

“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:

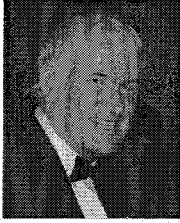
- preserve the documentary heritage of lawyers, judges, and legal organizations in Alberta
- provide services for the legal community to identify, retain, and use their archival records
- provide source material for legal and public research in the history of law and society in Alberta
- enhance awareness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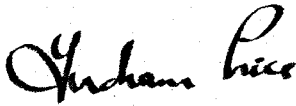
< President's Report



The Legal Archives Society of Alberta received some very significant records in the past year including those of the Hon. John C. Major, Q.C. and from the Law Society of Alberta.

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 2006 another successful year for LASA.



Graham Price, Q.C.,
President

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< Executive Director's Report



It has been an exciting year at the Legal Archives Society of Alberta. There were a number of key personnel changes, including the departure of long-time Executive Director, Kirsten Olson. After completing summer research with LASA, Alex Grant temporarily filled the administrative role. Kendra Drever joined LASA recently to replace Alex Grant. Brenda McCafferty continued her role as LASA's archivist and had the responsibility of processing the valuable records from the estate of the late Honourable Mr. Justice J.W. McClung.

We look forward to developing our programs further in the coming year and working on projects with the Law Society of Alberta to help celebrate their centennial in 2007. Our holdings continue to increase and our finances remain stable. Increased funding will become necessary as our records and demands 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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Administration and Finances

- received \$120,000 from the Law Society of Alberta in operating grants
- received \$84,183 in special project grants
- received \$21,575 in special project donations
- \$68,585 achieved through annual campaign
- received \$990 in publication sales
- received \$12,573 in Endowment fund income

Archives

- acquired 35 accessions amounting to approximately 37.3 metres of records
- holdings consisted of over 535 metres of records by the end of the year

Exhibits and Interpretation

- LASA participated in "Law Day" in Calgary and Edmonton.
- New display was designed to coincide with the Historical dinners.
- Display was updated in the Red Deer courthouse.
- Display was installed in the old Red Deer courthouse.
- LASA is developing displays to be installed in 11 regional courthouses.
- LASA participates annually in the Archives Society of Alberta virtual exhibit (archivesalberta.org).
- LASA's website (legalarchivessociety.ab.ca) includes upcoming events and will soon include an exhibit component.

Research Services

- received 156 requests for information

Historical Publications

- LASA published an art book entitled *A Guide to Alberta Courts*, written by James Mahoney with Artwork by Tzak.
- LASA continues to work with the Law Society 100th Anniversary Book Committee on a book to celebrate the centennial of the Law Society in 2007.

Oral History

- Update to be provided when available for Edmonton
- 19 oral histories completed in Calgary

Library

- 45 titles were added to the library
- Over 120 volumes from the estate of Justice John W. McClung have been added into LASA's expanding library database.

< Administration and Finances

In 2005/2006, LASA operated on a budget of \$260,000. The Law Society of Alberta provided the core grant of \$120,000.

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 2005/2006 LASA received a total of \$84,183 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 of five legal organizations.

Courthouse Display Project

LASA received \$14,500 from the Alberta Lotteries' Community Initiative Program to develop historical displays to be placed in various regional courthouses throughout the province. LASA also received two grants from the Canadian and Alberta governments to hire summer students who started developing the display's content.

Memorial Bronze Busts

\$21,575 was raised by various donors to commission bronze busts of two Albertans appointed to the Supreme Court of Canada, Hon. Jack Major, Q.C. and Hon. Henry Nolan, C.B.E., M.C., Q.C. As well the Community Initiative Program provided LASA \$50,000 to commission bronze busts of former Chief Justices of Alberta.

2006 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 set out to achieve the 2005/2006 goal of \$50,000 (before expenses) through two major projects: a direct mail campaign, and the 2006 Historical Dinners and auctions. The total of the 2005 campaign was \$68,585.

