

WAINWRIGHT MEMORIAL FUND

Annual Report 2008 – 2009

The Wainwright Fund Committee for 2008-2009 was composed, until December 31, 2008, of Professor Pierre-Gabriel Jobin, Wainwright Professor and Chair, Me Daniel Boyer, Wainwright Law Librarian, Professor H. Patrick Glenn and Dean Nicolas Kasirer. On December 31, 2008, Professor Jobin retired from the Faculty and Professor Glenn assumed the Chair. The Wainwright Committee is profoundly grateful to Professor Jobin for his tenure as Wainwright Professor and his distinguished service as Chair of the Committee.

The Committee held two meetings in the course of the academic year 2008-2009 to administer a budget of \$244,550.58 (annual income of \$161,762.74 + \$82,787.84 surplus of preceding years), arising from the legacy of the late Arnold Wainwright to promote teaching and research in the civil law at McGill. The Wainwright capital fund is now valued at approximately \$1,534,000. The administration of the income from the Fund is governed by the guidelines by the Committee in conformity with the terms of the will.

The Wainwright Fund continued its financial support in 2008-2009 for Graduate Scholarships (\$10,000), Undergraduate Scholarships (\$12,000), non-Quebec civil law library acquisitions (\$25,000), the Wainwright Essay Prize (\$1,000), civil law teaching (\$75,000) and Wainwright Fellows (circa \$20,000). The Wainwright Prize was awarded to Ms. Kerianne Wilson for her essay 'Lésion v. liberté: The Mysterious Absence of Lesion from the Civil Code of Quebec explained'. Research grants for the academic year were made to Professors Crépeau, Tetley, Dedek, Gélinas, Popovici, Jutras, Saumier and L. Smith for a total of \$18,896.00. Research grants for the summer of 2009 were made to Professors Jobin (P.G. Jobin not participating in the decision), Crépeau, Jukier, J. Glenn and M. Cantin Cumyn (jointly, P. Glenn not participating in the decision), L. Smith, Y. Emerich and D. Lametti for a total amount of \$34,295.42. Ms Sophie Morin was named as Junior Wainwright Fellow for 2009-2010 and Mssrs. Robert P. Godin and Adrian Popovici continued to serve as Wainwright Senior Fellows.

In the course of the year improvements were made to the web site of the Wainwright Fund, notably through biographical notes.

The 2006 Wainwright Lecture of Professor Cantin Cumyn on "Le pouvoir juridique" was published in volume 52 of the McGill Law Journal and an English language

version us to appear in the Edinburgh Law Review. The 2008 Wainwright Lecture of Professor Vernon Palmer of Tulane University is to appear shortly in the McGill Law Journal in volume 54. The Committee discussed candidates of r a Wainwright Lecture in 20010 or 2011.

The Committee learned with regret of the death of Me. Charles D. Gonthier, Senior Wainwright Fellow and former Justice of the Supreme Court of Canada, in July, 2009. In August, 2009, Professor Nicholas Kasirer, Dean of the Faculty of Law, 2003-2009, and member of the Wainwright Committee, was appointed to the Quebec Court of Appeal.

H. Patrick Glenn
Chair, Wainwright Committee
January 1 – August 31, 2009

Pierre-Gabriel Jobin
Chair, Wainwright Committee
September 1 – December 31, 2008