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Douglas R. Stollery named a Distinguished Citizen

Edmonton—MacEwan University is proud to announce that Douglas R. Stollery, Q.C. has been named a Distinguished Citizen.

In 2012, Stollery was awarded the Canadian General Counsel Lifetime Achievement Award, which recognizes excellence in the In-House Counsel community across Canada.

Stollery has been actively involved in the Canadian Bar Association and has served as President of the Canadian Bar Association – Alberta Branch. His accomplishments include his work on Vriend v. Alberta, a landmark human rights decision from the Supreme Court of Canada, where he argued the case on a pro bono basis. The decision of the Supreme Court of Canada in this case has been recognized as one of the “top 10” Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms decisions since the Charter was introduced in 1982.

Stollery graduated with a Bachelor of Laws from the University of Alberta in 1976, he then earned his Master’s of Law degree from Harvard Law School in 1980. He practiced with the firm of Reynolds, Mirth, Richards & Farmer LLP for nearly 30 years before joining PCL Contractors Inc.

Stollery is active volunteer in community organizations, having served as President of the Victoria School Foundation for the Arts, Vice-Chair of the Grant MacEwan College Board of Governors, Stollery Children’s Hospital Foundation and the Stollery Charitable Foundation. His relationship with MacEwan University represents a 2nd generation involvement. In 1994, his father Robert Stollery was a recipient of the Distinguished Citizen Award.

Stollery’s commitment to his profession and his community are evident throughout his lifetime, and MacEwan University has benefitted from his professional contribution, in addition to his philanthropic contributions to support students over an extended period of time.

Founded in 1971, MacEwan University is a comprehensive university offering more than 60 programs including undergraduate degrees, applied degrees, diplomas, certificates, continuing education and corporate training. Its philosophy of inspiring minds, providing career opportunities and opening the doors to academic excellence, continues to be its guide as it serves the educational needs of students across Alberta, Canada and the world.

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