



President's Message

CLEA's Mission Statement

“Unknown Rights Are Not Rights At All”

CLEA is a charitable organization that provides legal information to Manitobans. We believe that legal knowledge is necessary for full and equal participation in our society. CLEA develops programs and resources especially to work with communities where there are understood needs. These services help individuals better understand our legal system and how to resolve their legal issues.

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Dear Friends of CLEA,

Since 1984, CLEA has successfully delivered an array of programs and resources to work with communities where there are understood needs. These services help individuals better understand our legal system and how to resolve their legal issues.

Our Law Phone-In and Lawyer Referral Program is incredibly busy; however, our dedicated staff does a great job providing legal information on a wide range of topics.

This past year has been a very busy year for CLEA. We have successfully moved to our new office at 301 – 414 Main Street. The new space is well suited to our continued role of providing first class service to Manitobans.

CLEA's Board of Directors is in the process of updating and refining our strategic plan. With a relatively new board, clear goals will ensure that decisions and efforts continue to move CLEA in a positive direction. The Board is also revising its succession policy, something every organization should do in case it has to replace an employee for a short, long, or permanent term. Planning for these events will allow CLEA to remain an effective organization moving forward.

The CLEA Advisory Committee will soon meet to help with networking, promoting the great work that CLEA does and helping open doors to potential funders.

News about CLEA's annual fundraising event will be coming soon; please stay tuned.

As CLEA's new president, I wanted to take this opportunity to thank the staff and board for their hard work and dedication. It is a pleasure to work with such amazing people who work tirelessly and creatively to stretch resources and deliver valuable information to people throughout the province.

This year when you renew your membership, please consider a donation to CLEA.

With Regards, Frank Reeves

New Board Members

Mary-Ellen Wayne

Mary-Ellen Wayne is a sole practitioner focusing on criminal defence and administrative law. She received a B.A. (with Distinction) in Psychology in 2009 and a J.D. in 2012 from the University of Manitoba. She was called to the bar in December 2016 and is currently working on an LL.M. with a focus on civil disobedience and litigation strategy relating to the opioid crisis. In addition to her work with CLEA, Ms. Wayne is also involved as an administration board member of her church and enjoys reading, the movies, and music.

Brandin Stoesz

Brandin Stoesz is an Analyst with Manitoba Hydro. He earned his Degree from the University of Manitoba in 2009, and completed the CMA Strategic Leadership Program in 2011.

Brandin is looking forward to learning about the challenges facing CLEA, using his skills to advance the goals of CLEA, and learning from the diverse experience and backgrounds of the staff and fellow board members.

Justin Douglas

Justin is a finance professional and Chartered Professional Accountant. After earning his Bachelor's degree from the University of Winnipeg in 2012 he spent several years working for Deloitte, having more recently taken on a Finance role with Bell MTS. It was CLEA's commitment to empowering the public to understand and appropriately navigate the justice system through education and outreach that resonated with him and why he has committed to helping CLEA achieve its goals.

Melanie Beaudry

Melanie is an associate at Ferriss Law, in the Town of Swan River, where she enjoys working in a variety of areas of law, including family and civil litigation, real estate, and wills and estates. Prior to that, Melanie was a staff attorney with Legal Aid Manitoba in Dauphin, specializing in Family Law and Child Protection. She received her law degree from the University of British Columbia. Returning to Manitoba to practice rurally has exposed her to the access to justice issues that are faced by Manitobans outside of urban centres, and she joined CLEA to assist the organization in its on-going service and opportunities across the province.

If you would like to support our work, you have several options:

- **Cheque or money order payable to Community Legal Education Association**
- **Donate online through CanadaHelps at www.communitylegal.mb.ca**
- **Current or past government of Manitoba employees can donate through the All Charities Campaign (catalogue #C226)**

CLEA is a registered charity: Charity Registration # 118870732RR0001

Public Legal Education Award 2017

Our 4th Annual Public Legal Education Awards were held at the Manitoba Legislative Building on Tuesday, September 26th. Deputy Attorney General Dave Wright presented this year's awards to Betty Hopkins, O.M., and teacher, Sandi Wagner.

