REPORT FROM THE CHAIR

The year 2005 was an active one for the Law Foundation. In addition to completing the second year of its Funding Strategies Review process, the foundation approved 90 grants totalling $16.9 million dollars.

The mandate of the foundation is to fund the following:

- legal education,
- legal research,
- legal aid,
- law reform and
- law libraries.
The Law Foundation fulfills this mandate by funding 51 continuing programs, as well as one-time projects. The foundation has a strong commitment to funding continuing programs that advance and promote the rule of law and a just society. The groups that it funds range from the Legal Services Society and the B.C. Courthouse Library Society to the People’s Law School and community-based advocacy groups.

In 2004, the foundation began a three-year process of reviewing its funding to determine if it was funding the right groups to do the right work with the right amount of money. This ongoing review of all Law Foundation-funded programs, the first cycle of which will be complete by the end of 2006, is being undertaken to ensure the continued alignment of Law Foundation funding with its mission, and to optimize its grant making.

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Prominent among these were:

- $600,000 to the University of British Columbia and University of Victoria law schools for additional awards to law students based on need and academic merit. These grants acknowledge and respond to the rapidly increasing costs of legal education.

Governors were pleased to be able to maintain core funding in 2005, despite continued low interest rates.

Of the $16.9 million dollars of grants, $13.6 million was allocated to the 51 continuing programs. This amount included, for the first time in several years, an increase to each continuing program’s budget in the form of a shared surplus grant, as well as a $10,000 grant to each, acknowledging the extra work required by the Funding Strategies Review.

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- $100,000 each to the Community Legal Assistance Society, the B.C. Public Interest Advocacy Centre, the Legal Services Society and Pro Bono Law of B.C. for poverty lawyer enhancement projects.

One of the key findings in the Poverty Law Needs Assessment Gap/Overlap Analysis was the lack of lawyers doing poverty law work; these grants respond to that need. The grant to Pro Bono Law of B.C. will be used to assist with the disbursement costs of lawyers doing pro bono work.

- $300,000 for Public Interest Articling Fellowships. This initiative was established by the Law Foundation in November 2005 to enhance access to justice in British Columbia by supporting public interest law and broadening public interest opportunities for articling students. The three organizations selected for the fellowships were the B.C. Civil Liberties Association, the Law Centre at the University of Victoria and the Community Legal Assistance Society.

In addition to the 39 new one-time grants, $1 million was granted to extend 9 poverty law advocacy projects to the end of 2007. These projects are in regions of the province where there is no other legal help available for people with income security, residential tenancy, disability claims or other poverty law problems.

Finally, seven child welfare grants totalling $0.5 million were approved out of the Child Welfare Fund.

The foundation’s major source of income is from interest earned on lawyers’ pooled trust accounts. This
income is dependent upon the total balances held in lawyers’ pooled trust accounts in British Columbia, the prime interest rate and the agreements negotiated with financial institutions.

In 2005, the foundation negotiated competitive agreements with Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce, TD Canada Trust, Bank of Nova Scotia and Envision Credit Union. We commend all of these financial institutions, and Vancouver City Savings Credit Union, Royal Bank of Canada and Coast Capital Savings Credit Union, who also provide a competitive rate of return on lawyers’ pooled trust accounts. The foundation thanks members of the profession who choose these institutions.

Interest rates remained generally low through 2005, but pooled trust account balances increased. Increased trust balances, along with the improved interest rate agreements, meant that the foundation was able to increase funding as well as add to the grant stabilization reserve. Based on the most recent forecasts, with the prime interest rate projected to increase marginally and trust balances continuing at a high level through 2006, the foundation will likely be able to continue with increased funding in the coming year.

The Law Foundation is proactively considering new initiatives to respond to the likelihood of increased income in the coming year.

The year 2005 saw four changes to the board of governors. Governor Jeff Scouten of Vancouver and I finished our terms, and Mary Mouat and Margaret Sasges, both of Victoria, were appointed by the Law Society and the Canadian Bar Association, B.C. Branch, respectively.

Governor Scouten served on the following committees during his six-year term: Special Needs Fund (Chair), Finance and Administration, New Grants, Diversity, Policy and Planning, and Bursary, Scholarship and Fellowship. He also contributed greatly to board discussions. I extend my personal thanks to Governor Scouten for his many contributions to the foundation.

Ms. Mouat is a partner of the Quadra Legal Centre in Victoria, practising in the areas of family mediation and collaborative law. Ms. Sasges practises in the areas of wills and estates, elder law, environmental covenants, business, societies and real property at the firm of Clay & Company in Victoria. Both have significant professional and volunteer experience and are welcome additions to the board.

