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Welcome once again to the CLawBies, the Canadian Law Blog Awards, handed out annually on New Year's Eve. As we again count down the year's final hours, the CLawBies continue to adhere to our founding motto: "We may not be the best law blog awards of the year, but we're definitely the last ones to be handed out." 2011 marks our sixth consecutive year of bestowing CLawBies on Canadian legal bloggers without ever, technically, having been asked to do so.

As you might know by now, we don't take ourselves especially seriously when handing out CLawBies. What we do take seriously, however, is the Canadian law blogging community, which has been getting bigger and better every single year since blawgging (cf. [Denise Howell](#)) first started. We don't claim any credit for that growth, but we are proud to have the opportunity to promote Canadian online legal commentary and to single out what we believe are the best examples of this rapidly expanding community.

If this is your first encounter with the CLawBies, allow us to fill in the basics. We are looking for the best law blogs in Canada. Every December, we ask Canadian lawyers and legal professionals to nominate candidates via blog posts or Tweets — once again, encouraging contact and new relationships between nominators and nominees and strengthening the bonds within our unique community. (And in case you're wondering where [Slaw](#) is on our lists, we've retired it from competition — it's just too good. Simon Fodden of Slaw also joins as a judge this year!)

As usual, we also offer two caveats. The first is that the CLawBies are based on no fixed criteria, only our personal sense of what makes a blog essential, informative and engaging — another set of judges might reach different and equally reasonable conclusions. And secondly, please accept our standard advisory not to take the CLawBies (or any other blog awards) too seriously. We have singled out only a few of the nominees; please be sure to review [all the nominations](#). One of the principal reasons we encourage public nominations is to demonstrate that diversity of opinion.

Without further delay: here are the winners of the 2011 CLawBies!

1) **The Fodden Award for Best Canadian Law Blog**

[B.C. Injury Law Blog](#): Consistently one of the strongest, most accessible and most frequently updated blogs in the country, the B.C. Injury Law Blog is an overdue recipient of our top award. Erik Magraken blogs from the Victoria office of MacIsaac & Co. about personal injury law in B.C., with a particular focus on matters

relating to the Insurance Corporation of British Columbia. A bit of CLawBies trivia: Erik is the first private-practice winner of the Best Law Blog Award since Rob Hyndman was a co-recipient of this honour in 2008.

Runner-up: [First Reference](#)

2) Best Practitioner Blogs

As we highlighted [last year](#), the growth of private-practice law blogs in Canada over the past few years has been phenomenal. A community once dominated by law professors, law librarians, legal technology experts and other non-practitioners is today much more balanced by the number of practicing lawyers who share their opinions, and is much the better for this diversity.

Once again, we hand out three awards in this increasingly populated space:

- [Employment & Human Rights Law in Canada](#): Employment law blogs in Canada represent one of our strongest genres, in terms of both overall number and ClawBies participation. So it was remarkable when such a high percentage of those bloggers entered the name “Lisa Stam” in their nomination posts. Call that peer credibility, and call Lisa Stam a 2011 CLawBie winner.
- [James Gannon’s IP Blog](#): Focused, insightful, and opinionated, James Gannon’s blog is deeply concerned with emerging issues of technology and freedom of expression. Sporting both law and engineering backgrounds, James delivers the requisite depth of coverage, making him a “must read” in the field of Canadian IP and technology law blogs.
- [Youth and Work](#): We love niche blogs at the CLawBies, and few blogs have defined and filled a niche so quickly and with such a refreshingly different focus as Andrew Langille’s blog. Exploring a variety of employment law topics, this blog’s advice is equally suited to both younger employees and to employers with a youth-dominated workplace.

Runners-up: [Catherine Morrisette Avocate](#), [Henry J. Chang’s Canada-US Immigration Blog](#), [Le Droit Au Silence](#), [Rule of Law](#)

3) Legal Culture Award

[Canadian Legal History Blog](#). There’s a blind spot within the Canadian legal profession: especially when compared to other countries, we don’t know nearly enough about our collective professional history. The Osgoode Society’s Canadian Legal History Blog addresses this problem and fills that gap, with frequent posts that, in their own words, “share knowledge and discuss aspects of the unique and exciting legal history of our country.”

4) Non-Legal Audience Blog

This award is intended to recognize blogs whose readership is neither other lawyers nor the blogger’s own client base, but rather, that are published for the benefit of larger non-legal communities who are nevertheless affected by and benefit from knowledge about the law.

This year, we honour the blog of B.C.’s collaborative public legal education initiative, [ClickLaw](#). Published by the [Courthouse Libraries B.C.](#) and [24 contributor organizations](#), Clicklaw is flat-out one of the best public legal education and free legal resource blogs to be found anywhere. This blog consistently adheres to its plain-language writing style, even among a relatively large group of contributing bloggers, and always seems to deliver topics that are useful and informative. Simply exceptional!

5) Friend of the North Award

In past years, we've handed out awards to bloggers in the U.S. and Europe who consistently cited Canada and Canadian legal developments. This year, we're changing the criteria somewhat to recognize our favourite U.S. and U.K. blogs that deliver valuable insight to Canadian readers. Considering that we're talking about a talent pool more than 3,000 blogs deep, this is hardly an easy task. Nonetheless, we're proud to honour:

[3 Geeks and a Law Blog](#): There are very few "must-read" law blogs, fewer still that cover a range of topics from law libraries to knowledge management to law firm pricing to legal futurism. Toby Brown, Greg Lambert, Lisa Salazar and their guest bloggers consistently deliver the goods.

Runners-up: Almost too many to mention, but [Above and Beyond KM](#), [Strategic Legal Technology](#) and [The Wired GC](#) merit special attention.

6) EuroCan Connection Award

Similarly, this award now recognizes what we think is the best law blog coming out of Great Britain or the European Union. As Canadians, there's a natural inclination to highlight our Commonwealth cousins in the UK (as we did this year), but we're keeping the name for now, with consideration for future expansion.

[Legal Futures](#): Neil Rose's essential website, detailing the extraordinary changes underway in the UK legal market, features a blog with breaking news and exclusive scoops every single week. Lawyers in every jurisdiction benefit from Legal Futures' reports and analysis of the Legal Services Act and its ongoing reinvention of the legal profession in the birthplace of the common law.

Runners-up: Longtime EuroCan winner [Charon Q.C.](#), [John Flood's Random Academic Thoughts](#), [The Intelligent Challenge](#),

7) Legal News

[Legal Feeds](#), the blog of Canadian Lawyer magazine and the Law Times newspaper. One of the strongest output volumes of any Canadian law blog, Legal Feeds features a mix of breaking top news, less formal industry developments, and early teasers of print-copy stories. This is what a legal periodical blog should look like.

