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BORDEN LADNER GERVAIS ANNOUNCES PRESTIGIOUS MILLION DOLLAR PROGRAM

BLG Research Fellowships one of the largest gifts made to Canadian Legal Research

Toronto, Ontario February 25, 2004 – Sean Weir, National Managing Partner of Borden Ladner Gervais LLP, is pleased to announce the BLG Research Fellowships. The firm has established a \$1 million national research fellowship program to support legal research in Canada over the next five years. BLG Research Fellowships will be awarded to law students at fourteen law schools across the country as they undertake specific legal research initiatives under the direction of prominent faculty members.

A total of 20 grants worth \$10,000 each year will be awarded to law students who have completed their first year. Fellowship recipients will be chosen by the individual law schools based upon their academic achievements.

“At BLG, professional excellence is core to the expertise and service we bring to our clients,” explained Mr. Kenneth M. Bagshaw, Q.C., Chair of BLG’s Professional Committee responsible for the program. “BLG Research Fellowships seek to cultivate values of excellence and professionalism and represent yet another opportunity for the Firm to invest in our profession.”

“The Fellowships represent BLG’s commitment to legal research in Canada and to academic freedom to undertake necessary research,” explained Norm Letalik, Managing Director of Professional Excellence at BLG. “We believe that legal research in Canada is under funded and BLG would like to do its part to support such research.”

Fourteen Canadian law schools in all will see direct benefit from the program:

University of Victoria Faculty of Law
University of Calgary Faculty of Law
University of Saskatchewan Faculty of Law
University of Western Ontario Faculty of Law

University of British Columbia Faculty of Law
University of Alberta Faculty of Law
University of Windsor Faculty of Law
Osgoode Hall Law School of York University



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University of Toronto Faculty of Law
University of Ottawa Faculty of Law
(Common & Civil)
Dalhousie Law School

Queen's Faculty of Law
University of Montreal Faculty of Law
McGill University Faculty of Law

“This million dollar program ranks amongst the largest gifts that have been made to Canadian Legal Education by any Canadian law firm,” explained Patrick J. Monahan, Dean of York University’s Osgoode Hall Law School in Toronto. “This is a tribute to BLG’s commitment to promoting excellence in Canadian legal research and will make a great difference to our faculty and students.”

“The decision to support student involvement in legal research is both thoughtful and timely. BLG’s initiative will bear the finest kind of returns,” noted Nicholas Kasirer, Dean of McGill University Faculty of Law. “In addition to advancing legal research, it will stimulate student involvement in the intellectual dimension of the advancement of law.”

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