

To the Canadian Council on International Law, President Gib van Ert, and the family of Professor and Major Leslie C Green,

Let me start by saying what an honour it is to have been selected as a recipient of the Canadian Council on International Law's Leslie C Green Veterans Scholarship. It is a special and unique privilege to receive an award named for a man with such a distinguished career in two areas that are so important to me. As both a soldier and a jurist, Professor Green left an impressive legacy. This scholarship is a worthy commemoration of his impact on the study and practice of international law in Canada.

My decision to join the military was deeply tied to my interest in international law. Whether as a military lawyer like Major Green or as an infantry soldier like myself, experience with the application and practical effects of international law offers incredibly relevant perspective for jurists. Major Green's career and accomplishments stand as a testament to that relevance.

Transitioning from a military career into other disciplines is never easy and each veteran will face challenges unique to them. These realities make support like the Leslie C Green Veterans Scholarship critical to ensuring that veterans can bring their experiences to new fields and disciplines.

While I am no longer a full-time soldier, I am still a member of the Canadian Army Primary Reserve. This means that most of the troops I serve with are students. I know firsthand how many outstanding and deserving soldiers are also pursuing higher education and could benefit from the kind of support offered by this scholarship. The future winners of the Leslie C Green Veterans Scholarship will face different challenges but with the same commitment to duty that binds all of us together and is so worthy of recognition.

Thank you to the Leslie C Green Veterans Scholarship committee, the Canadian Council on International Law, and the family of Professor Green. I am humbled to be selected as a 2022 recipient of this scholarship and cannot fully express how meaningful this support is to me and other veterans in the future.

Sincerely,

Sergeant Jonathan Carson