Runners-up: [Legal Post](#), [Wise Law Blog](#) (on the strength of Garry Wise's [140 law](#) roundup.)

8) Best Practice Management Blog

[Social Media For Law Firms](#): Practical, accessible and well-written, Samantha Collier's blog is aimed squarely at the typical lawyer curious about social media but seeking foundational knowledge on what he or she should do and not do. An overwhelming favourite among (you guessed it) social media nominators, Samantha's blog helps define the nuances of building online relationships and expanding content engagement.

Runners-up: [Thoughtful Legal Management](#), [Avoid A Claim](#)

9) Law Library Blog

[Blogue du CRL](#). Written by the Comité de recherche et législation de l'Association du Jeune Barreau de Montréal, this is one of the deepest and most diverse examples of online information resources for lawyers and legal professionals. It's also a leading example of the growing presence and impact of French-language law blogs in Canada.

Runners-up: [Library Boy](#), [Finding Legal Information](#)

10) Legal Technology

[Small City Law Firm Tech](#): A runner-up last year, Vivian Manning's blog broke through a crowded and competitive category to take home the CLawBie this year. Practical and insightful, with a strong combination of roundup and original posts, this blog complements Vivian's other online authorship such as [Attorney At Work](#).

Runner-up: [Canadian Cloud Law Blog](#)

11) Practice Group Blog

[Canadian Securities Law](#): One of the strongest entries in the trailblazing stable of excellent practice group blogs from Stikeman Elliott, Canadian Securities Law keeps its readers updated and fully informed of all relevant developments in a high-powered and highly competitive industry where time and information really are money.

Runner-up: [Entertainment and Media Law Signal](#) from Heenan Blaikie

12) Best New Blogs

We had an enormous selection of great new law blogs to choose from in 2011. Making picks in this category is never easy; but of all the new 2011 bloggers, we felt these were the best:

- [Edilex Blog Juridique](#): An excellent example of the impact of multiple-author law blogs that cover a wide range of legal topics. The next Slaw?
- [Le Droit au Silence](#): Véronique Robert of Montréal writes one of the best criminal law blogs in Canada in either language.
- [Lee Akazaki](#): The eponymous blog of the former OBA president addresses a host of issues, with a focus on mentoring initiatives for new lawyers.

Runners-up: [B.C. Distance Family Mediation Blog](#), [Slater Vecchio Connected](#)

13) Best Law School/Law Professor Blog (Tie)

[Doorey's Workplace Law Blog](#): For many years, one of Canada's strongest blogs in both legal academia and law practice, David Doorey's blog had perhaps its best year yet. Check out his [top ten posts](#) of 2011 to see why we were so impressed.

[Legal Frontiers: McGill's Blog on International Law](#): Setting new standards for the production quality and technological savvy of legal education blogs, Legal Frontiers is a well-written, comprehensive blog with a welcome diversity of contributors and an obviously global outlook.

Runners-up: [The Court](#), [Chaire en droit de la sécurité et des affaires électroniques](#)

And that, folks, is the ballgame for another year: our picks for the best Canadian law blogs in 2011. Please visit and congratulate each of our winners, and don't forget to thank our finalists and distinguished nominees for all their hard work! The Canadian blawgosphere continues to offer outstanding quality of legal knowledge, insight, and analysis; if you haven't yet taken advantage of this enormously useful resource, make it your first 2012 resolution.

Happy new year from your CLawBies judges (Steve Matthews, Jordan Furlong, and [Simon Fodden](#)), and from

[everyone](#) at Stem Legal!

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[2011 Clawbies: Game On!](#)

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December marks all sorts of wonderful yearly occasions, but for [us at Stem Legal](#) it's the Canadian Law Blog Awards (a.k.a. the Clawbies) that make this month so much fun for us!

Now in its sixth year, the Clawbies are a celebration of excellence in law-related blogging. The awards recognize the interesting, innovative, and informative sites that are the Canadian legal blogosphere's best and brightest. But unlike traditional awards, the Clawbies are designed to create awareness for each blogger who nominates another's blog, and peer endorsements via social media represent a big part of the judging process.

The 2011 edition of the Clawbies will follow the same format as prior years, with **three ways to nominate** a Canadian law blog:

1. Tweet your nomination via Twitter with the hashtag: **#clawbies2011**. We'll be monitoring!
2. Email your favourite blog, including a couple sample posts or any other notable highlights, to [Steve Matthews](#) at steve@stemlegal.com. We'd prefer a public nomination, but this is still acceptable.
3. **Write a blog post nominating up to three other Canadian law blogs** you currently read, with a brief explanation of why you think those blogs were award-worthy in 2011. Don't forget our "humble Canadian" rule, though – make no mention of your own blog. In return, we'll take a thorough look at your blog as well as your nominations.

One notable addition to the awards selection process this year: I'm delighted to announce that **Simon Fodden** of Slaw fame has agreed to join me and Jordan Furlong on the judging panel.

Clawbies categories will remain the same as previous years, so there's no need to suggest new categories or assign categories to your nominations. While most of the winning blogs will be Canadian, we remain on the lookout for any US or European blogs that pay attention to the Canadian legal blogosphere, for our **Friends of the North** and **EuroCan Connection** categories. We also love mentions a good sleeper pick – a blog that's totally new to us. [As in previous years](#), we'll be tracking incoming nominations over at the [Vancouver Law Librarian Blog](#).

Our comprehensive list of established Canadian law blogs is available at lawblogs.ca; newer, unlisted blogs may be eligible if they demonstrate all the critical elements of a great blog: decent post frequency, audience engagement, topic originality, and blog-to-blog references or citations.

The deadline to nominate is **Wednesday, December 28th** and the 2011 Clawbies winners will once again be announced on **New Year's Eve**.

Have fun with your nominations – we're looking forward to reading them!

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2010 CLawBies – Canadian Law Blog Awards

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It's New Year's Eve, which means it's time to unveil our picks for the year's best Canadian law blogging. Welcome to the **2010 CLawBies** — we might not be the most prestigious awards of the year, but we're definitely the last ones to be handed out.

This year marks the fifth edition of the CLawBies, and we continue to be impressed not only with the depth of talent from which to choose, but also the ongoing success of our public nomination process. If you're not familiar with it, we encourage nominations to be blogged or Tweeted — and once again, the process did more than just bring many great (and several new) blogs to our attention; it encouraged contact and new relationships between nominators and nominees. Part of our goal with these awards is to increase the size and strength of the Canadian law blogging community, and as the rapid growth of the revamped lawblogs.ca list indicates, we've succeeded. Our sincere thanks to everyone who participated!

