

CELEBRATING 100 YEARS OF SERVICE

LawSocietyofAlberta

ANNUAL REPORT 2006



President's Message

Mona Duckett, QC, President 2006-2007

Strengthening an independent bar while serving the public interest

With the strategic plan in hand, developed in 2005, the Law Society of Alberta has taken on key initiatives this year to strengthen an independent bar while serving the public interest.

Benchers in 2006 began to tackle key issues such as a continuing professional development for Alberta lawyers and trust account safety among others. The legal profession in Alberta, as well as those in other Canadian jurisdictions, are very fortunate to be able to self regulate. As such, we are cognizant of the need to re-examine what we do and how we do in order to more effectively achieve our strategic plan goals.

The Law Society of Alberta is mandated to serve the public interest, and to ensure that the public can access the legal system through a strong and independent bar. The Society regulates and governs all Alberta lawyers so that the public in our communities can be assured that lawyers, as the professionals, can enforce their rights, protect their interests and resolve their disputes zealously and loyally.

By enhancing Alberta lawyers' ability to act competently and ethically, we strengthen the independent bar, one of the most fundamental parts of the Canadian legal system. Our mission is, and continues to be, 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.

Some of the notable recommendations and initiatives undertaken this year include:

- Making it easier for the public to obtain information about a lawyers' conduct record, including information about specific conduct proceedings. The Law Society is implementing several recommendations made by the Benchers to help the public get this and other information in an efficient, easy to understand format.

- Supporting modest fee increases through to 2009 to support the continued development of the Canadian Legal Information Institute (CanLII).
- Hosting a conference of law society auditors and investigators to facilitate the sharing of information and experiences, as well as relationship building between law societies. By understanding best practices in this area, the Law Society is moving closer towards its vision of becoming a model regulator.
- Taking a more focused approach to risk management, and taking steps to integrate risk management into the delivery of regulatory services. The Law Society currently has programs and processes in place to assess, address and manage risky practices.

In addition to these initiatives, Benchers, volunteers and staff of the Law Society continued to make presentations to groups throughout Alberta on topics such as ethics, practice advice, trust accounting, etc. We continued to review and update rules, such as the Advertising Rules, to ensure the most effective regulation of practicing lawyers.

The highlights of the past year further illustrate the milestones and achievements of our strategic plan.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mona Duckett'.

Mona Duckett, QC
President, Law Society of Alberta
2006-2007

Vision

The Law Society of Alberta will be recognized as a model for protecting the public interest and preserving the fundamental principles of justice through a self-regulated, independent and trusted legal profession.

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.



Strategic Plan Implementation Report

Don Thompson, QC, Executive Director

Becoming a model regulator for the profession

At the end of 2005, the Benchers set major goals and supporting objectives for the Law Society and identified several key priorities.

These goals and objectives were determined after several years of consultation, and are intended to enhance the self-regulatory function of the legal profession, and to do so in a way that is visible to the public

Our role as the Law Society's administrative body is to develop plans and measurements that will demonstrate our achievements as we work together to achieve the vision of being a model regulator.

At the beginning of 2006, the staff collectively and collaboratively identified three key themes or core values:

- Service to both internal and external customers
- Effective and respectful communications
- Being knowledgeable about the Law Society

GOAL 1:

To serve the public interest by promoting and ensuring high ethical standards and high standards of competence on the part of all those seeking admission to and practicing law in Alberta.

GOAL 2:

To preserve and demonstrate the value of a self-regulated and independent legal profession.

GOAL 3:

To uphold and preserve the fundamental principles of justice, including the rule of law, the independence of the bench and bar, effective and equal access to justice and to promote equity and diversity in the legal profession.

BAR INTENDED TO BE SELF-GOVERNING



From the beginning in 1907, the Bar was intended to be self-governing. Lawyers would be governed by an elected group of their members called Benchers; a governing structure which continues today. The new Legal Profession Act of the early 90's continues the principle of self-governance of the legal profession.

Self-governance did require help from time to time! Initially, for example, the Courts handled the issues of discipline, suspension and disbarment of members. This pattern was developed from the Inns of Court of England and a study of the Law Society of Upper Canada. One thing the early profession did not want, however, was a division between Barristers and Solicitors. A profession where a licenced member of the Bar could do solicitor's work or appear freely before the Courts was quickly adopted as the norm in Alberta.

*excerpt from 100th Anniversary
Law Society of Alberta history book*

Issue

- 1 Continue working on issues of safety of trust property and compliance audits.
- 2 Determine length of time for matters to proceed through complaints to hearing, and make necessary changes to meet those timelines.
- 3 Determine what LSA is trying to accomplish in the area of unauthorized practice.
- 4 Move ahead with continuing professional development issues
- 5 Determine strategy around communication issues
- 6 Determine what services ASSIST will provide and associated costs.
- 7 Explore what should be done in addition to the already identified approach to pro bono work.

