



**Newsletter
Fall 2016**

President's Message

CLEA's Mission Statement

“Unknown Rights Are Not Rights At All”

CLEA is a not-for-profit organization that provides public legal information to Manitobans. We believe that legal knowledge is a prerequisite to full and equal participation in our society. The purpose of CLEA is to educate the general public with respect to the legal system, with the betterment of Manitobans as its ultimate goal, and to increase the ability of individuals (primarily those perceived to have the greatest need) to deal competently with legal issues.

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Darren Grunau

The demand for CLEA's services continues to grow, as does the need for our presence online. We continue to work with various partners in the community to help give valuable, accessible information. This includes the presentations given in partnership with The Winnipeg Public Libraries. We even tailor presentations and publications based on what our partners see as beneficial. It is very interesting to have a direct link to the pulse of the province regarding what legal questions Manitobans have.

CLEA staff is also kept busy with their involvement on various committees, representing CLEA and our members' interests. Keeping abreast of local and national trends and partnership opportunities helps ensure that our organization makes access to justice as easy and relevant as possible. Our dedicated staff continues to help people gain access to information, and their passion and commitment to CLEA is very much noticed and appreciated.

As a registered charity, we continue to look for fundraising opportunities. This fall we are excited to be teaming up with The John Howard Society of Manitoba for an amazing night of all star comedy, November 10th at the West End Cultural Centre. Please come support two great organizations, and have a laugh.

Kyle Giesbrecht

ONE HILARIOUS NIGHT OF ALL-STAR COMEDY

Featuring:

Lara Rae, Carole Cunningham, Autumn Crossman & Dan Robertson

**Thursday, November 10th
West End Cultural Centre
586 Ellice Avenue
Cash Bar 6:30 pm/Show 7:30 pm**

Tickets: \$50 (with a \$30 tax receipt)

Proceeds go to Community Legal Education Association (CLEA)
and The John Howard Society of Manitoba (JHS)

For more information call or email :
CLEA: 204-943-2382 / info@communitylegal.mb.ca
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JHS: 204-775-1514 / office@johnhoward.mb.ca

CLEA Welcomes New Board Members

Stacey Soldier

Stacey was called to the Manitoba Bar in 2008 and practices primarily in the area of Criminal Law. Stacey was one of eight lawyers on the Families First Pro Bono Team who received the 2015 Pro Bono Award from The Manitoba Bar Association for their work done preparing a report that engaged with families and developed a framework to address the issue of Missing and Murdered Indigenous women and girls. She has recently been appointed to the Board of Directors for the Families First Foundation which was created after the report was adopted by the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs.

Stacey grew up in Thompson and is a proud member of Swan Lake First Nation. She was raised in a family that is dedicated to public service and has served on a variety of community boards. Stacey has been a director on the Knowles Centre Board since 2013 and is currently serving as Secretary. She has guest lectured at Robson Hall Law School and has assisted with the 2nd year Advocacy trials. Every year Stacey coaches grade 12 students as they prepare for the MBA Law Day mock trials. In her spare time, she practices yoga, reads, watches hockey and travels far and wide with her daughter.

Jodi Ryzowski

Jodi earned her CGA designation in 2011 and currently works as a Financial Analyst for the City of Winnipeg. She has previous experience working for non-profit organizations and in the private sector.

Julia Ryckman

Julia received her J.D. from the University of Manitoba. During her law studies she worked as program coordinator for Pro Bono Students Canada – Manitoba Chapter, matching law students and volunteer lawyer supervisors with community organizations in need of free legal information.

Julia is currently articling at Pitblado LLP, and is expecting to be called to the Bar in June 2017. Passionate about both the arts and access to justice issues, in addition to being a board member of the Community Legal Education Association, Julia is Vice-Chair of Video Pool Media Arts Centre's board.

Darren Grunau

Darren is currently a 2nd year student at the University of Manitoba's Faculty of Law. Prior to studying law, Darren completed a 4-year degree in International Development Studies with a focus on economics. Most recently, he has volunteered with local legal organizations like the Public Interest Law Centre and the Legal Help Centre. He has a wide variety of work experience, including carpentry, market gardening, grant writing and one-on-one support work for people with fetal alcohol spectrum disorder. Darren enjoys outdoors activities like canoeing, playing music and gardening.

We would also like to bid farewell to departing board members Geof Langen, Sandi Wagner and Terence Tsoi. We wish them all the best in their future endeavours and hope they will always be CLEA supporters.

A Special Thank You to the Following:

Core Funders:

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

Project Funders:

- Winnipeg Foundation
- Justice Canada – Supporting Families Fund



Publications

- 7 Family Law Fact Sheets
- Family Law Court Orders Enforcement Guide

Watch for our Winter Newsletter coming out in December!

Highlights: CLEA's role in Access to Justice, CLEA Public Legal Education Award, New Projects, Conference on Family Law - February 24, 2017