You'll notice a couple of changes in our lineup from previous years. We've renamed our top award — “Best Canadian Law Blog or Blogger” — in honour of Professor Simon Fodden, one of the founders and the driving force behind [Slaw](http://slaw.ca), which is widely recognized worldwide as one of the very best law blogs, period. With this name change, we are honourably retiring Slaw from CLawBies competition, installing it as a fixture in the blawgosphere to which all online publications, Canadian and otherwise, should aspire.

Naming the award after Professor Fodden performs two functions: first, it permanently recognizes that Slaw is, year in and year out, the best of the best in Canadian law blogging — in fact, it's rapidly evolving beyond mere “blog” status into something much more. And secondly, it opens the competition to a wider pool of blogs that, great as they are, can't compete with a colossus like Slaw. It's a little like the old joke that the NHL would have to rename its Most Valuable Player Award the Wayne Gretzky Trophy. The NHL had Gretzky; the Canadian virtual legal community has Simon Fodden.

Some of our other categories have changed slightly, too. We've expanded the *Best Practitioner Blog* and the *Best New Law Blog* categories to bestow three awards each, in recognition of the fact that these categories have just exploded in the last 12 to 18 months. We've also addressed some gaps in our structure by adding categories for *Best Legal News Blog* and for *Best Practice Group Blog*.

Also, in case you're wondering, blogs written by Stem personnel, including [Law Firm Web Strategy](http://lawfirmwebstrategy.com), Jordan Furlong's [Law21](http://law21.com), and the [Vancouver Law Librarian Blog](http://vancouverlawlibrarian.com), aren't eligible for CLawBies.

As usual, we offer two caveats. The first is that the CLawBies are based on no fixed criteria, only our personal sense of what makes a blog essential, informative and engaging — another set of judges might reach different conclusions. And secondly, please accept our standard advisory not to take the CLawBies (or any other blog Awards) too seriously. And be sure to review all the [nominations](#).

And so, here are the 2010 Clawbies. Enjoy!

1) **The Fodden Award for Best Canadian Law Blog** – [Michael Geist](#). When corporations, journalists and the general public around the world tune in to read your opinions, it's a pretty safe bet you've made an impact as a Canadian law blogger. University of Ottawa law professor Michael Geist is renowned globally for his insights and advocacy on copyright law in the internet age, and his blog is an indispensable source of information about corporate and legislative strategies to affect the evolution of copyright. Unafraid to express opinions and court controversy, Michael Geist is our Fodden Award choice for best Canadian law blogger.

Runners-up: [First Reference](#), a powerful collection of HR- and employment-law posts from multiple authors; [ClickLaw](#), an extraordinary public legal education resource in BC.

2) **Best Practitioner Blog** – In the years since the Clawbies premiered, leadership in the Canadian law blogosphere has passed from the legal research, legal information and law practice management fields to the private bar. This is a testament to the evolution of the Canadian legal community and its openness to new ways of communicating. It's also reflected in the great difficulty we encountered choosing the best practitioner blogs for 2010. While there are numerous excellent candidates, including those not listed among runners-up, we ended up with three picks:

- [The Trial Warrior](#) by Antonin Pribetic (blunt and authoritative opinions about litigation and the legal profession),
- [Human Rights in the Workplace](#) by Donna Seale (an outstanding mix of practical advice and thought-provoking reflections) and
- [Environmental Law and Litigation](#) by Dianne Saxe (breaking news on environmental law and thought leadership on environmental issues).

Runners-up: the [BC Injury Law and ICBC Claims Blog](#) by Erik Magraken; [James Gannon's IP Blog](#); and [Wise Law Blog](#) (440 posts in 2010!).

3) **Legal Culture Award** – We describe this award as the best Canadian legal blog that's about neither substantive law nor law practice — the blog that best shines a light on some aspect of the culture of the legal profession. Our winner this year is [Law and Style](#), the blog of *Precedent* magazine. Law and Style provides insight into the lives, worldview and interests of young lawyers in Canada's large law firms. Featuring columns on everything from food and wine to fashion and social events, along with roundups of legal news from daily and weekly media and now job openings, Law and Style captures the zeitgeist of today's associate with personality and verve. It is well on its way to becoming Canada's answer to [Above The Law](#) and [Roll on Friday](#), blogs that don't just cover the profession, but also help shape it.

Runner-up: [Law Is Cool](#).

4) **Non-Legal Audience Award**. In one sense, of course, most blogs are written for a non-legal audience, *i.e.*, clients. But we mean this award for a blog that targets industries or communities outside the law that nevertheless are affected by the law. This year's award goes to the [Law Enforcement Accountability Project \(LEAP\)](#) blog at the University of Windsor Faculty of Law. Students and professors focus their efforts on alleged police misconduct and racial profiling, and this year included content on the G20 Summit in Toronto and the police response thereto. Most law blogs are written by and for people who work in office buildings; LEAP's audience is the people who march past those buildings, and it keeps them informed and engaged with developments in their world.

Runners-up: [Connie Crosby](#), the [Environmental Law Centre \(Alberta\)](#) and the [WCEL Environmental Law Alert](#).

5) **Friend of the North Awards** – This award is meant to recognize American bloggers who look north of the 49th parallel to network and exchange ideas with their Canadian counterparts. As with the practitioner blogs category, the range of choices can be overwhelming. This year, we want to salute the stalwarts at [Blawg Review](#), the weekly roundup of posts from the legal blogosphere that performs an outstanding service to the law blog community. Blawg Review regularly reaches across the border for Canadian hosts, including (in 2010) [Law Is Cool](#), the [Canadian Trademark Blog](#), [Slaw](#), [The Trial Warrior Blog](#), and yes, a monstrous (pun fully intended) entry at Stem's [Law Firm Web Strategy](#) blog. Only when Blawg Review goes missing (as it currently is, with general manager Ed on [sabbatical](#)) do you realize how indispensable it is.

6) **EuroCan Connection Award** – This award recognizes European law blog friends who highlight and link to Canadian law blogs. For the third straight year, this award goes to Mike Semple Piggot, better known in the blawgosphere as [Charon QC](#). Charon’s readership includes many Canadians, and the content continues to mix provocative, quirky, and investigative in equal measures, making it a must-read both inside and outside Canada’s borders.

7) **Best Legal News Blog** – This new award recognizes the rise of legal news blogs and services, which look set to become a substantial player on the Canadian law blog scene. Our inaugural winner is the [FP Legal Post blog](#), produced by the *Financial Post*. Originally launched by erstwhile *Legal Post* editor Jim Middlemiss and now manned by Julius Melnitzer, Mitch Kowalski and Drew Hasselback, the *Legal Post* combines original reporting on corporate law and Bay Street developments with links to legal happenings all over the world. Its one-stop-shop approach gives its readers a single place to find legal news of interest in a timely manner. In 2010, few Canadian law blogs broke more stories, faster, than the *FP Legal Post Blog*.

