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Jennifer Llewellyn is the Viscount Bennett Professor of Law at the Schulich School of Law at Dalhousie University in Halifax, Nova Scotia. Her teaching and research is focused in the areas of the restorative justice, truth commissions, international and domestic human rights law and Canadian constitutional law. She has written and published extensively on the theory and practice of restorative justice in both transitional contexts and established democracies. Professor Llewellyn was the Director of the Nova Scotia Restorative Justice Community University Research Alliance (NSRJ-CURA). The NSRJ-CURA was a collaborative research partnership between university and community partners focused on the institutionalization of restorative justice with particular attention to the example of the Nova Scotia Restorative Justice Program. Professor Llewellyn is an academic/policy advisor to the Nova Scotia Restorative Justice Program and the Provincial Restorative Approaches in Schools Project. She also serves as an expert advisor to the Nova Scotia Human Rights Commission in their
development of a restorative approach to human rights. She was an advisor to the Assembly of First Nations throughout the negotiation process to provide redress for Indian Residential School abuse which resulted in the creation of the Indian Residential Schools Truth and Reconciliation Commission and provided advice to the Commission during its mandate. She worked with the South African Truth and Reconciliation Commission in 1997. She served as an expert witness on restorative justice for the West Kingston Commission of Enquiry in 2002 and this past year assisted with the formulation of a national restorative justice policy for Jamaica as a senior consultant with the United Nations Development Programme. Professor Llewellyn was a member of the Research Initiative on the Resolution of Ethnic Conflict at the Kroc Institute for Peace at Notre Dame University. She has presented her work on restorative peacebuilding to the United Nations Peacebuilding Commission and the United Nations Development Program. She co-edited the book *Being Relational: Reflections on Relational Theory and Health Law* (UBC Press). She recently directed a project on Reconciliation, Restorative Justice and Peacebuilding which is located at the Kroc Institute for Peace at Notre Dame and co-editor the related book *Restorative Justice, Reconciliation and Peacebuilding* (Oxford University Press 2014). She presented her work at the World Summit of Nobel Laureates in Warsaw, Poland in 2014. She recently conducted a comprehensive review of the Northwest Territories Human Rights Commission. She served as the facilitator for the design process to establish the restorative inquiry into historical abuses at The Home for Colored Children.

Marc Mihaly, one of the nation’s leading environmental law attorneys, was named president and dean of Vermont Law School in 2012. He was a visiting professor in 2004–05 and joined the regular VLS faculty in 2005. He served as the acting associate dean of environmental programs and director of the Environmental Law Center in 2005–06 and associate dean and director from 2007–12. He is an expert in land use, urban planning, and energy law and policy. At VLS, he has taught Land Transactions, Finance and Development; Advanced Land Use Law; Energy Regulation, Markets and the Environment; and Contracts. He spent the 2011–12 academic year teaching at the University of Seville School of Law. Dean Mihaly received his BA degree from Harvard College and, after service in the Peace Corps, received his JD degree from Boalt Hall School of Law, University of California, Berkeley, where he was editor in chief of the Ecology Law Quarterly. He then served with the environmental unit of the California Attorney General's Office and with the San Mateo County Legal Aid Society. He co-founded Shute, Mihaly and Weinberger in San Francisco in 1980 and served as its managing partner for 17 years. His practice included three decades of trial and appellate litigation practice on behalf of governments and community-based organizations on environmental issues. He developed the firm’s low-income housing practice, initiated the energy practice, and focused on all aspects of growth limitation. He has provided advice and counsel to state, regional, and local governments as well as specialized environmental agencies on all aspects of environmental law. His work has included the design of sophisticated regulatory regimes to regulate development and to secure public benefits through private development. He advises environmental regulators on government law issues relating to the form and structure of their regulatory programs.

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Marc Wennberg is the Director of the St. Albans Community Justice Center in St. Albans Vermont. The Justice Center serves the many rural communities of Franklin and Grand Isle Counties. Marc joined the Justice Center in February of 2009 and has expanded both the programs and geographical reach of the Center. Program intercepts now span the length of the criminal justice system, from prevention (truancy program); to offender reentry of serious and violent offenders; to victim services (Parallel Justice Program). All of the Justice Center programs incorporate both the principles and practices of restorative justice. Marc served as a Community Justice Center representative on the Practical Steps Work Group, and helped to collaboratively author the Advancing Restorative Justice Report.
Chief Judge Pamela S. Williams was appointed a judge of the Provincial and Family Courts of Nova Scotia in September 2003. She has presided over adult and youth criminal proceedings and occasional family court matters. Between October 2006 and August 2010, she was the primary Youth Court Judge in the Metro Youth Justice Court. Since then she has been the dedicated judge for the Nova Scotia Mental Health Court. She also presides in adult criminal court. On April 26th, 2011, she was appointed Associate Chief Judge of the Provincial and Family Court. Nearly two years later, on February 26, 2013, she was appointed Chief Judge of the Provincial and Family Court for the Province of Nova Scotia. Prior to her appointment, she was a staff lawyer with Nova Scotia Legal Aid for nearly 20 years. During that time, she represented adults and youth in the areas of family law and criminal law. She was also a legal advocate for the mentally ill who appeared before the Criminal Code Review Board.