Message from Dale

We are delighted to share our latest edition of Goodmans Alumni News! Inside you will find news about friends and former colleagues, learn about our new partners, help us bid farewell to retiring firm members, and more. Just seeing the names of the many terrific people in our extended Goodmans family made me smile. I hope you will enjoy this as much as I did.

The incredible people who join Goodmans continue to make our firm a wonderful and very special place. Hopefully you caught a glimpse of many of them in our recent YouTube video. In case you haven’t seen it, please [click here](#) to view now.

We are proud of our people, both past and present, and are thrilled to be connected with our alumni community. Please stay in touch.

Dale Lastman
Chair

Looking forward to the Raptors playoffs! #WeTheNorth
After completing her LL.M. at Harvard and New York University School of Law, Diana Backhouse (2010 Ontario call) joined Skadden in New York as an Associate in the Tax Group.

Michael Berger (1991 call) recently co-founded Aluvion Law, a legal solutions provider that combines technology innovation in legal services delivery with personalized service and transparent pricing. (aluvionlaw.com)

Watch out for writer-director Robert Budreau’s (2002 call) film “Born to Be Blue”, starring Ethan Hawke as legendary jazz trumpeter Chet Baker.

Tammy Cadsby (1999 call) is now Chief Legal Counsel at Channel Capital Advisors LLP in London, UK.

Lauren Cappell (2006 call) recently joined Gwynnie Bee in New York as Senior Director, Technology Strategy & Emerging Partnerships

Sally Catto (1995 call) is now General Manager of Programming for CBC Television.

Adam Chambers (2012 call) is now Director, Strategy at The Great-West Life Assurance Company in Toronto.

Joanna Creed (2011 call) is now Vice President, Operations at The DryCleaner. Congratulations to Joanna and her husband Thomas Grupp who were married on October 11, 2014.

Judy Howard (1992 call) was recently promoted to Senior Director, Legal Services at Metro Ontario Inc.

Keir Hunt (2007 call) is now Senior Director, Legal Counsel at George Weston Limited.

Rob Kallio (2009 call) is now Legal Counsel at Rubicon Minerals Corporation.

Steve Kresak (2003 call) is now General Counsel at IBI Group, a global architecture, planning, engineering and technology firm. Congratulations to Adil Ladha (2014 call) and his wife Kaitlin who were married on August 3, 2014.

Joanna Creed & Thomas Grupp

Sarah Diamond (2003 call) is now Chief Administrative Officer and General Counsel at Halton Regional Police Association in Oakville.

Deidra Dionne (2014 call) is now Senior Manager, Legal & Partnerships at Cimorini & Company, a sport marketing and production company.

Sue Doi (2000 call) is now Director, Legal Services & General Counsel at Vancity Group in Vancouver.

Ryan Done (2009 call) is now a partner at Miller Thomson in London, Ontario.

Jennifer Drost (2002 call) was promoted to Chief Compliance Officer & Senior Counsel, Canada at Travelers Canada.

Adam Frank (2012 call) joined newly formed planning and development law firm Devine Park LLP.

Avi Greenspoon (1995 call) is now Executive Vice President and General Counsel at BHP Markets.

Brad Hennick (2011 call) is now Managing Partner at Hennick & Company.

Andrew Hennigar (2007 call) is now a Senior Associate at Michael, Evrensel & Pawar LLP in Vancouver.

Andrew Hennigar

Jen Drake (2009 call) is now Legal Consultant, Financial Services Group at Aon Canada.

Sally Catto (1995 call) is now General Manager of Programming for CBC Television.

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Congratulations to Kyla Lamarche (2007 call) and Kevin McAuley who were married on June 27, 2014 in Scotland. Kyla joined Axiom Law in London, England last fall.

Adil Ladha & Kaitlin Ladha

Tammy Law (2004 call) opened her own family law practice. (www.tammylaw.ca)
Alumni News & Happenings

Gillian Lester (1992 call) is now the Dean of Columbia Law School.

Aaron Libbey (2010 call) is now at Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison LLP in New York.

Faye Ling (2014 call) is now an associate at Sotos LLP.

Dennis Lopes (2002 call) is now Legal and Corporate Affairs Director at Microsoft Canada Inc.

Lauren MacLeod (2009 call) is now Corporate Counsel at Revera Inc.