Runners-up: [Canadian Lawyer/Law Times Legal Feed](#), [BC Law Watch Blog](#).

8) **Practice Management Award** – Most law practice management advice is “nice-to-have” stuff: how to run your practice more efficiently or market your practice better, and so forth. But some LPM advice is “must-have,” a category that certainly includes how not to be sued by your client or become the victim of fraud. For that reason, this year’s award goes to the [Avoid A Claim Blog](#) by Dan Pinnington of LAWPRO. Avoid A Claim not only delivers pragmatic instructions on running a practice well enough to keep the regulators at bay, but it also has begun tracking (with eye-opening illustrations) examples of actual attempted lawyer frauds. Dan’s blog is becoming a must-read in every jurisdiction, not just in Canada.

Runners-up: [Thoughtful Legal Management](#), [Social Media For Law Firms](#), [Rants and Raves](#).

9) **Law Librarian Blog Award** – As the role of law librarians has continued to evolve over the past several years, so too have the number and nature of law librarian and legal research blogs out there. This year, we’re giving this award to [Library Technician Dialog](#), a joint production of Karen Sawatzky and Brenda Wong. In addition to information on library developments and legal research, Library Technician Dialog also provides real thought leadership in this area, with posts on the implications of law library outsourcing, mentorship and management in law libraries, the development of e-books, and many other topics.

Runners-up: [Finding Legal Information](#), [The Stream](#), [Shaunna Mireau on Canadian Legal Research](#).

10) **Best Legal Technology Blog** – The official [Clio Blog](#) had its strongest year ever, with [Jack Newton](#) educating readers at every turn on the value of cloud computing and web-based services. We offer a full Stem-disclosure that Clio is our client, but we also point to the fact that we didn’t choose it in prior years as proof that something was different in 2010. The Clio blog sponsored and published a survey on the use of [Macs in Law Firms](#), wrote on lawyer usage of mobile devices, and addressed methods to increase website speed. North of the border, Jack joined Slaw and continued to highlight our own [uniquely Canadian issues](#) with the Cloud. Add in [Clio’s role](#) starting the [Legal Cloud Computing Association](#), along with many webinars, CLE presentations, articles and papers, and the Clio blog became the linchpin for everything the company supports. That’s exactly what a great company blog should do, and what makes it CLawBie-worthy.

Runner-up: [Small City Law Firm Tech](#)

11) **Best Practice Group Blog** – This is a new award for 2011, meant to recognize the growing number of law firm practice group blogs in Canada. Our inaugural winner in this category is the [Ontario Condo Law Blog](#), written by the lawyers at Gardiner Miller Arnold LLP. Led by editor Chris Jaglowitz, this blog regularly delivers a variety of original topics and interesting links. Not only does it make for engaging reading, but the firm always makes clear just how well it knows its niche topic (condominium law) and its audience (condo

corporations in the Greater Toronto Area).

12) **Best New Law Blog Awards** – Many great new entries in the legal blogosphere in 2010 made this a difficult category to assess, especially since the debuting blogs covered the whole gamut of subjects addressed in these awards. For our money, the best new law blogs in Canada were:

- [Toronto Estates & Trusts Monitor](#), by sole practitioner Megan F. Connolly. No stranger to social media (she previously worked at podcasting pioneer Hull & Hull), Megan launched her blog in August 2010 and immediately displayed a knack for making her subject accessible (many of her posts answer common estate questions), interesting (with posts on “green” burials and Lee Harvey Oswald’s coffin), and timely (recent posts on dementia are of great interest to those with aging parents). Extra credit for managing all this great content as a solo.
- [Entertainment & Media Law Signal](#), by the Heenan Blaikie Media Law group. Led by veteran law blogger Bob Tarantino, this blog received multiple nominations in 2010 and has displayed great content from the start. The Signal isn’t afraid to highlight and recommend the ideas of other blogging lawyers who aren’t members of their firm, a sign of both a mature and confident editorial team and a focus on readers’ best interests.
- [Adam’s Law Blog](#), by Toronto criminal lawyer Adam Goodman. Great blogging is often about finding your written voice and then combining it with clear ideas. Adam Goodman’s blog-writing skills were remarkable out of the gate — his [G20 posts](#) especially stood out in 2010, making us look forward to more in 2011.

Runners-up: the [Western Canada Business Litigation Blog](#); [Employment & Human Rights Law in Canada](#); [Offside: A Sports Law Blog](#).

13) **Law Professor/Law Faculty Blog Award** – Paralleling the growth of practitioner blogs in Canada is the growth of law professor and law faculty blogs, many of which incorporate the work of students and are in the process of reinventing the concept of a “law review.” Our award for best law professor/law faculty blog this year goes to Vincent Gautrais and the blog named for the title he holds at the Université de Montréal: [Chaire en droit de la sécurité et des affaires électroniques](#). This blog provides frequent and detailed updates on privacy and e-business law that feature personal assessments of and insights into the issues at hand, as well as lively comment sections. Incorporating the work of both Vincent and his students, this blog looks like the evolution not just of the faculty journal, but also of the law class itself.

Runners-up: [The Court](#), [Doorey’s Workplace Law Blog](#), [University of Alberta Faculty of Law Blog](#).

So that’s it — our picks for the best Canadian law blogs of 2010. Please make the time to visit each of our winners and runners-up, and enjoy the broad spectrum and ever-increasing quality of the Canadian blawgosphere. Happy new year!

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[Nominations Open for 2010 Clawbies](#)

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It’s that time of year again! Time to start nominating your favourite Canadian law blogs from 2010!

The [Canadian Law Blog Awards](#), a.k.a. *the Clawbies*, started back in 2006 with the sole intention of creating exposure for the great blogs published by the Canadian legal industry. The results will again be released on New Year’s Eve, but as we strongly state each year, the “true value” of these awards is found in **the**

nomination process.

The social nature of our peer endorsement process — whether by blog post or by tweet — plays a key role in the award decisions. Each blog listed at lawblogs.ca will receive consideration under criteria qualities such as post frequency, audience engagement, topic originality, and blog-to-blog references or citations. But if you really want to influence things ... remember to write a blog post! Tell the world which Canadian law blogs you're reading!

