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ANNUAL REPORT 2003

Our Mission

"To serve the public interest by promoting a high standard of legal services and professional conduct through the governance and regulation of an independent legal profession."

President's Report

by Cheryl Gottselig, QC

When I became president of the LSA in February 2003, I set out to focus on two top priorities - information management and national mobility. I found over the past year that even though these were priorities, they were definitely not the only ones.

In 2003, the legal community witnessed dramatic changes, both at the federal and provincial level. I have always believed that change is good, as long as it makes sense and helps the right people, at the right time.

Perhaps the most significant change that took place on the national level was the implementation of the national mobility agreement. Since the idea of increased lawyer mobility originated in Jasper, national mobility is a source of pride for Alberta lawyers. The agreement allows lawyers to practise with fewer restrictions in most jurisdictions in Canada. Although it is of great benefit to lawyers, the real winners in this agreement are the clients, whose needs in the global economy are changing more and more each day. National mobility is a tremendous step in the right direction and I am proud to have been part of such a memorable time in legal history.

Even though national mobility is regarded as a huge success, both for the lawyer and client, it does bring to the surface a number of related issues that Alberta lawyers need to look at. National mobility may call for other national programs, such as a national code of conduct, a national insurance program, a national governance model - and the list continues. This is a challenge that I see the Law Society of Alberta, as well as other Canadian law societies, dealing with over the coming years.

The LSA wants national mobility to help the public receive the highest standard of legal services they require from lawyers. To meet this standard, lawyers must have access to the most up to date information. Over the past year, the LSA encouraged all Alberta lawyers to use CanLII (www.canlii.org) as a research tool when practising law. Although still in its infancy, CanLII is strongly supported by the LSA as an alternative to commercial databases and is targeted by the Federation of Law Societies of Canada to be the primary research tool for Canadian lawyers. In addition to supporting CanLII, the LSA took preliminary steps to develop a continuing professional development program for Alberta lawyers.

With the belief that life-long learning is the cornerstone for a successful legal career, the LSA wants to assist and support lawyers in their professional development endeavours. These initiatives will continue in the new year.

Here in Alberta, more government policy issues are requiring the LSA to take a seat at the table and speak on behalf of the public's right to have access to justice. We have actively done so, probably most publicly, during the ongoing automobile insurance debate. We have consistently repeated that the public needs continued access to a justice system that fairly compensates innocent victims. The *Insurance Amendment Act*, recently passed in the legislature, states that a \$4000 cap will be placed on minor injuries. The definition of a minor injury has yet to be determined, and the LSA, along with other interested parties, will be working with the government to iron out these and other details, while keeping the public interest at the forefront.

Internally, the LSA developed a budget that enhanced programs, while keeping the 2004 membership fee (for active, practising members) at the same rate as in 2003. We are also awaiting the results of the equity and diversity survey, expected to be released in February. The LSA assisted with this survey and it will be interesting to see how the profession has or has not changed over the past 10 years.

Two special events occurred during the year. The Media and The Law Seminar, now in its third consecutive year, was held in Edmonton in March. The event sold out, and participants were treated to a day at the University of Alberta Faculty Club, listening to stellar panelists and actively debating major issues, such as freedom of expression and publication bans. The 2004 seminar will also be very enticing, as we welcome Peter Kent, deputy editor and anchor for Global TV News, as the guest speaker. This event will take place in Red Deer on March 27.

The other event I was proud to be a part of, but saddened, was awarding an honorary LSA membership to Shaf Kassam, an Edmonton articling student who had terminal cancer. During an emotional ceremony at the Court of Queen's Bench, Justice Sheila Greckol, Dick Haldane, QC, (Shaf's principal) and I spoke of Shaf's courage, determination, and the positive influence



he had on his colleagues, friends and family. As LSA president, and as a lawyer, this was one of the most memorable moments of my career. The ceremony, covered by all local media, took place on April 11. Shaf died on June 23, after taking a long Caribbean cruise with this wife and two-year old daughter.

The new Calgary courthouse will hopefully become a reality. This is due to a great deal of hard work and determination of many members of the government, the judiciary and the legal community. Albertans who live in Calgary and the surrounding areas will have better access to justice facilities.

To thank all of the people who helped me in the last year is a daunting task. The benchers who served with me in 2003 were an incredible group of intelligent, feisty and dedicated individuals. Whenever I asked anyone to give more of their time to issues that required the input of the LSA the answer was always "yes". Our profession will remain self-governing only if our members continue to provide this unselfish leadership.

