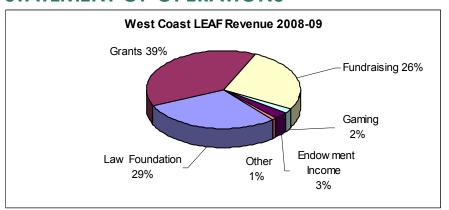


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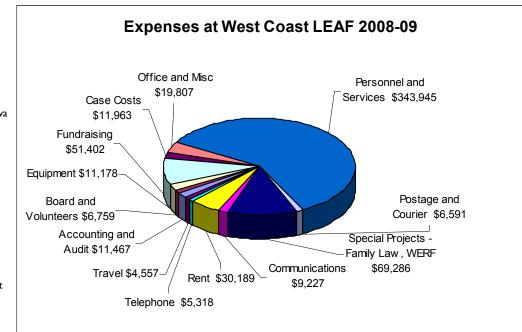
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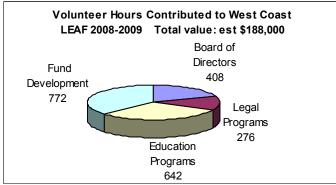
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PRESIDENT'S REPORT



I am delighted to write to you as President of West Coast LEAF's Board of Directors. As my first year in this role draws to a close I would like to share with you my thanks to the amazing women who have contributed to our successes over the past year and to welcome those who are joining us.

On the Board of Directors, we say a reluctant goodbye and many thanks to Roseanne Kyle, Signy Madden, Pat Pitsula, and former President, Ritu Mahil. We look forward to welcoming Melanie Ash, Mehrak Mehrvar, Annette Murray and Paige Thombs to the Board in the upcoming year.

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I would like to extend my warmest gratitude to Alison Brewin, our Executive Director who

continues to provide unflagging leadership to Board, staff, and volunteers. In the legal department, Kelly Roulette left us as Legal Director and Kasari Govender has now joined us in that role. We celebrate with them our success in the access to abortion services case in the BC Court of Appeal, and our success in the Supreme Court of Canada in Rick v. Brandsema.

Our Office Coordinator, Mandeep Sidhu left us in September with a revamped computer system and our new "OC", Mahbuba Ergasheva can now track the valuable volunteer hours so many of you donate. Linda Wu continues as Administrative Assistant and we appreciate her kindness and warmth.

On the fundraising front, Fiona York continues as our incredibly competent Director of Development and Communications, exceeding our fund development targets and improving communications with our constituencies. Tina Chan left as Database Administrator in September and we welcomed Sara Gortari in her stead, just in time to jump headfirst into the Equality Breakfast coordination.

2008-09 HIGHLIGHTS

EVENTS AND GATHERINGS

Victoria Persons Day with Beverly Jacobs Vancouver Breakfast with Helen Shaver

LAW REFORM

CEDAW - the BC CEDAW Group Shadow Report and the development of the CEDAW Report Card. **Gender Auditing** - Learning about international best

Legal Aid meetings with AG Ministry

Launch of the Mapping Project - surveying community groups for women's legal resources.

Not With a Ten Foot Pole - reporting on the crisis in the looming crisis in family law and young lawyers.

PUBLIC LEGAL EDUCATION

Youth in the Workplace - goes live with Aunt Leah's.

No Means No - 4 Vancouver schools and all grade 8 kids in Nelson

Transforming Our Future - with Chemainus First Nation and in the Lower Mainland.

LITIGATION

Watson/Spratt case with the Access Coalition - Success at the BC Court of Appeal in protecting the safety of women and professionals in women's health clinics in BC.

Rick v Brandsema - success at the Supreme Court of Canada in legal recognition of equality values in assessing separation agreements in Family Law

SWUAV - Success in achieving intervenor status to argue for broad respect for the right for marginalized women to challenge Canada's laws.

The Family Law Project said a sad goodbye to its outstanding Director, Zara Suleman, who left us to practice of family law. We are delighted that Shahnaz Raman has taken up her mantle to carry the project forward.

The ongoing success of our youth public education programs and, in particular, the very exciting launch of the new delivery model with trained youth facilitators is largely due to the dedication and talent of Education Manager Deanna Ogle and we look forward to more education initiatives over the coming year. Thanks also to our wonderful summer students from last year, Setareh Amiri-Khaledi and Shelly Butler, and to Rachel Lake and Mona Muker who have joined us this year.

Finally, as you read this report or otherwise hear of West Coast LEAF in the news, please take a moment to join me in recognizing the essential financial support provided by our members, funders, donors and major sponsors. Without these contributions, we would not have these successes to celebrate. I am proud that we have turned the resources granted to us, whether of time or money, into the achievements of this past year, and, with your help, I look forward to continuing challenges and successes over the next 12 months.





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We say a fond farewell to outgoing Board members Signy Madden (above), Rosanne Kyle, Ritu Mahil and Pat Pitsula. Also, of course, to the staff members who moved on this year: Kelly Roulette, Mandeep Sidhu, and Tina Chan. Thank you all for your wonderful contributions. Au Revoir (because we know we will see you again).

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