

The Legal Resource Centre

Annual Report

2009 -2010

Relating Law to Life

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*It is in justice that the
ordering of society is
centered.*

Aristotle

message from the president

This last year marked the 35th anniversary of the Legal Resource Centre of Alberta Ltd. (LRC). Over those years, our commitment to public legal education (PLE) and to ensuring that people of all ages and backgrounds know their rights and responsibilities and have access to appropriate services has not changed, although some of the mechanisms for making that happen have changed dramatically.

The LRC started out in 1975 with a core library of PLE materials, and reached its audiences through telephone, letter, in-person service and through presentations and publications.

By the fall of 2009, the LRC had launched its 15th website, and it now reaches its audiences through websites, podcasts, blogs, e-newsletters, e-mail, Facebook, and by working closely with partners. Informative presentations and high-quality educational publications still form part of our basic services, which reach thousands of Albertans every year. During the current year, staff did 32 presentations and published 44 new items. Our services have met a wide variety of information needs among community groups, schools, post-secondary institutions, libraries, law offices, government offices, seniors' groups, and youth groups.

Times continue to be challenging for non-profits, and the LRC is no exception. The Board must continue to take a critical look at its current programs. Despite that, the LRC has had a productive year.

I congratulate the staff and the Executive Director of the LRC on their innovative work. As always, we are grateful for the support of our funders and donors whose support makes our work possible. They include:

- The Alberta Law Foundation
- Department of Justice Canada
- Alberta Real Estate Foundation
- The Muttart Foundation
- Canada Revenue Agency, Charities Directorate
- Muriel McQueen Fergusson Foundation
- The City of Edmonton
- Service Alberta
- Donors to LawNow magazine

Anna Altmann, PhD

mission

The Legal Resource Centre's mission is to enhance the accessibility and quality of justice realized in Canada. It addresses its mission by creating learning opportunities and building learning communities that facilitate the creation, management, exchange, and integration of knowledge among people within the justice system and between them and the general public.

mandate

The Legal Resource Centre of Alberta Ltd. was incorporated provincially in 1975 as a non-profit company with the mandate "to contribute to, advance and promote the legal knowledge and education of the people of Canada." It was registered as a charity in 1977 and subscribes to Imagine Canada's Ethical Fundraising and Financial Accountability Code.

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message from the executive director

Some years are just too short! This last fiscal year, everyone worked hard every day, yet there was always more that could be done to ensure that Albertans had access to the legal information and services they need. Throughout the province, other organizations experienced the same thing. Yet, we all love our work. We each come to work each day, determined to do what we can to make the law more accessible. The staff and volunteers of the Legal Resource Centre are a wonderfully dedicated group, and I am deeply appreciative of their continuing passion about what we do.

Several important projects were undertaken during the year. A major renovation of the OakNet: Older Adult Knowledge Network was completed, with partial funding from Justice Canada and some core support of the Alberta Law Foundation grant. Enhancements included greatly expanded site topics, an updated look, and the addition of flexible font choices. Several resources were audio enhanced. As of year-end, we are coming close to finishing the final review of the site. The staff in Charity Central began work on a new project funded by the Canada Revenue Agency: Charities Directorate. This project will result in new resources to clarify accountability and transparency issues for Canadian charities. The ABC LawNet: Law for Alberta Classrooms portal site was launched to provide teachers and students with information about curriculum related resources available for schools. Work began on the complete renovation of our classic ACJNet portal site, to be completed in 2010-2011.

As always, we are grateful for the volunteer efforts of our exceptional Board of Directors. Their guidance and support is extraordinary. Our thanks to the many other volunteers who helped to make our year successful. Without them, we would not have accomplished as much as we did.

Thanks to all.
Diane Rhyason, PhD

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highlights

- 42 presentations given to over 980 people
- Over 20,000 information items distributed
- 11 new podcasts
- 55 blog posts on a wide variety of topics
- 50 new resources were added to ACJNet
- 100 new FAQs posted, 85 drafted, over 130 updated
- LRC helped host a visiting scholar from Beijing
- 90 volunteers included students, project advisory groups, legal writers, lawyers, librarians, teachers, and seniors.
- Visitors of websites increased 8% overall
- 600,000 visitors to our website viewed over 2.4 million pages of information
- Blogosaurus Lex won 2009 CLawbie for Best New Law Blog



awards

The Role and Impact of Librarians in the History and Development of Public Legal Education in Canada was awarded the 2009 CALL feature article of the year award from the Canadian Law Library Review.

