

Vermont-McGill  
Joint Cross-border Sustainability Initiative

# Workshop on Water Workshop on Water

Vermont Law School  
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## Speaker and Chair Biographies

### McGill Faculty

Associate Professor **Kim Brooks** was appointed the H. Heward Stikeman Chair in the Law of Taxation at the McGill Faculty of Law in July 2007. Professor Brooks teaches all areas of taxation, and has received UBC's Killam Teaching Excellence Award, Queen's University Law Students' Society Teaching Award, along with the McGill Law Students Association's John W. Durnford Teaching Excellence Award (2008).

Professor **Madeleine Cantin Cumyn** joined McGill University in 1977 as a Wainwright Junior Fellow. She became a full professor in 1991 and was named Wainwright Professor of Civil Law in 2005. Before embarking on an academic career, she worked at the Civil Code Revision Office, where she took part in the drafting of reports on successions, substitution, trusts and juridical personality. She also served as the associate general rapporteur responsible for the coordination of the chapters on property law and security on property.

Professor **Jane Matthews Glenn's** teaching and research interests are in property law, land tenure, urban planning and agricultural law. She holds a joint appointment in the School of Urban Planning of the McGill Faculty of Engineering and a cross appointment in the McGill School of Environment.

Professor **Patrick Glenn** teaches and has research interests in the areas of comparative law, private international law, civil procedure and the legal professions. His book *Legal Traditions of the World* (Oxford University Press, 2000) received the Grand Prize of the International Academy of Comparative Law. A third edition appeared in 2007. He is a former Director of the Institute of Comparative Law and in that capacity worked on projects on the reform of the Russian Civil Code and judicial education in China.

Professor **Robert Godin's** main teaching and research interests lie in property law. He has written and published a number of articles and participated as a contributor to a number of collective works, dealing for the most part with subjects related to real estate law and practice, the law of trusts as applied to commercial transactions and commercial leasing. He was appointed Senior Wainwright Fellow.

**Dr. Vrinda Narain** is an Assistant Professor at McGill University where she holds a joint appointment in the Faculty of Law and the Faculty of Arts. She is also a Research Associate in the Department of Afroasiatic Studies at the University of the Free State, South Africa. As a lawyer, she has practiced in the areas of family law, laws relating to women, constitutional law, corporate law and administrative law.

Professor-Emeritus **Stephen Scott** of McGill University has remained in residence in the Faculty, engaged mainly in research and in supervision of graduate and undergraduate theses and essays. Throughout his career, he has taught and conducted research in public and commercial law, with a focus on constitutional law and the law of banking and negotiable instruments.

### **Vermont Law School Faculty**

Associate Professor **Betsy Baker** teaches comparative law, international law, property, and an evolving seminar on the Arctic and the law of the sea at Vermont Law School. Building on her work in the Arctic, for 2009-2010 she will be a Research Fellow at Dartmouth College, with the Dickey Center for International Understanding and its Institute of Arctic Studies.

Associate Professor **Johanna Dennis** is a member of the Pennsylvania bar and a Registered Patent Attorney with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. Prior to joining the faculty at VLS, Professor Dennis was a member of the faculty at Touro College, Jacob D. Fuchsberg Law Center and Florida A&M University College of Law, where she taught in the first-year legal writing programs and an upper-level course in Law and Medicine. At Touro, Dennis was a faculty advisor for the International Law Review, and she has served as moot court judge for the American Bar Association, National Appellate Advocacy Competition. Dennis also clerked for the Honorable William P. Gilroy in the Superior Court of New Jersey, Appellate Division, and she worked on civil service employment appeals with the State of New Jersey, Department of Personnel, Division of Merit System Practices and Labor Relations. In law school, Dennis participated in a study abroad program in Toronto, Ontario, where she studied Canadian civil procedure, evidence and international law.

Professor **Stephen Dycus** is an internationally recognized authority on national security and the law, water rights, and wills and trusts. The courses he has taught at Vermont Law School include International Public Law, National Security Law, Estates, Property, and Water Law. He formerly served as chair, National Security Law Section, Association of American Law Schools. Professor Dycus is the lead author of *National Security Law* (the field's leading casebook), and was co-editor in chief of *Journal of National Security Law & Policy*.

Professor **Janet E. Milne** is recognized internationally as an expert in environmental tax policies. The courses she has taught at Vermont Law School include Environmental Tax Policy, Income Tax, Land Use Law, Land and Takings, and Property.

Professor **Patrick A. Parenteau**, formerly director of Vermont Law School's Environmental Law Center and of the Environmental and Natural Resources Law Clinic, is recognized for his expertise regarding endangered species and biological diversity, water quality and wetlands, environmental policy and litigation, and land use and property rights. The courses he has taught

at Vermont Law School include Environmental Policy and Management, Citizen Suits, Watershed Protection, and the Extinction seminar.

Visiting Professor **Jack Tuholske** teaches environmental law, water resources law and public lands management at Vermont Law School. He is also a private practitioner in Missoula and an adjunct professor at the University of Montana Law School. He has litigated a wide range of natural resource issues throughout the West.

**L. Kinvin Wroth**, professor of law at Vermont Law School since 1996, served as the school's sixth dean from 1996 to 2004; from 2003 to 2004 he had the additional title of president. Previously, he had served as dean of the University of Maine's law school from 1978 to 1990 and was on the Maine faculty from 1964 until coming to Vermont. Professor Wroth is an expert in the areas of procedure, professional conduct, and legal history. At Vermont Law School, he has taught Comparative Law, The Canadian Legal System, Race and the Law, Civil Procedure, and Land Use Law. Since 2005, he has been director of the Law School's Land Use Institute.

Professor **Carl A. Yirka** is the director of the law school's library and is also recognized for his work as program director of the Vermont Law School-Petrozavodsk State University Law Faculty Legal Education Partnership. The partnership, which combines the expertise and resources of Vermont Law School and Petrozavodsk State University, a major Russian university in Karelia, is partially funded by the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs of the United States Information Agency under the authority of the Fulbright-Hays Act of 1961. The courses he has taught at Vermont Law School include Legal Research and Advanced Legal Research.