Nathaniel Reilly

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Programme: DPhil, Law, University of Oxford

Biography (IN ENGLISH): Nathaniel Reilly is a doctoral candidate in law at the University of Oxford, Balliol College. His research project examines how administrative law shapes the strategic interactions of public bodies. His broader research also deals with relationships between law and public policy. He is grateful for the support that the Canadian Centennial Scholarship Fund is providing for his research.

Before beginning his doctoral studies, Nathaniel served as Legal Counsel in the Canadian Privy Council Office, the federal government department that supports the Prime Minister and Cabinet. He also provided legal and policy advice to investigators appointed to conduct public inquiries into the governance of public institutions in Ontario and Alberta. He was previously a Judicial Law Clerk to the Honourable Nicholas Kasirer of the Supreme Court of Canada.

Nathaniel holds degrees in civil and common law from McGill University's Faculty of Law, from which he graduated as gold medalist and as recipient of other academic distinctions. During his legal education, he served as the Editor-in-Chief of the McGill Law Journal and helped lead other organisations and initiatives. He was the top oralist at the Laskin Moot, a Canadian national moot competition focused on constitutional and administrative law.

Prior to attending law school, Nathaniel studied economics at the University of Toronto and the University of Waterloo. He then worked for several years in applied public policy and economic research in Canada and internationally and with academic, intergovernmental and non-governmental organisations.

Nathaniel grew up in Stratford, Ontario and returns there often to visit. In the years to come, he hopes to return more permanently to Canada to begin a career researching, teaching and practicing at the intersection of law and public policy.

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