

Lillian Ruby Clements, 1915
First female lawyer in Alberta



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First Members of the Law Society of Alberta, 1907.

**PRESERVING
AND PROMOTING
ALBERTA'S LEGAL
HISTORY...**

2018 Annual Report



Medicine Hat Courthouse, Alberta



The Old Court House, Calgary, Alberta



Red Deer Courthouse, Alberta



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“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.”

Society Profile

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 legal community. LASA’s principal 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 on the history of law and society in Alberta;
- enhance awareness of and celebrate the role of law in Alberta’s history.

LASA’s seven program areas are:

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

President's Report



LASA had a very successful 2018 starting with the Historical Dinner in March featuring the Rt. Hon. Beverley McLachlin, retired Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Canada. In the Fall, LASA hosted the Calgary Historical Dinner featuring the Hon. Mary T. Moreau, Chief Justice of the Court of Queen's Bench of Alberta.

LASA capped off 2018 with the tremendously successful *We Have Not Forgotten* ceremony honouring Alberta law students who fought and died during World War I with a posthumous Call to the Bar.

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.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Shaun Maclsaac".

Once again, the Law Society of Alberta provided our core funding, for which we are grateful. 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 2018 another successful year.

Shaun T. Maclsaac, Q.C.
Chair

Executive Director's Report



2018 was exciting year for the Legal Archives Society of Alberta.

For nearly three decades, LASA has recognized in varied ways the sacrifice young men and their families made during both World War I and World War II. With the centenary of the Armistice ending hostilities in 1918, LASA resolved to recognize those law students who fought and died during the First World War in a special posthumous Call to the Bar ceremony. *We Have Not Forgotten* took place on November 9, 2018 at the Calgary Court Centre. We were honoured to have members of the judiciary, legal community, military, descendants of the fallen soldiers, as well as the general public in attendance.

LASA continues to grow and received a number of significant archival donations throughout 2018, including from the Hon. Arthur Lutz, Louis A. Knafla, and the Law Society of Alberta. Our finances remain stable, and we look forward to continuing as Canada's only independent legal archives.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Stacy Kaufeld".

Stacy F. Kaufeld, M.A.
Executive Director

Highlights

Administration and Finances

- \$190,000 from the Law Society of Alberta in operating grants
- \$17,500 in special project grants
- \$40,870 raised through our annual campaign
- \$480 in publication sales
- \$12,945 in Endowment fund income
- \$64,615 from casino proceeds (pro-rated over 2 years from the 2017 casino)

Archives

- Acquired 12 accessions amounting to approximately 2.79 metres of textual records
- Holdings consist of over 850 metres of records at the end of 2018

Exhibits and Interpretation

- LASA participated in “Law Day” in Calgary
- LASA participated in the Archives Society of Alberta virtual exhibit (archivesalberta.org)
- LASA’s website (legalarchives.ca) was regularly updated with information about upcoming events and news, as well as with several virtual exhibits covering topics in Alberta’s legal history
- LASA joined social media with LinkedIn and Facebook accounts
- LASA developed several exhibits for special events celebrating Alberta’s legal heritage
- *We Have Not Forgotten* took place on November 9, 2018 at the Calgary Court Centre

Research Services

- 78 requests for research were completed

Oral History

- With funding from the Edmonton Heritage Committee and Alberta Historical Resources Foundation, LASA completed 16 Oral History interviews in Edmonton in 2018.
- LASA received funding from the Alberta Historical Resources Foundation and completed 16 Oral History interviews in Calgary in 2018.
- Blake, Cassels, Graydon LLP transcribed the following interviews in 2018: Rose Carter, Q.C., the Hon. Joanne Veit, the Hon. Marsha Erb, the Hon. Adelle Fruman, Michelle Christopher, Q.C., Jon Faulds, Q.C., Kerry Day, Q.C., and the Hon. Judge Shelagh Creagh.

Legal History Library

- Twenty titles were added to the library
- LASA received \$10,000 from the Highbury Foundation (headed by Peter Allard) in 2017 to expand and specialize our legal history library to include books from countries outside of Canada, in particular from Commonwealth nations. Graham Price and Louis Knafla both donated titles from their personal libraries. In 2018, LASA hired Kira Maros to properly process, catalogue, and organize these significant donations as well as making them searchable online. 285 new titles were processed and added to LASA’s collection.
- The Highbury Foundation provided a further \$5,000 in funding in 2018. More titles will be catalogued in 2019.

Administration

Personnel

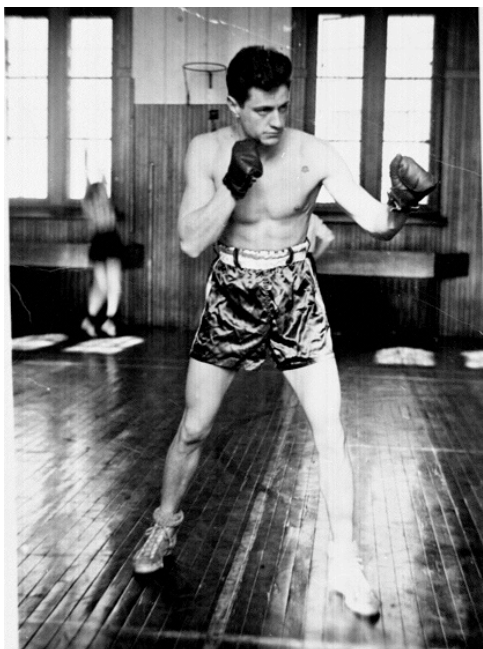
Long-time LASA Archivist, Brenda McCafferty, took a one-year leave of absence beginning in September 2018. Ms. McCafferty is pursuing her Masters in Archives and Records Management degree at the University of Liverpool in the United Kingdom.