The staff at the LSA offices in Calgary and Edmonton are an exceptional group of very dedicated people. It is their standard of excellence that allows the benchers to serve the public interest by promoting a high standard of legal services and professional conduct.

For so many reasons, it is important that we have a self governing legal profession. The public needs to be able to talk to their lawyer, knowing that that the information will be kept confidential and they will receive competent legal advice. The public also has the LSA to turn to if they feel they have been mistreated in any way. This is the foundation of the regulation of the legal profession and we must continue to work hard for the public interest.

Thanks to all of you for putting your trust in me and allowing me to serve you as your president.

2003 Benchers of the Law Society of Alberta



Back Row

David Percy, QC (Dean of Law, University of Alberta); Jim Peacock, QC; Morris Taylor (lay bencher); Charles Gardner, QC; Vaughn Myers, QC; Tudor Beattie, QC; Dale Spackman, QC; Brian Peterson, QC; Perry Mack, QC

Second Row

Tracy Brennan, QC; Doug McGillivray, QC; Patricia Hughes (Dean of Law, University of Calgary); Bradley Nemetz, QC; Yvonne Stanford (lay bencher); Mona Duckett, QC; Rhonda Ruston, QC; Everett Bunnell, QC; Juliana Topolniski, QC; W. Paul Sharek, QC

Front Row

Norma Sieppert (lay bencher); Wilf Willier (lay bencher); Larry Anderson, QC (President-Elect); Cheryl Gottselig, QC (President); Don Thompson (Executive Director); John Phillips, QC; John Holmes, QC

Missing

June Ross, QC
Vivian Stevenson

Highlights of the Year

50 years at the Bar

This past year the Law Society of Alberta presented 50 year service awards to 13 lawyers and members of the judiciary. These individuals were admitted to the bar in 1953 and are still active, practising lawyers in Alberta. The 50 year recognition awards are provided to members of the Alberta bar who have given 50 years of service to the profession, either as a member of the Law Society of Alberta or as a member of the judiciary.



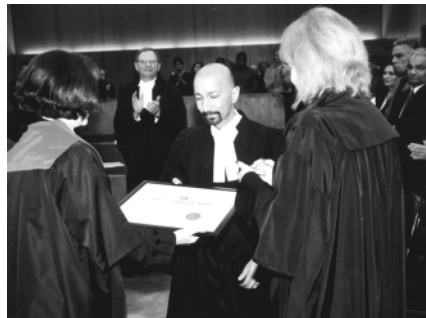
2003 recipients were:

Walter Barron, QC
Harvey Bodner, QC
Louis A. Desrochers, QC
Thomas Duckworth, QC
Justice Robert Patrick Fraser
Garth Fryett, QC
Justice Ernest A. Hutchinson
Lawrence David MacLean, QC
Tom Mayson, QC
Alex MacIver, QC
The Honourable Kenneth Moore, QC
Vince O'Conner, QC
James MacKenzie Thomson, QC

One lawyer, William Howard, QC was honoured with 60 years of service to the profession.

Honorary Membership

An honorary membership to the LSA was awarded on April 11 to articling student Shaf Kassam during a special sitting of the Court of Queen's Bench. The 30 year-old student had a terminal form of cancer and would not be able to complete his articles.



Presiding over the ceremony was Justice Sheila Greckol, who along with Cheryl Gottselig, QC, LSA president, commended Shaf for his determination and courage, noting his achievements and academic excellence by obtaining both his Bachelor of Laws and Masters of Business Administration degrees with grades at or near the top of his class.

Shaf's principal at Parlee McLaws LLP, Dick Haldane, QC, made the request for Shaf to receive an honorary

membership for his courage and determination. The benchers voted unanimously to award Shaf with the honorary call to the bar.

Shaf's wife and two-year-old daughter, and hundreds of relatives, friends, co-workers and fellow law students crowded into the largest Court of Queen's Bench courtroom to witness the special ceremony.

Shaf passed away on June 23, 2003.

Distinguished Service Awards

On March 7, the Law Society of Alberta and the Canadian Bar Association - Alberta Branch recognized the distinguished service of five Alberta lawyers who display excellence in the legal profession. Congratulations to:

Dr. Richard Bauman - Legal Scholarship
Paul Drager - Service to the Community
Margaret A. Shone, QC - Service to the Community
Lorne E. Goddard, QC - Service to the Profession
H.J. Lyndon Irwin, QC - Service to the Profession



The Distinguished Service awards are presented each year at the Alberta Law Conference to recognize outstanding contributions to community, the legal profession and in legal scholarship.

