**THE CANADIAN MARITIME LAW ASSOCIATION**



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**William Tetley Memorial Symposium**

**Faculty of Law**

**McGill University**

**3644 Peel Street**

**Montréal, Québec, Canada**

**Friday, June 19, 2015**

**The Canadian Maritime Law Association (CMLA) welcomes you to a special seminar, entitled the “William Tetley Memorial Symposium”, to honour the late Professor William Tetley, C.M., Q.C., for his contributions to maritime law and to public life. [[1]](#footnote-1)**

 

The late William Tetley, C. M., Q.C., practiced civil, commercial and maritime law from 1952 to 1970, and was a senior partner in Martineau, Walker, Allison, Beaulieu & Tetley (today Fasken Martineau) in Montreal. After serving as a municipal councillor in Town of Mount Royal (1965-1968), he was elected a member for Notre-Dame-de-Grâce in the Quebec National Assembly in 1968 and from 1970 to 1976 served successively as Minister of Revenue; Minister of Financial Institutions, Companies and Cooperatives; and Minister of Public Works and Supply, in the cabinet of the late Premier Robert Bourassa. He secured adoption of Quebec's first Consumer Protection Act, revised the Insurance Act and the Companies Act, and oversaw amendments to about 50 other codes and statutes.

In 1976, Tetley joined the Faculty of Law of McGill University, where he taught primarily maritime law for over 35 years. He also taught a mini-course at Tulane University in New Orleans for some fourteen years, and was often a guest lecturer at major universities around the world. Tulane University appointed him Distinguished Visiting Professor of Maritime and Commercial Law in 1987 and established a maritime law lecture series name after him in 1999. Dalian Maritime University in China made him "Visiting Professor" in 1996. McGill named three fellowships at its Law Faculty after him in 2004 and conferred the F.R. Scott Award on him in 2007. Other honours too many to mention were also bestowed on him over the years.[[2]](#footnote-2)

Professor Tetley authored *Marine Cargo Claims*, 1966, 1978, 1988 & 2008, *Maritime Liens and Claims*, 1984 & 1998, *International Conflict of Laws*, 1994, *International Maritime and Admiralty Law*, 2003, the *Glossary of Maritime Law Terms*, 2 Ed., 2004, and *The October Crisis, 1970: An Insider's View*, 2006, as well as a host of articles on law, politics, history and collecting. Some of his maritime law treatises have been translated into Chinese, Japanese and Russian. He contributed to, and was associate editor of, major maritime law journals and law reports published in North America and Europe, in both English and French. His website is extensive.

He served as President of The Canadian Maritime Law Association (1981-1984); President of the Association of Average Adjusters of Canada (1986-87); President of the Association of Maritime Arbitrators of Canada (1990-1995); and was a Member of the Executive Council of the Comité Maritime International (1986-1990) and its Vice-President (1990-1994).

Professor Tetley was named Q.C. in 1968, a member of the Order of Canada in 1995 and Counsel to Langlois Kronström Desjardins of Montreal in 1996. He was actively involved in many community organizations and was a passionate collector, especially of Canadian art. "Bill" died peacefully on Canada Day, July 1, 2014 at age 87 and is fondly remembered and sorely missed by his legion of friends, colleagues, ex-students and admirers around the globe.

## PROGRAM

**Friday, June 19, 2015 – William Tetley Memorial Symposium**

8:00am-8:30am Registration and Coffee

8:30am-8:40am Welcome

(Pr. Daniel Jutras, Dean of Law, McGill University)

8:40am-9:00am Opening Remarks

(Justice Marc Nadon, Federal Court of Appeal)

9:00am-9:30am "The Tetley School of Law"

(Chief Justice George R. Strathy, Court of Appeal for Ontario)

9:30am-10:00am "The Rotterdam Rules from an Australian Perspective"

(Pr. Sarah Derrington, University of Queensland, Australia)

10:00am-10:20am "William Tetley and the Mixed Legal System"

(Justice Nicholas Kasirer, Court of Appeal of Quebec

10:20am-10:30am Coffee Break

10:30am-11:00am "Ping Pong and New York Arbitration"

(John D. Kimball, Blank Rome LLP, New York)

11:00am-11:30am "Bill Tetley: Fond Memories"

(Justice Sean Harrington, Federal Court of Canada)

11:30am-12:00pm Review of the last year’s most important decisions

(Christopher Giaschi, Giaschi & Margolis, Vancouver)

12:00pm-12:20pm "Remembering Professor Bill Tetley: My Teacher, Mentor and Friend"

(Prof. Dr. Marko Pavliha, University of Ljubljana, Slovenia)

12:20pm-12:30pm Break

12:30pm-1:45pm Buffet Lunch

1:45pm-2:15pm "Choice of Law for Maritime Liens"

(Prof. Catherine Walsh, Faculty of Law, McGill University)

2:15pm-2:45pm "Les sanctions en droit pénal français des infractions maritimes: un exemple à ne pas suivre" (*Penal Sanctions for Maritime Offences under French Penal Law: An Example not to Follow*)

(Patrice Rembauville-Nicolle, RBM2L, Paris)

2:45pm-3:05pm "Recollection of a Colleague: Bill Tetley as a Statesman"

(Victor Goldbloom CC OQ)

3:05pm-3:25pm Coffee Break

3:25pm-3:55pm "Subjects and the Formation of Maritime Contracts: Does the duty of good faith constrain bargaining strategy?"

(David G. Colford, Brisset Bishop LLP., Montreal)

3:55pm-4:15pm "Recollections of the Giant’s Little Helper"

(Robert C. Wilkins, Secretary-Treasurer, CMLA)

4:15pm-4:20pm Concluding Remarks  
(Richard L. Desgagnés, Norton Rose Fulbright Canada LLP, Montreal)

4:30pm-6:00pm Cocktail Reception

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