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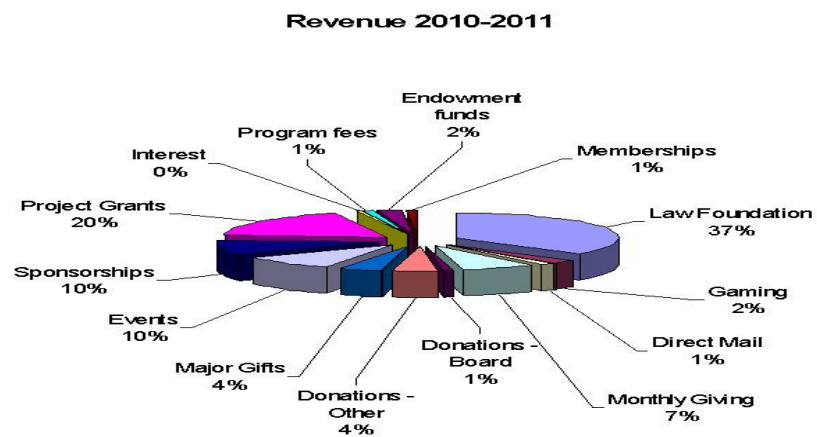
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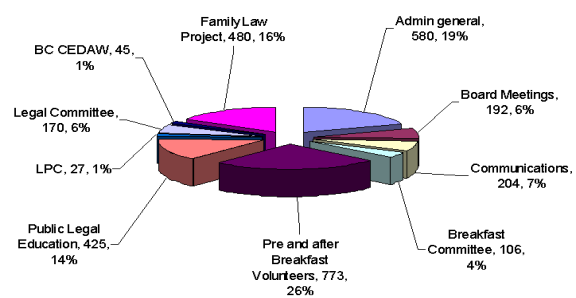


GOODBYES!

We say a fond farewell to outgoing board and staff members: Farnaz Riahi-Nejad, Michelle Hassen and Alison Brewin. Thank you for all your wonderful contributions! A big thank you to our outgoing president Nitya Iyer!

Law Foundation	\$167,550.00
Gaming	\$10,000.00
Direct Mail	\$5,586.82
Monthly Giving	\$33,874.36
Donations (Board)	\$3,750.00
Donations (Other)	\$20,667.98
Major Gifts	\$19,039.25
Events	\$43,983.30
Sponsorships	\$44,720.00
Total Grants	\$87,887.00
Interest	\$2,187.01
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Total	\$459,417.02

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2011 West Coast LEAF ANNUAL REPORT

Making the promise of equality in the Charter a reality since 1985



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

By Nitya Iyer



The past year has sped by, and it has been busy. More and more needs to be done, not only to advance equality rights, but to protect existing guarantees against erosion in this troubling economic climate. We are working on these challenges on a number of fronts.

In the area of family law, we are building on last year's "Mapping the Gap" report, to map what family law resources Aboriginal women use, and what resources are needed that do not exist. We are continuing to track the experiences of parents subject to psychological assessments during custody and access disputes, and preparing a report of our findings. And, through a generous grant from Status of Women Canada, we are developing a workshop on family law and equality principles, and a handout on rights in relation to separation agreements. We are also developing a model for the provision of community-based legal services to contribute to resolution of the current legal aid crisis.

On the litigation front, we are intervening in a Supreme Court of Canada case that raises the scope of public interest standing. A broad interpretation of public standing is essential to ensure that socially and economically vulnerable individuals can raise constitutional claims through organizations that serve them. West Coast LEAF intervened in the Polygamy Reference, which concerned the constitutionality of the criminal prohibition of polygamy, and are awaiting a decision. We are monitoring the Missing Women's Inquiry, having withdrawn from formal participation when the government denied funding to community groups. With Pivot, we made an Ombudsperson's complaint about a Ministry of Housing and Social Development policy that reduced the shelter allowance of a parent whose children are apprehended. In May 2011, the Ministry revised its policy to maintain the allowance as long as the parent is working on the return of the children.

As I step down from the position of President, I am excited to see the breadth and depth of our work. I look forward to the challenges next year will bring.

2010-11 HIGHLIGHTS

EVENTS AND GATHERINGS

Premiere of documentary film **Constitute!** with the International Women's Rights Project
Victoria Persons Day and **Nanaimo Persons Day** with reproductive rights activist Marcy Cohen
Kamloops Persons Day with West Coast LEAF president Nitya Iyer
2011 Equality Breakfast with journalist Linda McQuaig

LAW REFORM

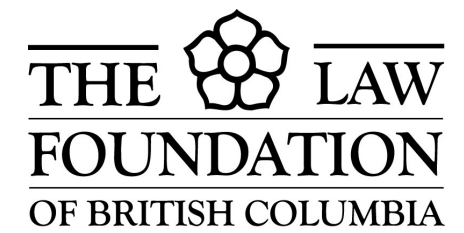
2010 CEDAW Report Card monitors UN women's convention in BC
Gender Auditing report of climate change policy completed
Rights-Based Legal Aid report released
 Successful **Ombudspersons complaint** against MCFD policy

PUBLIC LEGAL EDUCATION

No Means No workshop delivered to 800 youth since January 2011
Transforming Our Future workshops organized for three northern BC communities
 Delivered 30 talks through our **Speakers Bureau**

LITIGATION

Participated in the *Reference on the constitutionality of section 293 of the Criminal Code*
 Withdrew from participation in the **Missing Women Commission of Inquiry**
 Seeking leave to intervene in *SWUAV v AG* at the Supreme Court of Canada



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