Media and Law Seminar

Publication bans and freedom of expression were heavily debated during the 2003 Media and Law Seminar, hosted by the Law Society of Alberta on March 1 in Edmonton. Over 120 lawyers and members of the judiciary and media gathered on a Saturday to take part in these discussions, as well as participate in a headline writing workshop.

The morning session on freedom of expression led to an exciting debate over the professionalism of media scrums on courthouse steps, and the place recording devices have in the courtroom. The next session involved a lively discussion on the scope, legitimacy and necessity of, and issues surrounding, publication bans.

The sold-out event boasted names such as Lynda Steele, anchor for Global Television News as master of ceremonies, the Honourable Allan H. Lefever, provincial court judge (and former lawyer for media), and prominent justices and judges from the Court of Appeal, Court of Queen's Bench and the Provincial Court of Alberta. The event was sponsored by Fraser Milner Casgrain LLP, the Edmonton Sun and the Canadian Bar Association - Alberta Branch.

Equity and Diversity Survey

An equity and diversity survey of the legal profession addressing discrimination in the workplace on the basis of age, disability, race and sexual orientation was conducted in 2003. The survey, funded by the Alberta Law Foundation, was commissioned by the Joint Committee on Gender, Equality and Equity, which included representatives from the Canadian Bar Association - Alberta Branch, the Law Society of Alberta, the University of Alberta and the University of Calgary.

The survey featured four components: a survey of active members, a survey of inactive members, focus groups with active members and exit interviews with lawyers who move to the inactive list or leave the practice of law entirely. Conducted by Guyn Cooper Research Associates and Dr. Joan Brockman of Simon Fraser University, and funded by the Alberta Law Foundation, the survey is expected to illustrate changes since the first survey, which was conducted in 1991, and provide a baseline study on other barriers in the legal profession. Results will be available in 2004.

Insurance Debate

Change to the automobile insurance rate system was one of the hottest topics in 2003, involving insurance

companies, the government, the public and lawyers. The Law Society of Alberta, in representing the public interest, was at the table, along with the Alberta Civil Trial Lawyers' Association, the Canadian Bar Association and the Insurance Bureau of Canada, to develop a solution that ensures fair outcomes for Albertans. Throughout the debate, which saw insurance premiums frozen for much of 2004, the LSA maintains that whatever changes are made, Albertans must still have access to a justice system that fairly compensates automobile accident victims. The debate continues in 2004.

Mobility

The much talked about national mobility arrived in Alberta in June 2003, when the benchers approved rule changes allowing for lawyers in jurisdictions that permit mobility, to practise in Alberta, with few restrictions. Highlights are as follows:

- Only jurisdictions that have signed and implemented the agreement will be able to take advantage of the new mobility provisions.
- Lawyers may work in other participating jurisdictions for up to 100 days in a calendar year, without obtaining a permit. This replaces the 6 in 12 rule that existed within the western provinces. After 100 days, the lawyer will have to obtain a permit to continue working in that jurisdiction, or become a member of that law society. The lawyer must meet certain requirements, such as having no existing disciplinary or criminal record, be entitled to practise law in their home jurisdiction and be fully insured.
- If a lawyer develops an economic nexus with another jurisdiction, such as establishing an office, residence, or opening a trust account in another jurisdiction, that lawyer must become a member of that law society.
- A lawyer wanting to become a member in a signatory jurisdiction is not generally required to write transfer examinations, provided that the lawyer is, at the time of transfer, (i) entitled to practise law (ii) in a national mobility agreement jurisdiction (iii) of which the lawyer is a member. Lawyers are required to read various materials, familiarizing themselves with the law of that jurisdiction.

National mobility is in place to help the public receive the legal services they require from lawyers, while at the same time maintain the high integrity of the profession.

Continuing Professional Development

Many lawyers engage in professional development of many forms, such as learning new practice skills, taking LESA courses, and enhancing customer relations and office management expertise. There is, however, no formal program for lawyers to refine or update their skills, as most regulated professions have. To assist and support lawyers in their professional development endeavors, the Law Society of Alberta struck a committee to examine the possibility of having a continuing professional development program for lawyers. Over the next year, the committee will be looking at developing a vision and policy foundation for continuing professional development, studying various continuing professional development initiatives and models from other professions and jurisdictions and looking at current initiatives already in place. The committee will also identify and engage key stakeholders, consider cost factors and regularly report progress to the benchers.