How to Nominate in 2010:

This year's nominations deadline is Tuesday, December 28th, and the methods remain the same as in previous years. Publicly nominate a Canadian-authored law blog using **ANY** of the following:

1. Tweet your endorsement on Twitter.com with the hashtag text: **#clawbies2010**. We'll be monitoring!
2. Email your favourite blog, including a couple sample posts or any other notable highlights, to [Steve Matthews](mailto:steve@stemlegal.com) at steve@stemlegal.com. We'd prefer a public nomination, but this is still acceptable.
3. **Write a blog post about three *other* Canadian law blogs** you currently read, and tell us why those blogs were important in 2010. Our usual rules apply: you must be a humble Canadian and tell us **NOTHING** about your own blog. In return, we promise both the nominator's blog and the nominee blogs will receive a thorough review. Plus, you get a chance to plug a fellow Canadian blogger!

Our award categories will remain the same, so no need to suggest new ones — we prefer to figure out that part ourselves. We would, however, appreciate suggestions for US & European law blogs that pay attention to the Canadian legal blogosphere — or a good *sleeper pick* that's completely off our radar.

Enjoy your 2010 nominating! And watch for the 2010 Clawbies coming out on New Year's Eve!!

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The time has come to recognize another year of great Canadian legal blogging. Welcome to the 2009 CLawBies!

Once again I am amazed by the number of nomination posts and tweets we received. Canadian law blogging continues to have a strong community, and a willingness to recognize the contributions of others. Definitely something to be proud of!

The CLawBies are in their fourth year now and we continue to have success with our concept of public nominations. Not only did the blogging & tweeting help spread the word, but there were many 'thank-you's' exchanged and new relationships established. I know our list at lawblogs.ca certainly grew over the month of December. A big thanks to everyone who participated.

Before launching into the details, however, I do offer my usual warning not to take the Clawbies (or any other blog Awards) too seriously. And be sure to see [ALL the nominations](#).

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only a huge presence on the Canadian law blog scene, but it's also a testament to the innovative and creative vision of Simon Fodden. It's often hard to see how Slaw could get better, but *it did in 2009*. Want proof? See this year's [guest blogging](#) initiatives, which included major law firms, provincial ombudsmen from across Canada, *plus* five Justices from the Ontario Superior Court of Justice. Add a [DK Blawggies recognition](#), and we have a winner! *Runner ups:* [Canadian Privacy Law Blog](#), [Wise Law Blog](#)

2) **Best Practitioner Blog** – (TIE) [Erik MacGraken's BC Injury Law and ICBC Claims Blog](#) is an excellent source of commentary on BC injury law and long overdue for a CLawBie. Erik's also an innovator as demonstrated by his social media presence and new Skype consultations. Dan Michaluk is another overdue winner. Dan's [All About Information](#) blog is not only a regular subscription for me, but AAI was one of the top nominated entries for 2009. Getting a [nod](#) from David Fraser never hurts either. *Runner ups:* [Brian Bowman's On the Cutting Edge](#), [The Cross-Border Biotech Blog](#), [Thoughts from a Management Lawyer](#).

3) **Legal Culture Award** – [Law is Cool](#) – Two of the fastest rising stars in Canadian legal blogging just happen to be law students. [Lawrence Gridin](#) and [Omar Ha-Redeye](#) lead an impressive group of contributors at *Law is Cool*, and are seeding the queue with more law student bloggers for the future. Bravo! Culture doesn't happen without a little sweat equity. *Runner ups:* [Precedent](#), [Dynamic Lawyers Parody Videos](#)

4) **Non-Legal Audience Award** goes to back to [Rob Hyndman](#), and the interesting part is that Rob's blogging *less* than he ever has. Why an award then? Diversifying one's web presence is a lesson for every blogging lawyer. For Rob, see: [Mesh](#), Twitter, #Hohoto. It would be great to see Rob blogging more, but as long as he's 'Mr. Best Practice' two years ahead of everyone else ... congrats to Rob! *Runner up:* [Connie Crosby](#) who also has a very diversified web presence.

5) **Friend of the North Awards** – This award is intended to recognize US bloggers that look north of the border to network and exchange ideas. This year, I'd like to shine a light on [Dennis Kennedy](#) who never seems to forget the law bloggers from Canada. Read his past two [Blawggie awards](#), and you can see the distinctly Canadian flavour. Last year's winners [Doug Cornelius](#) & [Mary Abraham](#) are also on our list. Both were kind enough to submit nominations, and remain 'Friends of the North'.

6) **EuroCan Connection Awards** – This award recognizes European law blog friends who highlight and link to Canadian law blogs. The internationally loved [Charon QC](#) gets a repeat nod. His 2009 [Simon Fodden](#) podcast interview was just the latest chapter of good will.

7) **Practice Management Award** – (TIE) [Avoid A Claim Blog](#) & [David Bilinsky](#). David's [Thoughtful Legal Management](#) blog continues to set the standard. We'll stop short of calling him a Canadian icon, but the reach of his commentary on PM issues is global. He also never forgets to take the foreign [PLTC](#) speakers curling (serious). PracticePro's *Avoid A Claim Blog* is a relatively new offering but it fills a big gap. From advice on scams that target lawyers to mitigating malpractice risk and CLE material, the advice goes far beyond its principal audience of Ontario lawyers.

8) **Law Librarian Blog Award** – [Shaunna Mireau on Canadian Legal Research](#) – Giving Shaunna Mireau a CLawBie in 2009 is about as unexpected as Slaw winning — it just made sense. Shaunna stands out for work with CALL's vendor relations committee, her injection of law library issues into Slaw and all around support for the profession. *Runner ups:* [Library Technician Dialogue](#), Courthouse Libraries BC's [The Stream](#).

9) **Best Legal Technology Blog** – [Michael Geist](#) – Canada's best known law blogger, Michael Geist also provides some of the most insightful commentary on law and technology. From copyright to anti-spam legislation and net neutrality, Michael continues to produce easy to read commentary and an admirable volume of material. He's also personally invested in making a difference, which is equally laudable. *Runner Up?* Sorry, Canada is still lacking a true 'legal technology' blog. Not that we can't look south, but a Canadian spin would be nice.

10) **Best New Law Blog Award** – (TIE) [The Trial Warrior](#) by Antonin Pribetic was one of the best new entries for 2009, within Canada or not. A wonderful blend of academia and practitioner reflections. Litigators would be wise to add this one to their subscription list for 2010. [Blogasaurus Lex](#) – Really? a blog named *Blogasaurus Lex*?! Rest assured, the Alberta LRC's blog is much more than a catchy name. Focused on their mandate of public legal education, the content equally measures up to their creative title.

