50,000.00, brought the total contribution to \$100,000.00. This generosity, unequalled among our personal donors, will go a considerable distance to help ensure that the Osgoode Society is able to carry on its work for many years to come. Details about the current state of the Fund are presented in our Financial Statements.


The Society hopes that other possible benefactors may see fit to follow this example and to remember the Society in their estate planning. All donations and bequests will receive charitable receipts for income tax purposes.

Membership

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R. Roy McMurtry Fellowship. In 2014 we awarded the seventh R. Roy McMurtry Fellowship in Canadian Legal History. This fellowship was created on the occasion of the retirement as Chief Justice of Ontario of the Hon. R. Roy McMurtry. It honours the contribution to Canadian legal history of the founder of the Osgoode Society for Canadian Legal History and its current President. The fellowship was established by Chief Justice McMurtry's friends and colleagues, and funded by private donations and the Law Foundation of Ontario. The fellowship is to support graduate (preferably doctoral) students or those with a recently completed doctorate, to conduct research in Canadian legal history, for one year.

The 2014 winner was Peter Price, a PhD student at Queen's University, working on a post-doctoral project on lawyers and legal and constitutional thought in late nineteenth and early twentieth century Canada. The Osgoode Society congratulates the winner, chosen from a very strong field of applicants, and is delighted that the fellowship has been awarded to such worthy researchers.

Peter Oliver Prize. The Peter Oliver Prize in Canadian Legal History is named for the Society's founding editor-in-chief, and awarded annually for published work in Canadian legal history written by a student. Students in any discipline and at any stage of their careers are eligible. *The winner for 2014 was Mary Stokes, 'Grand Juries and "Proper Authorities": Low Law, Soft Law, and Local Government in Canada West/Ontario, 1850-1880', in G. Blaine Baker and Donald Fyson, eds., Essays in the History of Canadian Law: Vol. XI Quebec and the Canadas.*



John T. Saywell Prize for Canadian Constitutional Legal History. This prize, established through the generosity of Professor Saywell's son John MacIntosh and in recognition of Professor Saywell's life-long commitment to the highest standards of scholarship in Canadian history and law, is given bi-annually to the best new book in Canadian legal history, broadly defined, that makes an important contribution to an understanding of the constitution and/or federalism.

The Saywell Prize is awarded every second year. It will be awarded again in 2015.

Student Book Award

The Society in co-operation with Canadian law schools offers an annual book award to a graduating student deemed to have done excellent work in legal history. The Society provides one book from its back list and a current membership, including the annual publication, to such a student in each participating Canadian Law School.

Graduate Student Assistance Programme

The Society continues its Graduate Student Assistance programme intended to offer some financial assistance to graduate students doing research in Canadian legal history to travel to out-of-town archives. Applications are invited.

Research Support Programme

The Society in 2014 made the following grants:

Professor Philip Girard, for research on a history of law in Canada.

Oral History

The Society's Oral History Programme is a unique and invaluable source of information on all aspects of our legal past. The interviews have been used extensively in scholarly research and the programme has gained a wide reputation across Canada and beyond for the quality and scope of its work. Several of our programmes are privately funded, for example by law firms, judges' associations etc., and we are pleased to discuss possible sponsorship with interested parties.

We have been privileged over the past several years to have co-sponsored oral history programmes with several bodies and organizations. We thank the following: The Advocates' Society and The Ontario Conference of Judges.

From the programme's inception, most of the interviews have been carried out by Christine Kates. For the past few years we have also been fortunate to be able to employ the skills of Cynthia Smith. We are now using a third interviewer, Rosemary Legris. The assistance of volunteer interviewers remains important. If you wish to act as a volunteer interviewer, please contact the Society.

The number of legal professionals interviewed through the programme since 1979 now totals 584, with approximately 90,300 pages of transcript. For a complete listing of all interviews conducted for the Osgoode Society oral history programme, please contact Marilyn MacFarlane at mmacfarl@lsuc.on.ca.

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Directors and Annual Meeting

Meetings of the Board of Directors were held on January 23rd and September 23rd. The Annual Meeting of Members of the Society took place on June 14 at Osgoode Hall.

