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## Euan Taylor

Euan passed away on February 11, 2015, to the great sadness of all who knew him. Although it was hidden from nearly everyone, Euan suffered from depression, which eventually led him to take his own life. He is mourned by his wife Joy, his son Teagan, his daughter Phoebe and his friends and colleagues around the world.



Euan was born in Bromborough, U.K., which is why he always sounded so smart. Not one for style over substance, he backed up his English accent with an undergraduate degree earned from Corpus Christi College, University of Cambridge, and a Ph.D. in molecular and developmental biology from the University of London. Trading London for Winnipeg, he held post-doctoral fellowships in cell biology and agricultural biology at the University of Manitoba. Then, realizing that one more university degree couldn't hurt and that his westward journey need not end in Manitoba, Euan relocated to Vancouver to study law at the University of British Columbia. He was a valued member of UBC's Jessup International Law Moot Team and one of the main reasons the team won the first place for its written argument at the national competition. He graduated in 1997 with an LL.B. and was called to the B.C. bar in 1998.

At that point, after becoming sufficiently over-educated, Euan left academia and began his legal career at Ladner Downs (now Borden Ladner Gervais). He moved to Davis & Company in 1999. He briefly sojourned with Smart & Biggar from 2002 to 2003 and became a trademark agent. Then in 2004 he became a patent agent and accepted a position as the director of intellectual property and vice president intellectual property at WEX Pharmaceuticals Inc., a publicly traded pharmaceuticals company with

offices in China and Canada. In 2006 he returned to private practice at Davis LLP as head of its patent practice group. For the next six years he was a key member of Davis's intellectual property and Asia practices. In 2012 he joined MBM Intellectual Property Law LLP, and in 2013 he moved to Benoit & Côté to become the managing and founding partner of its Vancouver office.

As demonstrated by his impressive number of degrees and his various instructor roles, Euan had a passion for learning and teaching. He mastered written and oral Mandarin. He travelled often to China and made many close friends there who valued his ability to discuss complex legal issues in their native tongue. He lectured, published and taught on a variety of IP issues and on aspects of the Chinese legal system, including at Peking University, Simon Fraser University, the University of British Columbia and BCIT.

Euan was also very involved in his profession and his community. After two years as chair of the Biotechnology Patents Committee of the Intellectual Property Institute of Canada, in 2014 Euan became editor of the *Canadian Intellectual Property Review*. He was president of the Vancouver-based B.C. Lower Mainland Canada China Friendship Association and a director of the Vancouver chapter of the Hong Kong Canada Business Association.

Euan was a keenly intelligent and skilled lawyer, patent and trademark agent and arbitrator, of course, but his friends and colleagues fondly remember his other characteristics. A universal favourite was his fierce commitment to Vancouver-standard office attire: Euan was as likely to be seen in the office wearing a fleece vest and cycling shorts as a suit. In fact, he even arrived at work at least once wearing a suit and Vibram FiveFinger "shoes". He seldom wore a tie, and when he did he was known to warn colleagues that thanks to his hapkido training he knew several ways to break their arms if they should try to grab it. Was tie-grabbing a problem in England? His colleagues were never sure, and were understandably loath to test their luck.

Euan also had an interesting and evolving relationship with food. As he became a vegetarian, and then a vegan, his brown-bag lunches seemed increasingly strange to his more traditional colleagues. Peanut butter and lettuce sandwiches were the norm at the office, and eating out was always a challenge: he made a habit of kindly interrogating the service staff regarding what was in his food and how it was made. More often than not he'd just order steamed vegetables to be on the safe side while his lunch guests accepted his offer to "go ahead and order the butter chicken". Euan also had an interesting relationship with music. Walking by his office, you were as likely to hear classical music playing in the background as you were to hear AC/DC playing from his cell phone ring tone.

Euan was a kind, patient and loyal colleague, always ready to lend a hand or provide insight on some tangled problem or another. He patiently explained the same basic tenet of patent law to his non-patent-law colleagues countless times, while always being overly respectful of everyone else's time. And he was always up for a good smoothie on a warm afternoon.

Euan was as involved outside the office as he was inside it, and was a master at balancing work and family life. He loved the outdoors and made the most of what B.C. has to offer, whether it was hiking and camping in the backcountry, running along Vancouver's beaches and through its forests, cycling long distances with friends or colleagues, or by himself, attending a boot camp in a local park or schoolyard, or just walking his dog through his Kitsilano neighbourhood. Euan was often seen in the gym on workdays, muttering to himself about a strained this or sciatica that.

Finally, and most importantly, Euan was a loving and devoted husband to Joy and proud and doting father to Teagan and Phoebe. We will miss him greatly.

Chris Bennett and David Spratley



## The Honourable A. Brian B. Carrothers, Q.C.

Brian was born in Saskatoon in January 1923, the second of four brothers. Their father was a professor of economics and for a time had George F. Curtis (later the first dean of UBC law school) as a student. One of Brian's brothers was Fred Carrothers. Fred was at various times dean of law at Ottawa and Western, president at the University of Calgary, and a long-time member of the Faculty of Law at UBC; he was an authority on labour relations, and an accomplished arbitrator and mediator.

In 1928, Brian started school in England, where his father spent a sabbatical at the London School of Economics. After returning to Saskatoon, Brian's father was induced to move to UBC, and in 1930 drove the family, "all-Canadian" on dirt and gravel roads, camping in a tent carried on the run-

