NAME OF ENDOWMENT FUND

The Donald Scarth Thorson Awards

This endowment fund has been established in memory of the Honourable Donald Scarth Thorson (1925-1989). The Honourable Mr. Justice Thorson was appointed a Judge of the Court of Appeal in Ontario in 1978 and served for ten years until his retirement. He joined the Department of Justice as Director of the Legislation Section in 1957 and became Associate Deputy Minister of Justice in 1967. He served as Deputy Minister of Justice from 1973 to 1977 and as Constitutional Adviser to the Prime Minister in 1977-1978. Judge Thorson was a key figure in drafting many major federal statutes such as the Canada Pension Plan Act, the Official Languages Act, the Divorce Act and several reforms to the Income Tax Act.

PURPOSE OF FUND

The funds are to be used in order of priority for one of the following purposes:

1. Granting prizes to the students with the highest marks in Statutory Interpretation (CML 3213/DCL 7313) in Common law and Élaboration des lois et interprétation (DRC 4528/DCL 5610) in droit civil;

2. If the above course is not offered in Common Law, the prize will be granted to the student with the highest mark in the first-year English legislation course - CML1104; if the above course is not offered in droit civil, the prize will be awarded to a Master or Doctorate Civil Law student who has completed a research paper on a topic related to legislation;

3. Funding research in legislative drafting or special training projects.

Value of the Award: $500 (minimum)

No. of Awards: 2 (one in English in Common Law and one in French in droit civil)

Frequency of the Award: Annual

Renewable: No

Level of the Award: Undergraduate or Graduate level

Application Procedure:

No application is required. The award will be allocated automatically.