Rob Malcolmson (1990 call) is now Senior VP, Regulatory Affairs at BCE Inc.

Michael McIsaac (2010 call) is currently training for his August 21, 2015 swim across Lake Ontario to raise funds for the fight against melanoma. (www.crossingforacause.com)

Canadian Lawyer’s list of The Top 25 Most Influential 2014 in the justice system and legal profession included Bob Rae (1980 call) and Justice Geoffrey Morawetz (1980 call).

Jordan Nahmias (2009 call) joined Toronto boutique entertainment & media law firm Hall Webber LLP.

Tracey Pearce (1990 call) is now Senior Vice-President, Specialty and Pay, Bell Media.

In addition to his criminal practice at Adler Bytensky Prutschi Shikhman, Edward Prutschi (2000 call) is the official Legal Analyst for NewsTalk1010 and provides extensive ‘unofficial’ legal commentary and analysis for a number of outlets including CBC News and CTV News.

Sondra Rebencuk (2012 call) will be leaving Longview Communications Inc. in May and moving to South Africa.

Alex Sarabura (2011 call) moved to Ottawa and is now at Stikeman Elliott LLP.

Andrea Tenk (2013 call) is now practicing family law at Niman Gelgoot and Associates LLP.

Faeron Trehearne (1995 call) is now Chief Legal Officer and Corporate Secretary of Moneris Solutions Corporation.

David Veneziano (2004 call) is now Vice President & General Counsel at Tricon Capital Group Inc.

Jeremy Weisz (2012 call) is now Manager, Business & Product Development at Aequitas Innovations Inc.

David Winnitoy (1991 call) is now a partner at Stewart Esten in Barrie.

Brian Wise (2004 call) was promoted to Senior Director, Regional Counsel for Canada & Asia Pacific at Assurant Group.

Vanessa Yeung (2000 call) is now Senior Counsel in the legal department of the Bank of Montreal in the capital markets group.

Beau Zahrai (1999 call) joined PwC Canada in Calgary as Managing Director, Consulting & Deals.

Baby News

Congratulations to Caroline Cook (2002 call) and Craig Macnaughton on the birth of Benjamin Robert Cook Macnaughton, born May 10, 2014.


Vanessa MacDonnell (2007 call) and her husband Leo welcomed daughter Frida on May 24, 2014.

Elisabeth Cleghorn and her husband Vaino welcomed their baby boy, Remko (Remy) Vaino Poya, on June 24, 2014.

Bram Atlin (2002 call) and his wife Erin welcomed Willa Gordie Atlin on August 3, 2014.

Congratulations to Stacey Long (2004 call) and her husband Jordan on the birth of their baby boy, Max Everest Druxerman, on September 18, 2014.

Congratulations to Martin Salomon (1993 call) and his wife Marita Cooke on the birth of their baby boy, Parker James Salomon, on September 4, 2014.

Rob Kalio (2009 call) and his wife Katie welcomed Juliet Amitis Kallio on October 20, 2014.

Congratulations to Darlene Gilliland Tonelli (2003 call) and her husband Paolo on the birth of their son, Cody Jasper Tonelli, who was born on October 18, 2014.

Congratulations to Jessica Braun (2006 call) and Daniel Joseph on the birth of Jeremy Braun Joseph, who was born on November 10, 2014.


Congratulations to Ronna Weatherly (2009 call) and her husband Stephan on the birth of Olivia Grace Weatherly, born December 24, 2014.

Congratulations to Sara Gottlieb (2009 call) and Chris Coccia on the birth of Laine Dawn on February 4, 2015.

In Memoriam

Saul Fridman (1986 call) passed away on June 30, 2014 in Hong Kong.
The Best Lawyers in Canada 2015 ranks 83 Goodmans lawyers across 37 practice areas as among the best lawyers in Canada.

The Legal 500 Canada 2015 recognizes Goodmans in 13 practice areas. The firm is ranked Tier 1 in the areas of Capital Markets, Corporate/M&A, Real Estate and Restructuring and Insolvency. Goodmans’ Restructuring/Insolvency Group stands alone again as Number 1 in Canada.

Who’s Who Legal: Canada 2014 recognizes 27 Goodmans lawyers across 15 practice areas as among the best lawyers in Canada.

