

***“To understand the evolution of law and society in Alberta is to understand our past...”***

***The Legal Archives Society of Alberta is your link to this understanding.”***

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## < **Society Profile**

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The Legal Archives Society of Alberta (LASA) is dedicated to preserving, promoting and understanding the evolution of law and society in Alberta by establishing and preserving a complete and accurate historical record of the legal profession in Alberta. Incorporated under the *Societies Act of Alberta* in 1990, LASA is governed by an independent Board of Directors.

In fulfillment of its mission, LASA operates a legal heritage program and facility for the private sector legal community. LASA’s principle objectives are to:

- preserve the documentary heritage of lawyers, judges, and legal organizations in Alberta
- provide services for the legal community to identify, retain, and use their archival records
- provide source material for legal and public research in the history of law and society in Alberta
- enhance awareness of and celebrate the role of the law in Alberta’s history

LASA’s seven program areas are:

- Archives
- Exhibits and Interpretation
- Research Services
- Records and Archives Consulting
- Legal History Library
- Publications
- Oral History

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## < President's Report

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The Legal Archives Society of Alberta received some very significant records in the past year including those of the Hon. Allan H. Wachowich, Karen Gainer, Q.C., and Marshall Edward Manning, Q.C.

We are pleased that the legal profession continues to choose LASA as its repository for preserving its history. LASA's staff work diligently to provide archival and research services and promote Alberta's legal history through LASA's various programs.

Once again, the Law Society of Alberta provided our core funding. Our annual campaign and the generosity of our donors provided the financial assistance that allowed us to meet our project goals. We would like to thank our donors for making 2010 another successful year for LASA.



Everett Bunnell, Q.C.  
President

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## < Executive Director's Report

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2010 was an exciting year for LASA. Everett Bunnell, Q.C., became LASA's President at the 2010 AGM. Work continues on updating the 2nd edition to *Lords and Ladies of the Western Bench* and a publication detailing the history of the Court of Appeal. Work also began on Ed Bredin's biography of Leonard Brockington, Q.C., which will be released as an "Occasional Paper." LASA continues to receive and process records from members of Alberta's legal community.

LASA hosted its most successful Historical Dinners in 2010, and hopes to continue this trend in the years to come. The generosity of our donors made the 2010 Annual Campaign successful, and we are grateful to all those who contributed.

We look forward to developing our programs further in the coming year. Our holdings continue to increase and our finances remain stable. Increased funding will become necessary as our records and demand for our services increase, but we continue to meet our objectives and plan for the future.



Stacy F. Kaufeld, M.A.  
Executive Director

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## < Key Statistics

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### **Administration and Finances**

- received \$125,000 from the Law Society of Alberta in operating grants
- received \$33,680 in special project grants
- received \$7,000 in special project donations
- \$49,855 raised through annual campaign
- received \$4,966 in publication sales
- received \$10,033 in Endowment fund income
- received \$72,742 from Casino proceeds (pro-rated over 2 years from 2009 Casino)
- received \$24,585 from the Historical Dinners

### **Archives**

- acquired 35 accessions amounting to approximately 29 metres of textual records
- holdings consist of over 600 metres of records by the end of the year

### **Exhibits and Interpretation**

- LASA participated in “Law Day” in Calgary
- LASA participates annually in the Archives Society of Alberta virtual exhibit ([archivesalberta.org](http://archivesalberta.org)).
- LASA’s website ([legalarchives.ca](http://legalarchives.ca)) includes upcoming events and a virtual exhibit.
- LASA has completed the Court of Appeal Bust project

### **Research Services**

- received 111 requests for information

### **Historical Publications**

- LASA continues work on updating the 2<sup>nd</sup> edition of *Lords and Ladies of the Western Bench* and developing a history of the Court of Appeal of Alberta.

### **Oral History**

- 9 oral histories were completed or are in progress in Calgary

### **Library**

- 14 titles were added to the library

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In 2009/2010, LASA operated on a budget of \$230,000. The Law Society of Alberta provided the core grant of \$125,000.

LASA is a registered charity and holds category “A” status under the Cultural Properties Export and Import Act.