Betty Hopkins, O.M., the chair and coordinator of the Manitoba W.I.S.E. Inc. Board of Directors, received the Advocate of Public Legal Education Award. Ms. Hopkins was honoured for her commitment to public legal education. Ms. Hopkins has received several recognitions or awards, including the YWCA Women of the Year/Women of Distinction Award, the LEAF National Recognition Award, the Order of Manitoba in 2010, and the Human Rights Commitment Award – Manitoba in 2013.

Sandi Wagner is a teacher at Windsor Park Collegiate and she received the Public Legal Education Award. Sandi has taught the grade 12 Law course for the past 28 years and has incorporated the study of Law into the grade 9 Social Studies curriculum. During this time, she has provided many engaging learning opportunities for her classes. Her students have been part of the mock trials for Law Day. They have attended, participated in and presented at various Human Rights, Social Justice and Law conferences. As a teacher, she believes that enhancing the curriculum with speakers and activities that focus on current issues and relevant topics will engage students in learning that extends beyond the classroom.

Former Public Legal Education award recipients: Roland Penner, Darren Klapak, Reeh Taylor, Q.C., Gerald McDowell, Debbie Wake, David Matas and Diane Dwarka.

We would like to thank Justice Minister Heather Stefanson, Deputy Minister Dave Wright, Sheila Michalski, Betty Hopkins, Sandi Wagner and everyone who attended.



Deputy Minister and Deputy Attorney General Dave Wright with Award Recipients Betty Hopkins (left) and Sandi Wagner (right)

CLEA UPDATES

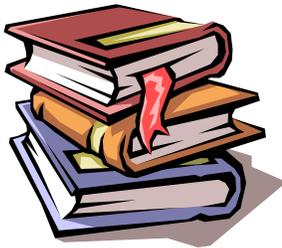
Since April 1st of this year:

- We arranged 19 presentations, including 11 for Law in the Library
- We displayed at Law Day and the SAGE Conference
- We distributed over 2,000 publications
- 8 participants completed the Community Legal Intermediary Course #39
- 10 participants completed the Community Legal Intermediary Course #40
- We have had over 216,000 visitors to our website

From January 1st to November 1st:

- 6,290 people have called our Law Phone-In & Lawyer Referral Program
- Of those, 686 were referred to a lawyer on our Lawyer Referral panel
- Over 1,000 were e-mail requests
- 1,326 were referred from a number of sources including Legal Aid, Legal Help Centre, the Law Society of Manitoba, non-profit organizations, lawyers, police, courts and government offices
- 30% dealt with family law, 13% dealt with civil claims, small claims and commercial litigation, 8% dealt with wills & estates, powers of attorney and committeeships, 7.8% dealt with criminal law, 5% dealt with employment and labour law.
- 55% were female
- 75% were from Winnipeg
- 195 were from other parts of Canada, 33 were from the U.S, 31 were from around the world: Australia, Belgium, Botswana, Brazil, Germany, Jordan, Malaysia, Mali, Nigeria, Pakistan, Saudi Arabia, Sweden, and The United Kingdom.

Publications



Divorce Guide (Revised) - \$25

Legal Services Directory - \$35 (limited quantities available)

New:

Legal Tips for Single Parent (revised)

Family Law Lesson Plans (Divorce, Separation, Custody & Access, Child Support, Spousal Support, Enforcing Court Orders)

A Special Thank You to the Following:

Core Funders:

- Department of Justice Canada
- The Manitoba Law Foundation
- The Law Society of Manitoba

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- Justice Canada – Supporting Families Fund
- The Winnipeg Foundation

All of our members, donors, volunteers and supporters!