

BRIAN BURKE HEADLINES THE LAW ALUMNI ASSOCIATION DISTINGUISHED SPEAKER LUNCH



The UBC Law Alumni Association held its 2007 Distinguished Speaker Lunch on November 27th in the Park Ballroom at the Four Seasons Hotel with special guest speaker Brian Burke, General Manager of the Stanley Cup-winning Anaheim Ducks. The 300 alumni and friends of UBC Law were treated to Burke's trademark candour as he addressed issues with the NHL Collective Agreement and recalled stories about his time as Director of Hockey Operations and General Manager of the Vancouver Canucks.

Many of Burke's stories had the audience roaring in laughter. Regarding his career as a professional hockey player in the American Hockey League in the 1970s, Burke quipped that many people erroneously think that he was a defenseman due to his low stat totals.

Burke, a graduate of Harvard Law School and former Adjunct Professor at UBC Law, also spoke of his pride in being a lawyer, and the high value he places on legal education.

Previous Law Alumni Association Distinguished Speaker Series speakers include Chief Justice Beverley McLachlin and UBC's President, Stephen J. Toope.



Chief Justice Lance Finch and Brian Burke shake hands while Roger Bourbonnais looks on



Justice Jon Sigurdson and Rod Urquhart of the Law Alumni Association



Pat Foy, QC and Warren Wilson, QC



The Honourable William Esson and Professor Nikos Harris



Ron Hansen and John Fraser