**SYMPOSIUM ON THE ASPIRATIONS AND IMPACT OF SCHOLARLY RESEARCH IN LAW (Annual Francophone Event)**

**Speakers:** The former Supreme Court Justice and counsel at Heenan Blaikie, the Honourable MICHEL BASTARACHE, and Professors ADRIAN POPOVICI (Université de Montréal), SYLVIO NORMAND (Université Laval), FINN MAKELA (Université de Sherbrooke) and JULIE PAQUIN (University of Ottawa).

For its 60th anniversary, the *McGill Law Journal* invites the legal community to reflect on the aspirations and the impact of scholarly research in law. This discussion integrates itself perfectly in the context where universities face ideological and financial pressures to move away from academic research towards a more «practical» approach. The symposium will explore the role of doctrine in civil and common law; the «usefulness» of research and its impact on judicial, political and social decisions; and the social and personal representation of scholars in our universities and in the legal sphere.

This event aims to gather different personalities from the scholarly field and to explore their perspectives on the aspirations and impacts of scholarly research in law. Scholars, students, organisms financing research and other actors of the legal community are invited to learn and add their experiences to the debate.

The symposium will be held on **18 MARS 2013,** from 1 pm to 5:30 pm

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Old Chancellor Day Hall: please use the 3660 Peel Street entry (Library)

Montreal, Quebec, H3A 1W9

Room: Moot Court

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**Schedule (subject to change):**

*1 :00 pm – 1 :15 pm:* Welcome speech

*1 :15 pm – 1 :55 pm :* Prof. Finn Makela ("Le technicien et le savant : la place de la recherche universitaire en droit")

*1 :55 pm – 2 :15 pm:* Julie Paquin (comment on presentation)

*2 :15 pm – 2 :30 pm:* Question Period

*2 :30 pm – 2 :45 pm:* Break

*2 :45 pm – 3 :25 pm:* Prof. Adrian Popovici ("Les aspirations et l'impact de la recherche universitaire en droit (principalement en droit civil)")

*3 :25 pm – 3 :45 pm:* Prof. Sylvio Normand (comment on presentation)

*3 :45 pm – 4 :00 pm:* Question Period

*4 :00 pm – 4 :15 pm:* Break

*4 :15 pm – 4 :55 pm:* Hon. Michel Bastarache ("L'impact de la recherche universitaire en droit dans les décisions judiciaires")

*5 :55 pm – 5 :10 pm:* Question Period

*5 :30 pm – 7 :30 pm:* Cocktail

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