Accomplishments To Date

- Interdepartmental collaboration resulted in identifying and determining an action plan.
- Working with other Law societies to fund a consultation with the federal regulator of banks on these issues.
- Our measurement systems are in place to measure timelines.
- Goals for informal complaints have been set.
- Completed in December 2005. We will prosecute where an unauthorized practitioner is a risk to the public.
- Committee has approved LESA's description of the on-line self-assessment tool.
- LESA will now use that to build a prototype.
- The committee has a working definition of Continuing Professional Development (CPD)
- In February 2006, the Benchers adopted the strategy developed by the Communications Committee.
- Completed for 2006-2007, and incorporated into budget
- Framework and model for Pro Bono Law Alberta has been developed.
- A working group has been established to take on the work of forming the organization and developing an implementation plan.

Highlights of the Year 2006

DSA for Pro Bono Legal Service Awarded for First Time

For the first time, a new Pro Bono Legal Service award was presented at the annual Distinguished Service Awards hosted jointly between the Law Society of Alberta and Canadian Bar Association Alberta.

John T. Henderson, QC, the first individual to be recognized in the new category, joined 2006 award winners Donald G. Bishop, QC for service to the profession; Robert J. Campbell, QC for service to the community; and John M. Law for legal scholarship.

The implementation of the award was one of the LSA's Pro Bono committee's initiatives to support and acknowledge the delivery of Pro Bono legal services in Alberta. The awards were presented in March 2006.

Law Society of Alberta approves new legal aid agreement

A new legal aid governance agreement renews an ongoing partnership between the Minister of Justice, the Board of Legal Aid Alberta and the Law Society of Alberta.

The structure of the April 6, 2006 agreement will be fundamentally the same as in the past, but with several amendments. The agreement expressly recognizes that the three parties to the agreement are "all key participants in the delivery of legal aid services in Alberta and each is committed to the principles of transparency, mutual respect and consultation."

Media and the Law Seminar 2006

The keynote speech by Linden MacIntyre, co-host of CBC's Fifth Estate, was the highlight of discussions on journalist/source privilege, access vs privacy, and the broad topic of sealing orders, publication bans and the presumption of openness. Held May 2006 in Edmonton, the seminar attracted reporters, lawyers, members of the judiciary and panelists from across Canada. Global TV's anchor Lynda Steele was the Master of Ceremonies.



Territorial Mobility Agreement Opens Door to the North

The Law Society of Alberta became a signatory to the newly created Territorial Mobility Agreement in June 2006. The agreement was formed by the Federation of Law Societies to address the unique characteristics of the three territorial law societies. It allows them to participate in national mobility as reciprocating governing bodies with respect to permanent mobility, or transfer of lawyers from one jurisdiction to another, without a requirement that they participate in temporary mobility provisions. Being part of the agreement opens the door for Alberta practitioners to provide legal services in their preferred areas of practice.

Alberta Legal Community Welcomes Aboriginal Law Students

In July 2006, the Law Society of Alberta welcomed six aboriginal law students to the legal community with an orientation to the LSA's roles and responsibilities as a self-regulator. The tour was part of the Aboriginal Summer Law Student Placement Program, launched earlier this year by the Equality, Equity and Diversity (EED) Committee.



The pilot project provides an opportunity for students to obtain work experience in a law firm early in their legal careers. Another program goal is to enable law firms which do not employ an aboriginal lawyer to gain insight into aboriginal culture and issues, and to foster opportunities for ongoing mentorship relationships between aboriginal students and practicing lawyers.

Equity Ombudsperson Joins Law Society

The Law Society of Alberta welcomed its new equity ombudsperson who brings extensive experience in arbitration, mediation, workplace investigation and assessment, coaching and training. Greg Francis joined the organization in September 2006.



Pro Bono Law Alberta — A New Network

Agreement was reached at the conclusion of a stakeholders' round table on pro bono legal services in October 2006 to create a new provincial pro bono organization. An initiative of the Law Society of Alberta, the stakeholders' round table brought together delegates from across the province to discuss and reach consensus on the need to develop a provincial network. The two dozen roundtable participants also achieved consensus on what its objectives should be, a model structure for the network and an action plan for implementation.

15th Anniversary of the Equality, Equity and Diversity Committee

From its origins as a special committee established in 1991 called "Women in the Legal Profession", the Equality, Equity and Diversity Committee has been a progression of ideas, policies and programs. Its accomplishments over the past 15 years have included the development of model equity policies for law firms, promoting diversity in governance, and improving Queen's Counsel selection criteria. As well, the committee has conducted surveys of lawyers as well as exit interviews to monitor the pulse of the legal profession.

The Law Society of Alberta is seen as leading edge with its model policies, increasing the number of women appointed Queen's Counsel, and reviewing discrimination and harassment complaints.



