

Bagambiire heads IBM law program

Halifax lawyer Davies Bagambiire has been appointed director of the law school's Program for Indigenous Blacks and Micmacs. The three-year appointment is effective July 1.

Bagambiire will join the Faculty of Law as an associate professor and will also teach immigration law.

A native of Uganda, Bagambiire received his law degree from the University of Dar-es-Salaam, Tanzania, and holds a master of law degree from Dalhousie (1977). He taught law at Makerere University in Kampala, Uganda, and has practised law in Halifax for the past dozen years, opening his own law firm in 1979.

Bagambiire is currently lead counsel for the Parent Student Association of Preston, a group set up after schoolyard disturbances at Cole Harbour District High School last year. He is also working as counsel for Kevin Downey in a case of alleged racial discrimination against the Metropolitan Transit Authority.

He is a member of the Afro Canadian Caucus of Nova Scotia, the International Affairs Committee of the Canadian Red Cross, the RCMP provincial steering committee on Policing for a Pluralistic Society, the Canadian

Criminal Justice Association, the Halifax Refugee Assistance Group, the Coalition Against Apartheid and a member and past-president of the Kiwanis Club of Halifax.

As president of the Kiwanis Club, he initiated international activities and supported development projects in Central America and Africa.

The Program for Indigenous Blacks and Micmacs was set up at the law school last year to increase the representation of blacks and Micmacs in the legal profession by making Dalhousie more accessible to applicants from these two groups.

Six students were enrolled in the program during the past academic year. Ten more students — six blacks and four natives — will be enrolled for September. There also will

be a preparatory pre-law program offered this August.

The program was headed during its first year by law professor Wayne MacKay, but he had agreed to take on the job only until a black or aboriginal person could be found for the director's position. MacKay also headed the university's task force on access for blacks and natives. Its report, *Breaking Barriers*, has received national attention and most of its recommendations have been accepted by President Howard Clark, the board of governors and senate.

The director of the law program is in charge of all aspects of the operation. This includes tutorials, the pre-law program, student services, budget, fund raising, recruitment of students and public relations.



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