Direct Mail Campaign

LASA mailed out over 8,500 appeal letters and donor cards to the Alberta legal community in April 2006. Combined with other contributions throughout the year, the profession responded with \$43,811 in direct donations.

2006 Historical Dinners

Historical dinners were held in both Edmonton (September 27th) and Calgary (September 28th). Ticket sales for both dinners reached \$21,895 and \$2,880 was raised at the silent auctions.

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 income from the funds is used to ensure the future preservation of legal archives in Alberta. In the past year \$12,573 was received in Endowment Income.

Casino

LASA held a charity casino at Casino Calgary on November 13 and 14, 2006. Casino profits are first deposited in a city-wide pool and then distributed. LASA's portion of this profit was not received until after the 2005/2006 fiscal year.

Membership

Membership stood at 210 on October 31, 2006, a decrease from last year's total of 212. Revenue from annual campaign donations for 2005/2006 was \$43,811 an increase from last year's amount of \$41,995. The average donation in 2004/2005 was \$198; in 2005/2006, it was \$208

Contributions were distributed among the following categories:

Honourary Members - 15	Sustainer (\$250 - \$499) - 50
General Member (up to \$99) - 8	Advocate (\$500-\$999) - 13
Contributor (\$100 - \$149) - 84	Patron (\$1,000 - \$4,999) - 3
Friend (\$150 - \$249) - 54	Benefactor (\$5,000 to \$9,999) - 1

A listing of donors above the General Member level for 2005/2006 can be found on the back pages of the Annual Report.

Annual General Meeting

On March 8, 2006, LASA held its Annual General Meeting at the Barrister's Lounge at the Courthouse in Edmonton. Members of the current Board of Directors, Graham Price, Q.C., Janice Agrios, Q.C., Donald Bishop, Q.C., Garth Fryett, Q.C., Gordon Hoffman, Q.C., Laura Stevens, Q.C. and Michael Swanson allowed their names to stand. The Honourable Judge Robert A. Philp was elected to the Board.

Francis Price, Q.C. was the guest speaker and presented a slide show on the sensational trial of Emilio Picariello and Florence (Filumina) Lassandro.

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 conserving records

Facilities and Conservation

LASA's administrative and research offices and storage vault is limited. The lease at the Law Society of Alberta's offsite storage area in the Herald Building in downtown Calgary expired, necessitating 50 plus metres of LASA unprocessed records be labeled and relocated to Iron Mountain storage. This latest 50 metres is in addition to the 50 metres already stored at Iron Mountain.

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 2006, amounting to nearly 37.3 linear metres of textual records, over 500 photographs, 9 sound discs, 14 videos, 2 cultural historic items, and 9 textiles (judicial apparel). Currently LASA's holdings exceed 535 metres. Noteworthy acquisitions in 2006 include:



Lougheed Building, ca. 1931-1933
LASA fonds no. 37-G-1

< Archives

The Honourable John C. Major, Q.C. Dates of Materials: ca. 1944-2005.

Papers consist of text, photographs, DVDs, VHS tapes, CDs, medals, medallions, trophies, pins, artwork (including a cartoon caricature), and several oversized framed certificates awarded to the Honourable Supreme Court Justice John C. Major. Justice Major received his Q.C. in 1974 and was appointed to the Court of Appeal of Alberta in 1991 (his reasons for judgment volumes are included in this donation). He was appointed to the Supreme Court of Canada in 1992. Correspondence, agenda and records of judicial retreats are included in this donation. Major has received three honorary doctor of law degrees and records relating to these accomplishments are also included as well as news clippings and articles detailing Justice Major's career, information relating to several famous Alberta law cases. 3.47 m. of textual records; 264 photographs; and 10 cultural historic items.

Donated by Hon John C. Major, Q.C.

Law Society of Alberta. Dates of Materials: ca. 1972-2004.