2006 Benchers of the Law Society of Alberta

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Back Row: Ron Everard, Brian Beresh, Steve Raby, Morris Taylor (lay benchner), Dale Spackman, Rod Jerke, Perry Mack and Bradley Nemetz

Middle Row: Carsten Jensen, Dr. Patricia Hughes (Dean, University of Calgary Faculty of Law), Norma Sieppert (lay benchner), Doug Mah, Yvonne Stanford, John Higgerty, Vivian Stevenson, Hugh Sommerville and Shirley Jackson.

Front Row: Peter Michalyshyn, John Prowse, Jim Peacock (President-elect), Mona Duckett (President), Don Thompson (Executive Director, Law Society of Alberta), Wilfred Willier (lay benchner) and Vaughn Myers.

2006 Executive Committee:

Clockwise from Bottom Right: Mona Duckett (President), Doug Mah, Bradley Nemetz, Jim Peacock (President-Elect), Peter Michalyshyn, Morris Taylor, Perry Mack. Centre is Don Thompson (Executive Director, Law Society of Alberta).



2006 Executive Committee

DIVERSITY WITHIN BENCHER COMPOSITION



In 1907 when the Law Society was first created, there were nine Benchers elected.

The first President of the Society was James Muir, Q.C. and the first Vice-President was Charles F.B. Conybeare, Q.C. Mr. Muir held the office from 1907 to 1926, and died in office. When he died, Mr. Conybeare succeeded him as President, holding that office for one year prior to his death.

As the size of the profession, and the responsibilities few, the number of Benchers increased until they reached the current total of 20 elected Benchers.

In May of 1984, two Lay Benchers were appointed. Alberta's first Lay Benchers were (A.V.) Tony Thibideau, a businessman from Edmonton, and Vera Morrisson, a Chartered Accountant from Calgary. The appointment of Lay Benchers continues to this day to keep the benchers in tune with the public mood.

In recognition that there would always be a relatively small percentage of the Bar practicing outside Edmonton and Calgary, steps were taken in 1916 to ensure representation from rural Alberta. At the very least, there would be one Bencher each from northern, central, and southern Alberta. This ensured that at least three Benchers would be familiar with the challenges of members living in smaller communities.

(excerpt from 100th Anniversary Law Society of Alberta history book)

Honouring Excellence – Awards and Bursaries

By Mona Duckett, QC, President, Law Society of Alberta

Distinguished Service Awards Recognizes Pro Bono Service

A new award, the 'Distinguished Service Award for Pro Bono Legal Service', was presented for the first time this year by the Law Society of Alberta and the Canadian Bar Association's Alberta branch.

John T. Henderson, QC, the first individual to be recognized in the new category, joins 2006 award winners Donald G. Bishop, QC for service to the profession; Robert J. Campbell, QC for service to the community; and John M. Law for legal scholarship.

Mr. Henderson has guided the Edmonton Centre for Equal Justice through its first year of operation as an independent, not-for-profit organization to its current position in the community as a reliable source of legal advice and representation for those who would not have access to justice.

Mr. Bishop's contributions, which have spanned 42 years, have helped preserve the history of the practice of law in Alberta. He has served as president of the LSA and the CBA Alberta, is an honorary life member of the Legal Archives Society of Alberta, and is recognized for the positive impact he has made in promoting the profession.

Mr. Campbell's service endeavors have been dedicated to making Fort McMurray, where he practices, a better place to live. He is vice-chairman on the Keyano College Board of Governors, has held past positions as president of the YMCA, the Fort McMurray Recreational Facility Society, and the Junior "A" Fort McMurray Oil Barons.

Mr. Law has been a leader in governance as a practitioner, educator, teacher and mentor for more than 30 years. As a law professor for more than 20 years with the University of Alberta, he has worked tirelessly with law students and vigorously promotes the importance of the role of law in society.



Lawyers honoured for 50 and 60 years of service

In 2006, the Law Society of Alberta presented certificates recognizing 60 and 50 years of service to the profession.

In Edmonton, the Law Society of Alberta was pleased to present a 60-year certificate to Gerard Joseph Amerongen, QC. Fifty-year certificates were presented to: Justice John Berchmans Dea, Judge Jack Allford, and John Beckingham, QC. The family of Joseph Trofimuk (who died October 22, 2006) was presented with his 50-year certificate.

In Calgary, Law Society president Mona Duckett presented 50-year certificates to: Edward Phillip Adolphe, QC; Gregory R. Forsyth, QC; and Donnell (Don) O'Brien Sabey, QC. A Certificate of Merit was presented to past Honourary Benchers Dr. Patricia Hughes for her dedication and commitment to the Law Society of Alberta.



Edmonton

Back: Judge Jack Allford, Mona Duckett, Dave Trofimuk **Front:** Justice John Berchmans Dea, Gerard Amerongen, John Beckingham

Calgary

Back: Dr. Patricia Hughes, Don Sabey, Mona Duckett **Front:** Gregory R. Forsyth, Edward Adolphe

BANK STOCK FORMS SCHOLARSHIP FUND

In 1954, Mr. R. B. Bennett, a member of the Society, gave the Law Society 100 shares of Royal Bank stock, valued at that time at \$100.00 per share. The purpose of the donation was to create a Scholarship Fund which today is known as the Viscount Bennett Scholarship Fund.