LASA hired Archivist, Kelly Turner, who will fill Ms. McCafferty's role during her absence for a one-year period. In 2016, Ms. Turner worked with LASA on a contract basis arranging and describing archival material, working on the Oral History program and assisting with the making of *The Agreement*.

Annual General Meeting

On June 8, 2018, LASA held its Annual General Meeting via video conference in Edmonton and Calgary. Members of the current Board of Directors the Hon. Madam Justice Jo'Anne Strekaf, Aaron Bickman, Oliver Ho, and the Hon. Willis O'Leary, Q.C. were re-elected for two-year terms.

A presentation was made by David Mittelstadt regarding a new book project he will produce which is an edited collection of excerpts from the large collection of interviews LASA has completed since 1991. The project will also include material from an earlier Calgary Bar Association Oral History project that was undertaken between 1981 and 1985. Modeled on Canadian Journalist Barry Broadfoot's classic oral history collections, *Ten Lost Years* and *Six War Years*, the book will present an overview of the practice of law in Alberta over the span of nearly one hundred years, told through colourful anecdotes and insightful commentary, with topics ranging from personalities, historic trials, changes in practice and articling experiences. There will be an introductory, and the excerpts will be organized thematically in chapters with a short essay to introduce each chapter. The general intent of the book is to have a mix of entertaining and amusing stories with more serious topics included so as to balance readability and marketability.



Left: the Hon. Milt Harradence, Q.C., LASA Accession 2018-013

Top: *We Have Not Forgotten*, November 9, 2018

Finances

In 2018, LASA operated on a budget of \$432,016. The Law Society of Alberta provided the core grant of \$190,000.

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

2018 Annual Campaign

The purpose of the Annual Campaign is to raise funds to assist with covering operating expenses during the fiscal year (January 1 - December 31). Staff and volunteer supporters strive to achieve an annual goal of \$50,000 (after expenses) through two major fundraising efforts: a direct mail/email campaign and the Annual Historical Dinners. The total amount received in the 2018 campaign was \$52,890.

Direct Mail/Email Campaign

LASA sent out via direct mail and email approximately 1,000 appeal letters and donor cards to Alberta’s legal and judicial communities. Combined with other contributions throughout the year, the profession responded with \$40,870 in direct donations.

Historical Dinners

LASA hosted its annual fundraising dinner in Edmonton in March 2018 with keynote speaker the Rt. Hon. Beverley McLachlin. In October 2018, LASA welcomed the Hon. Mary T. Moreau, Chief Justice of the Court of Queen’s Bench of Alberta, in Calgary. Both evenings were a great success and LASA is grateful to all those who attended and continue to support the preserving and promoting of Alberta’s legal heritage.

Membership

Membership stood at 113 on December 31, 2018, a decrease from 2017’s total of 129. Revenue from the annual campaign donations for 2018 was \$40,870 a decrease over 2017’s amount of \$46,360. The average donation for 2018 was \$361. In 2017, it was \$359.

Contributions were distributed among the following categories:

Honourary Members - 20	Advocate (\$500 - \$999) - 18
Supporter (up to \$149) - 11	Patron (\$1,000 - \$4,999) - 8
Friend (\$150 - \$249) - 36	Benefactor (\$5,000 - \$9,999) - 1
Sustainer (\$250 - \$499) - 39	

A list of donors for 2018 can be found on page 16 of the Annual Report.

Project Funding

In 2018, LASA received funding for three major projects.

LASA received \$7,500 from the Archives Society of Alberta to process the records of the Hon. John MacKenzie and Duncan McKillop, Q.C.

The Calgary Bar Association gave \$5,000 to assist with the successful posthumous Call to the Bar ceremony on November 9, 2018.

Finances continued

The Highbury Foundation provided a further donation of \$5,000 to establish a specialized legal history library comprised of legal history books from around the world, in particular Commonwealth countries.

There were a number of projects completed in 2018 for which funding was received in 2017.

LASA has applied for several project-based grants in 2019 to be completed in 2019 and 2020.

Alberta Legal Heritage Fund

In 1997, LASA established the Alberta Legal Heritage Fund at the Edmonton Community Foundation, the Calgary Community 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 2018, \$12,945 was received in Endowment Income.

Casino

LASA held a charity casino at Cowboys Casino in Calgary on July 28 & 29, 2017. Casino profits are first deposited in to a city-wide pool and then equally distributed. LASA's portion of this profit was received during the fourth quarter of 2017 and amounted to \$64,615, which is pro-rated over a two-year period.