### Project Funding

For the fiscal year of 2009/2010 LASA received a total of \$12,168 in project funding or commitments from outside sources to fund specific projects.

#### *Archives Society of Alberta*

\$4,950 was received from the ASA (Access to Holdings Program) to prepare records for the Hon. Ronald Martland, Q.C.; the Hon. William Kenneth Moore, Q.C.; and the Hon Allan H. Wachowich, Queen’s Bench Administration Records.

#### *Community Spirit Program*

\$18,680 in funding was received by LASA for general collections management and publications.

#### *Alberta Historical Resources Foundation*

\$10,000 was received for Oral History research and interviews.

### 2010 Annual Campaign

The purpose of the annual campaign is to raise funds to cover operating expenses for the current and next fiscal year. Staff and volunteer supporters normally set out to achieve the 2009/2010 goal of \$50,000 (before expenses) through two major projects: a direct mail campaign, and the Historical Dinners and auctions. The total amount received in 2010 campaign was \$49,855.

#### *Direct Mail Campaign*

LASA mailed out over 8,500 appeal letters and donor cards to the Alberta legal community in April 2009. Combined with other contributions throughout the year, the profession responded with \$49,855 in direct donations.

#### *Historical Dinners*

LASA held its annual Historical Dinners in 2010 in Edmonton and Calgary. C.D. Evans, Q.C, talked about his 40 years at the Criminal Bar based on his recently published book entitled *A Painful Duty: 40 Years at the Criminal Bar*.

# Alberta Legal Heritage Fund

In 1997 LASA established the Alberta Legal Heritage Fund at the Edmonton Community Foundation, the Calgary Foundation and the Medicine Hat Community Foundation. In 1998, funds were established in the Community Foundations of Red Deer, Lethbridge and Grande Prairie. Funds from casinos held in 1998, 1999, 2000, 2002, 2003 and 2004 were also added to the Alberta Legal Heritage Fund in each community. The interest income received from the funds is used to ensure the future preservation of legal archives in Alberta. In the past year \$10,033 was received in Endowment Income.

## Casino

LASA held a charity casino at Elbow River Casino in Calgary on July 11 and 12, 2009. Casino profits are first deposited in a city-wide pool and then distributed. LASA's portion of this profit was received during the 2008/09 fiscal year and amounted to \$72,742.56. LASA's latest Casino was held on February 16 and 17, 2011, and money received will be known shortly.

## Membership

Membership stood at 231 on December 31, 2010, an increase from last year's total of 210. Revenue from annual campaign donations for 2009/2010 was \$49,855 an increase from last year's amount of \$43,655. The average donation in 2008/2009 was \$208; in 2009/2010, it was \$215.

Contributions were distributed among the following categories:

Honourary Members - 20	Sustainer (\$250 - \$499) - 43
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Friend (\$150 - \$249) - 74	Benefactor (\$5,000 to \$9,999) - 0

A list of donors above the General Member level for 2009/2010 can be found on the back pages of the Annual Report.

## Annual General Meeting

On March 3, 2010, LASA held its Annual General Meeting at the Art Gallery of Alberta in Edmonton. Members of the current Board of Directors, Janice Agrios, Q.C., Donald Bishop, Q.C., Garth Fryett, Q.C., Hon. W.E. O'Leary, Q.C., and the Hon. Judge Robert A. Philp allowed their names to stand.

Historian David Mittelstadt spoke about the importance of LASA's oral history program, and detailed many of the significant interviews in LASA's holdings. His talk included audio of a number of recent interviews from Calgary and Edmonton.

LASA operates a province-wide archives program and facility based in the Law Society of Alberta offices in Calgary. The main components of the archives function are:

- acquiring and appraising records of the legal community
- arranging, describing, and constructing finding aids for records
- storing and preserving records

## Facilities and Conservation

LASA's administrative and research offices and storage vault is limited. In 2006 there was approximately 100 metres of records stored at Iron Mountain. In 2009 LASA had 500 metres of records stored at Iron Mountain and 300 metres of records onsite. 140 boxes of archival records were transferred to Iron Mountain for permanent storage in August 2009.

LASA still requires a long-term solution to archival storage space. Investigation on installing mobile shelving onsite in LASA's office is underway.

