

Meet Our MAALS Educators!

MAALS—the new Master of Arts in Applied Legal Studies program at Simon Fraser University—is a unique graduate-level professional education for those wishing to become a Notary in British Columbia.

Based at SFU’s new Surrey campus, the program involves extensive use of modern learning technologies, particularly a variety of online resources blended with more traditional face-to-face learning. By all accounts, the students are enjoying both the diversity of the program and its applied emphasis, including biweekly tutorials and guest speakers.

The MAALS program involves a close partnership between SFU and The Society of Notaries Public of BC. It is already proving to be a model for professional graduate degrees in other disciplines.



Dr. Robert Gordon

Dr. Robert Gordon is the Coordinator of Simon Fraser University’s Master of Arts in Applied Legal Studies program.

Dr. Gordon is the Director of the School of Criminology at Simon Fraser University and a Professor of Criminology. Best known for his extensive work on the law affecting adult guardianship, adult protection, and personal planning in Canada, he contributes to the Applied Legal Studies courses and will be responsible for setting the final Master of Arts examination at the end of the last term.



Neil Boyd

Neil Boyd, a Professor and Associate Director of the School of Criminology, was Educated at Osgoode Hall Law School. The

author of 5 books and 2 textbooks, he is a frequent media commentator on subjects related to criminology, specifically drug law and policy, and issues of criminal violence and homicide. His upcoming book, *A Thousand Dreams: Vancouver’s Downtown Eastside and the Battle for Its Future*, is co-authored with Senator Larry Campbell and Lori Culbert of *The Vancouver Sun*. Neil teaches the ALS 601 course, which focuses on Canadian Law.



David MacAlister

David MacAlister is Assistant Professor in the School of Criminology at SFU. In addition to a postsecondary

education in Criminology, he has two degrees in law—an LLB from UBC and an LLM from Queen’s University. Responsible for a significant portion of the development of the MAALS program, he prepared the Notice of Intent to develop the program and shepherded the final Full Program Proposal through to approval by the University and the provincial government. He currently teaches ALS 603, the Legal Philosophy course required of all students in their first term of the program.



Graeme Bowbrick, QC*

Graeme Bowbrick is an adjunct professor with the SFU School of Criminology, a member of the Law Society of BC, and

a former MLA and Attorney General of British Columbia. In his Applied Legal Studies 602 class (Legal Research and Writing), he teaches Notary students how to conduct legal research using the leading online tools, including QuickLaw, LawSource, LegisInfo, and QP Legaleze. Because he believes good legal researchers understand the origins of law, Graeme teaches students about the creation

of legislation through the legislative process and the basic elements of legal reasoning in the creation of case law. He emphasizes the importance of clear writing and plain language in a legal context.



Marny Morin

Involved in the BC Notaries' student education program since 1992, Marny Morin is teaching "Selected Topics in

Applied Legal Studies" (ALS 620) in the Spring 2009 term. She will give students an overview of various areas of law and enhance their understanding of key topics, with particular emphasis on the law and practice of special interest to BC Notaries. This year, the specific topics include the law of agency; current issues in tax law, including real property taxation; builder's lien issues; personal property security; and the law affecting business associations and not-for-profit incorporation.



Tony Wilson*

Tony Wilson teaches ALS 610—Canadian Contract Law—offered between January and April through online distance

education. In his legal practice, he drafts and reviews contracts and practises Franchising, Licensing, and Intellectual Property Law at Boughton Law Corp. in Vancouver. Ranked by LEXPERT as a leading franchise lawyer in Canada, Tony is the author of *Buying a Franchise in Canada – Understanding and Negotiating your Franchise Agreement*, now in its second printing. He loves teaching the course for the MAALS program and is impressed with the high level of exchange within the online discussion group.



D. Peter Ramsay, QC*

D. Peter Ramsay divides his time between maintaining an active practice in Wills, estate planning, and estate litigation as a senior

partner in a 14-lawyer Nanaimo law firm, and teaching Property, Trusts, and Succession at the UBC law school. His 1997 LLM thesis was on *Wills Variation Act* issues. He chairs the British Columbia Law Institute's Succession Law Reform Project Committee and the Probate Rules Committee tasked with making recommendations to the Government of British Columbia for succession law and court rules reform. Peter teaches the Personal Planning course to Notary students in the MAALS program.



George Cadman, QC*

A member of The Society's Board of Examiners since 2004, George Cadman is teaching Real Property Law I in the Spring

2009 term and Real Property Law II in the Summer 2009 InterSession. This course will cover the full range of substantive property law theory, concepts, and issues, as well as key statutory provisions with which BC Notaries Public must be conversant in practice. As senior counsel at Boughton Law Corporation in Vancouver, George maintains an active law practice dealing with real estate litigation and industry issues. He also serves on the Board of Directors of the Vancouver International Airport Authority and as Chief Legal Officer of the Anglican Diocese of New Westminster.



Todd McKendrick*

Counsel of Record for The Society for over 8 years, Todd McKendrick holds degrees in Philosophy, Law, and Business.

Beginning in September 2009, he will be teaching the six-credit "capstone" course, the final segment of the MAALS degree. His topics include loss prevention, ethics, the law of negligence, marketing strategies, technology, professionalism, the business of practising law, the future of the practice of law, and the correct execution of the *jurat* in a statutory declaration.

* Adjunct Professors

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