Consists of Law Society of Alberta executive and committee meeting minutes and reports. The records are housed in embossed binders, 1972-1995 and include 20 metres/171 volumes of meeting minutes and reports. LASA also received colour and black & white photographs and negatives of Law Society of Alberta public relations events. Includes portrait shots of many individuals associated with the Law Society of Alberta such as Benchers, prospective Benchers, and staff. Many formal functions including Canadian Bar Association mid-winter and June convocation meetings and 50-year service presentation ceremonies are depicted, 1980-2004.

Donated by the Law Society of Alberta.

James J.D. Cregan, Q.C. Date of Material: 1955.

Material consists of the 1955 'Memorandum of Fact and Reason for Objection' and the Government of Canada, Income Tax Act 'Notice of Objection' belonging to the late James J.D. Cregan, Q.C. of the Milner Steer firm in Edmonton. Unable to afford the exorbitant costs associated with a Supreme Court of Canada appeal, client Anton Turta sold the lease to his petroleum land in this Alberta landmark oil/natural resources case to several members of Edmonton's Milner Steer firm in order to finance his appeal to the Supreme Court of Canada. Edmonton lawyer James J.D. Cregan, Q.C. was one of several lawyers who contributed \$100 to collectively lease Turta's property.

Donated by James E. Cregan.

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 111 fonds described, most are processed to the file and item level and include a finding aid available for researchers.

In 2006 a grant from the Archives Society of Alberta (ASA) allowed LASA to hire David Mittelstadt to process 7 metres of records from several legal organizations including Alberta Civil Liberties Research Centre, Alberta Law Foundation, Association of Women Lawyers, Canadian Bar Association - Alberta Branch, and the Criminal Trial Lawyer's Association.

Processing of the papers of the Neil Maclean & John McClung fonds is nearing completion. Approximately 9 metres of textual records and 20 accompanying photographs comprise the holdings

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 156 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 - 47; Academic Community - 10; Private Researchers - 44; Media - 0; Other Archives/Libraries - 14; Other - 6.

Exhibits and Interpretation

LASA has developed a province-wide system of touring interpretive exhibits in Alberta's courthouses which make use of documents and artefacts to educate the public about the role of the legal community in the history of Alberta. Displays can be viewed at the Edmonton and Red Deer Courthouses, the Court of Queen's Bench in Calgary and the Provincial Court Building in Calgary.

In 2006 LASA unveiled busts of former Chief Justices of Alberta, Hon. W.A. McGillivray, Q.C. and Hon. J.H. Laycraft, Q.C. The busts can be viewed at the Edmonton and Calgary courthouses.

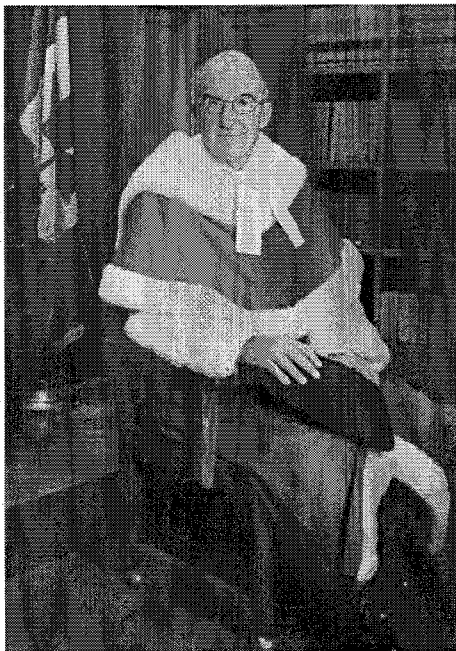
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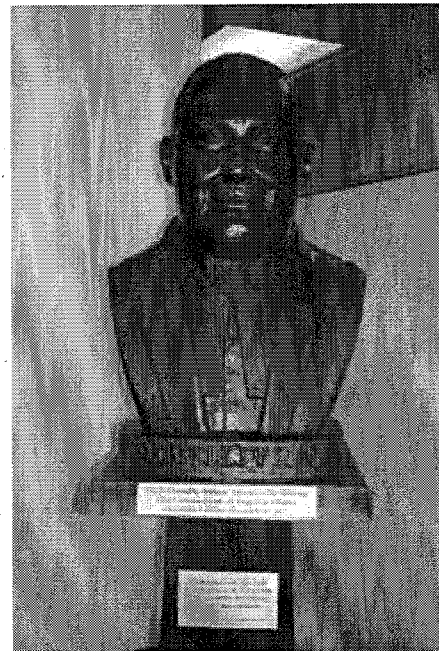
LASA published an art book entitled *A Guide to Alberta Courts* written by James Mahoney with artwork by Tzak. The book is intended to provide a lay person with a general background to the Alberta court system. LASA is working closely with the Law Society of Alberta 100th Anniversary Committee on several projects to celebrate the Law Society's Centennial in 2007. One of the major projects is a publication and LASA has been involved with this committee chaired by the Hon. Mr. Justice Jack Watson.