I am delighted to welcome Warren Wilson, Q.C., as chair of the board of governors of the Law Foundation. Mr. Wilson was called to the bar in 1968 and appointed Queen’s Counsel in 1993. Mr. Wilson is a retired partner with the Vancouver firm of Borden Ladner Gervais, where he had a corporate commercial practice concentrated in the financial services sector. He has served on the National and Provincial Council of the Canadian Bar Association (CBA) for six years and chaired the CBA National Member Services Committee. Mr. Wilson served as a bencher of the Law Society of B.C. from 1991 to 1999, served on many committees and was president of the Law Society in 1999. Governor Wilson has served on the Finance and Administration, New Grants and Funding Strategies Committees of the foundation since joining the board of governors in 2003.

In closing, as I finish my term as chair of the foundation, I very much appreciated the opportunity to work with the governors of the foundation. They volunteered many hours, including weekends, and their considerable talents to carry out the work of the foundation. I thank the foundation staff, who administer the day-to-day work of handling the foundation’s applications, grants and revenues, and provide excellent support to the board in carrying out its responsibilities. The exceptional dedication and contributions made by governors and staff made my four years as a governor and two years as chair a joy. Thank you and Migwitch!

Heather Raven
Chair 2005
MISSION STATEMENT
To use our income for the benefit of the public of the province of British Columbia by supporting programs which advance and promote the rule of law and a just society. The Law Foundation recognizes the diversity of the population of British Columbia and endeavours to be responsive to the diverse public of British Columbia in its workforce, board and grant making.

The Mission Statement and Program Objectives have been adopted by the board of governors as policy guidelines. These are the principles upon which funding decisions will be based.

PURPOSE
British Columbia led the way in 1969 when it established the first law foundation in North America. Since then, almost every other jurisdiction in North America has followed B.C.’s lead by establishing a law foundation.

The Law Foundation of B.C. is a non-profit foundation created by legislation to receive and distribute the interest on clients’ funds held in lawyers’ pooled trust accounts maintained in financial institutions. Pooled trust accounts are used to hold client funds for short periods of time, until it becomes feasible to distribute those monies to the client or others. Typically, some funds held in this way are purchase monies in real estate transactions, while others are retainers, settlement proceeds, estate funds, etc.

Because of the difficulty and cost of ascertaining how much interest in pooled trust accounts was attributable to each client’s funds, and because the amount of interest related to each client was usually small, for many years financial institutions paid no interest on these accounts, although the total funds in the pooled account might be very substantial. As a result, the financial institutions profited from the use of the funds in the pooled trust accounts without charge.

British Columbia lawyers pioneered a change to this practice in 1969 when they persuaded the provincial government to enact legislation requiring financial institutions to pay interest on these pooled trust accounts to the Law Foundation, which would then use the interest to benefit the public of British Columbia.

The legislation directed the Law Foundation to distribute these funds in five areas:
- legal education,
- legal research,
- legal aid,
- law reform and
- law libraries.

The foundation recognizes that, while its objects are legal in nature, the income is to be allocated to programs that will benefit the general public of British Columbia.

From its inception through to 2005, the Law Foundation has approved grants totalling more than $298 million to support important law-related programs in British Columbia.

ADMINISTRATION
The Law Foundation is administered by a board of governors (the “board”), which is responsible for making all decisions concerning grants. It has 18 volunteer members:
- the Attorney General (or his/her appointee);
- 3 persons, not lawyers, appointed by the Attorney General;
- 12 members of the Law Society or the judiciary appointed by the benchers to represent geographical areas of the province; and
- 2 members of the Law Society appointed by the British Columbia Branch of the Canadian Bar Association.

The Law Foundation is independent of the government, the Law Society and the B.C. Branch of the Canadian Bar Association, although its governors are appointed by these bodies. The board has four standing committees:
- Bursary, Scholarship and Fellowship
- Finance and Administration
- New Grants
- Policy and Planning

In 2005, the board also had three other committees: Child Welfare Fund, Funding Strategies and Special Needs Fund.

The board and the committees meet regularly during the year. An administrative staff of seven assists the board.
Profile and Program Objectives

**How Grants Are Made**

The Law Foundation’s funds are used for the purposes of legal education, legal research, legal aid, law reform and law libraries. A grant application must fall within one or more of these categories to be considered for funding support, and it must establish that it will result in a clear benefit to the people of British Columbia. Grants are normally restricted to non-profit organizations.

The foundation sets its grant budget and funding guidelines on an annual basis. Those seeking grant support are urged to discuss their proposals with foundation staff before committing time and resources to put together funding requests. If a project appears to fit within the mission statement, program objectives and funding guidelines for that year, a formal proposal with more detailed information will be requested.

Application deadline dates can be obtained by contacting the Law Foundation.

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**Program Objectives**

1. **Legal Education**
   To promote legal education programs and services in British Columbia to make the law more accessible through:
   a. increasing public awareness of the law and the justice system;
   b. providing education to groups with particular legal needs; and
   c. assisting in the academic and professional development of those providing legal services to ensure those services are of the highest quality.