The following were unanimously elected as Directors of the Osgoode Society:

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(The Treasurer of The Law Society of Upper Canada, the Attorney General for Ontario, and Professor Jim Phillips, Faculty of Law, University of Toronto, are directors ex officio.)

The annual meeting was addressed by Mr. Christopher Moore, *The Court of Appeal for Ontario: Defining the Right of Appeal 1792-2013*.

Once again, the Directors of the Society thank the Law Foundation of Ontario and the Law Society of Upper Canada for their encouragement and support and express their gratitude to the Patrons and Benefactors of the Society and to sustaining members. And we thank our solicitors, Osler, Hoskin & Harcourt LLP, for their continuing guidance and advice.

The Directors welcome inquiries and suggestions on any aspect of the work of the Society.

Osgoode Hall.

May 2015





FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

DECEMBER 31, 2014

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Members of The Osgoode Society for Canadian Legal History:

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of The Osgoode Society for Canadian Legal History, which comprise the statement of financial position at December 31, 2014 and the statements of operations, changes in net assets and cash flows for the year then ended, and a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with Canadian Accounting Standards for Not-for-Profit Organizations and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditors' Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we comply with ethical requirements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditors' judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.



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Basis for Qualified Opinion

As with many charitable organizations, the Society derives revenue from donations, the completeness of which is not susceptible to satisfactory audit verification. Accordingly, our verification of donations was limited to the amounts recorded in the records of the Society and we were not able to determine whether any adjustments might be necessary to donations, operations for the year, assets and net assets.

Qualified opinion

In our opinion, except for the possible effects of the matter described in the Basis for Qualified Opinion paragraph, the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of The Osgoode Society for Canadian Legal History as at December 31, 2014 and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian Accounting Standards for Not-for-Profit Organizations.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Monte-Lisi & Smith".

Toronto, Ontario
March 19, 2015

Chartered Accountants
Licensed Public Accountants



THE OSGOODE SOCIETY FOR CANADIAN LEGAL HISTORY

(Incorporated without share capital under the laws of the Province of Ontario)

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT DECEMBER 31, 2014

		Stuart Thom Fund \$	Stuart Thom Special Projects Fund \$	Peter Oliver Memorial Student Fund \$	John T. Saywell Prize Fund \$	John T. Saywell Endowment \$	Honourable R. Roy McMurtry Legal History Fellowship Fund \$	2014 \$
General	\$	Note 2	Note 2	Note 3	Note 4	Note 4	Note 5	Note 5
ASSET								
CURRENT								
Cash	82,603	-	-	-	159	-	20,145	102,907
Investments (Note 6)	6,954	45,277	97,668	4,832	6,638	25,000	473,350	659,719
Accounts receivable	26,550	-	-	-	-	-	-	26,550
Prepaid expenses	1,944	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,944
Publication inventory (Note 7)	58,888	-	-	-	-	-	-	58,888
	176,939	45,277	97,668	4,832	6,797	25,000	493,495	850,008
CAPITAL ASSETS (Note 8)	1,077	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,077
	178,016	45,277	97,668	4,832	6,797	25,000	493,495	851,085
LIABILITIES								
CURRENT								
Account payable and accrued liabilities	65,562	-	-	-	-	-	-	65,562
Deferred revenue	101,508	-	-	-	-	-	-	101,508
	167,070	-	-	-	-	-	-	167,070
NET ASSETS	10,946	45,277	97,668	4,832	6,797	25,000	493,495	684,015

APPROVED ON BEHALF OF THE MEMBERS:



Director



Director

See accompanying notes





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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
AS AT DECEMBER 31, 2013

