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### **CBA New Brunswick Recognizes Fredericton Lawyer for Legal Aid Service**

Moncton – At its MidWinter Meeting the New Brunswick Branch of the Canadian Bar Association recognized the outstanding contributions of Ed Derrah, of Fredericton with the Branch's *Pro Bono Award*.

Mr. Derrah of Legal Aid New Brunswick was presented with the *Pro Bono Award* for his decade-long contribution and management of the Fredericton Legal Advice clinic. At its inception, the Fredericton Legal Advice clinic was the only clinic offering free legal advice in the city of Fredericton. Today, it remains one of the few places in the province, where members of the public can speak to a lawyer and receive "*pro bono*" service. The clinic is open twice a month. CBA (New Brunswick) President Deirdre Wade Q.C. notes Ed Derrah's generous contribution: "His commitment to full access to justice is only one of the reasons I am pleased to present him with this award on behalf of the legal community. He is the true image of an advocate and has made a huge difference in people's lives".

The Award recognizes outstanding pro bono legal services to the community by a lawyer in New Brunswick. It was presented to Mr. Derrah at the President's Dinner during the New Brunswick Branch Midwinter Meeting, on Friday February 10<sup>th</sup> 2006.

The Canadian Bar Association is dedicated to improvement in the law and the administration of justice. Some 36,000 lawyers, notaries, law teachers and law students from across Canada are members. There are 1750 members in New Brunswick.

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photo attached: Ed Derrah.jpg (Left to right: Brian Tabor Q.C., National President of the Canadian Bar Association; Deirdre Wade Q.C., President of the New Brunswick Branch, Ed Derrah, Award recipient)