In the early years, the fund was used to provide medals for meritorious students. The value of the shares has increased significantly, and the income generated by the stock enables the Benchers to award up to three scholarships annually.

Viscount Bennett Scholarship Recipient Announced

Alberta graduate student Carolyn E. Kruk (Calgary) is the recipient of the 2006 Viscount Bennett Scholarship.

Ms. Carolyn Kruk obtained her Bachelor of Laws Degree from the University of Calgary, Faculty of Law (2005) where she placed on the Dean's List for all three years of her degree. She has earned a Criminology Degree from the University of Ottawa and a Bachelor of Applied Communications Degree in Public Relations from Mount Royal College. Ms. Kruk's professional objective is to provide legal and strategic counsel to organizations on corporate social responsibility issues.

Ms. Kruk has volunteered with Student Legal Assistance and participated in the 2005 Philip C. Jessup International Moot where her team placed in the top 16 out of 103 in the world. She has clerked for the Alberta Court of Appeal and at the Court of Queen's Bench Alberta.

The Viscount Bennett Scholarship was established through a trust fund by the Right Honourable Viscount Bennett to encourage a high standard of legal education, training and excellence.



Carolyn Kruk

W.B. Kelly, QC, Memorial Prize Recipients

The 2006 W.B. Kelly, QC Memorial Prize winners are graduate students Sarah Weingarten of the University of Alberta and Sharon Elizabeth Borgland of the University of Calgary.

The award is given to students of good academic standing who have performed with distinction in a skills training or professional responsibility and ethics course (or program) in the law faculties of the University of Calgary and the University of Alberta.

The late William Bernie Kelly, QC served as the Law Society of Alberta's deputy secretary, secretary-treasurer and secretary (executive director). In 1989, an endowment was established in Mr. Kelly's name to honour his contributions to the LSA and recognize his interest in encouraging a high level of legal education and practice in Alberta.

Peter Freeman, QC, Bursary for Indigenous Students in Law

The 2006 Peter Freeman, QC, bursary of indigenous students in law was awarded to Brandon Tralenberg and Kristen Logan, both of the University of Alberta.

The bursary is awarded annually to law students of aboriginal descent studying at the University of Calgary or the University of Alberta. It was created in 2001 by the Law Society of Alberta to honour Peter Freeman, QC, who served as the LSA executive director from 1989 until his retirement in 2001.

LEGAL EDUCATIONAL REQUIREMENTS CHANGING



In 1907, educational qualifications for admission were significantly simpler from today's requirements.

In the beginning, training was provided through association with practicing lawyers. In 1910, the University of Alberta began teaching courses in Law, and by 1921, was granting law degrees. Even then one could qualify for admission to the Society through articles only, by working for five years with a qualified member of the Society. Some students working through the five-year article program might augment their articles by taking academic studies, but this was optional.

In 1937, a rule was adopted which provided that only individuals with a Law Degree or its equivalent could qualify for admission to the Bar. Members who had previously been granted admission without a degree would be allowed to continue until they retired.

Today, all Alberta lawyers hold law degrees.

*(excerpt from 100th Anniversary
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Celebrating 100 Years of Service

Over the past century, the evolving roles and responsibilities of the Law Society of Alberta have mirrored and contributed to social and economic growth in Alberta.

Since its establishment one hundred years ago, the Law Society of Alberta has undertaken a number of initiatives, including an assurance fund, mandatory liability insurance for lawyers, and the implementation of legal aid.

Today, the contemporary Society is a vibrant organization that fulfils its mandate and protects the public interest while providing numerous services to its members.

Please join us in our upcoming 100th Anniversary Celebrations.



Law Society of Alberta Milestones

- 1907** Alberta Legislature passes first Legal Profession Act. Law Society of Alberta comes into being with nine elected Benchers elected. 144 members are entered on the roll. LSA appoints three standing committees: Finance and Library, Examining and Legislation, and Reporting, Printing and Discipline.
- 1910** Examining and Legislation Committee becomes Education and Legislation Committee.
- 1914** Reporting and Printing becomes a separate committee from Discipline. (University of Alberta grants first law degree. Canadian Bar Association forms.)
- 1916** Benchers take steps to ensure representation from rural Alberta.
- 1917** Finance and Library Committee separates into two committees. Education and Legislation Committee is renamed Education.
- 1921** University of Alberta establishes Faculty of Law and Legal Professional Act is amended to admit students to the Law Society of Alberta. Discipline Committee of Benchers is given full statutory authority for disciplinary matters.
- 1924** Alberta government adds law libraries to civil service as a result of LSA recommendations.
- 1925** Members are required to account for trust funds administered on behalf of clients. Term of office for Benchers is reduced from three years to two years.
- 1928** Amendments to Act now extend wide powers to Benchers to govern conduct of members.
- 1931** LSA establishes Relief Fund to assist indigent members.
- 1932** Benchers introduce the Needy Litigants program and committees were established to exempt needy litigants from payment of court costs and legal fees in civil case.
- 1937** Benchers approve rule that only individuals with a law degree or its equivalent could qualify for admission to the Alberta bar.
- 1939** LSA moves to establish an Assurance Fund. Government approves legislation creating first lawyers' Assurance Fund in Canada.
- 1949** LSA transfers complete administrative and financial control of public law libraries to the Department of the Attorney-General.
- 1950** Benchers receive report of establishment of Legal Aid Program.
- 1947** LSA establishes Memorial Scholarship Fund to assist ex-servicemen and their children studying law at the University of Alberta.
- 1954** The articling system, whereby a person could qualify for admission to the LSA by working five years with a qualified LSA member, is abolished.
- 1954** Hon. R.B. Bennett donates to LSA stock to create a Scholarship Fund, to become known as the Viscount Bennett Scholarship Fund.
- 1955** Number of Benchers increase to 14.