*The Hon. John H. MacKenzie
Donated archival materials related to the trial of
James Keegstra.*



*Duncan L. McKillop, Q.C.
Donated archival materials related to James
Keegstra's appeal to the Alberta Court of Appeal*

Events

Edmonton Historical Dinner

LASA hosted its Annual Historical Fundraising Dinner in Edmonton on March 1, 2018 at the Fairmont Hotel Macdonald. We were delighted to welcome the Rt. Hon. Beverley McLachlin, retired Chief Justice of Canada, who spoke about past achievements and future challenges in the justice system.

The Rt. Honourable Beverley McLachlin was appointed the Chief Justice of Canada in 2000. Justice McLachlin retired on December 15, 2017 as Canada's longest serving Chief Justice. She will be remembered for having written many leading judgments which will leave a lasting mark on Canada's legal system and society. Justice McLachlin championed many causes including judicial independence, Aboriginal rights and access to justice.



Justice McLachlin served seventeen years as Chief Justice of Canada and was a Justice of the Supreme Court of Canada for twenty-eight years. When she retired, she had served nearly thirty-seven years as a judge. Chief Justice Fraser aptly noted that “Beverley McLachlin’s fingerprints are all over decisions in the post-Charter era,” and “though her judicial career in Canada has come to an end, her judicial and legal legacy will endure.”

Justice McLachlin delivered a message filled with humour, fond remembrances, and a clear vision of the work that lies ahead. She challenged the audience to reflect on the past while looking to the future. She also spoke of the valuable legal legacy that has been passed down from previous generations of Canadian lawyers and judges. Specifically, she mentioned traditions based on the Common Law and the independence of the judiciary brought to Canada from Great Britain. She also commented on Indigenous legal traditions and processes that were present prior to Canada coming into existence. She noted that we are now only realizing how useful and profound those traditions are.



Justice McLachlin traced how past values and traditions often inform present practices and future directions. She spoke of integrity, fairness, equality, and responsibility. She noted that Alberta's early legal culture was based on these simple values. It was a legal culture with an emphasis on individuals and openness to change and adaptation.

Her presentation highlighted two urgent tests facing today's justice system. The first of these challenges is the delay and expense in securing legal assistance for dispute resolution in the court system. She suggested that the law and the courts belong to the people and that access to justice should be a

fundamental right. As the legal system depends on public confidence, she reminded us that unless the future of the legal system makes this right a reality, the fate of the entire system could be in jeopardy.

The second challenge she identified was the need to achieve reconciliation between Indigenous and non-Indigenous peoples within the justice system. For much of Canada's history, Indigenous people did not see the justice system as their own. Instead they saw it as an alien, white system imposed on them from the outside. Justice McLachlin argued that that viewpoint is no longer sustainable. She noted the failure to incorporate Indigenous concepts of justice into our system of law. She acknowledged that the task of harmonizing Indigenous ideas of justice with European ideas of justice will not be easy, but it is a task that is necessary to secure the future of Canada.

She concluded her presentation by noting that our legal system is the way in which we can meet these twin challenges of access to justice and reconciling Indigenous and non-Indigenous Canadians within the justice system. She saw the values we inherited from our past as pointing the way towards solutions for the problems we currently face. Those values are coupled with a shared understanding of the way forward. She explained that the only way forward is not to divide, but to respect our differences and work together for a better future.

Calgary Historical Dinner



LASA hosted its Annual Historical Fundraising Dinner in Calgary on October 4, 2018 at the Fairmont Palliser Hotel. We were delighted to welcome the Hon. Mary T. Moreau, Chief Justice of the Court of Queen's Bench of Alberta, who spoke about the contributions of women jurists to Alberta's legal history.

Chief Justice Moreau was appointed as a Justice of the Court of Queen's Bench of Alberta in 1994, as a Deputy Judge of the Supreme Court

of the Yukon Territories in 1996 and as Deputy Judge of the Supreme Court of the Northwest Territories in 2005. She was appointed as Chief Justice of the Court of Queen's Bench of Alberta on October 17, 2017.

Chief Justice Moreau's speech recalled the countless remarkable women who helped build the province's legal system and those who continue to contribute to its future. She mentioned many individuals, including Emily Murphy, Nellie McClung, the Hon. Mary Hetherington, the Hon. Catherine Fraser, Chief Justice of Alberta, the Rt. Hon. Beverley McLachlin, and the Hon. Anne McLellan.

Many women have left their distinctive mark on the legal system, on their community, and on the province. Some of them are less well-known, but played an important part in their causes and communities. As examples, each of the following women have left, or will leave, their own enduring mark.

Alice Jamison Jukes was the first woman Magistrate of the Juvenile Court in the British Empire. She was also the first woman Police Magistrate in Calgary in 1916, appointed only months after Emily Murphy was appointed to the same position in Edmonton.

Ruple Ferguson ran the only law firm in Trochu, Alberta, after her husband's death, and she over saw many matters of importance to the town of Trochu. She was also the first woman lawyer to be award a Queen's Counsel in 1961.

Ruth Gorman had a reputation of being a maverick supporting numerous social causes, including the plight of women denied essentials in Alberta institutions such as police stations and jails. She acted on behalf of Indigenous Peoples, including a five-year court battle to prevent First Nations peoples from losing their rights when forced off the Reserve.