2. **Legal Research**
   To advance the knowledge of:
   a. law,
   b. social policy, and
   c. the administration of justice through the identification of areas and issues needing study and analysis and the encouragement and support of projects to address those needs.

3. **Legal Aid**
   To assist in the provision of legal services, including:
   a. advice to and representation of economically disadvantaged persons; and
   b. support of community service and non-profit organizations that address issues that benefit groups of disadvantaged persons or the public.

   To facilitate access of the public to the justice system.

4. **Law Reform**
   To encourage and support projects promoting changes to the law and the administration of justice in accord with current knowledge, values and technology.

5. **Law Libraries**
   To assist law libraries and resource centres to keep their materials current.

   To encourage and support projects designed to improve the utility and accessibility to both the legal profession and the public of legal and law-related materials.

From left to right: Kathy Stuart, Law Foundation of Prince Edward Island; Doris Huffman, Nebraska State Bar Foundation; G.W. Wayne Braid, Notary Foundation of B.C.; Wayne Robertson, Law Foundation of British Columbia; Kerry Oliver, Law Foundation of Nova Scotia; Barbara Palace, Manitoba Law Foundation; Mary Shannon Brown, C.M.A., Law Foundation of Ontario; Lynn Daffe, Yukon Law Foundation; Wendy Carter, Northwest Territories Law Foundation; and David Aucoin, Alberta Law Foundation at The Association of Canadian Law Foundations meeting in Victoria in 2005.
Continuing Programs FUNDED IN 2005

The Law Foundation provides support for the law-related programs and projects described in this section.

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LEGAL EDUCATION

Professional Legal Education

Law Society of B.C.
The Professional Legal Training Course, a skills-based training program for recent law school graduates, to develop competent lawyers to serve the public  $233,800

University of British Columbia, Faculty of Law
Graduate fellowships  $60,000
Undergraduate scholarships  $29,000
Entrance bursaries for disadvantaged students  $13,500

University of Victoria, Faculty of Law
Graduate Scholarship Program  $30,000
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Law Foundation Graduate Fellowships
Graduate legal work by B.C. lawyers and graduate law students in the following areas:  $55,000

James Hickling: Domestic environmental legislation to protect endangered species and threatened ecosystems
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Law Foundation Lay Advocacy Training
Educating and training Law Foundation-funded lay advocates and a poverty law conference  $54,600

University of Saskatchewan, Native Law Centre
A pre-law program for Aboriginal students and the centre’s library and publications  $10,300

Public Legal Education

People’s Law School Society
Province-wide legal information and education programs  $262,400

B.C. Branch, Canadian Bar Association
The Lawyer Referral Service, a service to help the public obtain low-cost legal information and assistance; Law Week 2005 public legal education activities; and Dial-A-Law, a province-wide telephone service providing free legal information to the public  $247,100

Law Courts Education Society
A legal information program for First Nations youth in Prince George and surrounding communities  $60,800

Legal Services Society
PovNet, a poverty law website, e-mail groups and databases for advocates  $55,000

Debate and Speech Association of B.C.
The participation of high school students in the province-wide Law Foundation Cup Debates on legal topics  $14,300

LEGAL RESEARCH

University of British Columbia, Faculty of Law
Block grant for research projects  $25,000

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Grants Approved in 2005

Legal Education  $2,904,421
Legal Research  165,500
Legal Aid  11,461,114
Law Reform  213,320
Law Libraries  2,706,240
Total  $17,450,595

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LEGAL AID

Legal Services Society
Support for the management of the B.C. legal aid plan and the provision of legal information to low-income people  $3,272,500

Public Service Ads
Placement of public service ads in yellow page directories, informing the public about legal aid services, free legal information and how to find a lawyer  $71,100

Community-Based Advocacy

Tenants’ Rights Action Coalition
A legal information service on tenancy matters  $218,600

University of Victoria, Faculty of Law, Law Centre Clinical Program
A clinical program providing legal services to low-income people in the Greater Victoria area  $152,550

B.C. Coalition of People with Disabilities
Lay advocacy, legal information and referral services for people with disabilities  $136,900

West Coast Domestic Workers’ Association
A specialized advocacy service and legal education program for domestic workers  $133,800

Greater Vancouver Law Students’ Legal Advice Program
A law students’ legal advice program operating free clinics in the Greater Vancouver area  $121,000

Nelson District Community Resources Society
A lay advocacy program providing legal information and assistance to low-income people in the West Kootenay region  $105,400

Downtown Eastside Residents’ Association
A lay advocacy program providing legal information and assistance to residents of Vancouver’s Downtown Eastside  $103,300

Abbotsford Community Services Society/Progressive Intercultural Community Services Society
A lay advocacy program providing legal information and assistance to seasonal farmworkers in Surrey and the Fraser Valley  $90,000