Archetypes

Two issues of LASA's newsletter, *Archetypes*, were distributed to members of the Law Society throughout the year. Volume 14 Issue II featured an article on the John Howard Society, and outlined the major donations from the Honourable J.W. McClung, Q.C. estate and from the Honourable A.M. Harradence, Q.C. Volume 15 Issue I featured an article on the Keegstra trial which is an excerpt from a chapter to be included in the 100th Anniversary Publication for the Law Society of Alberta. The newsletter also described the donation of records from recently retired Supreme Court of Canada Justice, the Honourable J.C. Major, Q.C.



Hon. John C. Major, Q.C.
Supreme Court of Canada, 1992-2005
LASA Accession no. 2005035



Bust of the Hon. W.A. McGillivray
Chief Justice of Alberta, 1974-1984
Edmonton Courthouse, 2006

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

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

Edmonton Project

Work continues in Edmonton led by Garth Fryett, Q.C. and Don Bishop, Q.C. with the interviews conducted by Ken Tingley.

Legal History Library

In 2006 LASA was able to process the more than 120 volumes, generously donated from the estate of the Honourable J.W. McClung, Q.C., and now available to researchers. Some of the highlights added to LASA's library include: John Ballem, Q.C., *The Oil Patch Quartet*; Franklin Foster, *John E. Brownlee: A Biography*; Hon. J.W. McClung, Q.C., *History of the Alberta Court of Appeal*; Michael Payne, Donald Wetherall and Catherine Cavanaugh (eds.), *Alberta Formed, Alberta Transformed, 2 Volumes*; Dale Brawn, *History of the Court of Queen's Bench of Manitoba*; Donald Fyson, *Magistrates, Police and People: Everyday Criminal Justice in Quebec and Lower Canada, 1764-1837*; R.C.B. Risk, *A History of Canadian Legal Thought*; Jack Batten, *A History of Bennett Jones Verchere*; Luc Gosselin, *Prisons in Canada*; and *In Time and Place: Master Plan 2005*, a Government of Alberta Publication focused on the preservation of Alberta's history.



MacKimmie Matthews Firm
Lougheed Building, 1956
LASA Accession no. 99-016

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Receipts of the Law Society of Alberta's Distinguished Service Award, 1997.
LASA Accession no. 2006034



Hon. C.I. Johnstone, Q.C.
Distinguished Service Award Winner, 1995
LASA Accession no. 2006034

LEGAL ARCHIVES SOCIETY OF ALBERTA

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

YEAR ENDED OCTOBER 31, 2006

Auditors' Report

Statement of Financial Position

Statement of Operations and Changes in Fund Balances

Notes to Financial Statements

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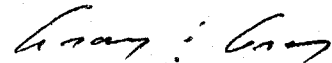
AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Members of
Legal Archives Society of Alberta

We have audited the statement of financial position of Legal Archives Society of Alberta as at October 31, 2006 and the statements of operations and changes in fund balances 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 for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles.