No increase in active member fee

The annual fee for active members remained at \$990 plus GST, the same amount as last year. The benchers were able to freeze the annual fee for a number of reasons, including achieving a sizeable surplus over the last year, which was passed on to members for the next budget year. The Law Society of Alberta also made changes to its processes and procedures that resulted in significant cost savings last year.

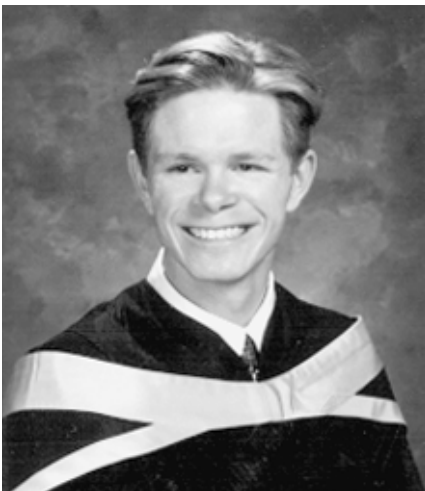
Awards and Bursaries

Freeman Bursary

Adam Letourneau, a University of Alberta law student, was the first recipient of the Peter Freeman, QC, Bursary for Indigenous Students in Law. An avid volunteer, Adam dedicates his time to a number of organizations including Student Legal Services of Edmonton, the Aboriginal Law Students' Association, the Cannons of Construction (law school newspaper), the Faculty of Law Oratory Association and the Faculty of Law Environmental Club.

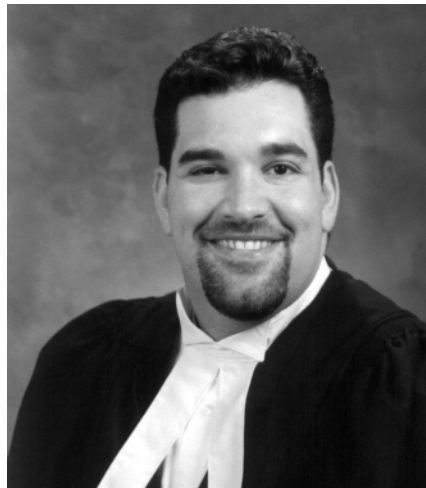
The bursary was created in 2001 in honour of Peter Freeman, QC, who served as the Law Society of Alberta's executive director from 1989 until his retirement in 2001. The principal amount of the bursary was established through generous donations from the legal community and the Law Society of Alberta.

Each year the bursary is awarded to a law student at the University of Calgary and University of Alberta who is of aboriginal descent. The University of Calgary will begin to award the annual bursary in 2004.



Viscount Bennett Awards

Alberta graduate students Benjamin Berger, Larissa Katz and Peter Banks were the recipients of the 2003 Viscount Bennett Scholarships. The scholarships are funded from a trust fund established by the Honourable Viscount Bennett. The annual awards for post-graduate studies in law are presented to individuals who are dedicated to their community and profession and wish to further their legal education.



Benjamin Berger BA, LLB attained his Bachelor of Arts with first class honours from the University of Alberta in 1999, his Bachelor of Laws from the University of Alberta in 2002 and is currently in pursuit of his LLM at Yale Law School.



Larissa Katz BA, LLB attained her Bachelor of Arts, with honours, from the University of Alberta in 1996, her Bachelor of Laws from the University of Alberta in 2000 and is currently working toward her LLM at Yale Law School.



Peter D. Banks BA, LLB attained his Bachelor of Education, with distinction, from the University of Alberta in 1997, his Bachelor of Laws, with distinction, from the University of Alberta in 2002 and is currently pursuing graduate studies in law at St. Johns College, Oxford.

Report on Regulation

Regulation of the Legal Profession

All lawyers practising law in Alberta and Alberta lawyers practising law in other jurisdictions are expected to conduct themselves in accordance with the *Legal Profession Act*, the Code of Professional Conduct and the Rules of the Law Society of Alberta. Conduct that breaches any of these standards is dealt with through a variety of procedures.