Law Society of Alberta 100th Anniversary

Schedule of Events

100th Anniversary Legacy Project Pro Bono Law Alberta Launch

May 23, 2007, Edmonton

May 24, 2007, Calgary

100th Anniversary Canada Post Stamp Launch

September 13, 2007, City Hall

Edmonton, Alberta

100th Anniversary Law Society of Alberta Book Launch

September 14, 2007

Lougheed House, Calgary

100th Anniversary Gala Dinner

October 4, 2007

RoundUp Centre in Calgary with

MC — Allan Shewchuk

Keynote Speaker: The Honourable Peter Lougheed

Agricom Building, Northlands in Edmonton with

MC — James A. Wachowich

Keynote Speaker: Chief Justice Beverley McLachlin

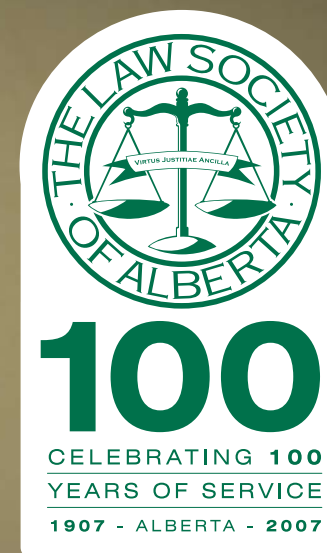
(Both speeches to be simulcast)

100th Anniversary Conference Canadian Lawyers in the 21st Century

Oct. 26 - 27, 2007

Lister Centre and Faculty Club

University of Alberta, Edmonton



- 1959** Rules and procedures are instituted for custodianship of the records of deceased, suspended or disbarred members of the Society.
- 1960** Benchers decide to engage a full-time secretary. Until that point, the secretary of LSA was a part-time employee.
- 1962** Benchers introduce a program of spot auditing members' trust accounts. LSA opens an independent office in Edmonton.
- 1963** The Law Society and provincial government negotiate a Legal Aid program which is designed to help needy litigants in criminal cases. It takes effect in Edmonton in 1964 and in 1965 through the rest of the province.
- 1964** LSA moves its main office to Calgary.
- 1965** New position of Deputy Secretary is created to begin in 1966.
- 1969** Group insurance with a commercial insurance carrier is launched. Benchers establish a standing Insurance Committee.
- 1970** Alberta Legal Aid Plan is formally established as joint venture between LSA and Department of Attorney General to provide for payment of legal fees incurred by needy clients.
- 1972** LSA starts Law Referral Service.
- 1973** Government legislation creates Alberta Law Foundation to receive interest on trust accounts. Legal Aid Society of Alberta is formed to administer Legal Aid program.

- 1974** Law Society funds is divided among the General Fund, Assurance Fund, Relief Fund, Viscount Bennett Trust Fund and Professional Liability Fund.
- 1975** Legal Education Society of Alberta becomes incorporated as a non-profit. Incorporation of first law practices start.
- 1976** LSA adopts Code of Professional Conduct.
- 1976** Deans of the Edmonton and Calgary law schools are appointed Honorary Benchers and invited to sit with the Benchers.
- 1981** LSA hires first Practice Advisor.
- 1982** Executive Committee is first formed.
- 1983** LSA employs first Director of Insurance.
- 1984** LSA opens second office in Edmonton. Attorney General appoints two Lay Benchers.
- 1987** Canadian Lawyers Insurance Association is formed, under general sponsorship of the Federation of Law Societies.
- 1991** Government passes latest version of Legal Profession Act, and creates third position of Lay Benchers.
- 1993** Alberta Code of Professional Conduct is approved

Report on Regulation

Fine tuning processes to protect the public interest

By Perry Mack, QC Bencher and 2006 Chair, Conduct Committee



Work continues on the creation of guidelines and benchmarks with respect to the timing and completion of investigations.