11) **Law Professor Blog Award** – (TIE) [Doorey's Workplace Law Blog](#) and [University of Alberta Faculty of Law Blog](#) are repeat winners in this category with both continuing to inspire and be read in 2009. David Doorey was our best new law blogger last year, and his volume and quality of posts were again top notch. The UofA blog should be considered the model for group blogging by a law faculty – a great mix of case summaries, professional trends, faculty news, and unexpected items of interest. *Runner up*: [The Court](#)

Congratulations to everyone! My apologies for glaring omissions or unintended bias. Please be sure your blog is on [lawblogs.ca](#) to be considered in 2010!

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[2009 Clawbies – Let's Go!](#)

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Is it really December?!? Why yes it is, and it's also time to start nominating your favourite Canadian law blogs in 2009!

The [Canadian Law Blog Awards](#), a.k.a. *the Clawbies*, are a project started back in 2006 with the goal of highlighting great blogs published by the Canadian legal industry. While final results will again be released on New Year's Eve, we want to continue to emphasize something — the most important part of the process **is the nominations**.

If there's one thing we got right last year, it was opening up the blog nomination process. Those social endorsements, whether by blog post, or by tweet, will again factor in the award decisions. Every blog listed at [lawblogs.ca](#) will also get a passing look. But if you *really* want to influence things ... then be sure to tell the world who are *your* 'must read' Canadian blawgs!

How to Nominate in 2009:

Between now and Monday December 28th, publicly nominate a Canadian authored legal blog using **ANY** of the following methods:

1. Tweet your endorsement on Twitter.com along with the hashtag text: **#clawbies2009**. We'll be monitoring!
2. Email your favourite blog, along with a sample post or two, or any other notable highlights to [Steve Matthews](#) at steve@stemlegal.com. It's not a public nomination, but still acceptable.
3. Or the most influential method, **write a blog post about three *other* Canadian law blogs** you currently read and tell us why those blogs are important to you. Like last year, we want you to be a humble Canadian and tell us **NOTHING** about your own blog. In return, we promise the nominator's blog will receive a thorough review, as will your suggested peers, **AND** you get a chance to plug a fellow Canadian blogger!

The categories will resemble previous years, so no need to submit categories. We'll figure that part out. Where we would appreciate some help though, is identifying US & European law blogs that pay attention to

the Canadian legal blogosphere. Or perhaps more fun, *the sleeper pick* that no one else has heard of!

And that's it. Stay tuned & watch out for 2009 Clawbies coming this New Year's Eve!!

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[2008 CLawBies – Canadian Law Blog Awards](#)

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Welcome to the 2008 CLawBies! As we highlight another year of great Canadian legal blog content, I'd like to start by pointing everyone's eyes down south to [Dennis Kennedy's 2008 Blawggies](#), where Canada had an outstanding year (clearly Mr. Kennedy has a secret ice rink in his backyard he hasn't been telling us about). We are humbled by your recognitions Dennis!

This is year number three for the Clawbies, and in all honestly, these 'fun' awards make December the most enjoyable part of my year. Canadian law bloggers seem to take pride in keeping our community open, and spreading the recognition around. This year's new [nomination procedure](#) featured lots of great [blog-to-blog recommendations](#), and hopefully went one step further in reinforcing that culture.

Like last year, I offer my personal congratulations to everyone listed over at [lawblogs.ca](#), and the usual warning not to take this (or any other blog Award) too seriously.

So without further ado, here is the 2008 edition Clawbies. Enjoy!

- 1) **Best Canadian Law Blog (or Blogger) Award**: [Law21](#) – Anyone that says it's impossible to break into blogging these days needed to watch Jordan Furlong this past year. Wherever you went in 2008, Jordan's thoughts were cited and more frequently revered. Law21 received the most nominations, both from fellow bloggers and via email. But mostly, Jordan's blog is the 2008 winner because it became a fixture for anyone trying to think critically about legal practice. *Runner up*: [Slaw](#) – Once again a bridesmaid, though I do try to make up for it below. Not that Slaw can't win, but solo blogging is a tough gig to do well, and in 2008 it simply felt right to let Jordan bask in the spotlight.
- 2) **Best Practitioner Support Blog** – [Canadian Trademark Blog](#) – This was a year of stepping out for the Canadian Trademark Blog. They added a couple new bloggers to their in-house team, completed a re-design (sans Steve Matthews), and really found their edge. Two events that stood out were a January road trip to catch up with law bloggers down in Seattle, and the significant media coverage generated by one of their posts regarding Olympic trademark registrations by VANOC. – *Runner ups*: [All About Information](#), [Thoughts from a Management Lawyer](#), [Human Rights in the Workplace](#)
- 3) **Legal Culture Award** - [Slaw](#) evolved in 2008, drawing in more Canadian blogging talent (see [Omar](#) & [the Daves!](#)) and producing even more quality commentary. Despite my own involvement, this year's nomination process (and Blawggies award) support what I've always known: Slaw has become a beacon for what Canadian law blogs have to offer. *Runner ups*: [Law is Cool](#), [Precedent](#).
- 4) **Non-Legal Audience Award** goes to [Connie Crosby](#) for her combination of [blog](#) and [micro-blog](#) (ie Twitter). Twitter became an important tool for many bloggers in 2008, frequently pushing those of us in the legal field beyond our industry base. With more than 2300 followers, Connie has not only led the way in Canada, but possibly for the entire legal industry. Her network is not only large in volume but extremely varied and influential.

