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Dear Alumni

In Kamloops, we are delighting in all the wonders of spring and while we are enjoying some much-deserved patio time, we are also reflecting on what was an exceptional academic year. As you know, the winter term is synonymous with mooting. I am delighted to announce that TRU Law took first place at the 2023 Federal Courts Immigration, Refugee, and Citizenship Law moot! The winning duo was Salman (Sammy) Abbasi (2L), and Kimia Shiri (3L). They were aided by their team members Tiffany Syong (2L), Hania Malik (2L), and Nadia Ahmed (2L). The team was coached by David Knapp and Erin Estok, who were keen to point out that the victory was a true team effort.

TRU Law also took first place at the 2023 National Family Law Negotiation Competition! The team of Amandeep Cheema (2L) and Dallas Boyer (2L) took home top team honours. Dallas Boyer was also ranked the top negotiator for the competition. The other team members, Laurie Paulin (3L) and Stephanie Attachie (3L), also represented TRU Law at the competition. The team was coached by Amanda Winters and Sara Hilliard.

TRU Law students competed in various other moots across Canada. The Jessup team took home honours for second-best respondent memorial (written submissions) and fifth-overall memorial. Meanwhile, the Hockey Arbitration Competition of Canada team advanced to the quarter-final round. We are indebted to all our coaches for their hard work and dedication. In addition to the coaches named above, I want to thank our other moot coaches: Danielle Ching McNamee, and Brad Smith, KC (BC Law Schools); Chelsea Hunter and James Reid (Davies); Michael Geib, Tiana Reid, and Dylan Taylor (Hockey Arbitration); Ryan Gauthier, Greg Pun, KC, Natasha Little, and Alex Devitt (Jessup); Chrystie Stewart (Kawaskimhon); Kelly Melnyk and Iain Currie (MacIntyre); and Brodie Noga, Sergio Ortega, Jane Mayfield, and Karin Kotilarsky (Wilson).

Our students were not the only ones to excel. We are pleased to announce the promotion of Dr. Katie Sykes to the rank of Professor. Dr. Andrew Pilliar has been granted tenure and promoted to the rank of Associate Professor.

Staying with Faculty achievements: Dr. Chris Hunt delivered his professorial lecture titled "Normative Tensions in Constitutional Privacy Rights Adjudication." He explored tensions surrounding privacy and surveillance approaches with the need to prove if a reasonable expectation of privacy existed in a legal search or seizure in the first place. This builds off his extensive publication record in the areas of privacy and evidence. Dr. Hunt was promoted to full professor in 2022 and in recognition of his fine achievement, he was invited by TRU to deliver an inaugural professorial lecture. These lectures are a chance to celebrate the promotion of faculty to full professor and highlight their teaching and scholarship.

As part of our ongoing commitment to excellence, TRU Law welcomed two Supreme Court of Canada Justices this past semester. The Hon. Russell Brown visited at the end of January and the Hon. Justice Michelle O'Bonsawin attended in March. Our students valued the opportunity to learn from and engage with both Justices on various topics during these visits.

Part of our work during the summer also involves strategic planning, alumni engagement and fundraising. The Faculty will soon announce its strategic plan for the next five years and there will be exciting opportunities for alumni to become involved with TRU Law. I am also looking forward to seeing some of you at our alumni event in Vancouver on June 14<sup>th</sup>.

For now, I hope that you will have a restorative summer, enjoying all the beauty that nature has to offer.

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