## Acquisitions

LASA acquired 35 accessions in 2010, amounting to nearly 29 linear metres of textual records, over 560 photographs, 31 videos (188,034,350 KB in digital MPEG format; 2 DVDs, and 2 Hi-8 formats), 5 textiles (judicial robes), 11 secondary sources and 21,399,010 KB of audio (digital WAV format). Currently LASA's holdings exceed 800 metres. Noteworthy acquisitions in 2009 include:



**University of Alberta Law Class of 1952**  
donation from The Honourable Ernest A. Hutchinson, Q.C.  
*LASA Accession #2010-025*

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## **The Honourable Allan H. Wachowich**

*Accession number 2010-024*

*Extent: 15 metres of textual records; approximately 500 photographs, and other material (textiles, including judicial robes, plaques etc.)*

*Date Range: 1960-2010*

Consists of several series of records, including correspondence, judicial and legal papers extending back 50+ years. Also includes judicial attire (robes).

## **Karen Gainer**

*Accession number 2010-015*

*4.16 metres of textual records*

*Date Range: 1981-1996*

Consists of records relating to the criminal law practice of Karen Gainer in Calgary. Includes numerous aboriginal justice files. Karen Gainer was a founding director of the Calgary Criminal Trial Lawyers Association and ran twice as a federal politician representing the Liberal Party.

## **The Honourable Ernest Hutchinson, Q.C.**

*Accession numbers 2010-025*

*1 cm of textual records; and 31 photographs*

*Date Range: 1952-2007*

Consists of a copy of the swearing-in ceremony of W.A. McGillivray as Chief Justice of Alberta on Friday, December 6, 1974 (sent compliments of T.G.K. Malcolm, Chief Court Reporter). Also includes 5 photographs of the University of Alberta law class of 1952 reunion photos (1952, 1977, 1997); commemorative photo of past and present Benchers of the Law Society of Alberta; Law Society of Alberta *Annual Report* (2007); 20 photos and memorabilia from the Hutchinson Fraser retirement dinner held November 18, 2004; 4 Benchers group photos taken ca. 1980-1983; and a 1985 photograph of the Federation of Law Societies of Canada.

## **Arrangement and Description**

The activity of arranging and describing archives involves: accessioning the records to gain physical control; completing a preliminary listing of the material to facilitate access to the holdings; storing material for long-term preservation; and producing finding aids compliant with the *Rules of Archival Description* to aid researchers. A group of records from one person or organization is described in archival terms as a Fonds. Detailed descriptions of all acquisitions received by LASA are available on the automated ACCESSION database. Approximately 75% of LASA's holdings are archivally arranged and described at the fonds and series level on the FONDS database. Of the 116 fonds described, most are processed to the file and item level and include a finding aid available for researchers.

Contract Archivist Ewa Gniazdowska was hired to complete two short-term archival contracts with LASA during the summer of 2009. In that time she completed the preservation and migration (digital WAV format and Gold CD-Rom reference copies in MP3 format) of 54 LASA oral history interviews conducted by Susie Sparks (Calgary Bar Association) during the early 1980s.

This project was funded by the NADP (National Archives Development Program). With funds provided by the Community Initiatives Program (CIP), Ewa's contract with LASA was extended through the summer to provide general archival support. Work duties included accessioning and various other collection management tasks. Several metres of records were transferred and/or relocated from LASA's vault during the summer.

## Reference Services

LASA maintains an automated reference system which provides access to information on lawyers, legal organizations, and judges in the province and supports research projects such as family histories, case law, and biographies. Staff perform limited searches and interpretation of material in response to reference inquiries.

LASA received 111 requests for information relating to or taken directly from its holdings. Some of these requests involved extensive in-house research of archival material over a period of weeks; others were simple requests for information provided in a matter of minutes over the telephone. The information has been used for locating practice files, to complete genealogical research, or to produce historical publications. The types of researchers were broken down as follows: Donor/Depositor - 35; Legal Community - 34; Academic Community - 10; Private Researchers - 25; Media - 1; Other Archives/Libraries - 6.