The Hon. Connie Hunt is a retired Justice of the Court of Appeal of Alberta. She was the first woman Dean of Law at the University of Calgary. Her dissent in *R. v. Vriend* led the way for inclusion of sexual orientation as a protected status. The Hon. Julie Lloyd, Judge of the Provincial Court of Alberta, while as a lawyer fought tirelessly against the federal and provincial governments to ensure equal death and pension benefits for same-sex couples.

Hadley Friedland was, as a social worker, a non-Indigenous person welcomed into the community of a Cree Band. She is currently an Assistant Professor of Law at the University of Alberta. She is an advocate for the recognition and implementation of Indigenous Law into the current justice system.

Koren Lightning-Earle was called to the bar in 2009 and is currently completing her Masters in Law at Osgoode Hall in Alternative Dispute Resolution. She was the President of the Indigenous Bar Association and sat as an elected member of the Samson Cree Nation. She runs her own law practice and is the Indigenous Initiatives Liaison for the Law Society of Alberta focusing on strategies to respond to the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's Calls to Action.

Katherine Weaver was the Executive Director of the Landlord and Tenants Advisory Board, and has been involved in numerous issues related to Access to Justice. She is currently the Hearing Chair with the Appeals Commission of WCB. She also teaches a full-year poverty law class at the University of Alberta. Desiree Tan is very active in helping immigrant and Indigenous persons navigate the youth justice system, and she is active in her community help immigrant families adapt to Canadian society and culture.

These women, like their predecessors, are all trailblazers. They have been inspired by those who came before them, and they will inspire future generations of women lawyers. They are an exceptional group of women who have left their own mark on community, on the province and on legal history.

We Have Not Forgotten

When Great Britain declared war on August 3, 1914, Albertans lined up to fight for King and Empire. Approximately 100 Alberta lawyers and countless law students answered the call for service. Unfortunately, 25 Alberta lawyers and 37 law students did not return. If not for the tragedy of war, these 37 law students would have become lawyers in our Province and no doubt would have been instrumental in shaping the destiny of what was then a young Province.

On September 29, 2018, the Benchers of the Law Society of Alberta resolved unanimously as follows: "In memory and recognition of the



sacrifice of Alberta students-at-law who enlisted in the Canadian Expeditionary Force, and who served therewith in the Great War of 1914 - 1918, and who lost their lives in service of our country in said War, the Law Society of Alberta waives all enrolment requirements and acknowledges they are entitled to be posthumously admitted to the Law Society of Alberta.”



On November 9, 2018 there was a special Call to the Alberta Bar for 37 Alberta law students who left their legal studies and paid the ultimate price on the war fields of Europe during World War I. Over 400 people were in attendance, including a number of military personnel from the regiments in which many of these young laws students served, as well as descendents of the fallen students.

Presiding over the Call to the Bar Ceremony was Chief Justice Mary T. Moreau of the Court of Queen’s Bench of Alberta, Associate Chief Justice John D. Rooke of the Court of Queen’s Bench of Alberta, and Justice D. Blair Nixon of the Court of Queen’s Bench of Alberta.

The Call to the Bar Ceremony, and the following Remembrance Ceremony, were both poignant and uplifting. The participants, through their speeches and stories, set the perfect tone for such a unique celebration and remembrance of these 37 brave me who are not full members of the Alberta Bar.

Sponsored and organized by the Legal Archives Society of Alberta, this event was unique in Canada and involved the hard work and dedication of a number of people and organizations. LASA wishes to acknowledge the significant support of the Law Society of Alberta, the Court of Queen’s Bench of Alberta, the Calgary Bar Association, the Canadian Bar Association, Alberta Branch, as well as the military community.



A special thanks is owed to Patrick Shea, LSM, CS, a practicing lawyer with Gowling WLG in Toronto for his tireless efforts to collect and preserve biographical information about the Alberta students-at-law who fought and died during World War I.



Facilities and Conservation

LASA operates a province-wide archives program and heritage facility based in Calgary. The main components of the archives are:

- acquiring and appraising records of Alberta's legal and judicial communities
- arranging, describing, and establishing finding aids for records
- storing and preserving records

LASA's administrative and research offices and storage vault is limited. Since 2011, LASA has stored 500 metres of records at Iron Mountain and 300 metres of records stored onsite.

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 *Fonds*. Detailed descriptions of all acquisitions received by LASA are available on the automated ACCESSION database. Approximately 75% of LASA's holdings are 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 included a finding aid for researchers.

Acquisitions

LASA acquired 19 accessions in 2018, amounting to approximately 2.79 metres of textual records, 3000 photographs (2800 born in digital jpeg, tiff, bmp, and Gif formats), 12.63 GB in born-digital video format, 2 VHS, 1 DVD, four 3.5" floppy disks, 21 artifacts, 5 textiles, and 5 cm of secondary source material. Currently, LASA's total holdings exceed 850 metres.

