Michael J. McNaughton, FIIC
1958- 2012

In 2013 the IIC posthumously awarded the FIIC to ***Michael MacNaughton.*** *The following is an excerpt from the announcement made at the IIC 2013 Palm Springs Conference by then Membership Committee chair Edward Sellers.*

Michael MacNaughton was diagnosed with ALS in the summer of 2011 and passed away on November 10, 2012.

He was widely recognized as one of Canada's top insolvency practitioners. He served as co-head of the national Insolvency and Restructuring group at Borden Ladner Gervais and was a dedicated member of the IIC since his admission in 2001. He made an outstanding contribution to the IIC and to the profession over many years.

Michael turned his keen mind to the work of the Institute in a number of ways.

- Through 2004 and 2005, he actively participated in the work that was done on Business Insolvency Law Reform as a member of the Priorities Working Group.
- He served as a panelist at the 2008 and 2009 annual conferences.
- He contributed a paper to the IIC Journal in 2009. (Then known as the Banking & Finance Law Review). Michael's paper was entitled: *Classification, Consolidation and Context: A Canadian Approach to Substantive Consolidation"*
- He served as a member of the Judges Panel for the Law Student Writing Award program for four years from 2009 – 2012.
- In 2010, Michael contributed to the IIC's work to provide comments on certain provisions of the UNCITRAL Legislative Guide on Insolvency Law which were developed at the 37th session of Working Group V (Insolvency Law).
- He participated as a member of the Ontario Region Membership Committee for three years – 2010 to 2012 inclusive.
- He contributed to the work that was done by IIC in 2011 – 2012 to seek intervener status in the appeal of the Indalex case to the Supreme Court of Canada.

I would like to share a few personal observations about Michael. Michael was always generous with me and others and he provided me with a number of opportunities to write or speak. Michael was also quick to laugh and I can still remember the sound of his laconic laughter shared freely with others.

Michael did more for the IIC in the year subsequent to his diagnosis than many others do in a lifetime.

Please join me in celebrating the naming of Michael MacNaughton as a Fellow of the Insolvency Institute of Canada.