In 2006, the Law Society of Alberta recognized that fairness to the members and to the complainants requires a reasonable investigation process. At the end of the year, the Society entered the preliminary stages of preparing guidelines to handle both inquiries and complaints against lawyers from clients, judges, other lawyers and the general public.

A new complaint and inquiry guideline on the Society's website (www.lawsocietyalberta.com) explains how the Law Society of Alberta handles inquiries, complaints and other information received by the conduct department.

The Law Society receives approximately 3,000 general inquiries and complaints every year, many of which are resolved at the intake and assessment level. The steps involved in handling these are as follows:

1. Inquiry and dispute resolution:

When the LSA is contacted about issues other than a lawyers' conduct (referred to as General Inquiries), the complaints intake offers assist by providing information about agencies or services that may be able to help.

2. Review of conduct by a complaints manager:

If the issues reported to the LSA relate to a lawyers' conduct are not serious enough to warrant formal discipline proceedings, the matter is referred to a complaints resolution officer. All complaints resolution officers with LSA are lawyers with mediation training.

The complaints resolution officers work with the complainants and, if appropriate, with the lawyers to find a way to resolve the issues brought up. Of all the complaints submitted to the LSA, less than 10 per cent are referred to the formal discipline process. The rest are dealt with as a general inquiry or are resolved by the complaints resolution officers.

3. Deferring reviews of formal complaints as a result of other relevant, ongoing proceedings.

4. Formal discipline process: A complaint is forwarded to the formal discipline process if it:

- Could not be resolved to the complainant's satisfaction, or
- Discloses a concern that is potentially a significant breach of the Code of Professional Conduct.

5. Investigation process — Investigations are carried out when field work or interviews are necessary to conduct a thorough review of the complaints.

6. Dismissal of formal complaint after being reviewed. Once the information has been gathered, all materials relating to the complaint are reviewed. At this point, the complaint can be dismissed by the LSA administration or forwarded to Conduct Committee. (The complainant has the opportunity to appeal to a panel of three Benchers.)

7. Referral of a formal complaint to the Conduct Committee panel. In addition to directing a matter to a hearing, Conduct Committee panels may direct other actions, including:

- Dismissal
- Referral to Practice Review; or
- Further investigation

Conduct Department Statistics	2006	2005*	2004
General Inquiries and Complaints received by Complaints Officers	2875	3188	3419
Opened as formal complaints	330	305	173
Complaints by the public	184	165	109
Complaints by lawyers	54	80	27
Complaints initiated by LSA	92	60	37
Dismissed at Administrative Level	164	81	49
Directed to Investigation	77	76	25
Referred to Conduct Committee Panel	109	96	29
Dismissed by Conduct Committee Panel	35	16	4
Directed to Hearing	68	51	20
Directed to Mandatory Conduct Advisory**	16	10	2
Directed to Practise Review	9	6	n/a

* data collected differently from 2004

** informal discipline process

Hearing Statistics	2006	2005	2004
Number of lawyers suspended (under section 63) ***	5	9	3
Hearings Directed	69	31	34
Completed Hearings	37	24	25
Number of lawyers suspended	7	6	4
Number of lawyers disbarred	3	2	1
Number of lawyers who resigned in the face of discipline	4	1	3

*** suspended pending outcome of an investigation

Membership Trends

Year	Active	Inactive
2003	7345	1671
2004	7554	1663
2005	7711	1701
2006	7967	1700

Conduct Hearings

Year	Hearings Ordered
2002	23
2003	31
2004	34
2005	31
2006	46

Law Society of Alberta Committee Reports



Equality, Equity and Diversity Committee Evolving

By Stephen Raby, QC, Bencher and 2006 Chair,
Equality, Equity and Diversity Committee

Envisioning equality of opportunity for lawyers in an increasingly diverse legal profession, the work of the Equality, Equity and Diversity Committee has been a progression of ideas, policies and programs.

In 2006, we are halfway through the time horizon foreseen by Mr. Stephen Hillier, QC, (as he was then) when he addressed the Benchers' Convocation in June 1996 by saying: "The objective of the Benchers has been to give guidance and help steer the profession in a direction towards equality, all the while knowing it would take a considerable amount of time (estimated at 20 years) and energy to sustain the focus for such a long period of time, continuous recruitment for fresh ideas and a significant amount of resources."

Highlights for 2006 include:

- Confirmation of its mandate
- Launch of an Aboriginal law summer student employment program.
- Bringing in house the Office of the Equity Ombudsperson.



CanLII Looks to the Future

By Douglas R. Mah, QC, Bencher and 2006 Chair,
Joint Library Committee

At the June 2006 convocation, the Benchers unanimously approved modest fee increases through 2009 to support the continued development of the Canadian Legal Information Institute (CanLII).

The Institute is a non-profit society owned and funded by the 14 member law societies comprising the Federation of Law Societies of Canada (FLSC). Through its website, CanLII provides free public internet access to Canadian statutes and case law, including decisions of selected administrative tribunals.