Benchmark Canada: The Guide to Canada’s Leading Litigation Firms and Attorneys (2015) ranks Goodmans in its top category, Highly Recommended, in Ontario and has also recognized 7 of the firm’s litigators as “Local Litigation Stars” and 3 as “Future Stars”.

The 2015 Lexpert/American Lawyer Guide to the Leading 500 Lawyers in Canada lists 26 Goodmans partners among the leading Canadian lawyers excelling in 19 practice areas of law.

The Canadian Legal Expert Directory 2014 recognizes 67 Goodmans lawyers as being top-tier in their fields and leaders in 32 distinct areas of law.

Chambers Global’s Guide to the World’s Leading Lawyers 2015 ranks 42 individual Goodmans lawyers among Canada’s finest. Goodmans’ Restructuring/Insolvency Group stands alone as Number 1 in Canada for the 14th consecutive year and for the last eight years our Real Estate Group has also been ranked top-tier. Goodmans was also named a leading law firm in the areas of Corporate/M&A, Dispute Resolution: Class Action (Defence), Dispute Resolution: Ontario, Tax and Telecoms, Media and Broadcasting.


Introducing Our New Partners

- Ian Andres
  Administrative Law
- Chris Armstrong
  Corporate Restructuring
- Leah Boyd
  Corporate/Securities
- Daniel Cappe
  Litigation
- Mark Dunn
  Litigation
- Peter Kolla
  Litigation
- Chat Ortved
  Corporate/Securities
- Melanie Ouanounou
  Litigation
- Jaclyn Seidman
  Entertainment/Corporate

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Congratulations to Karen Vadasz (2012 call) and Brandon Luft who were married on June 1, 2014.

Congratulations to Brad Wiffen (2013 call) and Brynn Kennedy who were married on November 1, 2014.

Congratulations to Sandon Shogilev (2005 call) and Ines Ferreira who were married on September 18, 2014.

Congratulations to Seth Klerer (2014 call) and Victoria Fichtenbaum who were married on July 6, 2014.

Congratulations to Elizabeth Jackman (2014 call) and Bill Mpermperas who were married on June 28, 2014.

Congratulations to Brad Holland (2014 call) and Stefanie Holland who were married on August 24, 2013.

Congratulations to Jamie van Diepen and Victoria Seth who were married on November 1, 2014.

Congratulations to Chris Sunstrum and his wife Lynn on the birth of Holly Elizabeth Sunstrum on April 28, 2014.

Brad Ross and his wife Chrissy, along with Ally and Evan, welcomed Hannah Elizabeth Ross on May 18, 2014.

Brad Halfin and his wife Jennifer welcomed Joshua Dean Halfin on May 27, 2014.

Logan Willis and his wife Kathryn Royal welcomed Lachlan Royal Willis on August 29, 2014.

Geoff Cowper-Smith and his wife Julia welcomed William Murray Cowper-Smith on October 16, 2014.

Congratulations to Hannah Arthurs and John Bulmer on the birth of Kay Violet Bulmer on November 11, 2014.

Congratulations to Jennifer Ehrlich and her husband Jonathan Greenwald on the birth of Jake Max Loftus Greenwald on February 21, 2015.

Jesse Mighton and his wife Nicole welcomed Maxwell Arnold Mighton on March 1, 2015.

Chris Armstrong, his wife Cheryl and his sister Emily welcomed Ella Catharine Armstrong on March 27, 2015.

Michelle Vigod and her husband Jonathan Jacobs welcomed Cole Bernie Jacobs on February 27, 2015.
Carla Salzman

Smart, savvy and stylish. Our colleague and good friend, Carla Salzman, is retiring from Goodmans and the practice of law on April 30, 2015.

Carla joined the firm as an articling student in 1982. Her fields of practice have included public finance, commercial real estate, property development and construction law. Most recently, Carla has led the infrastructure renewal and procurement group. She was named the 2015 Toronto Public Finance Lawyer of the Year by The Best Lawyers in Canada.

Goodmans has also benefitted from Carla’s exquisite good taste as she has been a longstanding member of the Art Committee and played a leading role in designing and decorating our current offices at the Bay Adelaide Centre.

Carla is always wonderful company because of her great sense of humour. Her clients, colleagues and many friends at the firm will miss her skill, charm and quick wit as she now embarks on her well-deserved retirement.

