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Newsletter  
Summer  
2014

# Comedy Show a Success!

Our Comedy Show on April 7<sup>th</sup> was a success.

Thank you to the performers:

Graham Chittenden, Derek Edwards, Jen Grant and Dave Hemstad.

Thank you to our partner The Gas Station Arts Centre.

Thank you to the Programme Advertisers:

Chris Pennycook Team, Royal LePage, RBC Royal Bank, Joyce Bateman, MP and the following MLA's: Andrew Swan, Greg Selinger, Melanie Wight, Jennifer Howard, Deanne Crothers, Gord Mackintosh, Theresa Oswald, Sharon Blady, Kevin Chief and Kerri Irvin-Ross.

Thank you to everyone who attended and supported our fundraising efforts.

## 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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## **Volunteers**

Without the support of volunteers in the community, CLEA could not do its work. We thank all of our volunteers, partners and supporters. You are the heart of our programs and success.

**To join our Speakers Bureau or volunteer to review publications for legal accuracy, please download and fill out the Volunteer Data Sheet, available on our website.**

**If you would like to join the Lawyer Referral panel, please download and fill out the Lawyer Referral Service Application Form, available on our website.**

**Or, just call our Executive Director at 204-943-382 ext. 1**

**Check out our "new" website at:  
<http://www.communitylegal.mb.ca>**

# Volunteers – April 1, 2013 to March 31, 2014

**CLEA would like to thank the following volunteers who have helped us in our various programs this year:**

## **Speakers Bureau:**

Robert Arthur  
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Sandi Wagner  
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## **Publication Review:**

Tony Cellitti

**CLEA would also like to thank the lawyers on the Lawyer Referral panel:**

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# New Legislation

## The Public Guardian and Trustee Act

The Public Trustee of Manitoba has been renamed as the Public Guardian and Trustee as of April 1, 2014. The new legislation revises rules for investing property held in trust. *The Public Guardian and Trustee Act* also allows certain practices when acting as a trustee for minors' trusts, such as encroachment on capital, payment of small trusts to a parent or guardian, and transfer of the trust when the minor resides outside of Manitoba.

Amendments were also made to *The Mental Health Act* allowing the Public Guardian and Trustee to apply to court to cancel the appointment as committee or allowing someone else to be appointed. Also, if someone has named joint or alternate attorneys under an enduring power of attorney document, the Public Guardian and Trustee may terminate the authority of one of the attorneys and allow the other to act.

If there is a valid enduring power of attorney in place and the Public Guardian and Trustee has been appointed as committee, they have to notify the individual whom they are acting on behalf of, that person's nearest relative, and the person appointed as attorney under the enduring power of attorney. The Public Guardian and Trustee must provide notice to those individuals of whether they have decided to continue to act as committee or whether the attorney may act under the enduring power of attorney. The new Act allows those notified individuals the chance to object to the decision in writing within 30 days of receiving the notice. The Public Guardian and Trustee must then seek direction from the court regarding the best interests of the individual.

*Jennifer Dunik, Law Phone-In Lawyer*

## Law Phone-In & Lawyer Referral Program Update

Total Calls 2013 – 6,400                      1,297 or 20% e-mail

335 self-represented or unrepresented      Lawyer Referrals – 1,378 or 21%

Female – 3,673 or 57%                      Winnipeg – 4,696 or 73%

Calls outside of Winnipeg – from 216 Manitoba communities

196 Calls from across Canada              41 Calls from 17 U.S. states and Washington D.C.

21 Calls from around the world: Armenia, Brazil, Egypt, Germany, Iran, Italy, Kenya, Mexico, Nigeria, Philippines, Republic of Congo, United Kingdom.

Thank you to Jessica Davenport, Evan Amabile, Nihar Kaushal, Jonathan Avey, Zachary Kinahan and Devin Wehrle, law students through the Pro Bono Students Canada Program who assisted us at Law Phone-In. Also thank you to their supervisor, Alyssa Mymko and Katie Haig-Anderson and Leah Klassen, University of Manitoba Program Coordinators.

## 2014 Manitoba Legal Services Directory

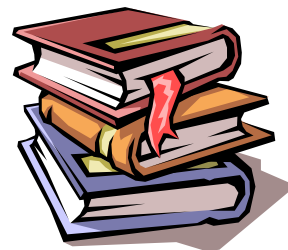
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Includes listings of:

- Law firms in Manitoba
- Lawyers practicing in the province
- Lawyers by preferred area of practice
- Lawyers who offer services in languages other than English
- Community and governmental legal service agencies

**Cost per copy:  
\$30.00 (includes postage & handling)**

# Publications



Recently Reprinted and available at no charge:

- **Family Law for Children**
- **Women in Abusive Relationships**
- **YCJA Brochure**
- **YCJA Fact Sheets (set of 8)**

(Bulk copies available for law offices and community agencies; please call 204-943-2382 to arrange for pick-up)

Also Available for Sale:

- **Probate Court Guide \$30**
- **Uncontested Divorce Guide \$25**
- **My Funeral Plan \$5**

See our on-line publications at:  
[www.communitylegal.mb.ca](http://www.communitylegal.mb.ca)

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- The Manitoba Law Foundation
- The Law Society of Manitoba

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- Winnipeg Foundation
- Justice Canada – Youth Justice Policy

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CLEA is listed with the All Charities Campaign  
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