1972
Stephen Dattels, a current director and co-founder of LSC Lithium Corporation, has been appointed Chairman of the company.

1976
William (Bill) Braithwaite, Chair of Stikeman Elliott LLP, was recognized as one of the Top 25 Most Influential Lawyers in Canada for 2018 by Canadian Lawyer Magazine.

1977
Barry Cleaver has been admitted as Partner at Miller Thomson, London ON.

Rosemary McCarney was appointed to Export Development Canada’s Advisory Council on Corporate Social Responsibility.

1979
Jim Cimba was awarded the Lincoln Alexander Award presented by The Law Society of Ontario.

1980
Christianne Laizner was appointed Vice-Chairperson (Telecommunications) to the Canadian Radio-Television and Telecommunications Commission, the first woman to ever hold this position.

Dale Ponder, National Co-Chair, Osler, Hoskin & Harcourt, was named one of Canada’s Top 100 Most Powerful Women by the Women’s Executive Network. She also received a Lifetime Achievement award in connection with the Euromoney Legal Media Group Americas Women in Business Law Awards 2018.

1981
David Woolford was elected to the Board of Directors of the EnerDynamic Hybrid Technologies Corp.

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Maurice Fleming joined Fogler Rubinoff LLP as Partner.
Brenda Pritchard, Gowling WLG, has been recognized as one of the world’s top 13 female Acritas Stars.

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Elizabeth Hewitt has been appointed Senior Counsel of the Public Inquiry into the Safety and Security of Residents in the Long-Term Care Homes System.

Elliott Noss, the Chief Executive Officer and President of Tucows, is a recipient of the 2017 i2Coalition’s “Ron Yokubaitis Internet Community Leadership Award”.

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Karen Jensen, Norton Rose Fulbright, has been recognized as one of the world’s top 13 female Acritas Stars. Karen was Western Law’s gold medallist in 1992.

Lisa Munro, Managing Partner at Lerners LLP, was named one of Canada’s Top 100 Most Powerful Women by the Women’s Executive Network.

1993
Matthew Snell, IBM General Counsel & Secretary spoke at the CBA program “Riding the Waves: Risk Management & Cybersecurity.

Richard Wilks, an entertainment and technology lawyer with more than 20 years experience, was welcomed to Inter Alia Law.

1994
Andrea Plumb, Partner at Lerners LLP, was inducted as a Fellow of The American College of Trial Lawyers.

1996
Drew Hasselback is working as a copy editor with Global News Online. Drew handles stories published throughout Canada on Global’s network of TV and news radio station websites. He joined Global in December 2017 after nearly 20 years with the Financial Post. Despite his move, Drew remains lead guitarist in the National Post house band, Conrad Black Sabbath, which in November 2017 won the annual Newzapalooza battle of the bands competition in Toronto for the third year in a row.

1998
Jill Cameron is an Assistant Crown Attorney who successfully prosecuted Dellen Millard and Mark Smitch for the murder of Laura Babcock.

Laurel Broten ’93, President and CEO of Nova Scotia Business Inc, was named one of Canada’s Top 100 Most Powerful Women by the Women’s Executive Network.

Antree C. Demakos ’90, was awarded the 2017 Constance E. Hamilton Award on the Status of Women. Antree has devoted her entire career to demystifying the law and helping millions of Canadians obtain better access to justice. Antree was also awarded the J. Shirley Denison Award, awarded by The Law Society of Upper Canada for her exceptional career achievements and contributions to the community.
Lou Fortini recently joined TD Bank Financial group after 15 years at Hydro One Networks Inc.  

1999  
John Fitzgerald has been appointed President and CEO of Vogogo Inc. (Calgary).  

2002  
Julie Beeton is an Assistant Professor and General Counsel at the Canadian University Dubai.  

Simon McGrath brings live event expertise to Inter Alia Law. Simon is an experienced commercial lawyer working in the concert industry alongside some of the world’s top recording artists.  

Gillian Dingle ’04 has been admitted as Partner at Torys LLP. Gillian’s practice focuses on civil litigation in the areas of corporate and securities law.  

Jeffery Hutchinson ’94 was appointed Commissioner of the Canadian Coast Guard in March 2017, leading the organization and its 5,000 individuals charged with overseeing Canadian waters.  

Bruce Curran ‘98 was named Associate Dean at University of Manitoba, Robson Hall, Faculty of Law.  

Caroline E. Abela ’00, a partner at WeirFoulds LLP, was a recipient of a Lexpert Zenith award celebrating mid-career excellence.
Roman Baber was elected a Progressive Conservative MPP for the riding of York Centre in the 2018 Ontario provincial election.

Matthew Kindree has been admitted as Partner in the Business Law practice at Pallett Valo LLP.

Katy Pitch has been admitted as Partner at Wildeboer Dellelce LLP. Katy advises on domestic and corporate income tax law (both private and public).

Derek Ricci of Davies Ward Phillips & Vineberg received the “Emerging Talent of the Year” award at the Benchmark Canada 2018 award ceremony in February.