- 5) **Friend of the North Awards** – This award is intended to recognize US bloggers that look north of the border to network and exchange ideas. This year, I'd like to recognize [Mary Abraham](#) who hasn't lost her Canadian roots despite working for a New York megafirm, and re-recognize [Doug Cornelius](#). Both were not only deserving of a 'Friend of the North' Award, but actually submitted nominations!
- 6) **EuroCan Connection Awards** – This award was envisioned to recognize some of our European law blog friends who frequently highlight and link to Canadian law blogs. In 2008, [Charon QC](#) reached out to many Canadian law bloggers, myself included. The work he did late in the year creating a [Canadian Law Blog Pageflake](#) just sealed the deal. *Runner Up*: Our 2007 winner [Nick Holmes](#) became an occasional contributor to Slaw in 2008, and earns a finalist nod this year for doing so.
- 7) **Practice Management Award** – (TIE) Knowing the mutual respect between [Dave Bilinsky](#) and [Jordan Furlong](#), I'm sure they won't mind sharing the prize in this category. If you read both these blogs, you'll recognize that they are valued for different reasons. Law21 is much more about vision and challenging ideas. It's very thought provoking. Conversely, [Thoughtful Legal Management](#) often reflects the voice of experience, and Dave's work in the trenches. If you speak to [PMAs](#) around North America you get the sense of respect they have for Dave. He's a pioneer and they listen. If you're looking to tap into Canadian perspectives on practice management, you'd be well advised to subscribe to both.
- 8) **Law Librarian Blog Award** – 2008 is the year we expand our radar in this category, and note the great blogging being done by the [Edmonton Association of Law Libraries](#). With a number of contributing members, this blog looks to be evolving into a must read for Canadian law librarians. If it isn't on your reading list already, be sure to follow in 2009! *Runner ups*: [Call KM Blog](#), [BC Courthouse Library Society](#) [What's New Blog](#).
- 9) **Best Legal Technology Blog** – (TIE) This may seem a bit odd, but this award is a tie between [Slaw](#) and the *great big gap* in Canadian legal technology blogs. We web-geeks may be plentiful over at Slaw, but what Canada really needs is a few [Mac Lawyers](#) or [iPhone JDs](#). Or even a run of the mill (but competent & unbiased) legal technologist. So let it be known, the gauntlet has been dropped for 2009!
- 10) **Best New Law Blog Award** – (TIE) [Doorey's Workplace Law Blog](#) was the easy pick in this category. It's very well written, read, and was recognized with multiple nominations. If you practice employment or labour law in Canada, this blog is off to a great start and well worth the read. The tie portion of this category is because of an innovative non-lawyer named [Laurie Mapp](#). Laurie's company blog [Halo Secretarial Blog](#) helps support an entire new industry of virtual legal assistants. She's found her voice in this new blog, and is getting some well deserved recognition both north & south of the border. *Runners up*: [Megawatt](#), [Ontario Condo Law Blog](#)
- 11) **Law Professor Blog Award** – (TIE) Perhaps it's a testament to the value of blogging at Osgoode Hall, but both [Doorey's Workplace Law Blog](#) and [The Court](#) were big vote getters in our new nomination process. A number of law librarians also commented that these blogs offered content that was worthy of forwarding to practitioners. Case law reviews and commentary may not be glitzy, but if blogging is to hold any kind of stature within academia, these two entries look like the might lead the way. *Runner up*: [University of Alberta Faculty of Law Blog](#).

And that's it! My apologies for glaring omissions or unintended bias. Please be sure you're on [lawblogs.ca](#) to be considered in 2009!

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[2008 Clawbies Coming Soon!](#)

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Well it's that time of the year again! We're gearing up for another edition of the [Canadian Law Blog Awards](#), a.k.a. the Clawbies, with the final results to be released (like last year) on December 31st.

One thing that will be different this time around is the addition of a nomination process. Being considered for a Clawbie starts with being on our radar, and every blog listed at [lawblogs.ca](#) will get a passing look. However, this year we want to let Canadian law bloggers toot their own horn, and in the process, give them a chance to plug their friends. So, here's the deal...

2008 Nominations

Between now and Friday December 27th, you may nominate a Canadian authored legal blog in one of two possible ways.

1. Simply email your favourite blog (yes, you can nominate your own) with some of your finest 2008 posts or any other notable highlights to [Steve Matthews](#) at steve@stemlegal.com.
2. Or *method number two*, and this is much more fun ... **write a blog post about three other Canadian law blogs** you currently read and tell us why those blogs are important to you. Now, here's the bonus: in doing so, you are expected to be a humble Canadian and tell us NOTHING about your own blog. In return, your blog will receive a thorough review, as will your suggested peers, AND you get a chance to plug a fellow Canadian blogger!

Noted: No, we're not voting [like the ABA](#)... but linking out to fellow Canadian legal bloggers adds to our infrastructure, and let's us share audiences. That way, the process helps everyone, and the award is simply a final recognition.

The categories remain the same as previous years; but please don't worry about submitting categories. We'll figure that part out. Where we would like some help though, is identifying US & European law blogs that pay attention (and link) to Canadian legal blogosphere! So feel free to share your thoughts either via your email nomination or including a link in your nomination blog post.

And that's it! Stay tuned & watch out for Clawbies 2008 coming this New Year's Eve!!

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[2007 CLawBies – Canadian Law Blog Awards](#)

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I had a lot of fun producing the 2006 list of my favourite [Canadian Law Blogs](#). And while there's a long-term plan to produce a full scale awards with nominations & voting – hence the new domain [CLawBies.ca](#) – this wasn't the year to do so.

Once again, I'd like to thank our fun loving award making counterparts down south – namely Dennis Kennedy's [Blawggies](#), the [ABA's top 100](#) list, and even [Honest Ed's non-ego boosting “peer review” effort](#) ;) And congratulations to every Canadian law blogger. We're a community because you take part! Here are my 2nd edition of the CLawBie awards. Enjoy!

1) **Best Canadian Law Blog (or Blogger) Award:** (TIE) [Rob Hyndman](#) – Rob was key to the success of Canada's [Mesh conference](#). Who else can take a couple months off blogging and sustain the demand for his

digital voice? We watch Rob. (TIE) [Michael Geist](#) – As many have said before, Geist is a leader on the Canadian copyright front. In 2007, Geist pushed more than 35k facebook members to a [copyright group](#). A copyright group? Ya, no kidding. *Runner up:* [Slaw](#) (another monster year).

2) **Best Practitioner Support Blog** – [Garry Wise](#) – Year-in and year-out, Garry is one committed law blogger. He offers his opinions on almost everything, and if you do a Google search for [Toronto lawyer](#) you'll see how blogging benefits the online exposure of his practice. If you didn't read his [Starting a law firm](#) post back in February, please do. Garry Wise consistently offers great vision to a lot of solos across the country. *Runner ups:* [David Fraser's Canadian Privacy Law Blog](#), [Hull & Hull's Toronto Estate Law Blog](#)

3) **Legal Culture Award** – [LawisCool.com](#) - This group of Canadian law student bloggers has offered up some great commentary in '07, and often some of the fastest coverage out there. Not afraid to voice an opinion, and lots of fun! *Runner up:* [Precedent](#) (going from blog to magazine!).

4) My **Non-Legal Audience Award** again goes to [Rob Hyndman](#) – Mesh was an imposing presence on Rob's life for many months, but I'm sure he'd agree it was a fantastic initiative for driving online relationships. More people know Rob Hyndman in '07 than they did in '06. And you can watch his *hockey stick* popularity go up even further in 2008.

5) **Friend of the North Awards** – Getting US bloggers to link into Canada is never easy. I'm not entirely sure why, but recognizing those that do freely exchange ideas south-to-north remains important. The web is international and Canadians need to be in the mix. So like last year, I'd like to recognize two bloggers that do so: [Jason Eiseman](#) and [Doug Cornelius](#) are both deserving of a 'Friend of the North' Award for frequently reading, commenting and linking to Canadian Blogs. Thanks guys!

