**Blake Cassels & Graydon Award**

The firm of Blake, Cassels & Graydon LLP is one of Canada's leading law firms. Each year Blake, Cassels & Graydon will make an award of $10,000.00 which is divided in two parts. This amount represents funds for the current year Blakes Scholarship in the amount of $5,000, and the renewal of the Blakes Scholarship award for the previous academic year also in the amount of $5,000.

This award will be made to a student:

- who has demonstrated academic excellence in the first year of their legal studies at the Faculty of Law, University of Manitoba, and
- has demonstrable financial needs.

Other considerations will include:

- involvement in the community
- involvement in extra-curricular activities in the Faculty of Law
- whether the applicant has multiple responsibilities and limited support.

The award-winning student is determined in September of the current academic year. In July of the following academic year, the Associate Dean’s office will contact this student to see if they are still eligible for the award. If they are not, a new recipient must be chosen on their behalf.

**Background Information**

Edward Blake was called to the bar in 1856 and entered into partnership with Stephen M. Jarvis in Toronto. When his brother, Samuel Hume Blake, joined the firm soon thereafter the firm became Blake & Blake, and today the firm is know as Blake, Cassels & Graydon LLP (Blakes).

For more than 150 years, Blakes has proudly served many of Canada's and the world's leading businesses and organizations. Blakes has built a reputation during that time as both a leader in the business community and the legal profession - leadership that continues to be recognized to this day.

Blakes now has offices in Montreal, Ottawa, Toronto, Calgary, Vancouver, New York, London, Bahrain, Al-Khobar, Beijing and an office in Shanghai. They serve a diverse national and international client base.