B.C. Coalition to Eliminate Abuse of Seniors
A lay advocacy program providing legal information and assistance to seniors throughout B.C.  $90,000

North Island Advocacy Coalition Society
A lay advocacy program providing legal information and assistance to low-income people in the Campbell River area  $84,600

Cranbrook Women’s Resource Centre Society
A lay advocacy program providing legal information and assistance to low-income people in the East Kootenay region  $81,102

Ki-Low-Na Friendship Society
A lay advocacy program providing legal information and assistance to urban Aboriginal people in the Central Okanagan  $75,000

Kettle Friendship Society
A mental health lay advocacy program providing legal information and assistance on residential tenancy and child protection matters in the Lower Mainland  $70,000

University of British Columbia, Faculty of Law, First Nations Clinical Program
A clinical program for law students providing legal services to First Nations people in the Lower Mainland  $65,500

Together Against Poverty Society
A lay advocacy program providing legal information and assistance to low-income people in the Greater Victoria area  $59,500

Port Alberni Friendship Center
A lay advocacy program providing legal information and assistance to people with disabilities and mental health issues in the Port Alberni region  $58,960

Active Support Against Poverty Society
A lay advocacy program providing legal information and assistance to low-income people in the Prince George area  $57,160

Battered Women’s Support Services Association
A lay advocacy program providing legal information and assistance to battered women in the Lower Mainland  $50,480

Martha Lewis, executive director, and Jan Tie, legal advocate, Tenants’ Rights Action Coalition
Continuing Programs FUNDDED IN 2005

Separation and Divorce Resource Centre
A lay advocacy program assisting unrepresented people in Family Court in Greater Victoria and providing basic family law information to low-income people $45,600

MPA — Motivation, Power and Achievement Society
A courtworkers’ program to assist mentally ill people in the criminal justice system $45,000

MOSAIC
A lay advocacy program providing legal information and assistance to low-income immigrants and refugees in the Lower Mainland $42,992

Contact Women’s Group Society
A lay advocacy program providing legal information and assistance to low-income people in the Williams Lake area $40,000

South Fraser Women’s Services Society
A lay advocacy program providing legal information and assistance on family law to women in the South Surrey/White Rock area $40,000

Public Interest Test Case Litigation

West Coast Environmental Law Association
Law reform, legal education and legal aid programs and a library collection to represent the public interest in environmental legal matters $705,900

Community Legal Assistance Society
Programs to provide legal assistance to disadvantaged individuals and the groups who represent them and to develop law that will benefit disadvantaged groups as a whole $654,500

B.C. Public Interest Advocacy Centre
Representation of the public interest in regulatory matters and test cases on behalf of disadvantaged people appearing before courts and administrative tribunals $486,800

B.C. Civil Liberties Association
Test case litigation, legal education and law reform to protect the civil liberties and human rights of British Columbians $134,300

West Coast Women’s Legal Education and Action Fund Association
Legal education, law reform and test case litigation to advance equality for women $111,700

B.C. Law Institute
Law reform activities leading to improvements in the law and the administration of justice $140,300

B.C. Freedom of Information and Privacy Association
A program focusing on freedom of information and privacy legislation $20,800

Johanne Blenkin, executive director, B.C. Courthouse Library Society

LAW LIBRARIES

B.C. Courthouse Library Society
The society’s operating costs for the province’s 31 courthouse law libraries $2,190,200

Law Society of B.C.
Contribution to the operating costs of the CANLII Virtual Law Library $65,000

MISCELLANEOUS GRANTS

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One-time shared surplus grants to all continuing programs: $2,210,460

Support for organizations to address emergent needs as recognized throughout the year, including a grant to the Canadian Bar Association, B.C. Branch, for translation and advertising expenses for the Dial-A-Law and Lawyer Referral programs; a grant to the Continuing Legal Education Society for a video on family law mediation; a grant to the University of Victoria, Faculty of Law, to establish the Heather Raven Award; a grant to Law Courts Education Society for the Access to Justice Forums; a grant to West Coast Women’s Legal Education and Action Fund for the “Women’s Rights and Freedoms: 20 Years (In)Equality” Conference; a grant to the Poverty and Human Rights Centre to reprint a report on B.C. and the UN International Convention on Civil and Political Rights; and a grant to the Canadian Association of Law Teachers for its conference: $100,000

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**Projects FUNDED IN 2005**

### Legal Education Projects

**Public Legal Education**

- **B.C. Civil Liberties Association** $150,000
- **University of Victoria, Faculty of Law** $100,000
- **International Institute for Child Rights and Development** $75,000
- **University of British Columbia, Faculty of Law** $65,000
- **University of Victoria, Faculty of Law** $65,000
- **Community Legal Assistance Society** $50,000

