B ECAUSE 2010 MARKS THE CENTENARY of the British Columbia Court of Appeal (BCCA), we approached *BC Studies* to see whether the journal would be willing to devote a special issue to the court. We were delighted when the then editor, Bob McDonald, agreed to this proposal, and we are grateful to him and to the current editor, Graeme Wynn, as well as to the managing editor, Leanne Coughlin, for all their help and encouragement.

This special issue is but one of a number of events marking the BCCA's centenary. Historian Christopher Moore is writing a book on the BCCA; an issue of *The Advocate*, the regular publication of the Vancouver Bar Association, will be devoted to lawyers' and judges' thoughts and reminiscences about the court; the BCCA will mark its one hundredth anniversary with a series of special sittings, including one in Victoria (where it first sat) in January 2010 that will include the premiere of a video about the court co-produced by the Law Courts Education Society and the Knowledge Network. And in Vancouver in April 2010 there will be a centennial symposium on the BCCA and on appeals generally.

It is our hope that this special issue of *BC Studies* will not only introduce readers to a critically important BC institution but will also encourage others to both read and contribute to the research and writing of BC legal history.

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