Kirsten Wurmman was the recipient of the Canadian Association of Special Libraries and Information Services (CASLIS) Award for Special Librarianship in Canada in recognition of her unique contributions to special librarianship with a focus on leadership in the area of law libraries and public legal education. “Kristen exemplifies the best of the profession in her dedication to the right of everyone in our society to know about, and have free access to, the law”.

Tanya Driechel was named one of Edmonton’s Top 40 under 40. This award seeks “to honour the brightest and most talented individuals under the age of 40 who are excelling in their careers, giving back to the community and raising the city’s profile.” Avenue Magazine.

Blogosaurus Lex was a co-winner of a 2009 Canadian Law Blog Award, or CLawBie, in the category of “Best New Law Blog”.

Our Seniors and the Law project won the 2010 Service Alberta’s Consumer Champion Award of Merit.



programs

ACJNet

www.acjnet.org

ACJNet is a portal site that connects Canadians to information about the law. ACJNetAlberta provides the Alberta public with information and referral for provincial and national legislation.

In January 2010, the ACJNet site commenced a major renovation, which concluded in December, 2010. Despite the need for staff to concentrate on the renovation, approximately 50 new resource items were added and over 2000 links were checked.

Canadian Legal FAQs

www.law-faqs.org

Canadian Legal FAQs provides short answers and referrals on a variety of legal topics that impact the day-to-day lives of Canadians and Albertans. During the year, 100 new FAQs were added to explain Alberta's new *Adult Guardianship and Trusteeship Act*. About 130 other FAQs were reviewed and updated. Most users found the site through a Google search. The most common search terms used were 'Alberta labour laws', 'Alberta common law', 'commissioner of oaths', 'extra judicial measures', 'Canadian laws', 'maternity leave', and 'Divorce Act'.

OakNet

www.oaknet.ca

OakNet: Older Adult Knowledge Network underwent major revisions to broaden the scope of the site from abuse to include information on planning for the future, personal and family relationships, and a section called "Everything Else". The booklets on planning for the future continued to be in high demand. Over 9000 items were sent out to individuals, seniors' centres, community groups, government offices, and libraries.

Family Law

www.violetnet.org; www.rosenet-ca.org; www.lawforforeignbrides.ca

Interest in Violet: Law for Abused Women grew by over 30%, while the use of RoseNet: Law and Abused Immigrant Women, and Canadian Law and Modern Day Foreign Brides continued to be steady.

Residential Tenancies

www.landlordandtenant.org

The Alberta Real Estate Foundation continued to fund this popular program. The program includes a website: Laws for Landlords and Tenants in Alberta, and a wide variety of publications about housing issues. Staff responded to 725 questions, up 13% from 640 in 2008-2009. Generally, use of the website remains stable and has had marginal increases of 3 – 5%. Interestingly, the largest increase in users since last year has been from those using PDAs such as Blackberrys, iPhones, and iPods.

Presentations were given in high schools, seniors' centres, and youth centres. Website visitors increased by 46%, making this site the most popular of all LRC sites. This year saw the development of a series of housing booklets for seniors. Renting 101 continued to be in high demand, necessitating the reprint of another 8000 copies.

LawNow

www.lawnow.org

LawNow is published 6 times per year, and contains articles and columns written by volunteer lawyers. Excellent issues on topics such as The Olympics and the Law, Law and the Recession and Arts and the Law, continued to be met with very positive feedback from our readers. Despite reader support, LawNow could not find the major funding to replace the revenues lost through the economic downturn.