— by Roz Houser

Susan Zimmerman

After a lengthy and successful career at Goodmans, Susan Zimmerman, our good friend and mentor, has retired.

Susan began her career as a commercial lawyer in 1985. Within the first few years of practice, Susan started up Goodmans research group. She quickly distinguished herself as the go-to person for students and lawyers. Her coaching approach to writing encouraged people to seek her assistance without fear of judgment. True to Goodmans culture, Susan had an open-door policy and delved into legal issues alongside us. If we could clone Susan, we would.

Her remarkable ability to recite cases by memory, identify legal issues and dissect complicated legal concepts, earned her a reputation for being a brilliant legal mind. As a founding member of the Toronto Opinions Group, Susan became one of Bay Street’s leading experts on legal opinions. In moments of transaction crises, she has been the voice of reason and often the voice of comfort. She has undoubtedly prevented many sleepless nights!

We wish Susan well in this next phase of her life. If it continues the way it has started, her retirement will be characterized by rich travel, writing workshops, yoga, playtime with grandchildren and maybe even cooking classes. We will benefit from her contributions for years to come.

— by Cathy Costa
Cita McGrath

Congratulations to Cita McGrath on an amazing 31 years at Goodmans. I got to know Cita very well as I was a much too frequent visitor at the coffee rooms at 20 Queen and the lounge at 250 Yonge, always in search of a row of chocolate or oatmeal cookies to give me an extra boost.

Cita’s willingness to help me in my quest and her good humour throughout is a favourite memory of my time at Goodmans. Cita — I wish you a happy and relaxing retirement — it is now time for others to find cookies for you!

— by Alum Andrew Wilson

Elaine Tse

After 38 years, Elaine Tse retired on October 3, 2014. When Elaine joined the accounting department of Goodman & Goodman in 1976:

- We had 22 lawyers, including 13 partners, and approximately 45 staff at 101 Richmond. Accounting had 3-4 people.

- We had IBM Selectric typewriters, lots of correction fluid, one Xerox copier and one Telex machine. Documents were mailed and rarely couriered.

- Docketing was newly implemented and considered an experiment. There were no prebills, lawyers prepared their own bills, and write-offs were unheard of.

- Bill Alcamo, then a first year associate, and Susan (Keys) Rogers formed the firm’s first grouping with partner Gord Kirke.

Dave Eaton

Dave Eaton retired in 2008 after almost 30 years at Goodmans. We were lucky enough to have a Dave Eaton sighting at our 2015 Winter Party, and just had to include him here, since his retirement pre-dated our newsletters. Dave told me he can’t remember what he had for breakfast 2 days ago, but still recalls interactions with many partners and associates, some of whom did not return their Chubb cards on departure. And Dave reminded me he was heavily involved with the move into 250 Yonge, Eaton Tower on March 2, 1992 (his 50th birthday). Don Pierce had a large banner put into the 29th floor lounge “Welcome to the Dave Eaton Tower”. Dave’s farewell speech in 2008 was a classic and included this gem: Many of my responsibilities have not changed over the years. However, I did apply for a position in the Technology Dept. But they threw a trick question at me “What are Blackberries, Cookies and Spam?” I answered “Things you can eat”. I have never tasted Spam, but now that I will be a retired senior... this may be on the menu at home. Spam Curry? — by Catherine Chang
Our alumni are loyal supporters of our CPD programs.

Overall, we counted more than 100 alumni at our various programs over the last year.

Over the last few years, we have been lucky to have alumni as featured guests and presenters, including Megan Evans, Randal Graham, Jordan Banks, David Kaufman, Lynn Korbak, Lorie Waisberg and Don Henderson.

Recent programs of interest include:

- Som Seif in conversation with Howard Green
- In-House Ethical Dilemmas
- What’s Hrynew in Contracts: The Organizing Principle of Good Faith

**Upcoming Goodmans Presents programs:**

- **Cybersecurity** – May 21, 2015
- **Corporate Governance** – June 23, 2015

We want to ensure that our programs remain relevant and of interest to our alum. Your continued input and feedback are always appreciated.

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In an Oscar-worthy performance, the Honourable Mr. Pincus and his articling student, Mr. Keefe, taught us the true meaning of the word “holiday” during our 2014 United Way Campaign, which raised over $273,000 for United Way Toronto.

