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JUSTICE HEIDI LEVENSON POLOWIN PRIZE

INTRODUCTION

The child protection law course was developed, and is offered in memory of, Justice Heidi Levenson Polowin. Justice Levenson Polowin received her LLB from the University of Ottawa in 1977, and was called to the Bar of Ontario in 1979. She was appointed to the Superior Court of Justice in 2000. Prior to her appointment, Heidi was a partner at the law firm of Ogilvy, Renault in Ottawa, where her practice focused on employment and labour law. In 1995, she left private practice, taking on the role of director of legal services at the Children's Aid Society of Ottawa.

Although Heidi sat as a judge of general jurisdiction, the child protection work of the court became her mission and her labour of love. Her leadership in this field was founded on a belief in the importance of the work and the children affected by it. Justice Levenson Polowin fostered a multi-systemic approach to the provision of judicial services, involving Courts Administration, the bench, the bar, Legal Aid, the Children's Aid Society, the Indigenous community and mediators specialized in child protection.

PURPOSE OF FUND

Award a prize to the student who has received the highest mark in CML3374 - Law and Society Child Protection, offered by the Faculty of Law, Common Law Section.

PRIZE DETAILS

Eligibility Criteria

The candidate must:

1. be a Canadian citizen, a permanent resident, a person with the protected/refugee status or an international student;
2. be registered in the JD program of the Faculty of Law, Common Law Section of the University of Ottawa; and
3. have obtained the highest mark in CML3374 - Law and Society Child Protection.

Note: The recipient will be invited to attend the annual family law conference "The Child Protection Hustle" (registration fees and attendance costs will be covered by the Faculty of Law, Common Law Section).

Value of the award: $1,000

Number of awards: One

Frequency of the award: Annual

Level or program of study: Undergraduate

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

No application is required, the prize is awarded automatically. In case of a tie among several candidates, the average obtained in the compulsory courses for the program of study (rounded to two decimal places) is used to determine the recipient. If there is still a tie, the recipient will be selected by the Common Law Section, based on the student's academic record.