

Lieutenant Mike Madden completes the Hon. Gordon Stewart Cowan Court of Appeal Internship

Lieutenant Mike Madden was the first student to be awarded The Hon. Gordon Stewart Cowan Court of Appeal Internship. As a Cowan intern, Madden produced a paper on the challenging topic – standard of review. He explored the level of deference owed when higher courts review the work of lower courts and tribunals. Chief Justice Michael MacDonald spoke favourably of Madden’s work: “The product is a relevant and current guide for the entire judiciary.”

In fact, his work was of such high quality that it was published in *The Advocate’s Quarterly*: “Conquering the Common Law Hydra: A Probably Correct and Reasonable Overview of Current Standards of Appellate and Judicial Review.”

“We look forward to seeing the former Chief Justice’s legacy continue on an annual basis with research that will be valuable and relevant to the administration of justice in this province and, indeed, this country,” Chief Justice MacDonald added.

The late Hon. Gordon Stewart Cowan was a Chief Justice of the Trial Division of the Supreme Court of Nova Scotia and a distinguished graduate of Dalhousie Law School – now the Schulich School of Law.