Noteworthy acquisitions from 2018 include:

The Honourable Arthur Lutz

1.20 metres of textual records

Date range: 1983-2010

Consists of records from retired Court of Queen's Bench Justice, Arthur Lutz. Accession includes reasons for judgement -- nine (9) volumes, 1983-2010; Dorothy Joudrie case records: 4 binders of press/newspaper clippings covering the Calgary trial where a wife was charged with attempted murder of husband, a prominent oilman in 1996; Justice Lutz's charges to the jury in the NWT Mine Case, R. v. Keegstra, and R. v. Dorothy Jourdie, and memorabilia related to Alberta court history.



Louis A. Knafla

1.06 metres of textual records (2 accessions)

Date Range: ca. 1975-1900

Consists of subject files, bound inventories/file lists, and the administrative records of the Alberta Legal History Project (ALHP). In 1977, in response to the proposed destruction of the district and provincial courthouse records, the Alberta Legal History Committee of the Law Society of Alberta, working with the Public Records Committee, the Provincial Archives of Alberta and the Attorney General's Department, oversaw the surveying and preservation of Alberta's Supreme Court records. Largely, as a result of this project, LASA was established in 1990. Funding for the ALHP was provided by the Alberta Law Foundation. Dr. Lou Knafla, Professor of History at the University of Calgary oversaw the project. He was assisted by the following prominent supporters from the legal, judicial, and academic communities: Deans Wilbur Bowker and John McLaren, Chief Justice V.H. Milvain, Justice William Morrow, Frank J. Newson, and Graham Price. Each judicial district (13 courthouses) was visited and their records surveyed.

Law Society of Alberta

1 cm of textual records, 2142 photographs, 774 negatives, 25 index prints, 48 contact sheets, 48 compact discs and DVDs, four 3.5" floppy disks, 2 VHS, 1DVD, and a paperweight with the Law Society's logo.
Date range: ca. 195? - 2011

Consists of photos of Law Society members, benchers, judges, and employees of the Law Society at various events, including dinners, parties, conventions, committee meetings, and special occasions. Most are candid photographs from the events, but there are also many formal professional photographs of individuals and groups.



Events covered include the Court of Queen's Bench of Alberta 100 year plaque unveiling, Jasper Convocation, Law Day, LESA Code of Conduct Seminar, PBLA Launch, *Just Works* book launch, commemorative stamp unveiling, President's Dinner, ceremonies for awards/certificates, including the Distinguished Service Awards (1997-2000), 50-year awards, and events for specific people, staff occasions, including the Christmas parties, Jail-N-Bail, United Way, mini golf, Stampede and other events.

Photos donated at part of a large collection from the Law Society of Alberta

LASA Accession 2018-017

Heritage Programs

Exhibits and Interpretation

LASA is dedicated to the presentation, promotion, and understanding of the evolution of law and society in Alberta through the creation of historical displays showcasing memorabilia and photographs from our holdings.

LASA's archives houses over 10,000 photographs documenting the legal profession in Alberta from 1907 to the present day.

In addition to the interpretative displays constructed in the courthouses throughout the province, LASA has designed online exhibits on our website (www.legalarchives.ca). LASA also participates in an annual online exhibit promoting Alberta archival institutions at the Archives Society of Alberta (www.archivesalberta.org/virtual-exhibits). These exhibits make use of documents, photographs, and artifacts to celebrate and educate the public about the role of the legal and judicial communities in the history of the province.

A 'Supreme Court of Canada' themed display was created by LASA for the Historical Dinner at the Hotel MacDonald in Edmonton featuring Alberta lawyers who served on the Supreme Court of Canada, such as the Hon. Ivan Rand, the Hon. Henry Nolan, the Hon. Ronald Martland, the Hon. William Stevenson, the Hon. John Major, the Hon. Russell Brown, the Hon. Sheilah Martin, and the Rt. Hon. Beverley McLachlin, who served as Chief Justice.

A display was also created for the Calgary Historical Dinner at the Palliser Hotel in October 2018 featuring notable women from the legal and judicial communities during Alberta's history. This display coincided with the speech given by the Hon. Mary T. Moreau, Chief Justice of the Court of Queen's Bench, who highlighted several women in her keynote address.

A display was also created for the November 9, 2018, special Call to the Bar ceremony highlighting names, regiments, and death dates of all 37 students who were honoured during the ceremony. It also included the poem *In Flanders Fields* and photographs of Alberta lawyers who died during World War I. Accompanying the display was a program for the event that featured a photograph (where available) of each student along with a short biography and a book entitled *They Shall Grow Not Old: Alberta Law Students Lost in The Great War* by E. Patrick Shea, LSM, CS.

Oral History

The Legal Archives Society of Alberta embarked on an oral history program to record the reminiscences of lawyers, judges, and other members associated with the legal profession who played an important role in Alberta's legal heritage. The Society has an extensive collection of oral history interviews of prominent lawyers and judges dating back to 1980.

Oral history fills in the gaps in the written record. They also add information to supplement the documentary record by adding detail and texture to the characterization of legal figures, discussions of significant cases and analysis of subsequent developments in the law. As society moves towards more electronic correspondence and traditional documentary sources become a thing of the past, oral histories may become the only viable alternative left for those wanting to obtain the same types of insights that traditional sources provide.

Thanks to funding from the Alberta Historical Resources Foundation and the Edmonton Heritage Committee, LASA was able to successfully complete 16 interviews with lawyers and judges in the Edmonton area in 2018.

