



WAINWRIGHT MEMORIAL FUND COMMITTEE

Faculty of Law, McGill University

Annual Report 2019-2020

The Wainwright Committee for 2018-2019 was composed of Professor **Adelle Blackett**, Mtre Daniel Boyer (Chair), Professor **Allison Christians** Professor **Daniel Jutras** and Dean **Robert Leckey**. In the course of this academic year, the Committee met on November 6, 2019, in order to administer a budget arising from the legacy of the late Arnold Wainwright.

The Wainwright capital fund is now valued at approximately \$1,500,000. The administration of the income from the Fund is governed by guidelines established by the Committee in conformity with the terms of Mtre Arnold Wainwright's will.

In 2019-2020, the Wainwright Fund continued its financial support to the Faculty of Law as follows:

- The Wainwright Essay Prize of \$1,000 was awarded to **Philippe April** for his paper titled *Kinship, Friendship, Contract: A Survey of impossibilité morale's Application in Quebec between 1994-2018*.
- The Fund also supported the participation of students in the following Moots: Kawaskimhon, Mignault, Vis and Winkler.
- A Graduate Scholarship of \$10,000 was awarded to **Pierre-Luc Racine**, and Undergraduate Scholarships totaling \$12,000 were shared equally by **Khadija Ahmed**, **Josh Laxer** and **Anita Sengupta**.

On October 15, 2019, the Peter Laing Chair and the Wainwright Chair sponsored a conference by Professor **Michael Bridge** previously a professor at the McGill Law Faculty and currently Senior Research Fellow at Harris Manchester College, Oxford. Professor Bridge's conference was titled: *Good Faith and Controlled Discretion in Contract Law*.

Comme à chaque année, le Comité Wainwright a permis la matérialisation du partenariat entre la Faculté de droit et la bibliothèque de droit Nahum Gelber avec une contribution de 35 000\$ destinée à l'enrichissement constant des fonds de la collection de droit civil de la bibliothèque. Une liste des ouvrages acquis lors de l'exercice 2019-2020 est disponible sur le site Web du Fonds Wainwright.

De plus, le Comité a appuyé l'heureuse initiative de la *Karol Pilarczyk Foundation* qui finance, à la mémoire du Professeur **Blaine Baker**, la restauration de certains volumes de la collection Wainwright d'ouvrages d'ancien régime. Le Comité Wainwright a accepté de verser un fonds de contrepartie à la bibliothèque Gelber pour les mêmes fins.

Cette année, Le Comité a versé une subvention de \$10 000 afin d'appuyer la recherche en droit civil au *Centre Paul-André Crépeau de droit privé et comparé*.

En 2019-20, la Faculté a reçu Me **Joanna Vieira Noronha** en tant que Wainwright Junior Fellow. Cette année encore, l'appel de candidatures pour les *Fellowships Wainwright* a été directement diffusé à l'externe.

De plus, le bassin de candidatures a été complété par certaines candidatures non retenues aux postes de professeurs. Depuis 2017, le Doyen attribue les *Fellowships*, sur recommandation du Comité Wainwright. Ce dernier est chargé de recueillir les propositions, de les analyser et de faire recommandation au Doyen. Il est maintenant prévu que le récipiendaire du *Fellowship Wainwright* doit donner un cours ou un séminaire à la Faculté pendant son séjour.

The Committee would like to congratulate our former Wainwright Chair, Professor **Daniel Jutras**, for his recent appointment as Rector of the Université de Montréal. Although we regret the departure of an outstanding colleague, we are confident that that our sister university made an excellent choice to lead it through these difficult times.

Mtre Daniel Boyer,
Chair, Wainwright Committee.