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## The Inside Story

### TRUDEAU FOUNDATION BOLSTERS LEGAL RANKS

The **Pierre Elliott Trudeau Foundation** announced the addition of three prestigious Canadians to its roster of mentors, including important figures from the legal community.

Each year, the foundation grants up to 15 scholarships to some of the country's brightest doctoral students in the humanities or social sciences.

Over the course of their studies, Trudeau scholars receive financial assistance as well as mentoring from accomplished Canadians, who now include **Don Campbell**, **Roberta Jamieson**, and **Edward Roberts**.

Campbell is a senior strategy adviser with **Davis LLP** and was formerly the Canadian ambassador to Japan.

He also served as the deputy minister of foreign affairs from 1997 to 2000.

After becoming the first woman from a First Nation to graduate from law school in Canada, Jamieson served as Ontario's provincial ombudsman as well as the commissioner of the **Indian Commission of Ontario**.

She is currently president and CEO of the **National Aboriginal Achievement Foundation**.

Roberts, in addition to practising law, was lieutenant governor of Newfoundland and Labrador from 2002 to 2008 and served in the Newfoundland house of assembly for 23 years.

### WEIRFOULDS PARTNER GETS CONSTRUCTION GIG

The **Toronto Construction Association** has elected **Glenn Ackerley**, a partner at **WeirFoulds LLP**, as its chairman.

Ackerley exclusively practises construction law in all aspects of projects and related disputes.

He represents a variety of clients from across the industry, including public and private owners, contractors, subtrades, suppliers, and consultants.

Ackerley also sits on the execu-

tive of the construction section of the **Ontario Bar Association**.

### BLAKES WELCOMES NEW PARTNERS

**Blake Cassels & Graydon LLP** has announced the addition of nine new partners to its ranks.

The Montreal office has one new partner, **Philippe Bourassa**, who focuses on corporate and commercial law.

Five new partners were added in the Toronto office, including: **Jake Gilbert**, mergers and acquisitions; **Robin Linley**, commercial litigation; **Stacy McLean**, securities; **Mario Nigro**, business law; and **Sheldon Vanderkooy**, a corporate and securities lawyer.

In Calgary, Blakes added two new partners: **Duff Harper** in the areas of environmental law, commercial litigation, and regulatory law; and **Gavin Matthews** in litigation.

In Vancouver, **Sean Boyle** is a new partner with a practice focusing on securities litigation and regulatory matters.

### OJEN ISSUES CHARTER CHALLENGE TO STUDENTS

The **Ontario Justice Education Network** has put out a challenge to the province's students to argue a Charter of Rights and Freedoms issue before a mock hearing.

The Charter Challenge event solicits facts written by students in favour of or opposed to a specific Charter argument.

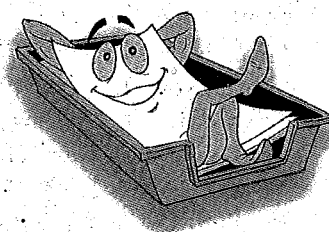
Students can communicate online with other participants and pose questions to lawyer mentors.

The facts are then reviewed, and finalist teams can argue their cases before a Court of Appeal mock proceeding.

OJEN provides teachers with details on the decision being appealed, factum templates, and guidance on the research.

The deadline for teachers to register classes is March 26. For more information, visit [ojen.ca](http://ojen.ca). **LI**

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## Bizarre Briefs

By Viola James

### BOY FACING CRIMINAL CHARGES OVER BEE STING

JAKARTA, Indonesia — A Grade 3 student's prank that allegedly caused a classmate to be stung by a bee will have serious repercussions as the boy is now facing criminal charges, the *Jakarta Post* reported.

The Indonesian boy was alleged to have stuck a bee on a female classmate on their way home from school last year, and her father later filed a police report.

The paper reported the boy was accused of violating the Indonesian Criminal Code by committing "severe abuse that led to an injury."

The alleged violation could result in a maximum penalty of a 32-month jail sentence, the paper said, but the boy has not appeared at the Surabaya District Court in East Java because he is depressed and afraid.

### LAWYER'S PINK HOUSE SPARKS DISPUTE

ACTON BEAUCHAMP, England — A decision by James Rogers, an English solicitor, and his partner to paint their 400-year-old house pink has caused quite a fuss in the rural village of Acton Beauchamp, the *Telegraph* reported.

Council planners have ordered the house, called Rose Cottage, to be painted white

because it is listed as having special architectural or historic interest. But Rogers, whose expertise includes property law, is determined to keep the colour and has already lodged an appeal with the government's Planning Inspectorate to have it delisted.

The couple repaints the cottage every four years, having coloured it peach blush, county cream, and sunflower yellow, and never needed planning permission before, said Rogers' partner.

The inspectorate's decision is expected within four weeks.

"Why ruin a perfectly nice home with such an offensive colour?" neighbour Brian Taylor asked.

### SHOCKED VICTIM OVERLOOKS KNIFE IN HER NECK

MOSCOW, Russia — A Moscow mugging victim who was so shocked by the ordeal didn't notice that her attacker had planted a knife in her neck, *news.com.au* reported.

The woman grappled with the attacker on her way home from work in the Russian capital and had her handbag stolen. When she arrived home, her parents rushed her to the hospital, where the surgeons were able to remove the knife without damaging her spinal cord.

"Shock had kicked in, and

her body prevented her from feeling any pain," one medic said.

### DRIVER OVER ALCOHOL AND PASSENGER LIMIT

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa — A 26-year-old South African man was pulled over at a routine checkpoint and was allegedly found to have been five times over the legal blood alcohol limit with 49 children in his 16-seat minibus taxi, Reuters reported.

The traffic officials found the children, aged three to 13, packed into the vehicle on top of each other during their morning ride to school.

Police have been cracking down on rogue taxi operators in an effort to get visitors to use minibuses to get around the country, according to the report. "The man is now behind bars," Colin Govender of the Road Traffic Inspectorate said.

### SENIOR MISSING AGAIN AFTER 13TH JAIL BREAK

VICTORIA, B.C. — A 67-year-old man who has escaped from jail 13 times has gone missing yet again, the *Times Colonist* reported.

Police have issued a warrant for Lorne Wayne Carlson, who has been on full parole since July 2008. Carlson's criminal activity started in 1960, when he was 18 years old. He was first convicted of stealing cars and would later add a host of other charges to his file, including weapons offences, bank robberies, breaches, property crimes, frauds, and, of course, his multiple jail breaks. **LI**