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LASA continues to appreciate the external funding for this important program, as well as the participation of the lawyers and judges who have been interviewed. LASA currently holds approximately 350 oral history interviews dating back to the 1980s.

Legal History Library

LASA's research and reference library houses a rare and unique collection of approximately 500 books, including non-fiction, fiction, biographies and memoirs, and reference material. LASA also maintains a collection of pamphlets, serials, directories, newspaper clippings, and other publications documenting the history of law and society in Alberta.

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Publications

The Legal Archives Society of Alberta has published a variety of historical studies, biographies, records, and reference works on Alberta's legal past. On our website we have introduced an 'Occasional Paper' series allowing authors to publish articles on law and society in Alberta. We currently have five papers available for PDF download. LASA's available books are listed on our website (www.legalarchives.ca/lasa-publications/)

Reference Services

LASA maintains an automated reference system along with services to support research projects such as family histories, firm history, academic papers, and biographies. LASA provides access to information on lawyers and judges, legal firms and legal organizations in the province. LASA serves the Law Society of Alberta, lawyers, judges, scholars, students, educators, genealogists and the broad public by providing access to its collection. Staff perform limited searches and interpretation of material in response to reference inquiries.

LASA received 78 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 or via email. The information has been used for locating practice files, to complete genealogical research or to produce historical publications. The types of researchers are broken down as follows: Law Society of Alberta - 13; Academic - 16; Donor/Depositor - 2; Legal Community - 16; Private Researcher - 22; other Archives and Libraries - 7; and media - 2.

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THE LEGAL ARCHIVES SOCIETY OF ALBERTA
Financial Statements
Year Ended December 31, 2018



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INDEPENDENT PRACTITIONER'S REVIEW ENGAGEMENT REPORT

To the Members of The Legal Archives Society of Alberta

I have reviewed the accompanying financial statements of The Legal Archives Society of Alberta which comprise the statement of financial position as at December 31, 2018 and the statements of revenues and expenditures, changes in net assets and cash flows for the year then ended, and a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations, and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Practitioner's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

My responsibility is to express a conclusion on the accompanying financial statements based on my review. I conducted my review in accordance with Canadian generally accepted standards for review engagements, which require me to comply with relevant ethical requirements.

A review of financial statements in accordance with Canadian generally accepted standards for review engagements is a limited assurance engagement. The practitioner performs procedures, primarily consisting of making inquiries of management and others within the entity, as appropriate, and applying analytical procedures, and evaluates the evidence obtained.

The procedures performed in a review are substantially less in extent than, and vary in nature from, those performed in an audit conducted in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Accordingly, I do not express an audit opinion on these financial statements.

Conclusion

Based on my review, nothing has come to my attention that causes me to believe that these financial statements do not present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of The Legal Archives Society of Alberta as at December 31, 2018, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations.

Calgary, Alberta
June 6, 2019


DIANA HANEVELT PROFESSIONAL CORPORATION
CHARTERED PROFESSIONAL ACCOUNTANT

THE LEGAL ARCHIVES SOCIETY OF ALBERTA
Statement of Financial Position
December 31, 2018

	Operating <i>December 31</i> 2018	Restricted <i>December 31</i> 2018	Casino <i>December 31</i> 2018	Combined <i>December 31</i> 2018	Combined <i>December 31</i> 2017
ASSETS					
CURRENT					
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 16,073	\$ 27,197	\$ 9,091	\$ 52,361	\$ 149,702
Accounts receivable	6,259	186	583	7,028	1,306
Prepaid expenses	4,911	-	3,034	7,945	10,162
Interfund balances (<i>Note 4</i>)	-	631	606	1,237	-
	\$ 27,243	\$ 28,014	\$ 13,314	\$ 68,571	\$ 161,170
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS					
CURRENT					
Accounts payable	\$ 9,999	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 9,999	\$ 14,793
Interfund balances (<i>Note 4</i>)	1,237	-	-	1,237	-
Deferred revenue - Other (<i>Note 5</i>)	-	28,014	-	28,014	52,491
Deferred revenue - Casino (<i>Note 6</i>)	-	-	13,314	13,314	72,334
	11,236	28,014	13,314	52,564	139,618
NET ASSETS	16,007	-	-	16,007	21,552
	\$ 27,243	\$ 28,014	\$ 13,314	\$ 68,571	\$ 161,170

See notes to financial statements

THE LEGAL ARCHIVES SOCIETY OF ALBERTA
Statement of Revenues and Expenditures
Year Ended December 31, 2018

	Operating	Restricted	Casino	Total	Total
	<i>December 31</i> 2018	<i>December 31</i> 2018	<i>December 31</i> 2018	December 31 2018	<i>December 31</i> 2017
REVENUES					
Grants - Law Society of Alberta (<i>Note 7</i>)	\$ 190,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 190,000	\$ 180,000
Grants - Other	4,622	35,078	-	39,700	2,500
Fundraising	129,869	-	59,019	188,888	103,591
Investment and sundry income	12,945	-	-	12,945	12,767
Publications	483	-	-	483	598
	<u>337,919</u>	<u>35,078</u>	<u>59,019</u>	<u>432,016</u>	<u>299,456</u>
EXPENDITURES					
General administration	49,650	406	1,439	51,495	39,870
Fundraising	73,080	-	-	73,080	24,412
Projects	-	34,672	-	34,672	11,729
Publications	19,225	-	-	19,225	1,432
Premises	13,320	-	57,580	70,900	72,899
Salaries and benefits	188,189	-	-	188,189	173,895
	<u>343,464</u>	<u>35,078</u>	<u>59,019</u>	<u>437,561</u>	<u>324,237</u>
DEFICIENCY OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES	<u>\$ (5,545)</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ (5,545)</u>	<u>\$ (24,781)</u>

