

WAINWRIGHT MEMORIAL FUND

Annual Report 2006-2007

The Wainwright Fund Committee, composed of Me Daniel Boyer, Wainwright Law Librarian, Madeleine Cantin Cumyn, Chair, Professor Pierre-Gabriel Jobin and Dean Nicholas Kasirer, held five meetings to administer a budget of \$236,765.47 (\$151,091.60 annual income + \$85,673.87 surplus of preceding years), arising out of the legacy made to McGill University by Arnold Wainwright, to promote teaching and research in the Civil Law at our Faculty. The Wainwright Fund capital value is approximately \$1,534,170.22. The administration of the income of the Fund is governed by the guidelines established from time to time by the Committee in conformity with the terms of the will. *

The 8th Wainwright Lecture was delivered by Madeleine Cantin Cumyn, Wainwright Professor of Civil Law, on the theme of *Le pouvoir juridique*. The event, sponsored by the Wainwright Fund and well attended, took place on the 24th of October 2006, in the Moot Court of the Faculty. The text of the conference, accompanied by the presentation of Dean Nicholas Kasirer and the closing remarks of H. Patrick Glenn, Peter Laing Professor of Law, has been retained for publication in no 52 of the *McGill Law Journal*. The Committee has resolved to support the publication of an English version of the lecture in a non Canadian legal journal.

During the academic year 2006-2007, the committee approved the following research assistance grants to colleagues of the Faculty for projects pertaining to the Civil Law: Professors Wendy Adams \$3802, Jean-Guy Belley \$3702, Adelle Blackett \$4880, Angela Campbell \$3914, Madeleine Cantin Cumyn \$4880, Paul-André Crépeau \$10389, Armand De Mestral \$4830, Fabien Gélinas \$4880, Pierre-Gabriel Jobin \$3702, David Lametti \$8582, Robert Leckey \$2970, Pierre-Emmanuel Moyse \$4396, Marie-Claude Prémont \$4880, et William Tettley \$9384. The committee insists that research assistants be selected from Law faculty student body.

* The Policy on the use of the Wainwright Memorial Fund and the criteria for attribution of Civil Law Research Grants may be consulted on the Website of the Faculty.

The Committee continued its support of the Law Library non-Quebec Civil Law collection (\$25,000), Civil Law teaching (\$70,000), as well as graduate and undergraduate scholarships (\$34,000), and the Wainwright essay prize (\$500). The list of acquisitions of Civil Law material by the library through the 2005-2006 Wainwright allocation was prepared by Me Boyer and made available to Faculty. The designation of the honorable C.D. Gonthier and Professor Robert Godin as Senior Wainwright Fellows was continued.

The Committee approved a proposal to enhance the visibility of the Wainwright Memorial Fund on the Web. The sum of \$3000 is set aside for its development. It also resolved to officially acknowledge the role played by Professor Jean-Guy Castel, formally of our Faculty, in securing the purchase by the Wainwright Memorial Fund for our library of the French legal historian François-Olivier Martin's personal legal collection, now known as the Wainwright Collection.

Dean Kasirer announced the designation of Pierre-Gabriel Jobin as the fifth Wainwright Professor of Civil Law. Upon her retirement from the Faculty, the Committee voted an allocation of \$2,500 to Madeleine Cantin Cumyn as former Wainwright Professor of Civil Law.

Madeleine Cantin Cumyn,
Chair of the Wainwright Committee.