Once again, reprint requests came from a variety of sources such as the Saskatchewan Teachers' Federation and the University of Alberta. We also sent magazines to an array of conferences such as Wordfest, Teacher's Conventions, and Cruelty/Crime Connection: Breaking the Chain put on by the Alberta SPCA. A review of the purpose and potential of LawNow began late in the year and will continue through to next year.

feedback

"This website is extremely well done and provides so much information for both landlords and tenants. We refer members and non-members to the site and encourage them to use it if they have questions."

"Thank you so much for your quick response. This was exactly what I needed! I appreciate your time and consideration! This is a great help! Have a great day."

"I was cruising the website in search of information for our office as we deal with a variety of matters (mostly criminal and family). Anyway...Great site, love the work you put into it."

"Renting 101 is an excellent tool for introducing general information to those renting for the first time and may not understand their rights and responsibilities. The clear and concise format enables our support workers to explain potentially confusing legal responsibilities. We have distributed Renting 101 through a number of Boyle Street Community Service programs including Housing Services, the Learning Centre and the Youth Drop-In."

trainings and workshops

Staff made 42 presentations to approximately 980 people at a variety of locations including schools, seniors' centres, public libraries, churches, continuing education centres, and conferences. Audiences included seniors, teachers, public school students, post secondary school students, young married couples, youth in care, incarcerated women, youth workers, nonprofit volunteers, and many members of the public. Presentations were done in person, via videoconferencing, or webinar.

Topics covered were also wide ranging, including:

- Becoming a registered charity
- Grandparents' rights
- Introduction to the law
- Residential tenancies
- The Charter of Rights and Freedoms
- Voluntary compliance for charities
- Wills, Powers of Attorney, Personal Directives

comments from participants

"Wow! So much information. Website looks awesome. Interesting session with much information to pass on to students."

"Made a very confusing subject make sense."

"Absolutely excellent. Real life scenarios very helpful"

"Now I really need to stop procrastinating in rewriting my will"

"You made the Charter user-friendly"

reference and referral service

Staff continued to respond to phone calls and emailed queries from the public. Most requests continued to be on the topics of landlord/tenant, labour/employment, and marriage/family issues. However, there was a noticeable increase in questions concerning wills, power of attorney, and personal directives.

A concerted effort was made to add information to our sites in response to the most frequent questions. This strategy was effective, particularly with respect to employment questions, which resulted as a slight decrease in overall email queries and an increase in web access.

feedback

“Thank you for the information you sent. I was able to figure things out.”

“Thank you very much for all the information. This is a really good start and I appreciate you taking the time to send such a detailed reply.”

“Thank you for your kindness in responding to my inquiry and pointing me in the right direction.”



ACJNet becomes LawNet Alberta

Since its first development in 1995, ACJNet has been updated only once (in 2002). With funding from the Alberta Law Foundation, staff began a major upgrade in January 2010, to be completed in December 2010. The process started with a critical review of all components and usability studies and consultations. A cross-province advisory group provided solid feedback throughout the process. Discussions were held with other provincial organizations which have similar portal sites. A new interface and visual design was developed and the website's information architecture and taxonomy was vastly improved. A major early decision was to change the name to better reflect the reality of the site purpose. Extensive input was sought, with a final decision to rebrand the site as LawNet.

ABC LawNet: Law for Alberta Classrooms

Work on the project, which was funded by the Alberta Law Foundation, continued through the year. Additional resources were added to the site. Several classroom-ready resources were created on a variety of topics, including the Canadian Court System, environmental law, foreign travel, marriage, privacy law, and contract law.

OakNet

Funding for the project was provided by Justice Canada and the Alberta Law Foundation. Staff designed new main and secondary pages and added extensively to the site. A usability study was added to the site. In the next year, the educational stories on the site will be presented in print and audio format.

Charity Central

Two projects were completed – Charity Central: Voluntary Compliance and Small & Rural Charities, and one new project began – Charity Central: Road to Accountability. All of these programs were funded by the Canada Revenue Agency Charities Directorate.

Usability studies and other feedback from users continue to be very positive. Formal evaluations are available on request. Use of the site is up about 6% over previous months. Links from other related organizations, such as CRA, Charity Village, and BizPal Alberta are helping to make the site more visible.