See notes to financial statements

THE LEGAL ARCHIVES SOCIETY OF ALBERTA
Statement of Changes in Net Assets
Year Ended December 31, 2018

	Operating	Restricted	Casino	Total Total	Total Total
	<i>December 31</i> 2018	<i>December 31</i> 2018	<i>December 31</i> 2018	<i>December 31</i> 2018	<i>December 31</i> 2017
NET ASSETS - BEGINNING OF YEAR	\$ 21,552	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 21,552	\$ 46,333
Deficiency of revenues over expenditures	(5,545)	-	-	(5,545)	(24,781)
NET ASSETS - END OF YEAR	\$ 16,007	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 16,007	\$ 21,552

See notes to financial statements

THE LEGAL ARCHIVES SOCIETY OF ALBERTA
Statement of Cash Flows
Year Ended December 31, 2018

	Total	Total
	<i>December 31</i>	<i>December 31</i>
	2018	2017
OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Deficiency of revenues over expenditures	\$ (5,545)	\$ (24,781)
Changes in non-cash working capital:		
Accounts receivable	(5,721)	596
Accounts payable	(4,794)	3,854
Deferred revenue - Other	(24,478)	40,191
Deferred revenue - Casino	(59,020)	34,830
Prepaid expenses	2,217	(4)
	<u>(91,796)</u>	<u>79,467</u>
INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH FLOW	(97,341)	54,686
Cash - beginning of year	<u>149,702</u>	<u>95,016</u>
CASH - END OF YEAR	\$ 52,361	\$ 149,702

THE LEGAL ARCHIVES SOCIETY OF ALBERTA
Notes to Financial Statements
Year Ended December 31, 2018

1. PURPOSE OF THE SOCIETY

The Legal Archives Society of Alberta (the "society") is a not-for-profit organization incorporated provincially under the Companies Act of Alberta. As a registered charity the society is exempt from the payment of income tax under Section 149(1) of the Income Tax Act.

The purpose of the Society is to preserve, promote and understand the evolution of law and society in Alberta.

2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of presentation

The financial statements were prepared in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations (ASNFPPO).

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents consists of cash in bank.

Financial instruments policy

Financial instruments are recorded at fair value when acquired or issued. In subsequent periods, financial assets with actively traded markets are reported at fair value, with any unrealized gains and losses reported in income. All other financial instruments are reported at amortized cost, and tested for impairment at each reporting date. Transaction costs on the acquisition, sale, or issue of financial instruments are expensed when incurred.

Financial assets measured at amortized cost include cash and accounts receivable.

Financial liabilities measured at amortized cost include accounts payable.

At the end of each reporting period the Society assesses whether there are any indications that a financial asset measured at amortized cost may be impaired. Objective evidence of impairment might include significant financial difficulty of the issuer, default or delinquency in interest payments, or bankruptcy. When there is an indication of impairment, the Society determines whether a significant adverse change has occurred during the period in the expected timing or amount of future cash flows from the financial asset. Any impairment loss is recognized in the statement of revenues and expenditures in the current period. Impairment losses can be reversed to the extent of the improvement. The amount of the reversal is recognized in the statement of revenues and expenditures in the period the reversal occurs.

Contributed goods and services

Volunteers contribute a significant amount of their time each year. Because of the difficulty in determining their fair value, contributed services are not recognized in the financial statements. At times, goods are also donated to the Society. Due to the difficulty in determining the fair value, contributed goods are not recognized in the financial statements.

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THE LEGAL ARCHIVES SOCIETY OF ALBERTA
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Year Ended December 31, 2018

2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (*continued*)

Fund accounting

The Legal Archives Society of Alberta follows the deferral method of accounting for contributions.

Revenues and expenses related to program delivery and administrative activities are reported in the Operating Fund.

Revenues and expenses related to special archival activities are reported in the Restricted Fund, these include:

1. cataloguing and preserving archival records,
2. researching and documenting oral histories,
3. commissioning bronze busts of individuals who have contributed significantly to legal history in Alberta.

The Casino Fund reports only funds raised from casino activities. These funds are not for general use. The majority of these funds must be used for qualifying activities in accordance with the Alberta Gaming Control guidelines and may be distributed to specified community trusts.

Revenue recognition

The Legal Archives Society of Alberta follows the deferral method of accounting for contributions.

Restricted contributions are recognized as revenue in the year in which the related expenses are incurred. Unrestricted contributions are recognized as revenue when received or receivable if the amount to be received can be reasonably estimated and collection is reasonably assured. Casino contributions are recognized as revenue in the year in which the related expenses are incurred.

