

# James G. McLeod Professorship in Family Law

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Your gift to establish the James G. McLeod Professorship in Family Law supported the work of Hilary Linton, who was the 2009 McLeod Professor. Ms. Linton brought her wealth of experience in family law theory and practice to her January term course – Dispute Resolution in Family Law. Donor support for the McLeod Professorship is providing an enhanced educational experience for law students and is preparing them to become future global leaders.

### Message from Hilary Linton 2009 McLeod Professor

Jay enormously influenced all of us who work in family law. He kept us informed and entertained. He gave family lawyers across the country reason to be proud of what they do. It was humbling for me to be asked to develop a January term course in his honour.

Jay made family law interesting, funny, relevant, thought-provoking, intellectually challenging and just plain fun. And so I designed my course in Dispute Resolution in Family Law with the goal of making it all of those things. I was thrilled that some of Jay's colleagues were able to speak about him to the students, particularly Dean Holloway and Alf Mamo, one of his best friends and one of Canada's top family lawyers. My other guest speakers, Dr. Peter Jaffe from Western's Faculty of Education, a renowned expert on the impact of domestic violence in family law, and Tom Bastedo of Bastedo Stewart Smith LLP in Toronto, are among the many family law "greats" who influenced, and were influenced by, Jay's work.

I want to thank the Faculty of Law for this opportunity and express my gratitude to everyone who donated to the Professorship. It provided the students with a unique opportunity to learn and apply mediation and negotiation theory and skills to the resolution of tough family law problems. Their keen and attentive attitude, their effort and their work product are all a real tribute to Jay.



*Hilary Linton poses with Western Law's  
portrait of James G. McLeod*