	General \$	Stuart Thom Fund \$	Stuart Thom Special Projects Fund \$	Peter Oliver Memorial Student Fund \$	John T. Saywell Prize Fund \$	John T. Saywell Endowment \$	Honourable R. Roy McMurtry Legal History Fellowship Fund \$	2013 \$
	Note 2	Note 2	Note 3	Note 4	Note 4	Note 5		
ASSET								
CURRENT								
Cash	96,120	-	-	-	159	-	22,217	118,496
Investments	25,527	45,277	107,565	4,927	6,173	25,000	466,933	681,402
Accounts receivable	49,998	-	-	-	-	-	-	49,998
Prepaid expenses	341,787	-	-	-	-	-	-	341,787
Publication inventory (Note 7)	39,994	-	-	-	-	-	-	39,994
	553,426	45,277	107,565	4,927	6,332	25,000	489,150	1,231,677
CAPITAL ASSETS (Note 8)	141	-	-	-	-	-	-	141
	553,567	45,277	107,565	4,927	6,332	25,000	489,150	1,231,818
LIABILITIES								
CURRENT								
Account payable and accrued liabilities	53,843	-	-	-	-	-	-	53,843
Deferred revenue	490,627	-	-	-	-	-	-	490,627
	544,470	-	-	-	-	-	-	544,470
NET ASSETS	9,097	45,277	107,565	4,927	6,332	25,000	489,150	687,348

See accompanying notes

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STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014

	Stuart Thom Fund	Stuart Thom Special Projects Fund	Peter Oliver Memorial Student Fund	John T. Saywell Prize Fund	John T. Saywell Endowment	Honourable R. Roy McMurtry Legal History Fellowship Fund	2014
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
REVENUE							
The Law Foundation of Ontario grants (Note 9)	-	-	-	-	-	-	571,464
Membership fees	-	-	-	-	-	-	47,748
Book sales	-	-	-	-	-	-	28,509
Fundraising	-	-	-	-	-	-	27,500
Investment income	-	-	-	465	-	6,417	9,868
Donations	-	-	-	-	-	6,000	6,595
Provincial Judges grant	-	-	-	-	-	-	5,000
Expense recoveries	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,834
	686,636	-	-	465	-	12,417	699,518
EXPENDITURES							
Society programmes							
Publications (Note 7)	-	-	-	-	-	-	458,345
Oral history (Note 10)	-	-	-	-	-	-	39,780
Editorial and programme support (Note 10)	-	-	-	-	-	-	36,686
Membership and promotion (Note 10)	-	-	-	-	-	-	17,987
Grants and awards (Notes 2, 3, and 5)	-	9,697	-	95	-	8,000	17,792
Research support (Notes 10, 11)	-	-	-	-	-	-	12,481
Receptions	-	-	-	-	-	-	4,507
	569,786	9,697	95	-	-	8,000	587,578
Administration							
Administration (Note 10)	-	-	-	-	-	-	60,398
Office	-	-	-	-	-	72	33,131
Professional fees	-	-	-	-	-	-	19,531
Supplies	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,413
Bad debt	-	-	-	-	-	-	450
Website	-	200	-	-	-	-	200
Amortization	-	-	-	-	-	-	150
	115,001	200	-	-	-	72	115,273
Total expenditures	684,787	9,897	95	-	-	8,072	702,851
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUE OVER EXPENDITURES	1,849	(9,897)	(95)	465	-	4,345	(3,333)

See accompanying notes





THE OSGOODE SOCIETY FOR CANADIAN LEGAL HISTORY

STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2013

	General	Stuart Thom Fund	Stuart Thom Special Projects Fund	Peter Oliver Memorial Student Fund	John T. Saywell Prize Fund	John T. Saywell Endowment	Honourable R. Roy McMurtry Legal History Fellowship Fund	2013
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
REVENUE								
The Law Foundation of Ontario	198,486	-	-	-	-	-	-	198,486
Membership fees	64,540	-	-	-	-	-	-	64,540
Book Sales	28,720	-	-	-	-	-	-	28,720
Fundraising	25,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	25,000
Expense recoveries	11,522	-	-	-	-	-	-	11,522
Investment income	2,752	-	-	-	492	-	6,068	9,312
Donations	617	-	-	-	-	-	6,000	6,617
Provincial Judges grant	5,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	5,000
	336,637	-	-	-	492	-	12,068	349,197
EXPENDITURES								
Society programmes								
Publication (Note 7)	144,816	-	-	-	-	-	-	144,816
Oral history (Note 10)	48,127	-	-	-	-	-	-	48,127
Editorial and programme support (Note 10)	34,982	-	-	-	-	-	-	34,982
Membership and promotion (Note 10)	23,657	-	-	-	-	-	-	23,657
Grants and awards (Notes 2, 3, and 5)	-	-	10,957	569	2,000	-	6,500	20,026
Research support (Note 10)	15,682	-	-	-	-	-	-	15,682
Receptions	5,279	-	-	-	-	-	-	5,279
	272,543	-	10,957	569	2,000	-	6,500	292,569
Administration								
Administration (Note 10)	58,900	-	-	-	-	-	-	58,900
Office	36,334	-	-	-	-	-	24	36,358
Professional fees	20,184	-	-	-	-	-	-	20,184
Website	-	-	10,657	-	-	-	-	10,657
Supplies	2,602	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,602
Bad debt	732	-	-	-	-	-	-	732
Amortization	65	-	-	-	-	-	-	65
	118,817	-	10,657	-	-	-	24	129,498
Total expenditures	391,360	-	21,614	569	2,000	-	6,524	422,067
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUE OVER EXPENDITURES	(54,723)	-	(21,614)	(569)	(1,508)	-	5,544	(72,870)