**B.C. Foundation to Support Community Response to Adult Abuse and Neglect** $75,000

- **Women’s Resource Society of the Fraser Valley** $47,966
- **Dogwood Initiative** $30,000
- **Legal Services Society on behalf of the Public Legal Education and Information Working Group** $20,000
- **Canadian Superior Courts Judges Association** $15,000
- **Justice Institute of B.C., Centre for Leadership and Community Learning** $15,000

**Legal Services Society**

- **Learning Disabilities Association of B.C.** $15,000
- **South Vancouver Island Chapter** $15,000
- **Society for Affordable Housing Education, Awareness and Development** $15,000
- **Vancouver Status of Women** $15,000
- **Vernon and District Women’s Centre Society** $15,000
- **John Howard Society of the Lower Mainland of B.C.** $13,000
- **Tenants’ Rights Action Coalition** $12,000
- **Law Courts Education Society** $7,400
- **MOSAIC** $6,000
- **Campbell River Area Women’s Resource Society** $5,715
- **Eagle Valley Community Support Society** $5,575

**Professional Legal Education**

- **University of British Columbia, Faculty of Law** $400,000
- **University of Victoria, Faculty of Law** $200,000

### Legal Research Projects

- **B.C. Law Institute** $75,000
- **Grasslands Conservation Council of B.C.** $30,000

### Legal Aid Projects

#### Legal Advocacy 2-Year Projects and Project Extensions

- **Lilloet Friendship Centre** $124,836
- **Upper Skeena Counselling and Legal Assistance Society** $124,836
- **Penticton and Area Women’s Centre** $120,455
- **Quesnel Tillicum Society** $112,500
- **Kamloops and District Elizabeth Fry Society** $110,382
- **Mile Zero Métis Society** $109,997
- **Haida Gwaii Community Futures Development Corporation** $108,236
- **Nicola Valley Family Justice Services Society** $106,941
- **Atira Women’s Resource Centre** $83,320
- **Nanaimo Citizen Advocacy Association** $80,124
- **Prince Rupert Unemployed Centre Society** $42,357

#### Other Legal Aid Projects

- **B.C. Public Interest Advocacy Centre** $100,000
- **Community Legal Assistance Society** $100,000
- **Legal Services Society** $100,000
- **Pro Bono Law of B.C. Society** $100,000
- **Western Canada Society to Access Justice** $62,000
- **Dze L K’ant Friendship Centre Society** $50,000
- **Native Courtworker and Counselling Association of B.C.** $49,369
- **CHIMO Crisis Services Society** $15,000
- **St. Paul’s Anglican Church** $15,000
- **North Shore Community Resources** $14,080
- **Boundary Women’s Coalition** $7,702

### Child Welfare Grants

- **B.C. Dispute Resolution Practicum Society** $150,000
- **Gitxsan Child and Family Services Society** $100,000
- **Carrier Sekani Family Services Society** $70,000
- **Sto:lo Nation** $70,000
- **Interior Métis Child and Family Services Society** $65,000
- **Okanagan Nation Alliance** $50,000
- **Interior Métis Child and Family Services Society** $20,000

**Note:** Project grants are listed here with just the name of the organization. If you have questions about these smaller grants or the project application process, please contact the Law Foundation.
December 31, 2005

TO THE GOVERNORS
THE LAW FOUNDATION OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

We have audited the statement of financial position of The Law Foundation of British Columbia as at December 31, 2005 and 2004 and the statements of changes in net assets, income and expenses, and cash flows for the years then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the foundation’s governors. 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 foundation as at December 31, 2005 and 2004 and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the years then ended in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles.

Tompkins, Wozny, Miller & Co.
Chartered Accountants
Vancouver, Canada
January 27, 2006
# Statement of Financial Position

**The Law Foundation of British Columbia**  
*As at December 31*

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<td>Long-term investments [note 5]</td>
<td>33,828,189</td>
<td>29,450,353</td>
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<td>Accrued interest receivable</td>
<td>303,319</td>
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<td>Prepaid expenses and other</td>
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<td>Property and equipment [note 6]</td>
<td>86,567</td>
<td>95,808</td>
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<td><strong>Total assets</strong></td>
<td>36,889,743</td>
<td>31,999,775</td>
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<td>Accounts payable</td>
<td>104,074</td>
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<td>Grants payable within one year</td>
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<td>Long-term grants payable [note 8]</td>
<td>2,097,412</td>
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<td><strong>Total liabilities</strong></td>
<td>14,821,312</td>
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<td><strong>Net assets</strong></td>
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<td>Equity in property and equipment</td>
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<td>95,808</td>
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<td>Grant stabilization reserve [note 9]</td>
<td>21,981,864</td>
<td>19,507,331</td>
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<td><strong>Total net assets</strong></td>
<td>22,068,431</td>
<td>19,603,139</td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td>36,889,743</td>
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# Statement of Changes in Net Assets