The Charity Central Project, in addition to the website, produced materials in English and French. Materials include: 170 FAQs in English and French, 42 online self directed teaching modules, 8 Fast Facts, 4 podcasts, 2 guides and 10 conference presentations. It delivered 14 training sessions in Alberta, Winnipeg and Saskatoon and helped 200 individual charities. The Small & Rural Project produced an “Office-in-a-Box”, which contains resources to address the challenges that small charities have with staff turnover, lack of office space or storage facilities.

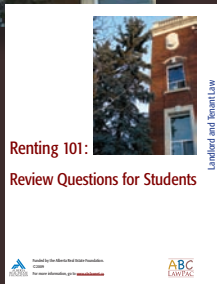
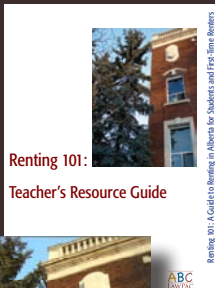
“Charity Central will be a great resource for assisting library customers seeking information about many aspects of starting and operating a charitable organization and laws relating to fundraising. Thanks to everyone involved in creating this website. We’ve added it to the library’s best websites in our E-Library for easy access to customers and information staff.”



The Charity Central website officially launched in September of 2009

renting 101

Alberta Education accepted Renting 101: A Guide for Students and First Time Renters, and the corresponding Teacher's Guide and Student Booklet, as official support resources for Career and Technology Studies, Health, Recreation & Human Services and Legal Studies high school classes in Alberta



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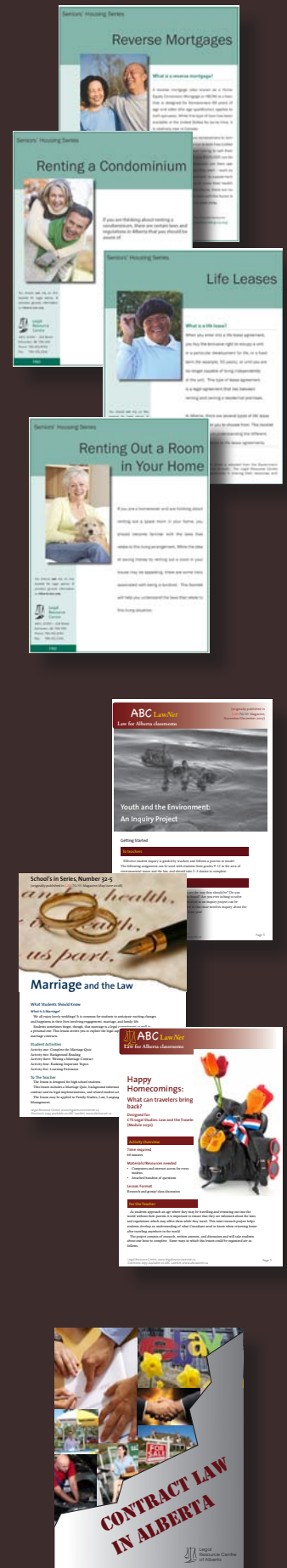
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Vous pensez devenir un organisme de bienfaisance enregistré? Outils d'aide. Legal Resource Centre, 2010.

Your Registered Charity and Tax Law (Pamphlet). Legal Resource Centre, 2010.



networking highlights

During the year, the Legal Resource Centre had productive partnerships with several other like-minded organizations.

- Government of Alberta – Board Development Program – worked with us on developing information about how to dissolve a non-profit organization in Alberta.
- ICCAN (Innovative Communities Connecting & Networking – helped us host several distance learning, videoconferences sessions throughout Alberta on charity and tax law, as well as a wide range of legal topics.
- RISE (Rural Information Services Initiative) - hosted a series of videoconference sessions for librarians and library patrons throughout southern Alberta. As part of Charity Central, RISE hosted two sessions for registered charities on compliance to tax requirements.
- Calgary Legal Guidance, working with our Residential Tenancies Program, helped develop a sample roommate agreement for individuals in shared accommodation situations. We also continue to work together on the development of a web version of Women and the Law in Alberta.
- Centre for Constitutional Studies, University of Alberta did the legal research for the creation of a number of resources for schools.
- Service Alberta staff were generous with their time, agreeing to review many of our new publications prior to their completion.
- Camrose District Volunteer Centre, Volunteer Lethbridge, PLEA Saskatchewan, and PLEA Manitoba were partners in our Charity Central project.

