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Mary Mackinnon Prize in Human Rights Law

INTRODUCTION

The Mary Mackinnon Prize in Human Rights Law was established by RavenLaw in memory of Mary Mackinnon, who died on December 15, 2016. The award recognizes the student who achieves the highest grade in the Human Rights Laws in Canada course in the Faculty of Law, Common Law Section, at the University of Ottawa.

Mary was a powerful advocate for all workers, dedicated to advancing human rights through labour law. She was called to the bar in 1993 and worked in Toronto and Thunder Bay before joining RavenLaw in 2006. She became a partner in 2008 and continued in that role until her passing, bringing her wit and good judgment to all aspects of the partnership, and mentoring students and young lawyers until the end.

Throughout her career, Mary strove to advance the interests of vulnerable workers and provide them with the dignity and respect often lacking in both the workplace and the legal system. She modelled the type of client service that is difficult to teach, always listening patiently and carefully, with genuine interest in the life experience, well-being and legal rights of the people she represented. Mary was heavily involved with the Canadian Association of Labour Lawyers, of which she was elected regional vice-president by her peers. She was also a regular contributor to community radio with a deep knowledge, appreciation and love of music.

Her dedication, passion and pragmatic resolve are missed by the entire labour law community.

PURPOSE OF FUND

Award a prize to the student who has achieved the highest standing in the course CML3398 Human Rights Laws in Canada.

PRIZE DETAILS

Eligibility Criteria

The applicant must:

1. be a Canadian citizen, a permanent resident, a person with the protected/refugee status or an international student;
2. be registered as an undergraduate student at the Faculty of Law of the University of Ottawa; and
3. have achieved the highest standing in the course CML3398 Human Rights Laws in Canada.

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.