**The Law Foundation of British Columbia**  
*Year ended December 31*

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<td>19,507,331</td>
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<td><strong>Increase (decrease) in net assets for the year</strong></td>
<td>(-26,702)</td>
<td>2,491,994</td>
<td>2,465,292</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Acquisition of property and equipment</strong></td>
<td>17,461</td>
<td>(17,461)</td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td>86,567</td>
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**2004**

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<td>58,489</td>
<td>19,708,607</td>
<td>19,767,096</td>
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<td><strong>Decrease in net assets for the year</strong></td>
<td>(19,372)</td>
<td>(144,585)</td>
<td>(163,957)</td>
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<td><strong>Acquisition of property and equipment</strong></td>
<td>56,691</td>
<td>(56,691)</td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td>95,808</td>
<td>19,507,331</td>
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[Note 9]: See accompanying notes
[Note 13]: See accompanying notes
**Statement of Income and Expenses**

The Law Foundation of British Columbia  
*Year ended December 31*

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<td><strong>INCOME</strong></td>
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<tr>
<td>Interest received on lawyers’ trust accounts</td>
<td>17,394,064</td>
<td>10,459,310</td>
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<td>Investment income (net) [<em>note 10</em>]</td>
<td>2,816,332</td>
<td>2,396,394</td>
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<tr>
<td>Unclaimed trust funds [<em>note 11</em>]</td>
<td>51,287</td>
<td>75,647</td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td><strong>20,261,683</strong></td>
<td><strong>12,931,351</strong></td>
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<tr>
<td>Child Welfare Fund [<em>note 7</em>]</td>
<td>544,456</td>
<td>1,285</td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td><strong>20,806,139</strong></td>
<td><strong>12,932,636</strong></td>
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<td><strong>EXPENSES</strong></td>
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<td>Audit and annual report</td>
<td>27,027</td>
<td>35,700</td>
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<td>Consulting and legal</td>
<td>105,457</td>
<td>95,675</td>
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<td>Meetings and travel</td>
<td>110,738</td>
<td>100,408</td>
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<td>Office</td>
<td>67,952</td>
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<td>Rent and occupancy costs</td>
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<td>Salaries and employee benefits</td>
<td>578,862</td>
<td>511,235</td>
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<td>Amortization of property and equipment</td>
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<td><strong>Total expenses</strong></td>
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<td><strong>879,259</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td><strong>1,538,788</strong></td>
<td><strong>880,544</strong></td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Net income before grants approved</strong></td>
<td><strong>19,267,351</strong></td>
<td><strong>12,052,092</strong></td>
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<tr>
<td>Program and project grants approved [<em>note 12</em>]</td>
<td><strong>16,925,595</strong></td>
<td><strong>12,386,719</strong></td>
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<tr>
<td>Less program and project grants refunded or unused</td>
<td>123,536</td>
<td>170,670</td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td><strong>16,802,059</strong></td>
<td><strong>12,216,049</strong></td>
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<td>Increase (decrease) in net assets for the year</td>
<td><strong>2,465,292</strong></td>
<td>(163,957)</td>
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**Statement of Cash Flows**

The Law Foundation of British Columbia  
*Year ended December 31*

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<td><strong>OPERATING ACTIVITIES</strong></td>
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<tr>
<td>Interest received on lawyers’ trust accounts</td>
<td>17,394,064</td>
<td>10,459,310</td>
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<tr>
<td>Interest received on investments (net)</td>
<td>1,678,877</td>
<td>1,648,185</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Unclaimed trust funds received</td>
<td>51,287</td>
<td>75,647</td>
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<tr>
<td>Expenses paid</td>
<td>(1,017,737)</td>
<td>(789,325)</td>
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<tr>
<td>Program and project grants paid, net of refunds and returns</td>
<td>(14,277,889)</td>
<td>(13,366,572)</td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td><strong>3,828,602</strong></td>
<td><strong>1,972,755</strong></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Child Welfare Fund (payments) receipts (net)</td>
<td>(46,956)</td>
<td>998,715</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Cash provided by (used in) operating activities</strong></td>
<td><strong>3,781,646</strong></td>
<td><strong>974,040</strong></td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>INVESTING ACTIVITIES</strong></td>
<td></td>
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</tr>
<tr>
<td>Property and equipment purchased</td>
<td>(17,461)</td>
<td>(56,691)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Net (purchase) sale of long-term investments</td>
<td><strong>(3,222,139)</strong></td>
<td><strong>1,627,795</strong></td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Cash (used in) provided by investing activities</strong></td>
<td><strong>(3,239,600)</strong></td>
<td><strong>1,571,104</strong></td>
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<tr>
<td>Increase in cash and cash equivalents for the year</td>
<td>542,046</td>
<td>597,064</td>
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<td>Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of year</td>
<td>2,103,737</td>
<td>1,506,673</td>
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<td>Cash and cash equivalents, end of year</td>
<td>2,645,783</td>
<td>2,103,737</td>
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<td>Cash and cash equivalents are comprised of:</td>
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<td>Cash</td>
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<td><strong>2,645,783</strong></td>
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The Law Foundation of British Columbia