John McGowan ’84, Dany Horovitz ’10 and John Rider ’90, performed in the musical The Drowsy Chaperon for “The Lawyer Show” a fundraiser for Canada’s flagship feminist theatre, Nightwood Theatre.

Osler Associates John Valley ’04, Jay Greenspoon ’09, Lauren Lefcoe ’13, Marty Putyra ’17 and Arash Param ’18 participated in the final BizBasics session of the year at Western Law sponsored by Osler LLP. The sessions teach practical business law skills to first-year law students.
Yola Ventresca, Lerners LLP, was named as one of the Rising Stars, Leading Lawyers Under 40 by Lexpert Magazine.

David Forrest, General Counsel, Senior Vice-President at Canada Goose Holdings, was named as one of the Rising Stars, Leading Lawyers Under 40 by Lexpert Magazine.

Alison Harnick is now General Counsel & Corporate Secretary of First Capital Realty Inc., a developer, owner and operator of urban retail properties.

Andrea McEwan has been admitted as Partner at WEL Partners. Andrea joined the firm in 2016.

Belinda Rossi has been appointed Partner at Miller Thomson LLP.

Phillip Millar has been appointed a Director of iLOOKABOUT Corp. Millar is an active real estate investor and has worked on many major projects and start-up ventures.

Heela Donsky Walker has been admitted as an Associate at Robin Appleby LLP’s Tax & Estate Planning Group where she advises clients on all aspects of taxation and estates law, with a focus on Canada-US cross-border issues.

Aleesha Khan is a marketing and business development professional at the global law firm of Hogan Lovells in Miami.

Joseph Slavec has been admitted as Partner at Blaney McMurtry LLP as a member of the firm’s Family Law Group.

Michael Acedo ’07, General Counsel, Open Text Corporation, was named as one of the Rising Stars, Leading Lawyers Under 40 by Lexpert Magazine.

Susan Toth ’05, is a recipient of the 2017 20 Under 40 Award from London Inc. magazine.

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Thomas Wong has been admitted as an Associate at WeirFoulds LLP in the Information Technology and Intellectual Property Group.

George Hamzo has been admitted as an Associate in the Lerners LLP London office, in the business law and commercial litigation groups.

Naomi Metcalfe joined Lenczner Slaght in their Intellectual Property Group.

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Lindsay Board has been admitted as an Associate at Stockwoods.

Randy McAuley has been inducted into the Western’s 2018 Wall of Champions.

2016

Carlye Bellavia has been admitted as an Associate at Wildeboer Dellelce LLP.

David Bocchinfuso has been admitted as an Associate at Bereskin & Parr and as a member of their Life Sciences Group.

Jessica Wuthmann has been admitted as an Associate at Blaney McMurtry LLP in the Commercial Litigation group.

Na Fan ’14 has been admitted as an Associate at Torys LLP.

These alumni have been honoured by Benchmark Litigation as a Future Star/40 & Under Hot List for Canada:

Melanie Baird ’07
Lenczner Slaght

Andrea Gonsalves ’05
Stockwoods

Justin Lambert ’06
Bennett Jones

Matthew Lerner ’07
Lenczner Slaght

Zohaib Maladwala ’09
Fasken

Pooja Mihailovich ’04
Osler, Hoskin & Harcourt

Linda Visser ’05
Siskinds
IN MEMORIAM

Eric Armour,
LLB’02, died March 24, 2018 at the age of 43.

G. Blaine Baker,
LLB’78, Professor Emeritus at McGill University, died in early July 2018.

Earl Palmer,
Western Law Professor Emeritus, died February 7, 2018. An entrance scholarship in Professor Palmer’s honour was established by Harry Burkman, LLB’76.

Roger Yachetti,
LLB’64, died on September 16, 2018 in Hamilton, Ontario at the age of 78.

Gerald Fridman, QC, FRSC

Professor Emeritus Gerald Fridman, QC, FRSC, died November 24, 2017 at age 89. Fridman’s career spanned six decades and his work has been cited in over 50 Supreme Court of Canada decisions. Although he formally retired in 1994, Fridman remained a regular fixture at Western Law, actively publishing research and participating in the activities of the Tort Law Research Group.

A highly accomplished scholar, Fridman was one of Canada’s most prolific authors of legal texts, articles and case notes. His writing on Canadian private law influenced generations of scholars, students, lawyers, law reformers and judges.

In recognition of his extraordinary legal career, Western conferred an honorary Doctor of Civil Law upon Fridman in 2016. “There are very few scholars who have had such a broad and longstanding impact on private law in Canada,” remarked Dean Erika Chamberlain, who was a co-author on the most recent edition of Fridman’s The Law of Torts in Canada (2010). “He will be dearly missed at Western Law.”

A Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada, he was an Ontario Queen’s Counsel and Counsel at the London, Ont. law firm Cohen Highley.

The Faculty will host a symposium celebrating Fridman’s work this fall.