



Legal Resource Centre

Activity Report, 2008-2009

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Presentations

- 41 training sessions to 860 people across Alberta
- Participants included Educators, PLE Practitioners, High School students, University students, Librarians, Library Trustees, Non-profit, Volunteers, School Counsellors, and General Public.
- 96% of respondents gave presenters very high ratings

Publications

- *Renting 101: A Guide to Renting in Alberta for Students and First Time Renters*
- *You Decide: Charter Challenges for Grade Six*
- *Aboriginal Law - Moving Forward: LawNow 33.1*
- *The Intersection of Science & the Law: LawNow 33.2*
- *Children at Risk: LawNow 33.3*
- *Faith, Hope, and Charities: LawNow 33.4*
- *Law in a Wired World: LawNow 33.5*
- *Mind Your Own Business: LawNow 33.6*
- *Abuse of Older Adults: FAQ's 3rd Edition*
- *Making a Will*
- *Being an Executor*
- *Making a Power of Attorney*
- *Being an Attorney*
- *Making a Personal Directive*
- *Being an Agent*
- *Grandparents' Rights*
- *Protecting Yourself from Consumer Fraud and Scams - a guide to resources*



Reference and Referral

- Queries from the public are up dramatically over last year. Staff responded to over 1000 questions from the public via email, telephone, in person. There are increasing numbers of requests in French.

Technology

- 20 Podcasts posted on Law for Landlords and Tenants, ACJNet, and LawNow
- RSS feeds added to selected sites
- Screencasts added to ACJNet
- Resource Exchange Portals created to network PLE groups around various topics, e.g. Residential Tenancies
- Videoconferences delivered to rural Alberta
- Canadian Legal FAQs website was upgraded using open-source wiki technology

Online Content

- 230 new FAQs created and 267 FAQs reviewed for accuracy
- ABC LawNet: Law for Alberta Classrooms launched
- Charity Central website launched
- Website use up by 15%
- New printable directories for specific Alberta regions added to A-Link
- Online legal glossary of 1100 terms

Sector Participation and Support

- Seminar on the history and practice of PLE given to Alberta practitioners
- Presentation on the history and practice of PLE in Canada at London, England conference
- Participation in National Roundtable on Advanced Care Planning
- Co-leadership in PLEDGE – Public Legal Education Group of Edmonton
- French translation of PLE materials in co-operation with the *Association des juristes d'expression française de l'Alberta*
- Chair or co-chair of two advisory committees to provincial Ministries
- Consultation with Alberta Education on revisions to high school Legal Studies curriculum
- Host and maintain a list service for members of PLENA and PLEAC
- Partnered with the Canadian Centre for Constitutional Studies to present a forum, “Canada’s 40th Parliament in Crisis” resulting in podcasts, FAQs, and a special topic

Volunteers

- 25 community members and students volunteered during the year

Financial Statement

LEGAL RESOURCE CENTRE OF ALBERTA LTD.		
Statement of Operations		
Year Ended June 30, 2009		
	2009	2008
REVENUES		
Alberta Law Foundation	\$ 564,624	\$ 502,903
Contracts and grants	800,864	504,723
Contributed equipment	5,944	5,944
Law Now sales	22,855	51,358
	<u>1,394,287</u>	<u>1,064,928</u>
GENERAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES		
Advertising and promotion	12,033	13,828
Amortization	19,894	11,621
Board expenses	389	894
Computing	23,761	36,125
Consulting fees	192,201	135,121
Delivery, freight and express	11,935	6,774
Employee benefits	41,632	33,469
Equipment rentals	-	2,240
Insurance	4,132	1,282
Interest and bank charges	11,871	7,284
Meetings and conventions	2,753	10,850
Memberships	12,611	4,861
Office	6,091	3,688
Printing and copying	69,701	37,533
Professional fees	25,955	25,464
Rental	75,904	72,813
Salaries and wages	927,191	650,470
Staff development	2,014	2,440
Supplies	6,684	11,197
Telephone	15,847	13,569
Travel	28,943	20,796
Expense recoveries	(73,688)	(38,931)
	<u>1,417,854</u>	<u>1,063,388</u>
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER GENERAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES FROM OPERATIONS	<u>(23,567)</u>	<u>1,540</u>
OTHER INCOME (EXPENSES)		
Interest income	1,176	3,050
Loss on disposal of capital assets	-	(1,054)
	<u>1,176</u>	<u>1,996</u>
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER GENERAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES FOR THE YEAR	<u>\$ (22,391)</u>	<u>\$ 3,536</u>