December 31, 2005

1. NATURE OF ACTIVITIES
The Law Foundation of British Columbia (the “foundation”) was established in 1969 under the Legal Profession Act of British Columbia as a tax exempt not-for-profit organization to receive and distribute interest on clients’ trust funds held in lawyers’ pooled trust accounts. The foundation is administered by a board of governors who are responsible for distributing these funds to provide legal aid, legal research, law reform, legal education and law libraries for the benefit of the general public of British Columbia.

2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Cash Basis — Interest on Lawyers’ Pooled Trust Accounts
The foundation uses the cash basis of reporting interest earned on lawyers’ pooled trust accounts.

The foundation assumes that solicitors who hold funds in trust for or on account of clients comply strictly with Section 62 of the Legal Profession Act and Part 3 Division 7 of the Rules of The Law Society of British Columbia. These rules require that interest earned on funds held in lawyers’ pooled trust accounts be remitted to the foundation.

Property and Equipment
All expenditures on property and equipment are capitalized and amortized on a straight-line basis as follows:

- Leasehold improvements term of lease
- Furniture and equipment 5 years
- Computers and accessories 3 years

For property and equipment, except leasehold improvements, one-half the normal amortization is recorded in the year the asset is acquired.

Investment Income and Operating Expenses
Investment income and operating expenses are accounted for on an accrual basis. Discounts and premiums on interest-bearing investments and government strip bonds are taken into income over the term of the investments, on a straight-line basis or net-yield basis.

Program and Project Grants Approved
The foundation expenses grants in the current year that provide annual operating funding to organizations covering 12-month periods beginning in the current and subsequent calendar years, plus grants for special projects, which may be payable over several years. Those grants that are not yet paid are reflected as grants payable.

Investments
Investments are recorded at the lower of cost or market value. Gains from increases in the market value of investments are recorded as realized. Losses arising from reductions in the market value of investments are recognized when their market value falls below cost. When market values recover to cost, prior write downs are reversed.

Child Welfare Fund
The Child Welfare Fund is an externally restricted contribution that is being reported as income as qualifying expenses are incurred or grants are awarded.

Use of Estimates
The preparation of financial statements in conformity with Canadian 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 at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of income and expenses during the reported period. Actual results could differ from the estimates.

Statement of Cash Flows
The statement of cash flows is prepared on a net cash basis and cash flows from operating activities are presented using the direct method.

3. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS
The foundation’s financial instruments consist of its cash, accrued interest receivable, short-term and long-term investments, accounts payable and grants payable. The foundation is subject to market and credit risk on its accrued interest receivable and short- and long-term investments, and interest rate risk as described in Note 5. In the opinion of management, the foundation is not otherwise exposed to any other significant risk with respect to its financial instruments, and their carrying value approximates fair value, except for investments that are carried at the lower of cost and market value.
### 4. SHORT-TERM INVESTMENTS

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<tr>
<th>Dates</th>
<th>Cost $</th>
<th>Market Value $</th>
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<td>2005 Short-term investment funds and term deposits, average yield 2.90%</td>
<td>2006: 2,562,338</td>
<td>2,561,115</td>
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<td>Other</td>
<td>1,917</td>
<td>1,917</td>
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<td>2,564,255</td>
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### 5. LONG-TERM INVESTMENTS

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<td>2014 to 2034: 12,568,805</td>
<td>13,727,812</td>
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<td>2035: 21,259,384</td>
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### 6. PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT

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<td>2005 Leasehold improvements</td>
<td>75,501</td>
<td>44,440</td>
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<td>Furniture and equipment</td>
<td>60,837</td>
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<td>Computers and accessories</td>
<td>19,661</td>
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<td>155,999</td>
<td>86,567</td>
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<tr>
<td>2004 Leasehold improvements</td>
<td>74,755</td>
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<tr>
<td>Furniture and equipment</td>
<td>59,527</td>
<td>36,647</td>
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<td>Computers and accessories</td>
<td>18,396</td>
<td>6,011</td>
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<td></td>
<td>152,678</td>
<td>95,808</td>
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### 7. CHILD WELFARE FUND

The B.C. Ministry of Children and Family Development granted $1 million to the foundation to develop innovative proposals consistent with the guiding principles of the Child, Family and Community Service Act, to expand the use of alternative dispute resolution in child welfare — particularly for Aboriginal children and families.