These enhancements are part of a longer range strategic plan approved by the FLSC Council. The plan contemplates further enhancements beyond 2009 that will include a "My CanLII" personalized page, a "search basket" of frequent and recent queries, a customized awareness service, and globalized indexation of the entire database.

CanLII is mandated to support the Canadian practice of law by being a national provider of timely and accurate legal information from all jurisdictions.



Budget review marks Finance committee's year

By Peter Michalyshyn, QC, Bencher and 2006 Chair,
Finance Committee

In 2006, the Finance committee oversaw a comprehensive review of the 2007 budget and extensive work on several policy issues.

The Benchers have approved increases to the Law Society's annual fee and Assurance Fund levy, effective March 15, 2007. The increases, when combined with lower insurance levies, announced in May 2006, will see Law Society lawyers paying slightly less overall to carry on active practice in Alberta.

During the second half of its 2006 mandate, the Finance committee established a Policy Forum working group of Benchers and staff to work toward comprehensive changes to the Law Society's Assurance Fund. It is expected that in 2007 a new Assurance Fund Rule and Guideline will be presented to the Benchers for adoption.



Pro Bono Law Alberta – a new network

By Rod Jerke, QC, Bencher and Chair, Pro Bono Committee

Agreement was reached at the conclusion of a stakeholders' round table on pro bono legal services October 20-21 to create a new provincial pro bono organization, to be called Pro Bono Alberta Law. The formation of a provincial network of pro bono legal services is part of the pro bono strategic plan adopted by the Benchers in 2003. As part of the strategic plan, the LSA believes that pro bono services must complement not replace a properly funded legal aid program.

An initiative of the Law Society of Alberta and Calgary Legal Guidance, the stakeholders' round table brought together delegates from 10 community legal organizations to discuss and reach consensus on the need to develop a provincial network. The two dozen roundtable participants also achieved consensus on what its objectives should be, a model structure for the network and an action plan for implementation.

Jim Peacock, President-Elect of the Law Society and key-note speaker, outlined the LSA objectives in upholding and preserving equal and effective access to justice, and in facilitating lawyers' endeavours in the provision of to provide pro bono legal services.

2006 Standing Committees

APPEAL

Mona Duckett (President)
 Jim Peacock (President-Elect)
 Brian Beresh
 Michelle Crighton
 Ron Everard
 John Higgerty
 Shirley Jackson
 Carsten Jensen
 Rodney Jerke
 Perry Mack
 Douglas Mah
 Peter Michalyszyn
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ASSURANCE - STARTING SOMETHING GOOD



Bonding lawyers first became an issue in the recession of the mid-twenties and did not abate during the Depression. A Private Members Bill in 1925 was filed in the Legislature to require bonding, but this was defeated. The Legislature did, however, pass a resolution to investigate the requirement that all persons (including lawyers) who hold trust money be bonded.

In 1932, a Bencher of the Society suggested the creation of an Assurance Fund, setting an assessment on each member not to exceed 10 dollars. The problem of defalcations was not great, and the Benchers did not pass the resolution. The Assurance issue did not, however, rest long.

In July of 1934, the question of bonding solicitors was referred to a committee of the Benchers. In 1939, a committee under the Chairmanship of S.W. Field recommended the establishment of an Assurance Fund which was approved by the Benchers. The government responded by passing Legislation in March 1939, creating the first Assurance Fund in Canada.

The economics of the fund provide interesting study. In the first year of operation, \$5,090.00 was collected, and nothing paid out! In succeeding years, modest claims of \$200.00 to \$400.00 were made. In 1941, the annual assessment was \$7.50. Prior to 1981, \$50,000.00 was the highest recorded outlay out of the Assurance Fund!

*(excerpt from 100th Anniversary
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LEGAL AID ENSURES ACCESS TO COURTS



In 1932, the Benchers passed rules to provide free legal services for needy litigants. Lawyers established local needy litigant committees and this program, on a strictly voluntary basis without remuneration, continued until it was replaced by Legal Aid.

In January of 1950, the Benchers received the first report concerning the establishment of the Legal Aid Program. At the annual meeting of the profession held in 1951, the Program was discussed. It was not, however, until 1964 that a program of Legal Aid in criminal matters was conducted in Edmonton. In 1965, this initial plan was extended to cover the rest of the Province, and coverage for civil matters was also under discussion.

A pilot project in Legal Aid civil matters commenced in Edmonton in February of 1969. The following year, this too was extended province-wide. The social objective was to ensure access to the Courts by those in difficult circumstances. The profession would accept the obligation to perform the Legal Services at 75 per cent of what would normally be charged.

Over the years the non-remunerative contribution being made by the profession has increased from 25 per cent to 75 per cent. The Legal Aid Program in Alberta today is a highly sophisticated program administered by the Legal Aid Society, which is supported economically by the federal and provincial governments, and administered with the assistance of the Law Society of Alberta.

