

University of Alberta Appoints Energy Law and Policy Chair funded by National Law Firm Borden Ladner Gervais (BLG)

David Percy selected to head research chair

CALGARY, AB, (January 7, 2010) –David Percy, law professor at the University of Alberta, will head the Energy Law & Policy Chair funded by BLG – one of Canada’s leading national law firms.

Percy is the first full holder of the Energy Law and Policy Chair, which is the also first of its kind in Canada. “We are delighted to have a legal mind of Professor Percy’s calibre as the inaugural holder of this Chair,” said David Whelan, Managing Partner of BLG’s Calgary office.

Percy will further enhance the existing high quality of graduate law students and their respective contributions to the legal community and energy sector. Dean of the U of A’s Faculty of Law from 2002 – 2009, Percy is a highly regarded figure in the energy sector, who has worked as an advisor on natural resources law to the Government of Canada.

“With many challenging issues facing the industry in Alberta and other jurisdictions, the BLG Chair is important and topical especially given the law firm’s pre-eminence in the oil and gas industry. BLG is to be commended for establishing this endowment,” said Percy.

BLG announced its donation of \$1.5M – over a 10-year period – in 2007, to enable the U of A’s Faculty of Law to create an endowed chair and strengthen its expertise in energy and law policy. BLG took part in the initiative to sustain its commitment to the oil & gas sector by supporting thought leadership, academic excellence, and policy development.

“The energy industry is important to Canada and BLG,” said Sean Weir, National Managing Partner of BLG. “Supporting education is a priority for our entire firm as it reinforces our commitment to professional excellence in everything we do.”

About David Percy

Percy graduated with an LL.B (Honours) and an M.A. from Oxford University, earned his LL.M. from the University of Virginia, and was admitted into the Alberta Bar in 1979. He has been a Visiting Fellow at the Centre for Socio-Legal Studies, Wolfson College, Oxford University, and a Visiting Scholar at Stanford University and the University of Virginia.

He is the recipient of many legal awards, including the 1995 W.P.M. Kennedy Award for superior ability, dedication and outstanding merit as a law teacher in Canada and the 1996 Rutherford Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching. Both are awarded by the University of Alberta. His major published works include *The Framework of Water Rights Legislation in Canada*, Canadian Institute of Resources Law (1987) and *Water Rights in Alberta*, Alberta Law Review (1977).



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