

Editorial

Welcome to this year's issue of Appeal – Review of current law and law reform. The journal was created in 1994 to provide a forum for student writing on legal issues in Canada. Since that time it has developed into a widely-read publication that is of as much interest to the general public as to the legal profession.

This year's journal, unlike previous issues, is not restricted to a single theme. Instead, a variety of topics are addressed, ranging from criminal matters to contractual. The Trends and Developments section comprises two articles that focus on the evolution of Canadian law. Errin Poyner examines electronic monitoring as a means of preventive justice, and Lisa Riddle looks at the potential for provinces to sue tobacco companies for health care costs.

Our feature articles examine aspects of the current state of Canadian law. Richard Fader analyzes the success of the Young Offenders Act in realizing the policy goals that drove its creation. Next, Andrew Morrison provides an overview of the enforceability of voluntary codes in a variety of contexts. Finally, we have grouped two papers together in a separate section dealing with aboriginal issues. With a focus on the Nisga'a Agreement-in-Principle, Sara Baade looks at issues surrounding aboriginal self-government, and Jamie Bliss provides an analysis of the potential for aboriginal title claims in the Yukon Territories.

Our final section, Book Reviews, is new to this issue of Appeal. Janna Promislow reviews the second edition of Canadian International Development Assistance Policies: An Appraisal. We are excited about this new section, and plan to include more book reviews in future editions.

It is with regret that we express our sadness at the passing of F. Murray Fraser, a person very special to Appeal, the Faculty of Law, and the University of Victoria. As a member of our Editorial Advisory Board, Dr. Fraser supported Appeal from its inception. His dedication to legal scholarship inspired us and this journal attempts to embody his spirit and his innovative approach to legal education. He will be truly missed.

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