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Condensed Financial Statements October 31, 2006

To the Members of the Law Society of Alberta

We have audited the balance sheet of The Law Society of Alberta as at October 31, 2006 and the statements of revenue, expenses and fund balances and cash flows for the year then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Society's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we plan and perform an audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation.

In our opinion, these financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Society as at October 31, 2006 and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles.

PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP

PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP
Chartered Accountants
June 9, 2007

Condensed Balance Sheet

As at October 31, 2006

	2006	2005
Assets		
Current assets	\$ 5,996,431	\$ 5,003,747
Investments	6,404,692	5,932,844
Reinsurance recoverables	5,884,287	2,933,000
Trust assets	394,259	425,911
Capital assets	1,553,531	1,707,174
Total Assets	\$20,233,200	\$ 16,002,676
Liabilities		
Current liabilities	\$ 1,583,569	\$ 655,521
Reserve for claims and related costs	8,860,083	6,268,000
Pension Plan payable	332,436	320,441
Trust liabilities	394,259	425,911
Deferred lease inducement	678,752	761,864
Total Liabilities	11,849,099	8,431,737
Fund Balances		
Invested in capital assets	1,553,531	1,707,174
Externally restricted funds		
Contingency reserve	2,512,632	2,156,651
Scholarship reserve	942,364	855,003
Unrestricted funds	3,375,574	2,852,111
Total Fund Balances	8,384,101	7,570,939
Total Liabilities and Fund Balances	\$20,233,200	\$ 16,002,676

Condensed Statement of Revenue, Expenses and Fund Balances

the Year Ended October 31, 2006

	2006	2005
Revenue		
Practise fees	\$ 12,147,087	\$ 10,324,813
Investment income	1,355,947	1,098,816
Management fee	798,610	750,137
Enrolment and application fees	348,493	264,800
Other	89,868	63,776
Fines and penalties	39,851	47,360
Total Revenue	14,779,856	12,549,702
Expenses		
Corporate costs	3,096,337	2,708,158
Departments and programs	9,113,925	7,829,843
Grants and contributions	1,248,055	1,114,512
Provision for claims and related costs	493,377	1,928,895
Scholarships	15,000	15,000
Total Expenses	13,966,694	13,596,408
(Deficiency) excess of revenue over expenses for the year	813,162	(1,046,706)
Fund Balances - beginning of year	7,570,939	8,617,645
Fund Balances - end of year	\$ 8,384,101	\$7,570,939

Condensed Financial Statements June 30, 2006

To the Directors of The Alberta
Lawyers Insurance Association

We have audited the balance sheet of The Alberta Lawyers Insurance Association as at June 30, 2006 and the statements of revenue, expenses and net assets and cash flows for the year then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Association's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we plan and perform an audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures of the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation.

In our opinion, these financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Association as at June 30, 2006 and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles.

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PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP
Chartered Accountants
October 11, 2006

Condensed Balance Sheet

As at June 30, 2006

	2006	2005
Assets		
Current assets	\$ 17,773,359	\$ 21,406,657
Investments	64,429,132	56,686,546
Reinsurance recoverables	211,000	167,000
Capital assets	18,948	30,967
Total Assets	\$ 82,432,439	\$ 78,291,170
Liabilities		
Current liabilities	\$ 12,772,405	\$ 15,753,915
Reserve for claims and related costs	43,721,000	45,243,000
Total Liabilities	56,493,405	60,996,915
Net Assets		
Unrestricted	\$ 25,939,034	\$ 17,294,255
Share Capital	20	-
Total Net Assets	\$ 25,939,034	\$ 17,294,255
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	\$ 82,432,439	\$ 78,291,170

Condensed Statement of Revenue, Expenses & Net Assets

For the Year Ended June 30, 2006

	2006	2005
Revenue		
Annual levy	\$ 15,417,089	\$ 14,118,783
Investment income	8,484,221	3,852,792
Total Revenue	23,901,310	17,971,575
Expenses		
Provision for claims and related costs	\$ 10,267,074	19,011,025
Premium paid to CLIA	2,580,656	2,107,810
Operating expenses	2,362,281	2,052,647
Loss prevention	46,540	103,700
Total Expenses	15,256,551	23,275,182
Excess (deficiency) of revenue over expenses for the period	8,644,759	(5,303,607)
Net Assets - beginning of period	17,294,255	22,597,862
Net Assets - end of period	\$ 25,939,014	\$ 17,294,255

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The Law Society of Alberta is the self regulating body of Alberta's lawyers. In addition to a 24-member board of directors, called Benchers, the LSA is administered by a 96 person staff complement, of which 74 work in Calgary (head office) and 21 work in Edmonton (regional office)

Overseeing the administration of the LSA is a management committee consisting of Don Thompson, QC, Executive Director; Greg Busch, Director of Lawyer Conduct; Janet Dixon, QC, Senior Counsel; Lisa Sabo, Director of Insurance; Nona Cameron, Director of Human Resources; and Drew Thomson, Director of Corporate Services.

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