United Way Raptors Night Out Auction Winners Lindsay Everitt and Joey Hoffman with ticket donors David Lederman and Grant McGlaughlin.

Summer students Loren Cohen and Randy McAuley spinning at Bike For Tykes in support of Coast to Coast Against Cancer Foundation.

Articling students Max Laskin, Jonathan Chan, Jamie Habert, Miguel Mangalindan and David Cohen after completing the 5km RBC Run for the Kids in support of Sunnybrook’s Family Navigation Project for youth mental health.

LAWS (Law in Action Within Schools) student Derleesha Green, pictured with Stacy Zosky, Emily Ting, Shazia Banduk and Janelle Yu. LAWS is an innovative law-themed education and mentoring program for high school students.

Goodmans was proud to support ALS and last year’s Ice Bucket Challenge! More than 50 firm members took part!

Rock For Dimes Toronto champs Dark Horse included Ryan Szainwald and Jesse Mighton and alum Ted Key and Joe Morrison in support of March of Dimes.

Team Goodmans at MLSE’s Team Up Challenge in support of Camp Trillium.

Goodmans supports the CURE Foundation’s National Denim Day.
I had a hard time deciding whose name to put first; how do you decide?

We alternate episode to episode, within the series. We used to alternate series by series but someone in post decided to alternate episode by episode and we just let it happen.

How did you end up in law? [Dave noted wryly that they couldn’t answer together since they did have lives before meeting each other.]

Ivan: I found undergrad basically irrelevant and wanted to do something I felt was useful — and at the time you could get into law school after 2 years of undergrad. So instead of graduating in four years with what I considered to be a useless BA, I graduated in five years with a law degree. All five years at Western.

David: The only thing I thought I might want to do with my English and History degree from McGill was to become a novelist or an English Lit professor — probably not a great way to make a lot of money. I actually took a year off after undergrad and postponed law school and did some gardening and I went on a ship, around the world. [Ivan interjects: “You went on a Japanese cruise ship around the world.”]

I went on a program organized by the Japanese Prime Minister’s Office: The Ship For World Youth. They took a bunch of kids from around the world on a luxury cruise liner and basically said: why don’t you guys meet every day and talk about world issues, solve as many as you can, and then party at night.

Ivan: Dave applied, along with his then girlfriend — they were supposed to go together and it was to be a nice, romantic year-long cruise. And he got accepted and she didn’t. And Dave, being the good boyfriend said, see ya in a year. And she actually married him and now is the mother of his three children.

And how did you end up at Goodmans?

Ivan: I wandered around the booths at the law career fair and Andrew Wilson was at the Goodmans booth. Andrew told me that Goodmans had a sports and entertainment group, which I thought was fascinating. I’d never really thought about the idea of being an entertainment lawyer but I immediately thought that that must be the coolest sort of lawyer to be, and became obsessed with summering and articling at Goodmans, the best entertainment and sports law firm.

David: I summered at McCarthys in Montreal and the whole time I was there I kept on hearing from my friends from U of T who were summering at Goodmans (Monica Mraz, Jeremy Fraiberg, Johnny Connon) how much fun they were having and how great a place it was and so when the time came to interview for jobs in Toronto, I went to Goodmans and I was immediately impressed. It just felt like the natural fit.

Who were some of your mentors at Goodmans?

Ivan: David Zitzerman, obviously, was my most influential mentor. He was the person I worked with the most and the person who taught me the most and today remains a good friend. David is one of the people in my professional life who I’ve learned the most from, even to this day.
Being a lawyer, more so than going to law school, certainly practising law at a place like Goodmans, being surrounded by so many bright people who hold you to such a high standard, teaches your brain to operate in a certain way. It gives you life skills and business skills that are profoundly important.

As much as that’s all true, the one thing that being a lawyer at a place like Goodmans doesn’t teach you is to be a true entrepreneur and to run your own business, because so much structure is provided for you. When you leave and try to start your own business, there are an infinite number of things you know nothing about.

And it’s dumbfounding how little you know about anything and how you have to learn everything. The good news is, you come at all that with a really well-trained brain and the ability to really analyze and make decisions in a very effective way, but it’s still unbelievably challenging. I don’t think anybody can be fully prepared for leaving a place like Goodmans and effectively starting from nothing to build your own business. It’s remarkably humbling.

Can you tell us what your favourite Temple Street show is?

