We believe that access to understandable information about laws and legal processes should be the right of everyone in a free society.

Our purpose is to educate vulnerable Albertans, intermediaries and the general public about how the law affects their daily lives, their rights and responsibilities under the law and where to go for the legal information they need.

Legal Resource Centre of Alberta Ltd.
Operating as: Centre for Public Legal Education Alberta
Annual Report for fiscal year July 1, 2017 - June 30, 2018

2018

We now have 13 websites and more than 200 print resources that help people prevent or solve everyday legal problems. Our websites are accessed over 2 million times each year by people looking for understandable information about the law. Last year we also distributed almost 110,000 publications digitally or in print. We are proud of these impressive accomplishments!

But there is much more work to be done. The law and legal procedures continue to be complex. Traditional legal services are beyond the reach of many. As a result, our courts are seeing more and more self-represented parties in all kinds of disputes, but especially in family law matters.

These people critically need the information about the law that CPLEA provides. CPLEA’s audience is broad. CPLEA provides information about family law, advance planning, consumer awareness, housing rentals, condominiums, non-profits and charities, human rights, domestic violence, employment law, court services and procedures, bankruptcy, mobility rights, hiring a lawyer and criminal law.

Each year we produce six issues of our acclaimed LawNow digital magazine containing interesting articles and columns written by an incredible group of primarily volunteer authors from across the country. LawNow truly brings the law to life.

In this Annual Report we give you an outline of our accomplishments during our fiscal year July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018. These accomplishments were possible because of the hard work of our staff, the dedication of all of our volunteers, including our incredible Board of Directors, and with the ongoing financial support of our funders. We thank all of you and are grateful for the opportunity to be of service.

Jeff Surtees, B Comm., JD, LLM
Executive Director

www.cplea.ca
We distributed close to 110,000 resources this year. PDF downloads from our websites make up the bulk of our distribution at just over 92,000. With our increased printing budget, this year our print distribution had an increase of 15% from last year coming in at almost 18,000 printed resources being sent out to individuals and agencies around Alberta who provide them free of charge to clients and customers.

Our publications can be downloaded and/or ordered from our web store www.cplea.ca/store or alternatively they can be downloaded from links on our websites.

The most popular publications this year have been:

- Child Custody and Parenting
- Making a Will
- Being an Attorney Under an Enduring Power of Attorney
- Financial Support
- Representing Yourself in Family Court
- General Powers of Attorney
- Making an Enduring Power of Attorney
- Being a Personal Representative
- Ten Things to Know When Going to Civil Court in Alberta
- Family Law in Alberta
- Property Division
- Roommate Agreement
- Grandparents Rights
- Renting With a Pet
- The Place You are Renting is Sold
- ABC Law Pac - Charter Rights for Grade 6
- Living with Your Landlord Agreement
- Employment Insurance and Job Loss
Legal FAQs

We have over 1000 FAQs on our site with various topics including:

- Consumer Protection: 71
- Courts & Services: 18
- Employment: 120
- Family: 61
- Legal Services: 29
- Municipal: 4
- Real Estate: 32
- Relationship Violence: 35
- Youth & The Law: 76

Information & Referral

1059 questions received by email, phone and in person.

Child Welfare Project

CPLEA worked in consultation with stakeholders including Alberta Justice, Legal Aid Alberta, Alberta Health Services, Child Youth and Family Initiatives and Children’s Services to create 8 new publications to help Albertans involve with the child welfare system.

Families and the Law: Domestic Violence Series

The Domestic Violence Series that was produced last year was promoted to stakeholders via direct contact, our websites and social media.

A new resource in relation to this project was created with funding from Status of Women Alberta. It is a toolkit of resources for Landlords and Property Managers to help them deal with domestic violence situations in their rental units.

LawNow - Electronic Magazine

The themes in this year’s Volume:

- Wills and Estates
- Top Five Questions
- Children in the Justice System
- Law for Entrepreneurs
- Ghost in the Legal Machine
- Diversity in Canadian Society

Revenues & Expenses

for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2018

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**Total Revenue**: 866,331

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**Total Expenses**: 831,497

**Excess of Revenues over Expenses**: 34,834

Full financial statements, audited by Mowbrey Gil LLP Chartered Professional Accountants & Business Advisors, are available on our website at www.cplea.ca.
Community Outreach and Engagement

Every year CPLEA staff participate in meetings with various Alberta community, PLE, senior, family law, volunteer, immigrant, tenancy and domestic violence organizations. This enables us to ensure that we are meeting the needs of or target audiences. We also participate in many displays, conferences and presentations around the province. This year we reached over 6100 Albertans at these events.

This year we had the great honour of receiving the proclamation naming November as Family Violence Prevention Month from Mayor Don Iveson of the City of Edmonton.

We are grateful for ongoing funding and support from the Alberta Law Foundation, the Alberta Real Estate Foundation and the Department of Justice Canada.