Throughout the year, we also connected with many other organizations that provided input on our activities, shared expertise and experiences, hosted seminars, advertised and distributed our resources and services, provided display space, or invited us to be members of significant committees. These included:

- Alberta Library Conference 2010
- Alberta Residential Tenancies Advisory Committee
- Alberta Safe and Caring Schools
- Alberta Senior's and Community Supports
- Association des juristes d'expression française de l'Alberta (AJEFA)
- Board Development Program, Government of Alberta
- Calgary Legal Guidance
- Canadian Bar Association: Civil Litigators Section
- Canadian Hospice Palliative Care Association national roundtable on Advance Care Planning in Canada
- Canadian Forum on Civil Justice
- Canadian Library Association Annual Conference 2010
- Centre for Family Literacy
- Changing Together: A Centre for Immigrant Women
- Clicklaw BC
- Community Service-Learning, University of Alberta
- Conflict Resolution Day 2009
- Edmonton Chamber of Voluntary Organizations
- Edmonton Law Library Association (ELLA)
- Edmonton Social Planning Council
- Education and Community Symposium at the Edmonton Institution for Women
- GELA Prison Library and Reintegration Subcommittee
- Indo Canadian Women's Association
- Edmonton John Howard Society
- LawDay at Alberta Courts
- Law Society of Alberta
- Learning Solutions, Faculty of Extension, University of Alberta
- Legal Resources Fair at Calgary Public Library
- Libraries Branch, Government of Alberta
- Minding Community Safety, Correctional Service Canada
- Multicultural Health Brokers Co-op
- Pro Bono Law Alberta
- Provincial committees
- Public Legal Education Association of Canada
- Public Legal Education Group of Edmonton (PLEDGE)
- Safespace.org
- Senior's Association of Greater Edmonton (SAGE)
- Student Legal Services, University of Alberta
- Volunteer Alberta
- The Waterford of Summerlea Senior's Group
- West End Seniors Activity Centre
- Women's Law Forum, University of Alberta

blogosaurus lex



facebook

You can 'Like' the LRC on facebook!

Launched in November of 2009, over 100 people 'Like' our page.

Find us at www.facebook.com/legalresourcecentre



Blogosaurus Lex was launched in the summer 2009, and had 55 posts. It capitalizes on events in the news to explain law that lies behind the news story. The blog uses these 'teachable moments', when Canadians are reading or hearing about an event, to teach about the law. Staff posts have provided the public with background on such issues as parliamentary prorogation, cameras in court, legislating sexualities, privacy, the importance of understanding regulations, copyright, truth in sentencing, military courts, the Olympics, and many others.

The blog also posts the answers to frequent questions that come to us from the public. Posts on included information about such things as conflict with neighbours, youth records, changing lawyers, Wills and Power of Attorney. The answers provide initial information and then refer the reader to authoritative resources.

In December, it was named a co-winner in the 2009 Clawbies (Canadian Law Blog Awards), in the category of "Best New Law Blog".

"Blogosaurus Lex – Really? a blog named Blogosaurus Lex?! Rest assured, the Alberta LRC's blog is much more than a catchy name. Focused on their mandate of public legal education, the content equally measures up to their creative title." <http://www.clawbies.ca/2009-clawbies-canadian-law-blog-awards/>

Many other blogs link to Blogosaurus Lex, including:

- Canadian Law Blog List – <http://www.lawblogs.ca>
- University of Alberta Faculty of Law Blog – <http://ualbertalaw.typepad.com>
- ABlawg.ca (University of Calgary Faculty of Law Blog) – <http://ablawg.ca>
- Alberta Blogs – <http://www.albertablogs.com>
- Law is Cool (written by law students) – <http://lawiscool.com>
- GELA Prison Project Blog – <http://gelaprison.wordpress.com>
- Cearta (Irish human rights blog written by a law professor) – <http://www.cearta.ie>

Positive comments came from Edmonton Law Libraries Association, Law Matters (BC), Library Boy, Slaw.ca, Stem Legal and the University of Alberta Faculty of Law Blog.

links to our sites

Thousands of organizations and individuals from across Canada link to our sites. These include courts, government departments, universities, libraries, law societies, civil society organizations, advocacy groups, law offices, schools, criminal justice organizations, municipal governments, realtors, and other businesses.

