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### **Biographies, National Steering Committee Members 2014-2015**

**Jane Bailey** is an Associate Professor of law at the University of Ottawa, where her research focuses on the intersections of law, technology and equality. She has been a member of NAWL's NSC since 2009 and also sits on the editorial board of the Canadian Journal of Women and the Law.

**Lisa Cirillo** is the Executive Director of Downtown Legal Services (DLS), the University of Toronto Faculty of Law Community Legal Clinic. Lisa is a feminist lawyer and has practiced in the areas of human rights, education, housing and family law in a wide variety of social justice organizations including DLS, ARCH and the Ontario Human Rights Commission. In addition to her legal work, Lisa has extensive experience in public legal education and community outreach. Lisa joined the NAWL National Steering Committee in 2011 and also serves as the President for ACCLE (Association for Canadian Clinical Legal Education).

**Sasha Hart** earned her common and civil law degrees from McGill University. As Legal Counsel for *the equality effect* (a Canadian-based international non-profit that uses human rights law to advance the rights of women and girls), Sasha provides legal support to strategic test case litigation initiatives and other law reform initiatives. Prior to joining *the equality effect*, Sasha clerked at the Quebec Human Rights Tribunal and articulated at an Ottawa-based firm where she assisted in a number of labour, human rights and public interest cases. In addition to her work in Kenya and Malawi with *the equality effect*, Sasha's other international experience has included volunteering with vulnerable youth in Zambia and conducting qualitative research on rural women's empowerment strategies in Cameroon, as a research fellow with the McGill Institute for Health and Social Policy. Recent awards Sasha has received include the 2011 American Society of International Law Helton Fellowship Award, the 2011 Michael Novak and Kathleen Weil Human Rights Internship Award (awarded to an outstanding student in the McGill Human Rights Internship Program), and the 2012 Selma and Jak Almaleh Prize (awarded by the McGill Faculty of Law to an outstanding law student in the graduating class). Sasha currently sits as a member of the executive of the Ontario Bar Association's Young Lawyers Division. Sasha will begin teaching a course on "Protection of Rights and Freedoms" in the Civil Law Faculty of the University of Ottawa.

**Martha Jackman** is a Professor of constitutional law at the University of Ottawa where she has taught in the French Common Law program since 1988. She publishes and lectures extensively on social and economic rights, equality and the *Canadian Charter*, and is regularly involved in lobbying, litigation and continuing judicial and legal education efforts in this area. She is the Academic director of the "Reconceiving Human Rights Practice" Community-University Research Alliance and, in 2007, was awarded the Law Society of Upper Canada Medal for her contributions to the legal profession.

**Anne Levesque** is a bilingual lawyer who practices in the areas of employment, human rights, and public interest law. She has worked with a wide range of equality seeking groups, legal clinics, and non-for-profit organisations on test case litigation, interventions, and law reform initiatives. Anne is presently co-chair of the Human Rights Committee of the Council of Canadians with Disabilities and serves on the board of directors of several not-for profit organizations aiming to promote the rights of members of disadvantaged communities such as tenants and people with disabilities. She has taught equality litigation and social justice at the Université of Ottawa's Faculty of Law and is currently pursuing graduate studies in International Human Rights Law at Oxford University thanks to the generous support of the Baxter and Alma Ricard Foundation.

**Cheryl Milne, LL.B., M.S.W.** is the Executive Director of the David Asper Centre for Constitutional Rights at the Faculty of Law at the University of Toronto. She was called to the Ontario Bar in 1987 and completed her M.S.W. at the University of Toronto in 1991. She practiced at the legal clinic Justice for Children and Youth from 1991 to 2008 where she appeared at all levels of court and various administrative tribunals on behalf of young people. She led the clinic's Charter litigation at the Supreme Court of Canada including the challenge to the corporal punishment defence in the Criminal Code, the striking down of the reverse onus sections of the *Youth Criminal Justice Act* for adult sentencing, and an intervention involving the right of a capable adolescent to consent to her own medical treatment. She has been lead counsel for Asper Centre at the Supreme Court of Canada in *R. v. Conway*, the jury vetting appeals [*R v Emms, R v Davey, R v Yumnu (2012)*], and *R v Kokopenace*, and co-counsel in other interventions including *Canada v Bedford*. She is the past Chair of the Ontario Bar Association, Constitutional, Civil Liberties and Human Rights Section and serves on the CBA National Constitutional and Human Rights law Section executive. She is currently the Chair of the Canadian Coalition for the Rights of Children and sits on the Board of Justice for Children and Youth. She teaches a Constitutional Advocacy clinic at the Faculty of Law, University of Toronto.

**Amy Salzyn** is an Assistant Professor at the University of Ottawa Faculty of Law. Her research interests include the regulation of the legal profession, legal ethics, gender and the law, and civil justice reform. Prior to commencing her academic career at the University of Ottawa, Amy received her J.D. from the University of Toronto Law School, L.L.M. from Yale Law School, served as a judicial law clerk at the Court of Appeal for Ontario and practiced at a Toronto litigation boutique. As a litigator, Amy's practice included a wide variety of civil and commercial matters. In Fall 2011, she was a Visiting Researcher at Osgoode Hall Law School.

## **NAWL Contract Staff**

**Pam Mayhew (NAWL Administrator)** is a lesbian eco-feminist who has over 40 years experience working in the non-profit sector – including Aboriginal Rights Coalition, Planned Parenthood of Canada, Canadian Association of Elizabeth Fry Societies, Interval House of Ottawa-Carleton, and NAWL. She has been working on the front lines of a local homeless women’s shelter for the past 15 years.

**Angela Mooney (NAWL intern)** is a second year law student concerned with issues of access to justice. She is grateful for her female predecessors who, fuelled by their commitment to equality, paved the way for her to attend law school. She has over 10 years experience volunteering and working in the non-profit sector on public interest issues including prison conditions, women’s equality and legal reform. She has been involved with co-operative housing, co-operative childcare and community gardening. When asked in her first year of law school why she was a feminist, Angela responded “because enough is enough”.

**Julie Shugarman (NAWL Executive Director)** is a feminist lawyer who has practised in the areas of human rights law, labour and employment law and *Charter* litigation. She has provided policy analysis, research, and advocacy support relating to equality seeking groups for several organizations including Pivot Legal Society, the Canadian HIV/AIDS Legal Network and the Ticket Defence Program. Julie has been involved in grass-roots law-reform as well as public legal education campaigns relating to women’s rights, with a particular focus on the rights of women who live and work on the street.