

EDITORS' PREFACE

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The University of New Brunswick Faculty of Law overlooks the Saint John River, so named by Samuel de Champlain who, by happenstance, reached its mouth on the feast day of St. John in 1604. The Indigenous people of the valley did not name the river after a chance event. Rather, they know the river for what it is: Wolastoq, the beautiful and bountiful river. Indeed, these people call themselves Wolastoqiyik, the people of the Wolastoq. The *University of New Brunswick Law Journal* acknowledges that it operates on ceded Wolastoqey territory.

Volume 67 is the first volume of the *Journal* prepared after the release of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's Calls to Action, which seek to redress the legacy of residential schools and advance settler-Indigenous reconciliation. This volume is evidence that at least some of the most distinguished and promising minds within Canada's legal community are ready to engage with these issues. The Editorial Board was amazed by the response elicited by our call for submissions.

The 2015-2016 year is memorable for many reasons. In October 2015, the students, faculty, and members of the local community benefited from the Viscount Bennett Lecture of the Hon. H. Wade MacLauchlan, Premier of Prince Edward Island, on the topic of Maritime cooperation. In March 2016, we benefited from Professor John Borrows' Rand Lecture on the topic of Indigenous rights in relation to the *Indian Act*. Professor Borrows is Canada Research Chair in Indigenous Law at the University of Victoria Law School. His work is well known and well respected, as this volume will attest, since he is cited in nearly every article contained within. We are honoured to publish both lectures in this volume.

Moreover, the year saw increased student involvement in two respects. First, the Editors decided to deviate from tradition by inviting a student society to write a foreword to the *Journal*. This year, the Aboriginal Law Society of UNB will introduce our readers to the forum topic. Second, the Editorial Board held a student paper contest open to students in the University of New Brunswick Faculty of Law. The winning submission, which was selected and reviewed by student members of the Editorial Board, would be published in volume 67. Second year student Mark Mancini is the winner of this contest. We are proud to print his submission within.

The *Journal* is the product of many hands and many minds. We are grateful for the support of the University of New Brunswick Faculty of Law, the Law Society of New Brunswick, and the New Brunswick Law Foundation. We thank the professors and staff at the Faculty of Law for their help with the publication and administration of the *Journal*. Finally, we thank all those who contributed to this volume and who helped review the work to ensure that it was of publishable quality.

We hope that each reader will find something within that enhances their understanding of this intricate and fast-developing area of law.