Ivan: [laughing] I love all of our shows equally. Let me say this: I don’t have a favourite but there’s a special place in my heart for Billable Hours because it’s the first “built from the ground” concept we produced. It was inspired to a large degree by our lives and Adam Till’s life at Goodmans. The humour and sensibility of that show was really right down our alley. Dave and I learned to produce in many ways off that TV show, so it really was the show where we learned everything about being producers.

David: I don’t think you can love one show more than the others but I think as much as we enjoyed making that show because of the content, how funny it was, and going down memory lane, I think it was the time in our careers— that excitement of getting a show of our own off the ground and having all that responsibility— that made Billable Hours special. At the time it was not easy—we would start the day by driving downtown at 7 a.m., shoot all day, drive out to Etobicoke, cut until ‘til 3 in the morning and then drive home, and have to be back on set at 7. I remember driving around at 3 a.m., looking at each other and thinking, we’ve got to stop this, we’ve got to quit. It wasn’t fun then, at that time.

Ivan: No, not fun at that particular moment. But the fun thing about Billable Hours was the network just let us do whatever we wanted. So different from Orphan Black, or X Company or Killjoy, these big shows we make now, where there’s a ton of infrastructure. Now we’ve been doing it for a long time and there’s a lot of money involved and it’s a bigger deal, it’s higher-stakes television.

When we were making Billable Hours, we didn’t know anything. So we had this really neat situation where they let us do whatever we wanted, we were making it up as we went along, and stakes weren’t nearly as high as on these bigger shows we do today, so we were able to sort of figure it out. It became like our law school, our producer law school. We learned how to make TV off that show.

David: I think the important thing for us on that show is we were allowed to fail pretty badly. It helped us and it didn’t kill our souls and we weren’t banished from the industry as a result. It wasn’t a bad show but we made some colossal errors. Not necessarily on the screen, but off the screen. [Ivan: And some on the screen.] To be able to do that, learn from that, and be able to make more television afterwards, was a gift.
How has Canadian TV evolved in the time since you’ve been developing shows, since Billable Hours?

Ivan: The biggest change is that there is more money in Canadian TV than when we started. And there’s more respect for Canadian TV abroad. When we first started, it was very difficult to get international funding for Canadian films and shows because there was the perception that it was second tier content, that it was sub-par, so international distributors and broadcasters were very reluctant to fund the show when they heard that you were a Canadian producer, making a show with a Canadian broadcaster.

That has changed. It’s sort of a chicken-and-egg thing in that you need more money to make a better show. You need better shows to get that money. But a combination of Canadian broadcasters, for various reasons, supporting higher budget Canadian content and there being a higher calibre of creator and producer that stayed in Canada to make television shows, and a willingness by U.S. broadcasters and international broadcasters to buy and fund Canadian programming, which can be attributed to some degree to the success of shows like Flashpoint and Being Erica, and certainly now Orphan Black, has resulted in a marketplace that’s much more accepting of Canadian TV.

David: And we were lucky in timing. We were lucky to mature as producers at the time broadcasters were willing to spend those dollars. When we first started out and when we were lawyers, it was that age of Canadian television where crews were getting trained across the country. Not just grips and gaffers, but writers and directors trained on American programming because of the exchange rate and the tax shelters and all the rest of it. This huge base of really talented people cut their teeth on really expensive American programming and when the tax shelters dried up and when the Canadian dollar started to soar, these terrifically trained people had nothing to do. That coincided with this willingness on the broadcasters’ part to start making more expensive television. We could actually pull it off because the people were here to do it. The right place and right time for us.

Has any incident or person from your time at Goodmans been reflected in one of your shows? If so, can you share?

Ivan: Billable Hours for sure. Obviously, the patriarch of the firm in that show was inspired to some degree by Eddie. The patriarch had no desk in his office, he had hardwood floors in his office, directly inspired by Eddie’s office. There are all sorts of characters in that show that are inspired by Goodmans. And also, there was an episode about lawyers playing foosball in an empty office that was inspired directly from our experience at Goodmans.

In Being Erica, there was an oddly matched gay couple who ultimately get married named Dave and Ivan, so we are represented in that show. All sorts of shows in development have had different Goodmans-inspired personalities, but really Billable Hours was the one.

Do you have a favourite Goodmans memory?

