



**Community Legal
Education Association**



**Newsletter
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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,

This year marks 34 years of service to Manitobans by the Community Legal Education Association and one year in our new offices located at #301-441 Main Street.

The Board is dedicated to empowering people to understand the law and I am pleased to report that our Law Phone-In and Lawyer Referral Program continues to grow, along with requests for our materials and presentations. The Board is committed to fulfilling our Mission and Vision and believes that planning for the future is imperative. I am pleased to report that CLEA's strategic plan is complete and will be used as a guide to ensure that as an organization, CLEA remains a credible source of resources and support for those who access our services.

As your new President, I was able to participate in our annual Public Legal Education Award Reception on October 16th. We recognized Len Fishman, Michael Lazar and Wayne Rose for their long-time dedication to CLEA and are grateful for their generous contributions of time, effort and expertise. The CLEA Advisory Committee will soon meet with its supporters in order to network, promote the great work that CLEA does and continue to open the door to potential supporters and funders.

I wish to thank our Executive Director, Mary Troszko, our two Law Phone-In lawyers, Jennifer Dunik and Charlene Thomas and each member of the Board for their hard work and dedication. Collectively, you make CLEA the viable and valuable organization that it is.

As the new year approaches, I encourage you to renew your membership and consider making a donation to CLEA.

Regards,

Lia Gervino

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New Board Members

Stacia Franz

Stacia Franz is a public relations professional in Manitoba with an emphasis on creative communications and personal branding. She holds an honours degree in law from the University of Kent, an arts degree from the University of Manitoba and a diploma in Creative Communications from Red River College.

Stacia is honoured to serve her community through her position as a board member with CLEA and bring her unique skills together with other members to enhance CLEA's service to Manitobans.

Gabriel Chung

In his current position as a Training Standards Coordinator with Manitoba's Department of Education and Training, Gabriel manages multiple post-secondary technical training development projects. He has been involved with several non-profit organizations, most extensively in the area of social services and healthcare. He earned his Master's degree in Public Administration from Queen's University in 2017. Gabriel's expertise includes a skill set in the areas of adult education, policy, research, and administration skills that he shares with the CLEA Board.

Updates

Bill C-46 received royal assent on June 21, 2018. It introduced extensive changes to alcohol and drug - impaired driving offences in the Criminal Code. Several new sections have already come into effect, including new offences of being over a prohibited blood drug concentration, the use of roadside oral fluid drug screeners and reforms to the collection of blood samples.

Changes to the Criminal Code dealing with alcohol impaired driving charges will come into effect on December 18, 2018. Some of the significant changes include:

- Police officers who have an approved screening device with them, will be able to stop drivers and demand a breath sample. The officer no longer has to have a reasonable suspicion that drivers have alcohol in their body.
- It will be an offence to have a blood alcohol concentration of .08 or more within two hours of driving a motor vehicle, aircraft or vessel (all are now collectively referred to as conveyances). This is intended to limit the ability of drivers to argue they consumed alcohol after driving or that the alcohol they drank just before driving or while driving was not fully absorbed, putting them under the legal limit while driving. It is a defence for drivers to consume alcohol after driving where they had no reasonable expectation that they would have to provide a breath sample.
- Mandatory minimum fines can result in a first-time impaired driver receiving a fine of up to \$2,000.
- Maximum penalties for impaired driving where there was no injury or death will increase from 18 months on summary conviction to 2 years less a day and from 5 years on indictment, to 10 years imprisonment.

Public Legal Education Award 2018

Our 5th Annual Public Legal Education Awards were held at the Manitoba Legislative Building on Tuesday, October 16th. Justice Minister Cliff Cullen presented this year's awards to Len Fishman, Michael Lazar and Wayne Rose. All three were honoured for their commitment to public legal education. They have been Speakers Bureau presenters and all three have taught CLEA's Community Legal Intermediary Training Course (CLI) for over 20 years.

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

The CLI course trains community legal intermediaries about legal issues and resources in the community. Community Legal Intermediaries are people who act as the "link" between someone who has a legal problem and the legal resources existing in the community. Many people may not be aware that a problem they are experiencing is legal in nature or that it has a legal component. Some may know they have a legal problem but do not know where to go for assistance. These people often relate their general difficulties to someone in a "Helping field" or to a community leader. They may go to an elder, a friend, a relative, a community outreach worker, a counsellor, an officer of an organization or cultural centre. We see these "helpers" as the link, or the intermediaries, between the law and those who need help with the law.

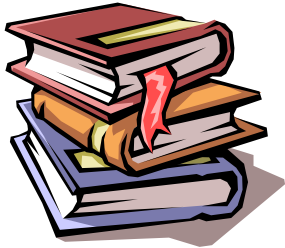
The first CLI course was held in 1995. We have held 40 sessions since then. Classes are held once or twice a year, depending on demand.



Justice Minister Cliff Cullen presenting the Public Legal Education Awards to Wayne Rose, Len Fishman and Michael Lazar (Left to Right)

The next Community Legal Intermediary Training Course (CLI) will start on March 19, 2019

Publications



New:

Wills & Estates Brochure Series:

Wills, Estates, Healthcare Directives,
Powers of Attorney

Case Summary: *R. v. Jordan*

Our new Everyday Law Videos are now on our website under the Resources tab

Community Legal Education Association is dedicated to providing public legal education and information programs to all Manitobans. We provide legal information through our Speakers Bureau presentations and Community Legal Intermediary Training Courses, our publications and our website. We also believe that public legal education in the schools is very important and therefore continue to develop resources for teachers and students. Our Law Phone-In & Lawyer Referral Program provides legal information and advice to Manitobans all across the province.

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- The Manitoba Law Foundation
- The Law Society of Manitoba

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- 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)

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