

WAINWRIGHT MEMORIAL FUND

Annual Report 1999-2000

The Wainwright Fund Committee of the Faculty was composed of Professor H.P. Glenn, N. Kasirer, P. Leuprecht, Dean, G. Saumier, M. Cantin Cumyn, Chair and Me D. Boyer, Wainwright Librarian. It held 5 meetings to administer a budget of \$145,456.05, arising out of the legacy made to McGill University by 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.*

A new member was added to the Wainwright Committee. The Wainwright Civil Law Librarian became an *ex officio* participant in the administration of the Fund, an initiative of Dean Leuprecht which was welcome by the Committee. The benefits flowing from creating a joint library-faculty librarian position began to be felt, notably in the improved communication of needs and expectations on the part of the Faculty. The criteria for Wainwright library acquisitions were also revised, in particular to widen the geographical focus for acquisitions.

During the academic year 1999-2000, the Committee approved the following research assistance grants to colleagues in the Faculty:

- Prof. M. Cantin Cumyn: \$1,099.25 [Mémoire à la Commission sur la gestion de l'eau du BAPE]
- Prof. P.-A. Crépeau: \$2,338.05 [Traité des obligations]
- Prof. P.-G. Jobin: \$1,239.88 [Article: Cour suprême et Code civil]
- Prof. N. Kasirer: \$900 [C.R.D.P.C.Q.: colloque]
- Prof. D. Lametti: \$6,475.80 [Project on Idea of Destination in Civil Law]
- Prof. R. Macdonald: \$3,276 [Civil Law Treatise: Law of Secured Transactions]
- Prof. M.-C. Prémont: \$5,706.75 [Études historiques: responsabilité civile]
- Prof. G. Saumier: \$6,999.95 [Articles: D.I.P. Comparé et arbitrage]
- Prof. W. Tetley: \$7,970.75 [Maritime Law Projects]

Besides these research assistance grants, the Committee carried forward the usual expenditures for graduate and undergraduate scholarships, the library collection, the position of Wainwright Librarian and others. All these affectations left an uncommitted balance of \$19,149.37 for the year. Unspent income returns to the Fund and is capitalized.

The Committee began discussions on the next Wainwright Lecture, examining various possible topics and appropriate lecturers. The 6th Wainwright Lecture delivered by Professor A.-F. Bisson entitled *La disposition préliminaire du *Code civil du Québec* is published in the

* The Statement of Granting Policy, the criteria for attribution of Civil Law Research Grants and the Annual Reports of the Wainwright Memorial Fund Committee may be consulted at G:\Everyone\Wainwright.Policy.

November issue of the *McGill Law Journal* (1999, 44, pp. 539-565). Together with the Centre of Private and Comparative Law, we have welcome to the Faculty Professor Michele Graziadei, who, as Wainwright Visitor, is in residence at the Centre in September.

Madeleine Cantin Cumyn
Chair