The fund comprises:

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<td>Child Welfare Fund, beginning of year</td>
<td>998,715</td>
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<td>Grant received</td>
<td>—</td>
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<td>Direct development expenses paid</td>
<td>(19,456)</td>
<td>(1,285)</td>
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<td>Grants — paid</td>
<td>(27,500)</td>
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<td>— payable</td>
<td>(497,500)</td>
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<td>Child Welfare Fund, end of year</td>
<td>454,259</td>
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8. LONG-TERM GRANTS PAYABLE
The foundation has approved grants with multi-year payment schedules that are estimated to be payable in the following years:

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<td>2006</td>
<td>12,165,567</td>
<td>991,664</td>
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<td>2007</td>
<td>1,847,148</td>
<td>—</td>
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<td>2008</td>
<td>250,264</td>
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Less portion payable within one year:

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<td>12,165,567</td>
<td>(10,249,645)</td>
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9. GRANT STABILIZATION RESERVE
The foundation has established an annual grants budget with the goal of insulating continuing programs (that can account for up to 95% of the grant dollars allocated) from volatile fluctuations in the foundation’s income that result from changes in the prime rate and the balances in lawyers’ pooled trust accounts that generate income to the foundation. The reserve functions as a stabilization fund which declines in years in which the foundation’s net income is less than the grants approved, and increases when net income is greater than the grants approved.

10. INVESTMENT INCOME
Investment income comprises:

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<td>Gain on sale of investments</td>
<td>1,072,863</td>
<td>656,298</td>
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<tr>
<td>Less investment advisory fees</td>
<td>(90,556)</td>
<td>(85,256)</td>
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11. UNCLAIMED TRUST FUNDS
Under the Law Society of British Columbia’s (the “society”) unclaimed trust fund procedures, lawyers submit unclaimed trust funds to the society. The society holds the funds for five years before remitting the money to the foundation.

12. PROGRAM AND PROJECT GRANTS APPROVED

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<td>Legal Services Society of B.C. — continuing program</td>
<td>3,927,000</td>
<td>3,272,500</td>
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<tr>
<td>B.C. Courthouse Library Society — continuing program</td>
<td>2,628,240</td>
<td>2,190,200</td>
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<tr>
<td>Other continuing program grants</td>
<td>6,780,564</td>
<td>5,883,905</td>
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<tr>
<td>Project grants</td>
<td>3,589,791</td>
<td>1,040,114</td>
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13. LEASE COMMITMENT
In addition to shared building operating costs and property taxes, the foundation is committed to annual rent payments until April 30, 2013 for its office premises. The lease can be cancelled after April 2009 by payment of a penalty of $4 per square foot, prorated to the end of the lease term. The required payments are as follows:

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<th>Year</th>
<th>ANNUAL RENT PAYMENTS $</th>
<th>TOTAL RENT COMMITMENT $</th>
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<td>2006 – 2007</td>
<td>35,293</td>
<td>70,585</td>
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<td>2008 – 2012</td>
<td>37,752</td>
<td>188,760</td>
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<td>2013 (4 months)</td>
<td>18,876</td>
<td>278,221</td>
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14. COMPARATIVE FIGURES
Certain of the comparative figures for the 2004 fiscal year have been reclassified to conform with the current year’s presentation.
Staff Members
As of December 31, 2005
Left to right:
Jo-Anne Kaulius, Controller
Jean Leggett, Administrative Assistant
karima budhwani, Program Director
Veenu Saini, Program Director
Amy Tam, Secretary
Daphne Morrison, Program Director
Wayne Robertson, Executive Director
Ewa Chang, Administrative Assistant (on leave)

Board of Governors
As of December 31, 2005
Front row, left to right:
Nancy Merrill
Finance and Administration Committee
Funding Strategies Committee
Marilyn Baker
Funding Strategies Committee
New Grants Committee
Christine Elliott
Child Welfare Fund Committee
Policy and Planning Committee
Bruce Strachan
Child Welfare Fund Committee
Policy and Planning Committee
Heather Raven
Chair of the Board of Governors
Ex-officio member of all committees
Madam Justice Pamela Kirkpatrick
Bursary, Scholarship and Fellowship Committee (Chair)
Special Needs Fund Committee
Suzette Narbonne
Child Welfare Fund Committee
New Grants Committee
Barbara Cromarty
Child Welfare Fund Committee (Chair)
Policy and Planning Committee
Linda Parsons
Funding Strategies Committee (Chair)
Policy and Planning Committee

Back row, left to right:
Grant Gray
Finance and Administration Committee
New Grants Committee
Dev Dley, Q.C.
Policy and Planning Committee (Chair)
Bursary, Scholarship and Fellowship Committee
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Peter Warner, Q.C.
Finance and Administration Committee (Chair)
Funding Strategies Committee
Warren Wilson, Q.C.
Finance and Administration Committee
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Jeffrey Scouten
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Funding Strategies Committee
John Waddell, Q.C.
Funding Strategies Committee
Policy and Planning Committee
Master Ian Caldwell
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