6) **EuroCan Connection Awards** – By the same notion, European law bloggers (who frequently link into Canada) are also extremely important. Our 2007 euro-blogging friends were [Nick Holmes](#) of [Infolaw](#) and [Lo-Fi librarian](#). Thanks to both of you! *Runner Up:* [Scott Vine](#) was also in there in '07, but I gave him an award last year. ;)

7) **Practice Management Award** – Big movement in this category in 2007. The west-coast trio of [Dave Bilinsky](#), [Doug Jasinski](#), and [Allison Wolf](#) are all managing to make some great headway for our [Canadian practice management](#) category.

8) **Law Librarian Blog Award** – (TIE) [Michel-Adrien Sheppard's Library Boy](#). Michel-Adrien had another outstanding year, but also worthy in '07 were the efforts of the [BC Courthouse Library Society What's New Blog](#). At least here in BC, no one monitors things closer and reports quicker than the BCCLS. *Runner up:* [Connie Crosby](#) (Connie's blog is a must for anyone entertaining aspects of the social web in their library).

9) **Best Legal Technology Blog** – This is easy & yes I'm biased: [Slaw](#). Sporting a new re-design late in the calendar year, Slaw attracted more readers in 2007, had more comments and trackbacks than ever, and continues to diversify its network of contributors. That all adds up to another fantastic year.

10) **Best New Law Blog Award** – [Osgoode Hall's The Court](#) was easily the most important new Canadian law blog in 2007. Spearheaded by Slaw's Simon Fodden, this group of law student editors is working hard to become the equivalent of the SCOTUS blog in the US. They've now got a full 12 months under their belt, and it's hard to argue they aren't. *Runners up:* [Dave Bilinsky's Thoughtful Law](#), [Human Rights in the Workplace](#), and [All About Information](#).

11) **Law Professor Blog Award** – [University of Alberta Faculty of Law Blog](#). Like last year, I still feel this category is under represented in Canada, but the new UofA blog was a great addition. This blog is timely and well written. A first class effort! *Runner ups:* [Jeremy De Beer](#), [Vincent Gautais](#)

I guarantee I've missed lots of great Canadian legal voices, and my apologies for glaring omissions. And like last year, check your egos at the door, 'cause blog awards (even these ones!) mean nothing... But they are fun! Make sure you're on [my list](#) for 2008!

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2006 CLawBies – Canada Law Blog Awards

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First published on the [Vancouver Law Librarian Blog](#) on December 29, 2006:

There's no doubt that Canadian Law blogs were on a roll in 2006. Our online voices have made inroads into the US blogosphere, and we've established great connections with European law blogs. So in the spirit of the [Blawggies](#) & the [Blawg Review](#) awards, here's my inaugural edition of the CLawBies. Enjoy!

- 1) **Best Canadian Law Blog (or Blogger) Award:** [Michael Geist](#) – Simply put, Michael Geist is the most influential of Canadian law bloggers. He's the epitome of a thought leader, and our Canadian equivalent to [Lawrence Lessig](#). And that's saying something. *Runner ups:* [Rob Hyndman](#), [Simon Chester](#).
- 2) **Best Practitioner Support Blog** – No question on this one. If you track privacy law in Canada, you read [David Fraser's Canadian Privacy Law Blog](#). David must also be Canada's most dedicated blogger. His work is as close to exhaustive as a blog can deliver. And did I mention David's selection as a [2006 Outstanding Young Canadian](#)? *Runner ups:* [eLegal Canton](#), [Alan Gahtan's Technology and Internet Law Blog](#)
- 3) **Legal Culture Award** – [Precedent: The New Rules of Law and Style](#). Melissa Kluger's mix of law firm issues, fashion advice, and legal news worthy controversy is one of a kind in Canada. The tabloid approach to law blogs may soon be upon us, but we can take comfort that Precedent is doing it right – with class and humour.
- 4) My **Non-Legal Audience Award** goes to [Rob Hyndman](#) – Law bloggers constantly talk about engaging non-legal audiences, Rob Hyndman does it. The 'A-list' Technology bloggers read & comment on Rob's posts like he's one of the family. Why? Probably because better than any other Canadian law blogger, Rob understands his blog as a voice. He engages and converses where others simply opine. New law bloggers should take note.
- 5) **Friend of the North Awards** – Blogging is international, and keeping the north-south idea flow is important. So I'm recognizing [Kevin O'Keefe](#) and [Dennis Kennedy](#) with the first 'Friend of the North' Awards — given to a US law blogger that actively reads and links to Canadian law blogs.
- 6) **EuroCan Connection Awards** – In a similar vein, European law bloggers are also very important to making our Canadian voices heard. Leading the way in 2006, I thought, were these three blogs: [Information Overlord](#), [ServiceDoc Info](#) and [Markenblog](#). A big and regular thanks to each of them.
- 7) **Practice Management Award** – I didn't think there was a worthy Canadian in this category, but a new entry is about to add a substantial Canadian voice to this blogging genre. [Allison Wolf's The Lawyer Coach Blog](#) is very new, but very good. So trust me on this one, take her [feed](#), and watch it soar in 2007.
- 8) **Law Librarian Blog Award** – [Michel-Adrien Sheppard's Library Boy](#). Michel-Adrien has had an outstanding year, breaking stories faster than almost everyone. He's constantly relaying content that Librarians can rely on. Runner ups: [BCCLS What's New Blog](#), [Connie Crosby](#). (Of note... I'm excluding the

[VLLB](#) from this and all other Award categories.)

9) **Best Legal Technology Blog** – I'm biased on this one, but [Slaw](#) is world class. From [Jordan Furlong's](#) guest blogging, to the [Marshall Rothstein](#) SCC appointment, to the [Grey Lit](#) theme week, Slaw is the context behind legal technology. 2006 was a mighty fine year, and I'm proud to be a part.

10) **Best New Law Blog Award** – Lots of great new Canadian law blogs, and way too tough to call anything but a tie here: [Vincent Gautais](#), [Atlanteknology](#), [Precedent](#), and the [Canadian Trademark Blog](#)*. (*Disclosure: While I've disqualified the [VLLB](#), the content coming out of the [CTB](#) is top notch. So I think this one's justified, despite my involvement.)

11) **Law Professor Blog Award** – [University of Toronto Law School Faculty Blog](#). This category is still under represented in Canada, and the UofT blog could bump up their posting frequency, but this initiative is definitely a quality effort. Let's hope that 2007 will bring out more Canadian law professor blogs! *Runner ups*: [Vincent Gautais](#), [Michael Geist](#)

I know I've missed a number of great Canadian voices, and my apologies for any glaring omissions. Plus, this really is all in fun! Make sure you're on [my list](#) for 2007!

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