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// PRESIDENT'S AWARD

★ The first Aboriginal lawyer "north of 60," Vancouver general practitioner **Dave Joe** is being honoured for his tireless work on behalf of First Nations. He was one of the principal architects of the Yukon Umbrella Final Agreement and Self-Government Agreements.

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IN LAW!



ROY GROGAN FOR THE LAWYERS WEEKLY

Kerry-Lynne Findlay stands by the Famous Five sculptures on Parliament Hill.

// RAMON JOHN HNATYSHYN AWARD FOR LAW

★ University of Saskatchewan law professor **Ronald Cuming** is being recognized for his outstanding contribution to legal scholarship in Canada. He is the leading architect of modern secured financing law in Canada and has represented Canada in developing international commercial law treaties.

// JOHN TAIT AWARD OF EXCELLENCE

★ Iqaluit lawyer **Susan Hardy**, director of legislation at Nunavut's Department of Justice, is being honoured for her outstanding contributions as a public-sector lawyer. She has promoted access to justice, established new legal structures for the territory and provided the local Bar with legal education, mentoring and training opportunities.

// CECILIA I. JOHNSTONE AWARD

★ Vancouver lawyer **Kerry-Lynne Findlay**, a Vancouver MP and parliamentary secretary to the federal Minister of Justice, is being recognized for her outstanding work in helping women to advance in the legal profession. She established the Women Lawyers Forum in B.C. and nationally.

// EDWARD K. ROWAN-LEGG AWARD

★ Vancouver articling student **Preston Parsons** is being recognized for his contributions to the CBA as a student member. He has been actively involved in several CBA sections and helped found the Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity Conference (SOGIC) at CBA-BC in 2009.



// SOGIC ALLY AWARD

★ Former Canadian Human Rights Commission chief commissioner **Maxwell Yalden** of Ottawa is

being honoured for advancing the equality of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgendered and two-spirited (LGBT) people. He advocated for the protection of LGBT people under the *Canadian Human Rights Act* and for equal access to benefits for same-sex couples, and fought discrimination against persons infected with HIV/AIDS.

// 2011 SOGIC HERO AWARD

★ Prominent lesbian barrister **Susan Ursel** of Toronto is being honoured for her more than two decades of successful advocacy for the equality rights of LGBT people. She has litigated many groundbreaking human rights cases, including *Egan v. Canada*, the first Supreme Court of Canada decision on the Charter equality rights of gay men and lesbians.



// TARNOPOLSKY HUMAN RIGHTS AWARD

★ Dr. **James Orbinski** of Toronto is being recognized for his outstanding contributions to domestic and international human rights. He was international president of Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF) when MSF was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1999 and co-founded Dignitas International, which works to increase access to life-saving treatment and prevention for people living with HIV in the developing world.

// TOUCHSTONE AWARD

★ Calgary family law lawyer **Patricia Blockson** is being acknowledged for her outstanding accomplishments in promoting equality in the Canadian legal community. She has been a



leader in the growing use of mediation in family law and was a founding member of the CBA's National Task Force on Gender Equality in the Legal Profession in 1991.

// VISCOUNT BENNETT FELLOWSHIP

★ University of Ottawa law graduate **Sherif Foda** of Gatineau, Que. was selected from among 50 Canadian legal scholars for a \$40,000 CBA fellowship for graduate legal studies. The 23-year-old student will pursue his M.Sc. in Law and Finance (M.Sc.L.F.) at the University of Oxford.

// WALTER OWEN BOOK PRIZE

★ University of Ottawa emeritus professor **Ed Ratushny**, author of *The Conduct of Public Inquiries' Law: Policy and Practice*, and Toronto environmental lawyer Dennis Mahony and his co-authors of *The Law of Climate Change in Canada*, are joint winners for their outstanding new contributions to Canadian legal literature.

// YOUNG LAWYERS PRO BONO AWARD

★ Edmonton's **Arman Chak**, legal counsel with the Alberta Human Rights Commission, is being recognized for his outstanding legal services benefiting the community. Chak has provided direct pro bono legal advice in over 100 files at Pro Bono Alberta's Edmonton Community Legal Centre and has litigated 15 pro bono files, spending over 600 hours and where necessary, going right up to the Supreme Court of Canada.

New securities regime will lead to demise of local counsel opinion

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ers need to understand how the Transition Office proposes that the CSRA will operate, review the *Securities Act* and regulations and become acquainted with the structure and operations of the CSRA's Board of Directors, Investor Advisory Panel, Regulatory Division and Canadian Securities Tribunal.

A new regime will give rise to practical questions of regional impact, including matters of competition, mobility and insurance that practitioners should consider. As the barriers to representation of issuers with head offices

in other jurisdictions arguably fall away and lead to the demise of the local counsel opinion, the landscape will change.

Support it or oppose it, it just may happen in our lifetime — and we should be ready for it. ■

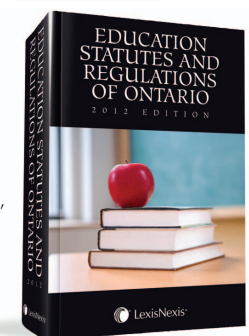
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