## Exhibits and Interpretation

In recognition of his years of service to the legal profession in Alberta, a retirement dinner was held for The Honourable Allan H. Wachowich at the Shaw Conference Centre in Edmonton on March 8, 2010. LASA contributed a small display highlighting Wachowich's career that was well received by dinner attendees.

On April 15, 2010, LASA held a small reception for the Bencher during their meeting in Calgary. A small display highlighting the history of the Law Society of Alberta was set up for visitors.

A display highlighting the 70-year career of Mac Jones, Q.C. and the history of the Bennett Jones law firm was developed for the long-term service award reception organized by the Law Society of Alberta on November 24, 2010 at the Palliser Hotel Penthouse.

'Growing Up Albertan' was the 2010 Archive Week theme. Brenda McCafferty completed LASA's virtual exhibit submission for the ASA website featuring material related to prominent members of the legal profession who were born and raised Albertan. A 2011 calendar comprised of image submitted from archives across Alberta was created for distribution last fall.



## < Other Heritage Programs

### ∨ Publications

LASA continues work on updating the 2nd edition of *Lords and Ladies of the Western Bench* and a history of the Court of Appeal of Alberta. Both publications are slated for release in 2011. LASA has also started working on Ed Bredin's biography of Leonard Brockington, Q.C., and will be released as an 'Occasional Paper' in Summer 2011.

#### *Architypes*

Two issues of LASA's newsletter, *Architypes*, were distributed to members of the Law Society throughout the year. Volume 19, Issue I featured new faces at LASA, included Everett Bunnell, Q.C. as LASA's new President and new Administrative and Development Officer, Ewa Gniazdowska. The issues also include remembrances of John Ballem, Q.C., The Hon. William Haddad, Q.C., and Alan Hunter, Q.C., who passed away in 2010. Volume 19, Issue II featured the archival donation from Karen Gainer, Q.C., who practiced criminal law in Calgary from 1981 to 1996, and helped found the Criminal Trial Lawyers Association. The issue also featured the 2010 Historical Dinner and speaker C.D. Evans. In 2010, Evans published a memoir of his 40-years at the Criminal Bar in Alberta. An excerpt from the book is featured in the issue, and his speech at the Historical Dinners in Calgary and Edmonton were based on many of the interesting reminiscences of his career.



Gathering of Alberta's Court of Appeal  
donation from The Honourable Mary M. Hetherington  
LASA Accession #2010-016

## Oral History

LASA has initiated a province-wide series of recorded interview projects preserving the memory of the legal community for posterity. Most of the previous year's oral histories have now been transcribed and copies have been sent to the interviewees for a final edit.

### *Calgary Project*

LASA interviewer David Mittelstadt continued work in 2009/2010 on Calgary's oral history program. Recently accessioned interviews include: John Armstrong, Q.C., Patricia Daunais, Q.C., Virginia May, Q.C, John McLaren and Karen Gainer, Q.C.

Ken Mills is the Chair of the Calgary Committee and David Mittelstadt conducted most of the interviews.

### *Edmonton Project*

Jim Nielson, Q.C. from Parlee McLaws LLP has taken over as Chair of the Edmonton project.

## Legal History Library

LASA received several donated books in 2008 and would like to thank all of those people who generously contributed to LASA's growing collections. Some of the highlights added to LASA's library include: 8 volumes of the Commission of Inquiry into the Investigation of the Bombing of Air India Flight 182 donated by the Hon. Jack Major, Q.C.; Barrington Walker, *Race on Trial: Black Defendants in Ontario's Criminal Courts, 1858-1958*; R. Blake Brown, *A Trying Question: The Jury in Nineteenth-Century Canada*; Frederick Vaughan, *Viscount Haldane: 'The Wicked Step-Father of the Canadian Constitution'*; John Boyko, *Bennett: The Rebel Who Challenged and Changed a Nation*; and Christopher Moore, *The British Columbia Court of Appeal: The Firsty Hundred Years*.



**The Hon. Justice Marshall Edward Manning Presides**  
donation from John Manning  
*Accession #2010-010*

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The Palliser Hotel  
November 4, 2010



LASA Executive Director Stacy Kaufeld  
With author C.D. Evans, Q.C.



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Selling books at the historical dinner



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