Archival collection

The archival collection consists items related to Alberta legal history, prominent lawyers and judges, including textual records, audio-visual materials, cultural items, medals and memorabilia, publications, prints and photographs. The archival collection has not been capitalized in the statement of financial position. Any purchases of collection items are expensed in the period in which the items are acquired. Contributions of collection items are reported as revenue and expenses at their fair value. When fair value cannot be determined, the contribution is not recognized in the financial statements.

Capital assets

Capital assets are expensed on acquisition. Capital assets include leasehold improvements related to the Calgary office, furniture and office equipment. For the year ending December 31, 2018 capital assets with a cost of \$8,000 (2017 - \$nil) were purchased.

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Year Ended December 31, 2018

2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (*continued*)

Measurement uncertainty

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amount of assets and liabilities, disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the period. Such estimates are periodically reviewed and any adjustments necessary are reported in earnings in the period in which they become known. Accounts affected by measurement uncertainty relate to deferred revenue, accounts payable, and accounts receivable. Actual results could differ from these estimates..

3. INCOME TAXES

The Society is a registered charity within the meaning of the Income Tax Act (Canada) and is exempt from income taxes.

4. INTERFUND TRANSFERS

During the year, the Society's board of directors have approved the following transactions:

1. The Restricted Fund owes the Casino Fund \$76 (December 31, 2017 - \$76), regarding general operating expenses.
2. The Operating Fund owes the Casino Fund \$530 (December 31, 2017 - \$76) for payment of general operating expenses.
3. The Operating Fund owes the Restricted Fund \$707 (December 31, 2017 - Restricted Fund owed the Operating Fund \$227) regarding office rent and other sundry transactions.

These advances are non-interest bearing and due on demand.

5. DEFERRED REVENUE

The deferred revenue in the Restricted Fund relates to outstanding projects.

	2018	2017
<u>Deferred revenue - restricted</u>		
Balance, beginning of the period	\$ 37,691	\$ 12,300
Contributions during the period	25,401	27,891
Amounts spent during the period	(35,078)	(2,500)
	\$ 28,014	\$ 37,691

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6. CASINO

Revenues of the Casino Fund are recognized when the related expenses or distributions are incurred, with the balance of Casino proceeds recorded as deferred revenue. Gaming proceeds may not be disbursed without the prior approval of the Alberta Gaming and Liquor Commission. Gaming proceeds are required to be expended within 24 months of receipt.

	2018	2017
<u>Deferred revenue - casino</u>		
Balance, beginning of the period	\$ 72,333	\$ 37,503
Amounts received during the period	-	66,830
Amounts spent during the period	(59,019)	(32,000)
	-	-
	\$ 13,314	\$ 72,333

7. ECONOMIC DEPENDENCE

The Society receives a significant portion of its funding from the Law Society of Alberta. The Society's by-laws make provision for a representative of the Law Society to be a member of its board of directors.

The Society has a deposit agreement regarding the administration of the Law Society's archival records. No fee is assessed by the Society for this service.

8. CONTRIBUTIONS TO COMMUNITY FOUNDATIONS

Since 1995, the Society has contributed to various provincial community foundations as a means of fulfilling its mandate. Beginning in 2005, these annual contributions were suspended. The balances in the various foundations are as follows:

	2018	2017
<u>Section heading</u>		
Edmonton Community Foundation	\$ 122,157	\$ 122,157
The Calgary Foundation	115,458	115,458
Community Foundation of Northwestern Alberta	4,792	4,792
Lethbridge Community Foundation	5,995	5,995
Medicine Hat Community Foundation	6,487	6,487
Red Deer and District Community Foundation	5,566	5,566
	\$ 260,455	\$ 260,455

Funds contributed are held in trust indefinitely. Income distributions to the Society are at the discretion of the various foundations. Distributions are recognized as income in the year received or receivable if the amount to be received can be reasonably estimated. Amounts have not changed materially from the balances disclosed at December 31, 2017.

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9. LEASE COMMITMENTS

The society has a long term lease with respect to its premises. The lease contains renewal options and provides for payment of utilities, property taxes and maintenance costs. Future minimum lease payments as at December 31, 2018, are as follows:

2019	\$	70,916
2020		70,916
2021		70,916
2022		70,916
2023		70,916
Thereafter		<u>283,664</u>
	\$	<u>638,244</u>

10. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

The society is exposed to various risks through its financial instruments and has a comprehensive risk management framework to monitor, evaluate and manage these risks. The following analysis provides information about the society's risk exposure and concentration as of December 31, 2018.

(a) Credit risk

Credit risk arises from the potential that a counter party will fail to perform its obligations. The society is exposed to credit risk from funders. The Society has placed its cash and investments with major financial institutions from which management believes the risk of loss to be remote.

(b) Interest rate risk

Interest rate risk is the risk that the value of a financial instrument might be adversely affected by a change in the interest rates. In seeking to minimize the risks from interest rate fluctuations, the society manages exposure through its normal operating and financing activities. The society is exposed to interest rate risk primarily through its floating interest rate bank indebtedness and credit facilities.

Unless otherwise noted, it is management's opinion that the society is not exposed to significant other price risks arising from these financial instruments.



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