David: We had been rollerblading into work and Ivan and I decided to rollerblade to the summer party up at Inn on the Park one year — we thought it would take us about an hour. We got completely lost, rollerbladed for more than 3 hours through the Don Valley— this was pre-Blackberry, pre-cell phone — maybe we had a cell phone but we didn’t carry it around with us and we certainly didn’t have Google maps.

We were lost in the middle of nowhere, no water, no wallets — we had someone bringing our stuff to the party for us. After 3 hours on the road, finally when we got to the party we just jumped into the pool.

We missed the entire afternoon part of the party. But then we carried on through the evening and it was the best summer party. It was awesome. We had a blast and that is a great memory.

Ivan: Dave and I have very fond memories of Goodmans. For both of us it was an important time in our lives. We learned a ton at Goodmans, we met there, we became friends there and we left, not because we wanted to leave the law, but because we wanted to start our own business and become producers. It was a great period in our lives and I don’t think we’ve ever been surrounded by so many bright minds and so many people who would challenge us to do our best.

In our industry, in any other businesses we’ve been involved in, we’ve never seen that, and in many ways much of our success is attributed to what we learned at Goodmans and the way we learned to think and approach things. So Goodmans was a very, very important part of our success and our personal lives and my favourite memory would be how I got to know Dave.

Not how we met, because we met when I was one of his interviewers, and as he would probably tell you (he just didn’t get around to it) — he actually thought I was a
We decided to celebrate and the entire hockey team went to The Rebel House back patio. We put this giant, embarrassingly big, trophy in the middle of the table. The whole team was there, we ordered pitchers of beer, and 10 minutes later, everybody else left, leaving just Dave and me and this giant trophy. We weren’t really friends. And, it’s worth noting that Dave scored the tournament winning goal.

David: It was a set-up from Ivan. We weren’t the best players on the team by far but we did score the winning goal together. So we were ready to go party.

Ivan: So we won the tournament, went out to celebrate the big win with the giant trophy, and everybody left just the two of us. We drank the night away, called Marie and Allison to join us, and the four of us celebrated and that’s how we started hanging out. It would have been ’98 or ’99.

We have so many Goodmans stories and continue to tell them — if you came to Temple Street and walked around, everybody here would be able to tell you some Goodmans story that we would have told at a summer party or winter party here at Temple Street.

bit of a jerk when he first met me — which is kind of hard for me to challenge. We became friends at a law firm hockey tournament Goodmans participated in (which Goodmans traditionally wasn’t invited to and was accidentally invited to that year). We just happened to have a really great assortment of hockey players — Peter Miller, Matt Angus, Joe Latham, Neil Sheehy and others, and Glenn Ernst in goal — Glenn was a very good goalie. Dave and I weren’t friends but we were both invited to play and, very unexpectedly to the organizers, we won the tournament.
Cary Kochberg – UK

I was a summer student at Goodmans before articling. After qualifying in 1986, I made my way to litigation working largely on some of the big contentious insolvency cases of the day with many great senior lawyers like Cliff Lax, Gale Rubenstein, Jay Carfagnini, John Keefe and many others. Also made lots of wonderful friends like Saul Fridman (now tragically no longer with us), Ira Berg, Kathleen Taylor, Graham Smith and many others. In 1988, the draw of returning to England proved too strong and I moved to what is now Hogan Lovells on what was supposed to be a two year break from Canada, but has turned into 26 years. My practice involves cross border fraud and insolvency cases like working for the US Trustee in Bankruptcy of Bernard Madoff, the liquidators of BCCI, and on a variety of big fraud cross-border cases involving the CIS. The work has taken me around the world, but I wouldn’t overstate the attractions of Astana in February! However, the British Virgin Islands – well that’s altogether more pleasant... I have two wonderful sons, who are frequent visitors to Canada with me and might end up following in my career footsteps if I can’t persuade them otherwise. I have very special memories of my time at Goodmans – a great firm with such talented and charismatic people, who also knew how to have fun!

