

## AWARD

### Samantha Hulme Honoured with the 2013 Humanitarian Award

**MS. SAMANTHA HULME**, Crown counsel at the Criminal Justice Branch of the British Columbia Ministry of Justice, was **awarded the 2013 Humanitarian Award** at the National Prosecution Awards for Top Prosecutors ceremony on October 31, 2013. Ms. Hulme's contributions to stakeholder relations and multi-agency projects and partnerships coupled with

her longstanding commitment to international development made her stand out as a dedicated, principled legal professional.

The Criminal Justice Branch of B.C. and the CBABC would like to congratulate Samantha on her well-deserved recognition and award, and would like to thank her for showing such compassion and dedication for helping others.



L-R: Samantha Hulme with The Honourable Judith Keeting, QC, the Acting Attorney General of New Brunswick.

## QC APPOINTEES

### Queen's Counsel Designation Recognizes Leading Lawyers

Attorney General and Minister of Justice Suzanne Anton announced on December 11, 2013 that thirty-two lawyers have been appointed the honorary title of Queen's Counsel (also known as QC).

Among the appointees are lawyers who have prosecuted high-profile criminal cases, worked closely with First Nations in treaty negotiations, and a former internee born in a war-time internment camp for Japanese Canadians who went on to become a lawyer and fought for justice in the case for redress.

The QC designation is an honour conferred annually on members of the legal profession to recognize exceptional merit and contribution. The successful candidates demonstrate professional integrity and good character, and have been a member of the British Columbia Bar for at least five years.

A call for QC nominations from the public was made in August. All applications were reviewed by an advisory committee, which sought the views of the B.C. Branch of the Canadian Bar Association and recommended deserving candidates to the Attorney General. The appointments were subsequently made by cabinet through order-in-council.

*"The QC designation is given to lawyers who have shown exceptional leadership in the legal profession while giving back to their community and colleagues. I want to congratulate this year's QC recipients and thank them for their significant contributions to our justice system and their work on behalf of British Columbia and its citizens."*

— Attorney General and Minister of Justice Suzanne Anton

#### 2013 QUEEN'S COUNSEL APPOINTEES:

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|------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|
| ■ James Wilfred Hogan        | ■ James Alan Vanstone     | ■ Daniel Raymond Bennett |
| ■ Robert Tadashi Banno       | ■ James Andrew Dowler     | ■ Daniel William Burnett |
| ■ Laurence Ralph Stinson     | ■ Sandra Joan Watson      | ■ John Robert Esson      |
| ■ John Ian Gardiner Waddell  | ■ Dale William Darychuk   | ■ Michael Tammen         |
| ■ Michael Leslie Pearce      | ■ Nicole Marie Byres      | ■ Angela Ruth Westmacott |
| ■ David James Edward Bilkey  | ■ Jeffrey James Lowe      | ■ Clark Murray Roberts   |
| ■ Kevin Patrick O'Neill      | ■ David Alexander Jardine | ■ Geoffrey Stuart Moyse  |
| ■ Robert Michael John D. Orr | ■ Robert Victor Wickett   | ■ Deanna Grace Ludowicz  |
| ■ Andrew Brent Kerr          | ■ Diane Mary Ellen Bell   | ■ Kerry Lynn Simmons     |
| ■ Dennis Clarke Quinlan      | ■ Lorne Arthur James Dunn | ■ Timothy Edmund McGee   |
| ■ Elaine Elizabeth Reynolds  | ■ William Shawn MacLagan  |                          |

To read more details about each QC appointee ►►►

## LETTER

### Sincere Gratitude to Donald R. McLeod

I would like to express my sincere gratitude to **Donald R. McLeod** for his support, which he provided to me during a long and difficult case. Mr. McLeod is a dedicated, sincere and compassionate lawyer, both to the courts and his clients. Representation was provided on a pro bono basis but this did not diminish the quality of his work. When the limited funding were eroded, he provided his own funds. I am proud to have known such an honourable lawyer.

— *Sincerely, Shirley Anderson*

## WINNER

### Leading Lawyer Under 40



**JAMES D. KONDOPULOS**, who has a partnership interest in Vancouver-based employment and labour law boutique, Roper Greyell LLP, was recently named a winner in Lexpert's Rising Stars: Leading Lawyers Under 40 competition. He is now recognized as one of Canada's leading lawyers under 40.

## LETTER

### Martin Allen Did a Magnificent Job!

On behalf of my step daughter, Kelsey O'Gorman and her mother, Deborah Wakelin, I am writing this letter to inform the CBABC of our recent experience with Kelsey's lawyer, **Martin Allen**, a Criminal Defense Lawyer for Marshall, Allen and Massey in Victoria, B.C.

Kelsey, (25), was arrested in the summer of 2012 and charged with three counts of assault and one count of aggravated assault. The person responsible for these charges is a man who was in an abusive relationship with Kelsey. He was the abuser and was fearful of Kelsey reporting him to the police. He used an accident involving a pot of boiling water as an opportunity to fabricate a story of aggravated assault against him. The other three charges of assault were also fabricated.

Kelsey retained a lawyer but was not satisfied, so was recommended to Martin Allen. The trial was in early November of last year. Kelsey's plans were to go to medical school and become a doctor. However, with a pending trial, she had to put those plans on hold. Being a student, her financial situation was compromised. Although Martin knew her financial situation, he agreed to become her counsel and began to suggest ways for her to lessen the legal financial burden. Many of his meetings with Kelsey were on his own time, which he did not charge a fee for.

I first met Martin a few days before the trial when we had a family meeting with him to outline the proceedings. My impressions were that he was warm

and friendly and had a genuine demeanor about him that instantly put me at ease. I admit that having never dealt with a lawyer in this capacity before, I did have preconceived notions, as I suspect many members of the general public have, which were quite different than the impressions I got from Martin. After that initial meeting, our family's anxiety level lessened due to Martin's calming influence.

As the trial proceeded, I sat in the courtroom for the entire process as support for Kelsey. During the breaks, Martin took the time to answer all of our questions and explain the procedures of the trial. He was reassuring and compassionate. We felt he really cared about Kelsey and our family.

The trial took two weeks and finally the jury delivered the verdict we were all praying for; not guilty. It was a very emotional time as the verdict was read and Martin stood close to Kelsey so that she could physically support herself as her legs gave out from under her.

As a lawyer, Martin Allen did a magnificent job. He exemplified professionalism and was extremely competent. As a person, Martin displayed clemency and genuine caring for our family. We feel extremely fortunate to have Martin represent Kelsey and I am honoured to call him a friend.

Our family feels strongly that Martin Allen be recognized in some way by the Canadian Bar Association for being such an outstanding lawyer and person.

— *Sincerely, Keith Wakelin*