See accompanying notes

THE OSGOODE SOCIETY FOR CANADIAN LEGAL HISTORY

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014

	General	Stuart Thom Fund	Stuart Thom Special Projects Fund	Peter Oliver Memorial Student Fund	John T. Saywell Prize Fund	John T. Saywell Endowment	Honourable R. Roy McMurtry Legal History Fellowship Fund	2014	2013
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
NET ASSETS									
Beginning of the year	9,097	45,277	107,565	4,927	6,332	25,000	489,150	687,348	760,218
Excess (deficiency) of revenue over expenditures	1,849	-	(9,897)	(95)	465	-	4,345	(3,333)	(72,870)
End of year	10,946	45,277	97,668	4,832	6,797	25,000	493,495	684,015	687,348

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THE OSGOODE SOCIETY FOR CANADIAN LEGAL HISTORY

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014

	2014 \$	2013 \$
CASH, beginning of the year	799,898	876,096
CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Grants	221,004	304,341
Membership and book sales	94,305	77,518
Fundraising and donations	28,095	25,617
Investment income	2,986	2,752
John T. Saywell Prize	465	(1,508)
Special projects	(1,564)	(3,332)
Honourable R. Roy McMurtry Legal History Fellowship	(3,655)	(3,956)
Membership	(21,414)	(29,727)
Oral history	(32,238)	(36,833)
Editorial, programme and research support	(48,266)	(50,496)
Administrative	(114,392)	(137,059)
Publication	(161,512)	(223,515)
	(36,186)	(76,198)
CASH FLOW FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
Capital asset additions	(1,086)	-
CASH, end of the year	762,626	799,898
CASH CONSISTS OF:		
Cash	102,907	118,496
Investments, other	659,719	681,402
	762,626	799,898

See accompanying notes



THE OSGOODE SOCIETY FOR CANADIAN LEGAL HISTORY

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014

PURPOSE OF THE ORGANIZATION

The Society was formed to study and promote public interest in the history of the law, the legal profession and the judiciary in Ontario and elsewhere in Canada and to stimulate research and publication on these subjects.

The Society meets these objectives by publishing books on Canadian legal history, sponsoring the collection of oral histories from individuals within the legal community, maintaining a website devoted to Canadian legal history, providing research and publication grants, and sponsoring and hosting legal history seminars.

The Society is incorporated, without share capital, under Letters Patent. The Society has been granted tax exempt status as a charitable organization under the Income Tax Act of Canada (the "Act"). In order to maintain the exempt status, the Society must meet certain requirements within the Act. In the opinion of management, these requirements have been met.

1. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

These financial statements were prepared in accordance with Canadian Accounting Standards for Not-for-Profit Organizations and are in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles.

(a) Fund accounting

The Association uses fund accounting. General activities are reflected in the General Fund.

(b) Investments

Investments consist of Guaranteed Investment Certificates. Investments are initially recorded at cost with interest recorded as earned.

(c) Publication inventory

Inventory, which consists of books available for sale, is carried at the lower of cost and net realizable value, as measured using the specific identification method

(d) Capital assets

Capital assets are recorded at cost. Amortization is provided annually at rates calculated to write off the assets over their estimated useful lives as follows:

Office equipment	20% declining balance
Computer equipment	45% declining balance

(e) Financial instruments

The Society's financial instruments comprise cash, investments, accounts receivable, accounts payable and accrued liabilities, and deferred contributions.