Martin Salomon – California

I left Goodmans in 1997 with fellow Goodmans’ alum Jordan Banks to travel the world. After a year of travel, I ended up in London working as a solicitor at Clifford Chance for 3 years with Goodmans’ alum Laura King and spending a lot of time traveling around Europe, attending soccer and rugby games and drafting the odd Trust Deed. In 2000, I left the law and moved to New York to start a career in institutional sales with Sanford C. Bernstein & Co. I have been with Bernstein ever since, having spent the last 10 years in Los Angeles. In May, I got married in Malibu to a Northern California native, Marita Cooke, and we were lucky enough to have Goodmans friends Neill May, Jordan Banks and Tom Heintzman attend the wedding on just three weeks’ notice (if we had more time to plan things, we would have had Tom Friedland and Fran Guolo join as well). In September, we welcomed our son, Parker James to the family. Parker has already received a box full of Herzl Cup memorabilia from David Matlow and is hoping to play for the Montreal team when he learns how to walk. My years at Goodmans were truly some of the best years of my life, mostly due to the great friendships that I made that I still treasure today – and of course, all the tickets Dale gave me to the Leaf & Raptors games, the Canada Cup, wrestling matches and the Blue Jays World Series wins. If you make it out to Los Angeles, please look me up.
Monica Mraz – Florida

I started at Goodmans as a summer student in 1997 after Suzy Kauffman gave me the hard sell during interview week. I immediately knew there was nowhere better to practice in the City, and after articling I joined the real estate department. I had 5 great years there before getting married in 2005 and moving to Tampa (via a three month stop in San Francisco). In 2006, I joined The Sembler Company, a privately owned shopping center developer, just in time for the biggest real estate downturn in decades. After a few nail biting years, we’re growing again (properties throughout Florida, Georgia and Puerto Rico, and currently expanding into the Carolinas, Alabama and Texas). I’m now the only attorney, so I help with a wide variety of issues; including the crazy questions you get as the only lawyer (is a blood transfusion clinic an acceptable use for a Puerto Rican shopping center? Turns out it is). My husband Jayson and I have a lovely son and daughter (anchor babies!) and a home that we built from scratch two years ago on a piece of swamp land we acquired in a “short sale”. We have made great friends and enjoy our life here very much, but we still miss Canada and visit every July and December. My son loves the snow and wants to move to Canada despite my repeated efforts to explain why 25C weather in December and an annual pass to Disney is actually a pretty good deal for a 5 year old. I often think of my days at Goodmans, and it makes me smile every time. I loved being an ongoing part of the summer program and, of course, I have a particular soft spot for the real estate department. There are more than a few Ken Herlin memories that still make me chuckle.

Kathy Robinson – Trekking

I joined Goodman and Goodman (as it then was) in 1978, and retired from the firm in 2008. Those thirty (!) years passed by in a flash, and much as I liked the practice, I decided it was time to pursue other interests.

I now do one major trek each year, usually in the Himalaya. In the last few years, I have trekked in the Mustang region of Nepal twice, in Bhutan, in Sikkim, around Mount Kailas in Tibet, and last year in Ladakh. This year, I will be trekking through Tibet into base camp on the east side of Mt. Everest. Spending time with family and friends is also on the priority list, as is working on my French. And time continues to fly by, so I consider myself fortunate to be able to do some of the things I wasn’t able to do while practising law.
Alum Scott MacIntosh, Mariana MacIntosh (Silva), and Greg Lemaich (and wife Julie Sutherland) with Logan Willis, his wife Kathryn Royal and kids Eloise MacIntosh, Alec Lemaich and Lachlan Willis

Alum Randal Graham with Neil Sheehy

Alum Jonathan Anschell with Tess DiPonio in GoodWeekend sunglasses

Brenda Gosselin with alum Kathryn Wells and Allison Weiss

Alum Andrea Fellows with Chris Armstrong
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Alum Lauren MacLeod with Tamryn Jacobson

Alum Adam Chambers, Cody Cornale and Jeremy Weisz with Davey Wallace and Andrew Lahey

Neill May and alum Jordan Banks together with alum Martin Salomon and his mom at Martin’s wedding to Marita Cooke on June 22, 2014 in Malibu. Goodmans alum Tom Heintzman also made it out to California for the wedding but is sadly missing from the photo.

Ryan Szainwald with alum Ori Mandowsky and Keir Hunt

Lyndsay Hatlelid and Andrea Bettello with alum Sondra Rebenchuk

Alum Lauren MacLeod with Tamryn Jacobson

#TBT – Michael Levine, David Zitzerman and Ivan Schneeberg. Sometime in the ‘90s. Location unknown.