

WAINWRIGHT MEMORIAL FUND

Annual Report 1995-1996

The Wainwright Fund Committee of the Faculty of Law, composed of J.E.C. Brierley (Wainwright Professor of Civil Law), M. Cantin Cumyn (Chair), Y. -M. Morissette (Secretary), David Stevens and Dean Toope (*ex officio*), held five meetings in the academic year 1995-96 in order to administer a budget of \$138,096.77 arising out of a legacy made by the late Arnold Wainwright to promote teaching and research in Civil Law at our Faculty. The administration of the Fund is governed by the guidelines established by the Committee in conformity with the terms of the Will.

The principal activity of the Committee this year was the presentation of the fifth Wainwright Lecture which was delivered on October 12, 1995 by Monsieur le pr Philippe Jestaz of the Institut universitaire de France and the Université de Paris XII, and Director of the *Revue trimestrielle de droit civil*. The lecture entitled « La parenté », will be published shortly in Part 2 of the 41st volume (1996) of the *McGill Law Journal*. Professor Jestaz was in residence at the Faculty for a period of six weeks during which time he participated in various activities. [Previous Wainwright Lectures were delivered by l'honorable Albert Mayrand, formally of the Quebec Court of Appeal, Professor Joseph Dainow of Louisiana State University, Monsieur le p^r Henri Batiffol de l'Université de Paris and Professor A.J. McClean of the University of British Columbia].

Besides the usual expenditures (which include graduate and undergraduate scholarships, generous support to the Library for its European Civil Law Collection and the annual grant to the *McGill Law Journal*), and the expenses related to the Wainwright Lecture and Professor Jestaz's visit, the Wainwright Committee committed approximately \$68,000 to various research projects in the Faculty. These include:

Collective Projects:

Le Dictionnaire de droit privé/Private Law Dictionary

(Q.R.C.P.C.L.) \$27,881.00

(Several colleagues participate in this project: Brierley, Cantin Cumyn, Crépeau, Kasirer, Macdonald).

Les Mélanges Paul-André Crépeau \$8,054.22

Individual Research Projects:

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| G. Bel | \$3,122.40 |
| P.-A. Crépeau | 6,998.00 |
| G. Jobin | 13,682.15 |
| R. Jukier | 2,500.00 |
| R. Macdonald | 1,635.00 |
| W. Tetley | 4,224.00 |

The Committee has undertaken a reflection on the use it makes of the Wainwright legacy to promote research in the Faculty. Amongst other options, we are considering means of supporting projects which would be linked with the objectives of the current review of our curriculum, as well as projects which enhance the Faculty's position in Comparative Law. Colleagues are invited to express their views or suggestions in this respect.

Madeleine Cantin Cumyn, Chair

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