Cash, accounts receivable, accounts payable and accrued liabilities, and deferred contributions are reported at the fair value at the balance sheet date, which equates to the carrying value.



THE OSGOODE SOCIETY FOR CANADIAN LEGAL HISTORY

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014

1. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES, continued

(f) Revenue recognition

Revenue is recognized when it is received or receivable, if the amount can be reasonably estimated and if collection is reasonably assured. Deferred revenue represents the portion of grants not yet expended as required.

Membership fees are recognized as revenue when application for membership is received. Each member is entitled to receive the 'membership book' of the year as part of their membership fee.

Grants are recognized as revenue in the period to which they relate, or when costs for which the funds were granted are expensed.

Book sales are recognized as revenue when the books are shipped.

Fundraising is recognized as revenue when it is received.

Donations are recognized as revenue when received.

Investment income is recognized as revenue in period in which it is earned.

(g) Cash and cash equivalents

The Society considers deposits in banks and investments in certificates of deposit as cash and cash equivalents.

(h) Contributed goods and services

Volunteers contribute numerous hours each year to assist the Society in carrying out its activities. The fair value of the contributed services cannot be reasonably estimated and are not recognized in the financial statements.

The Law Society of Upper Canada provides office services to the Society, including rent, telephone and computer assistance, the fair market value of which is not readily available. As such, the value recorded is the amount actually paid.

(i) Allocation of expenses

Staffing costs for general support, including office administration and editorial support are allocated to functional areas disclosed in the statement of operations based on an estimate of the percentage of time spent by personnel on activities related to each function.

2. STUART THOM FUND AND STUART THOM SPECIAL PROJECTS FUND

The Stuart Thom Fund was established in 1998 from funds donated by the Thom family and from a portion of net assets restricted by the Board of Directors. For ease and efficiency of managing the investments, these funds have been commingled with the Society's investments (*see Note 6*).

The Society is entitled to use the investment income from The Stuart Thom Fund for its operations. At its discretion, the Board of Directors may allocate investment income and any other amounts, to the Fund. For fiscal 2014, no investment income (2013 - \$nil) was allocated to the Stuart Thom Fund.



THE OSGOODE SOCIETY FOR CANADIAN LEGAL HISTORY

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014

2. STUART THOM FUND AND STUART THOM SPECIAL PROJECTS FUND, continued

The Stuart Thom Special Projects Fund was established by the Board of Directors in 2009 and represents an allocation of net assets previously restricted by the Board as part of the Stuart Thom Fund. This fund is to be used for projects that significantly advance the mission of the Society, to a maximum of \$30,000 per annum. For ease and efficiency of managing the investments, these funds have been commingled with the Society's investments.

The Society is entitled to use the investment income from The Stuart Thom Special Projects Fund for its operations. At its discretion, the Board of Directors may allocate investment income and any other amounts to the Fund. For fiscal 2014 no investment income (2013 - \$Nil) was allocated to the Stuart Thom Special Projects Fund.

3. PETER OLIVER MEMORIAL STUDENT FUND

The Peter Oliver Memorial Student Fund was created by the Society in 2006 to provide an annual award for published work by a student, or students, in the field of Canadian legal history. The award includes a copy of the current year's publication, a copy of the Peter Oliver Essay volume and any five books from the back publications list.

4. JOHN T. SAYWELL PRIZE FUND

The John T. Saywell Prize for Canadian Constitutional Legal History ("Saywell Prize") was created in 2008. An award of \$2,000 is granted bi-annually to the author of the best new book in Canadian legal history that makes an important contribution to an understanding of the constitution and or federalism. The prize is to be funded from investment income on a \$25,000 endowment and related contributions.

A \$25,000 contribution received in 2008 for the Saywell Endowment Fund is subject to externally imposed restrictions stipulating that the resource is to be maintained permanently. Investment income on this balance is restricted to fund the John T. Saywell Prize for Canadian Constitutional Legal History and is included in revenue of the John T. Saywell Prize Fund.

5. HONOURABLE R. ROY MCMURTRY LEGAL HISTORY FELLOWSHIP FUND

The Honourable R. Roy McMurtry Legal History Fellowship (the "McMurtry Fellowship") was established by the Society in 2006 to enable students and post-doctoral candidates in Canadian legal history to undertake or continue their studies, writing and research in the field.