Part 3 of the *Legal Profession Act* provides a number of procedures, including informal and formal complaint processes, investigations and reviews by various committees.

Each procedure has specific outcomes. Collectively they range from dismissal of a complaint to disbarment. Some of the relevant statistics for the various processes are as follows:

Inquiries and Complaints Statistics

Number of Inquiries and Complaints in 2003

Broken down by area of law

Matrimonial & Family

1068

Real Estate

611

Civil Litigation

361

Estate Planning & Administration

234

Criminal

204

Commercial

82

Corporate

58

Administrative Boards / Tribunals

49

Employment

37

Immigration

20

Tax

22

Aboriginal

11

Other

145

Conduct Department Statistics for 2003

	2003	2002	2001
General Inquiries and Complaints received by Complaints Officers:	3450	3457	3359
Opened as Formal Complaints:	115	113	114
: complaints by the public	57	53	40
: complaints by lawyers	30	28	22
: complaints initiated by LSA	28	32	52
Dismissed at Administrative Level:	45	37	42
Directed to Investigation:	8	9	27
Referred to Conduct Committee Panel	69	93	86
: Dismissed by Conduct Committee Panel	21	18	23
: Directed to Hearing	41	53	35
: Directed to Mandatory Conduct Advisory*	14	21	17
: Directed to Practice Review	9	20	7
: Appeals Filed Against Dismissal	20	12	10

*Directed to informal discipline process.

Hearing Statistics for 2003

Completed Hearings – 11

Hearings proceeded and members received penalties of some or all of the following: reprimands, fines, costs of hearing, referrals, etc.

Suspensions – 5

Hearings proceeded and members were suspended and penalties may also include fines, costs of hearing, etc.

Disbarments – 2

Hearings proceeded and members were disbarred.

Resignation Applications (Disbarments) – 4

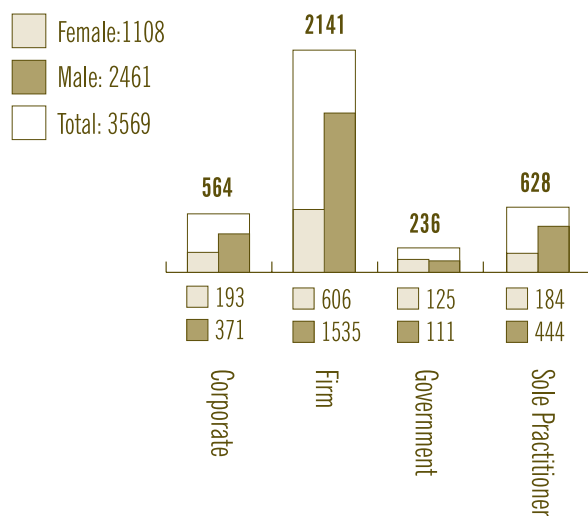
Resignation Applications accepted pursuant to Section 61 of the *Legal Profession Act* (resigned in the face of discipline, thus disbarred).