CALGARY, Alberta
June 6, 2007

Chartered Accountants.




LEGAL ARCHIVES SOCIETY OF ALBERTA

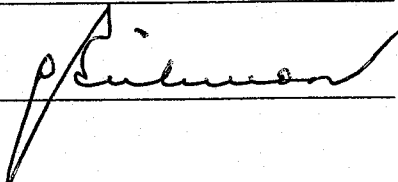
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

AS AT OCTOBER 31, 2006

	<u>Operating Fund</u>	<u>Restricted Fund</u>	<u>Casino Fund</u>	<u>2006 Total</u>	<u>2005 Total</u>
CURRENT ASSETS					
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 37,699	\$ 78,118	\$ 62,340	\$ 178,157	\$ 171,863
Accounts receivable	4,870	1,573	2,005	8,448	2,085
Interfund balances (Note 6)	<u>5,487</u>	<u>(2,092)</u>	<u>(3,395)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>\$ 48,056</u>	<u>\$ 77,599</u>	<u>\$ 60,950</u>	<u>\$ 186,605</u>	<u>\$ 173,948</u>
CURRENT LIABILITIES					
Accounts payable	\$ 23,350	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 23,350	\$ 2,967
Due to the Law Society of Alberta (Note 7)	-	-	-	-	42
Deferred revenue - Casino (Note 3)	-	-	60,040	60,040	85,101
Deferred revenue - other	<u>-</u>	<u>19,079</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>19,079</u>	<u>1,883</u>
	<u>23,350</u>	<u>19,079</u>	<u>60,040</u>	<u>102,469</u>	<u>89,993</u>
DEFERRED CONTRIBUTIONS (Note 4)	<u>-</u>	<u>57,827</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>57,827</u>	<u>49,497</u>
FUND BALANCES					
Unrestricted	24,706	-	-	24,706	32,855
Externally restricted	<u>-</u>	<u>693</u>	<u>910</u>	<u>1,603</u>	<u>1,603</u>
	<u>24,706</u>	<u>693</u>	<u>910</u>	<u>26,309</u>	<u>34,458</u>
	<u>\$ 48,056</u>	<u>\$ 77,599</u>	<u>\$ 60,950</u>	<u>\$ 186,605</u>	<u>\$ 173,948</u>

Approved On Behalf of The Board of Directors





LEGAL ARCHIVES SOCIETY OF ALBERTA
STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED OCTOBER 31, 2006

	<u>Operating Fund</u>		<u>Restricted Fund</u>		<u>Casino Fund</u>	
	<u>2006</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2005</u>
REVENUES						
Grants						
- Law Society of Alberta (Note 7)	\$ 120,000	\$ 110,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
- Other	6,751	-	7,880	10,235	-	-
Fundraising	71,140	98,034	-	-	26,395	11,177
Contributions	10,301	-	43,070	23,323	-	-
Investment & sundry income	16,253	10,568	295	-	-	-
Publications	<u>4,302</u>	<u>875</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Revenue	<u>228,747</u>	<u>219,477</u>	<u>51,245</u>	<u>33,558</u>	<u>26,395</u>	<u>11,177</u>
EXPENSES						
Salaries & benefits	144,859	111,837	-	-	-	-
Premises	20,891	39,091	-	-	19,034	-
General Administration	31,629	22,647	295	-	7,361	8,818
Acquisitions	10,301	-	-	-	-	-
Bronze busts	-	-	43,070	23,323	-	-
Fundraising	24,161	41,281	-	-	-	-
Projects	1,678	67	7,880	10,235	-	2,359
Publications and acquisitions	<u>3,377</u>	<u>813</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Expenses	<u>236,896</u>	<u>215,736</u>	<u>51,245</u>	<u>33,558</u>	<u>26,395</u>	<u>11,177</u>
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenue over Expenses	(8,149)	3,741	-	-	-	-
Fund balances, beginning of year	32,855	29,721	693	(3,952)	910	4,948
Interfund transfers	<u>-</u>	<u>(607)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,645</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(4,038)</u>
Fund balances, end of year	<u>\$ 24,706</u>	<u>\$ 32,855</u>	<u>\$ 693</u>	<u>\$ 693</u>	<u>\$ 910</u>	<u>\$ 910</u>