Investment income earned on the funds represent restricted contributions to the fellowship.

The Law Society Foundation has agreed to provide an annual contribution to the McMurtry Fund of \$6,000, ending in 2015.

During the year the Directors chose to pay \$8,000 of the \$16,000 award from the McMurtry Fund and the balance of \$8,000, paid from the Thom Fund for Special Projects.

Under the terms of an Investment Services Agreement between Osgoode and the Law Society of Upper Canada ("LSUC"), LSUC manages the investments related to the McMurtry Fellowship.



THE OSGOODE SOCIETY FOR CANADIAN LEGAL HISTORY

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014

6. INVESTMENTS

Investments are carried at cost plus interest accrued to the balance sheet date.

Investments for the General Fund, Stuart Thom Fund, Stuart Thom Special Projects Fund and Peter Oliver Memorial Student Fund are commingled for ease of management. These investments consist of a Guaranteed Investment Certificate, maturing January 20, 2015 and earning a rate of interest of 1.6%.

Investments for the Saywell Prize Fund consist of a Guaranteed Investment Certificate, maturing August 17, 2015, earning interest at 1.5%.

Investments for the Saywell Endowment Fund consist of a Guaranteed Investment Certificate, maturing August 17, 2015, earning interest at 1.5%.

Investments of the McMurtry Fellowship consist of a Guaranteed Investment Certificate, maturing September 6, 2015, earning interest of 1.55%.

7. PUBLICATION INVENTORY

Included in publication programme costs is a write down of \$23,865 (2013 - \$36,500) required to reflect inventory at the lower of cost and net realizable value.

8. CAPITAL ASSETS

	Cost	Accumulated Amortization	Net 2014	Net 2013
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Office equipment	3,430	2,383	1,047	87
Computer equipment	1,880	1,850	30	54
	<u>5,310</u>	<u>4,233</u>	<u>1,077</u>	<u>141</u>

9. LAW FOUNDATION OF ONTARIO GRANTS

Included in The Law Foundation of Ontario grants is an amount of \$380,800 related to funding received from the Law Foundation of Ontario, on a one time basis only, for the History of the Ontario Court of Appeal project.

10. ALLOCATION OF EXPENSES

Staffing costs are allocated to functions reported in the statement of operations as follows:

	2014	2013
	\$	\$
Editorial and programme support	36,686	34,982
Administration	60,398	58,900
Membership and promotion	10,436	9,982
Oral history	26,840	25,955
Research support	10,000	10,000
	<u>144,360</u>	<u>139,819</u>

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014

11. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

During the year the Society paid \$10,000 as research support on behalf of a Director of the Society. The transaction was recorded at the exchange value.

12. COMMITMENTS

The Society fulfills its mandate in part through providing research grants. As at December 31, 2014, the Society has outstanding commitments totaling \$3,110 (2013 - \$3,308) to be expended on research and related projects.

A contract has been signed for the purchase of future publications in the amount of \$7,500. The remainder of contracts for the 2015 publications are in negotiations.

The Society committed to the purchase of capital assets in the amount of \$14,970.

The Society committed to \$8,000 in McMurtry Fellowship grants to be paid in 2015.

These amounts have not been recognized as liabilities of the Society as the terms requiring payment have not been met.

13. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

The Society's financial investments comprise short term deposits, the main purpose of which is to provide financing for the organization's activities. It is the Society's policy that investments are redeemed as cash flow dictates. The Society has various other financial assets and liabilities such as accounts receivables and accounts payables, which arise directly from operations. The main risk arising from the Society's financial instruments are interest rate risk and credit risk.

(a) Interest Rate Risk Exposure

Exposure to the risk of changes in market interest rates relates to the Society's cash and investment balances. The Society manages this risk by investing in fixed rate investment instruments.

(b) Credit Risk Exposure

Credit risk on the financial assets of the Society equates to the carrying amount. The Society carries receivables from members of the organization and recognized third parties. Accounts receivable balances are monitored on a regular basis to minimize exposure to bad debt. Credit risk associated with cash and investments is limited to the risk of default by the counter party, with a maximum exposure equal to the carrying amount of these assets.



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