

EDITORS' PREFACE

Forum: "Diversity of Canadian Legal Traditions"

On April 7th, 2022, the Viscount Bennett Memorial Lecture series was ushered back into the lecture halls of UNB Law after a COVID-imposed hiatus, by none other than The Right Honourable Richard Wagner P.C., Chief Justice of Canada. Chief Justice Wagner delivered a lecture reflecting on the diversity of legal traditions in Canada, brimming with his experience as a litigator, a judge, and of course as Chief Justice of the Supreme Court.

The themes of Chief Justice Wagner's lecture provide the motif for this year's issue of the *University of New Brunswick Law Journal*. With a focus on the parallel and yet paradoxically interwoven legal traditions which operate simultaneously across Canada, we are proud to enter Volume 73 into the annals of one of the oldest student-run legal publications in Canada.

The articles contained within this issue are broadly divided into two categories. The first category consists of articles which explicitly engage with the forum topic, and includes discussions on Indigenous, religious, and common-law legal traditions. The second category of articles provides commentary on important developments in Canadian law, and in doing so offers poignant and powerful insight on individual rights to equality and justice under current Canadian jurisprudence. The final article, as is traditionally included in the UNB Law Journal, is a student submission from the UNB Faculty of Law by Sarah Dalton (JD class of 2022).

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We hope that this issue opens our readers' eyes to the intricacies of Canada's unique system of legal pluralism. While the balancing of these diverse legal traditions is by no means an easy task, we would echo the words of Chief Justice Wagner that it is undoubtedly one of "the strengths of the Canadian legal system".

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