LEGAL ARCHIVES SOCIETY OF ALBERTA

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

YEAR ENDED OCTOBER 31, 2006

1. PURPOSE OF THE ORGANIZATION

The Society is a non-profit organization incorporated on January 18, 1990. The purpose of the Society is to preserve, promote and understand the evolution of law and society in Alberta. The Society meets the qualifications of a non-profit organization and is a registered charity under the Income Tax Act.

2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

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

Fund Accounting

The Operating Fund accounts for the organization's program delivery and administrative activities.

The Restricted Fund reports revenue and expenses that are to be used for special archival projects including:

- cataloguing and preserving archival records
- researching and documenting oral histories
- 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.

Archival Collection

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. \$ 6,197 of capital assets were purchased during the year.

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LEGAL ARCHIVES SOCIETY OF ALBERTA
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
YEAR ENDED OCTOBER 31, 2006

2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Revenue Recognition

Restricted contributions are recognized as revenue of the appropriate fund in the year in which the related expenses are incurred. Unrestricted contributions are recognized as revenue of the operating fund when received or receivable if the amount to be received can be reasonably estimated and collection is reasonably assured. Restricted investment income is recognized as revenue of the appropriate fund in the year in which the related expenses are incurred. Unrestricted investment income is recognized as revenue when earned.

Use of Estimates

The preparation of the financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities as at the date of the financial statements and the reported amount of revenue and expenses during the period. Actual results could differ from these estimates.

Financial Instruments

The financial instruments of the Society are cash and cash equivalents, accounts receivable, due to (from) the Law Society of Alberta and accounts payable. The fair market value of these financial instruments approximate their book value due to their short term nature.

3. CASINO

Revenues of the Casino are recognized when the related expenses or distributions are incurred, with the balance of Casino proceeds recorded as deferred revenue - Casino.

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4. DEFERRED CONTRIBUTIONS

During the year, the Society received contributions externally restricted for the purpose of creating bronze busts of judges to be displayed in courthouses.

	<u>2006</u>	<u>2005</u>
Balance, beginning of year	\$ 49,497	\$ 66,845
Contributions during the year	71,400	5,975
Amounts spent during the year	(43,070)	(23,323)
Refund of advance	(20,000)	-
Balance, end of year	<u>\$ 57,827</u>	<u>\$ 49,497</u>

5. 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:

	<u>2006</u>	<u>2005</u>
Edmonton Community Foundation	\$ 133,124	\$ 123,929
The Calgary Foundation	117,223	118,868
Community Foundation of Greater Grande Prairie	4,934	4,936
Lethbridge Community Foundation	6,384	5,574
Medicine Hat Community Foundation	6,151	6,151
Red Deer and District Community Foundation	<u>5,595</u>	<u>5,599</u>
	<u>\$ 273,411</u>	<u>\$ 265,057</u>

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.

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6. INTERFUND TRANSFERS

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

- the restricted fund owes the operating fund \$ 2,090 which is the net of sundry transactions.
- the casino fund owes the operating fund \$ 3,395 regarding office rent.

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

7. ECONOMIC INFLUENCE

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.

Premises occupied by the Society are sublet on a month to month basis from the Law Society. This transaction is in the normal course of business and is measured at exchange value which is the amount of consideration established and agreed to by the parties.

The Law Society provides bookkeeping and administrative services to the Society without charge. Because of the difficulty in determining the fair value, contributed services are not recognized in the financial statements.

8. STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

A statement of cash flows has not been prepared as it would not provide further meaningful information.

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