Dismissal of Charges – 2

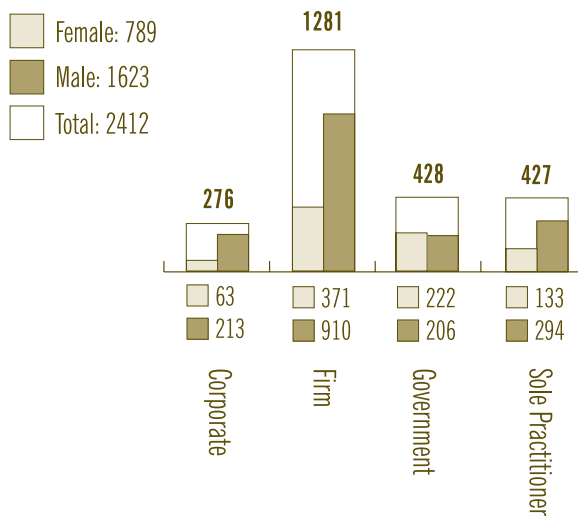
Discontinued Hearings – 1

Practising Lawyers by Location as of December 31, 2003

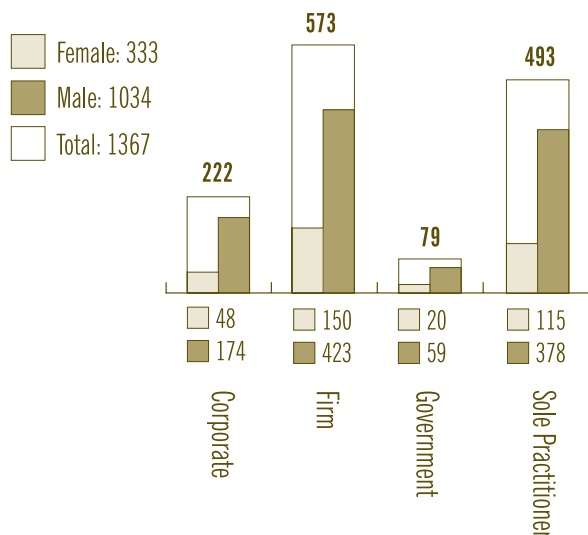
Calgary



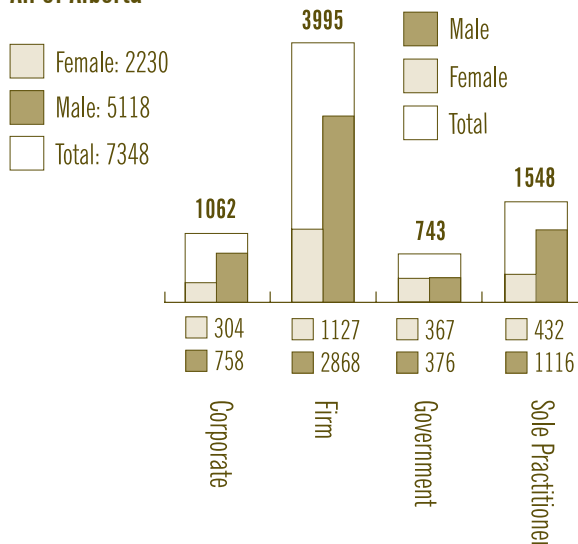
Edmonton



Rest of Alberta



All of Alberta



Report from the Alberta Lawyers Insurance Association

The LSA's professional liability insurance arm, the Alberta Lawyers Insurance Association, welcomed a new director of insurance in 2003. Lisa Sabo, a lawyer, joined ALIA after working in the insurance industry for several years and has quickly become an effective and valuable administrator of the insurance program.

ALIA continues to meet the needs of Alberta lawyers for comprehensive cost effective insurance coverage. In spite of growing membership, managing claims continues to be a productive and efficient service to the members of the LSA.

ALIA has benefited from efficiencies and favourable claims experience, to the extent that the Canadian Lawyers Insurance Association declared a \$3 million credit in 2003. This was one factor in determining the annual insurance levy for Alberta lawyers.

Financial Statistics

Total Incurred

July 1, 2002 to June 30, 2003

Fiscal Year 2003 Unaudited

Expenses	\$3,691,687
Claims Paid	7,690,146
Total	\$11,381,833
Number of Lawyers	4,837
Total per insured lawyer	\$2,353
Number of paid claims	184
Average paid per claim	\$41,794

Assurance Fund

The LSA operates an Assurance Fund to protect the public against losses caused when a lawyer misappropriates or wrongfully converts money or other property. Every active member pays an annual assurance levy to fund the operation of the Assurance Fund.

During the 2003 fiscal year, \$3,700 of claims were paid from the Assurance Fund (2002 - \$138,400). The reserve for potential claims was set at \$2,216,000 for the fiscal year (2002 - \$683,000). The fund purchases an indemnity bond each year as part of its program of risk management. The current bond is for \$10,000,000 of claims, with the fund paying the first \$1,000,000 in claims.

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LSA Condensed Financial Statements October 31, 2003

Law Society of Alberta Condensed Financial Statements
October 31, 2003

To the Members of the Law Society of Alberta

The accompanying summarized balance sheet and statement of revenue, expenses and fund balances are derived from the complete financial statements of the Law Society of Alberta as at October 31, 2003 and for the year then ended on which we expressed an opinion without reservation in our report dated December 10, 2003. The fair summarization of the complete financial statements is the responsibility of management. Our responsibility, in accordance with the applicable Assurance Guideline of The Canadian Institute of Chartered Accountants, is to report on the summarized financial statements.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements fairly summarize, in all material respects, the related complete financial statements in accordance with the criteria described in Guideline referred to above.

The summarized financial statements do not contain all the disclosures required by Canadian generally accepted accounting principles. Readers are cautioned that these statements may not be appropriate for their purposes. For more information on the entity's financial position, results of operations and cash flows, reference should be made to the related complete financial statements.

PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP

PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP
Chartered Accountants
December 10, 2003

Condensed Balance Sheet

as at October 31, 2003

Assets	2003	2002
Current assets	\$4,201,671	\$2,056,166
Investments	6,782,961	8,104,619
Trust assets	452,583	395,707
Capital assets	849,739	711,680
Total Assets	\$12,286,954	\$11,268,172
Liabilities		
Current liabilities	\$632,774	\$495,231
Reserve for claims and related costs	2,216,000	683,000
Pension Plan payable	298,806	255,118
Deferred rent	136,432	253,384
Trust liabilities	452,583	395,707
Total Liabilities	3,736,595	2,082,440
Fund Balances		
Invested in capital assets	849,739	711,680
Externally restricted funds		
Contingency reserve	4,100,474	5,283,237
Scholarship reserve	772,713	743,910
Unrestricted funds	2,827,433	2,446,905
Total Fund Balances	8,550,359	9,185,732
Total Liabilities and Fund Balances	\$12,286,954	\$11,268,172

Condensed Statement of Revenue, Expenses and Fund Balances

For the year ended October 31, 2003

Revenue	2003	2002
Practice fees	\$9,018,441	\$7,982,784
Investment and other income	944,094	628,671
Management fee	660,681	288,096
Enrolment and application fees	292,662	297,353
Other	36,480	51,396
Fines and penalties	23,994	46,425
Computer allocation	-	106,800
Total Revenue	10,976,352	9,401,525
Expenses		
Corporate costs	2,480,361	2,668,810
Departments and programs	6,164,422	5,671,428
Provision (recovery) for claims and related costs	1,532,590	(108,333)
Grants and contributions	1,049,926	811,789
Bencher and other committee meetings	354,426	400,250
Scholarships	30,000	51,000
Total Expenses	11,611,725	9,494,944
Deficiency of revenue over expenses for the year	(635,373)	(93,419)
Fund Balances - beginning of year	9,185,732	9,279,151
Fund Balances - end of year	\$8,550,359	\$9,185,732

ALIA Condensed Financial Statements June 30, 2003

The Alberta Lawyers Insurance Association Condensed Financial Statements
June 30, 2003

To the Directors of the Alberta Lawyers Insurance Association

The accompanying summarized balance sheet and statement of revenue, expenses and net assets are derived from the complete financial statements of the Alberta Lawyers Insurance Association as at June 30, 2003 and for the year then ended on which we expressed an opinion without reservation in our report dated October 22, 2003. The fair summarization of the complete financial statements is the responsibility of management. Our responsibility, in accordance with the applicable Assurance Guideline of The Canadian Institute of Chartered Accountants, is to report on the summarized financial statements.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements fairly summarize, in all material respects, the related complete financial statements in accordance with the criteria described in the Guideline referred to above.

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PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP

PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP
Chartered Accountants
October 22, 2003

Condensed Balance Sheet

as at June 30, 2003

Assets	2003	2002
Current assets	\$21,042,885	\$15,489,492
Investments	44,830,151	44,762,229
Capital assets	16,910	6,900
Total Assets	\$65,889,946	\$60,258,621
Liabilities		
Current liabilities	14,819,191	13,668,497
Reserve for claims and related costs	33,938,000	29,590,000
Total Liabilities	48,757,191	43,258,497
Net Assets - unrestricted	17,132,755	17,000,124
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	\$65,889,946	\$60,258,621

Condensed Statement of Revenue, Expenses and Net Assets

	For the year ended June 30, 2003	Eight months ended June 30, 2002
Revenue		
Annual levy	\$13,447,698	\$8,425,784
Investment income	3,196,270	1,544,504
Total Revenue	16,643,968	9,970,288
Expenses		
Provision for claims and related costs	15,200,611	4,158,449
Premium paid to Canadian Lawyers Insurance Association	2,737,999	1,699,153
Operating expenses	1,592,676	898,861
Loss prevention	52,130	58,480
Total Expenses	19,583,416	6,814,943
(Deficiency) excess of revenue over expenses for the period before the following	(2,939,448)	3,155,345
Premium Credit	3,072,079	1,029,643
Excess of revenue over expenses for the period	132,631	4,184,988
Net Assets - beginning of period	17,000,124	12,815,136
Net Assets - end of period	\$17,132,755	\$17,000,124

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