Internationally, our sites have been linked from law schools, courts, Canadian Studies organizations, parliamentary offices, and law societies from the United States, Scotland, England, Australia, New Zealand and the United Nations Information Office.

podcasts

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Overview of CRA's Guidance on Fundraising by Registered Charities. Podcast recording. Legal Resource Centre, 2010.

Third Party Fundraising. Podcast Recording. Legal Resource Centre, 2010.

volunteers

We are grateful for the support of many, many volunteers.

- Nearly 60 lawyers and other professionals contributed articles to LawNow.
- Some 20 individuals sat on advisory committees which provided information and assistance to our projects.
- Four Pro Bono Canada students developed FAQs for the Charity Central website.
- Two students from the Community Service Learning Program at the University of Alberta worked with the LRC Board of Directors to develop policies and resources for the Board.
- A law student from the University of Alberta assisted with research and the creation of new Canadian Legal FAQs

staff volunteerism

LRC staff continue to volunteer their time to a wide variety of organizations including:

- Just Us Girls
- Sexual Assault Voices of Edmonton
- library summer reading programs
- Erasmus Mundus
- Fulton Place Child Care
- Boys and Girls Club
- GELA Women's Prison Library and Reintegration Subcommittee
- Changing Together: A Centre for Immigrant Women
- Multicultural Health Brokers Co-op

financial statements

LEGAL RESOURCE CENTRE OF ALBERTA LTD.

Statement of Operations

Year Ended June 30, 2010

	2010	2009
REVENUES		
Alberta Law Foundation	\$ 629,192	\$ 564,624
Contracts and grants	781,027	800,864
Contributed equipment	4,541	5,944
Law Now sales	39,246	22,855
	<u>1,454,006</u>	<u>1,394,287</u>
GENERAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES		
Advertising and promotion	22,310	12,033
Amortization	21,309	19,894
Bad debts	560	-
Board expenses	662	389
Computing	31,077	23,761
Consulting fees	216,722	192,201
Delivery, freight and express	9,679	11,935
Employee benefits	64,215	41,632
Insurance	4,407	4,132
Interest and bank charges	13,746	11,871
Meetings and conventions	1,944	2,753
Memberships	7,835	12,611
Office	16,135	6,091
Printing and copying	84,285	69,701
Professional fees	24,777	25,955
Rental	106,262	75,904
Salaries and wages	955,827	927,191
Staff development	2,752	2,014
Supplies	16,449	6,684
Telephone	19,006	15,847
Travel	24,070	28,943
Expense recoveries	(93,963)	(73,688)
	<u>1,550,066</u>	<u>1,417,854</u>
DEFICIENCY OF REVENUES OVER GENERAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES FROM OPERATIONS	(96,060)	(23,567)
INTEREST INCOME	145	1,176
DEFICIENCY OF REVENUES OVER GENERAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES FOR THE YEAR	\$ (95,915)	\$ (22,391)

See notes to the financial statements

Bryan Mason & Company

LEGAL RESOURCE CENTRE OF ALBERTA LTD.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Year Ended June 30, 2010

11. UNDERFUNDED POSITION OF RESTRICTED FUNDS

	2010	2009
Cash	\$ 58,286	\$ 697
Short term investments	483,607	553,263
Interest receivable	2,822	3,459
	<u>544,715</u>	<u>557,419</u>
Subtotal	544,715	557,419
Deferred contributions	(64,261)	(51,058)
Investment fund	(485,907)	(489,048)
Internally restricted	-	(66,960)
	<u>(549,168)</u>	<u>(100,006)</u>
Underfunded position	\$ (5,453)	\$ (49,647)

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