



LAW FOUNDATION
of Prince Edward Island

ANNUAL REPORT

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Originally established in 1973, the Law Foundation of Prince Edward Island operates pursuant to Part VII of the *Legal Profession Act*. The purpose of the Foundation is to receive interest earned on lawyers' trust accounts and to make these funds available to organizations engaged in activities which are in keeping with its mandate.

Visit lawfoundationpei.ca for more information

MISSION

The Law Foundation of PEI (LFPEI) works to promote the advancement of legal knowledge and access to justice for all Prince Edward Islanders. We do this by funding projects and encouraging partnerships that advance the Foundation's mandate.

MANDATE

As set out in the *Legal Profession Act*, Part VII Law Foundation, Section 50(1), the Foundation has the power to establish and maintain a fund and use the proceeds thereof for the purposes of:

- a) legal education, legal research or law reform
- b) the editing and printing of decisions of the Court of Appeal, Supreme Court and Provincial Court of Prince Edward Island
- c) the promotion of legal aid
- d) aiding in the establishing, operating, and maintaining of law libraries in Prince Edward Island

ADMINISTRATION

The affairs of the Foundation are conducted by a Board of Governors composed of five members, four being members of the Law Society and appointed by the Council of the Law Society, and one who is appointed by the Minister of Environment, Labour and Justice and Attorney General. Governors serve on the board for a term of two years or until a successor is appointed.

The Board meets a minimum of four times per year to decide on policy matters and to deal with the general administration of the Law Foundation. In 2013 the scheduling of funding decisions was changed to take place at one meeting annually rather than continually throughout the year.

Day-to-day administration and management services are provided by an Executive Director who is engaged on a part-time (50%) contract basis. Financial administration support is provided by a Financial Officer who is engaged on a part-time (25%) contract basis.

LFPEI BOARD AND STAFF 2013

2013 Law Foundation of PEI Board of Governors

Paul Kiley	Chair
Patsy MacLean	Secretary/Treasurer
Gary Scales	
John Maynard	
Shauna Sullivan Curley, Q.C.	Attorney General Representative

2013 Law Foundation of PEI Staff

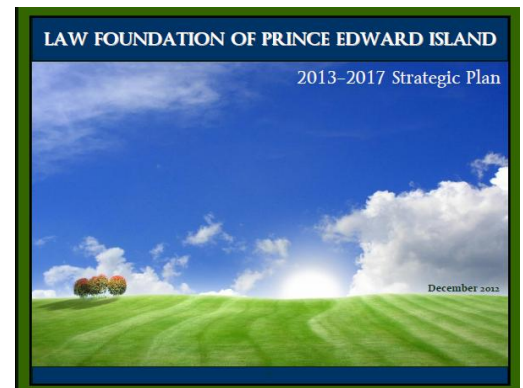
Lisa MacKay	Financial Officer
Sheila Lund MacDonald	Executive Director

AREAS OF ENCOURAGEMENT 2013-17

In 2012, the Foundation completed a five-year strategic plan to 2017. As part of this plan, the following five areas of encouragement were identified to guide funding decisions, with the overarching goal of strengthening Islanders' ability to access justice and legal knowledge:

Areas of Encouragement 2013-2017

- Legal needs of seniors, newcomers, and low- and modest-income Islanders
- Family law
- Innovative approaches to legal aid
- Public legal education (*with a focus on plain language*)
- Technology (*projects that explore or utilize technology in the delivery of legal services and/or public legal education*)



REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES

The Foundation implemented its planned budget allocation to support project activity and library services, which contributed to an expected deficit of \$238,489 for 2013. This is an increase from a deficit of \$109,607 reported in 2012. Key factors contributing to this increase are the resumption of full funding for the Law Libraries (during 2011–2012, the libraries had been drawing from a funding surplus), the hiring of a part-time Executive Director, and website /logo design. The Law Foundation's IOLTA revenue dropped slightly to \$138,376 for 2013 as compared to \$139,882 in 2012. IOLTA revenues for 2014 are projected at \$144,000, which conservatively assumes a slight increase in revenues and no increase in interest rates over 2014. For more detailed information, please refer to the audited financial statements located in Appendix "A".

2013 PRIORITIES

The following action priorities were identified by the Board of Governors for implementation and/or completion in 2013:

- Staffing plan implemented
- Strategic priorities presented to the legal community and feedback received
- Application process (e.g., timelines, eligibility and evaluation criteria) planned and widely communicated
- Annual schedule of Board meetings set and Board policy manual finalized
- Distinct identity including logo and website established for the Law Foundation
- First year of one annual intake for grant application process successfully completed
- Discussions held about next phase of Family Law Triage Pilot Project
- New reserve policy and updated investment policy in place
- Multi-year continuous program grant budget prepared
- Recommendations for UPEI endowment fund further explored

GRANTS AWARDED IN 2013

Continuous and Multi-Year Grants	
Canadian Legal Information Institute (CANLII)	\$ 3,000
PEI Court Library	\$134,969
Community Legal Information Association Of PEI (CLIA)	\$ 30,000
PEI Bar Admissions Program and Education Coordinator	\$ 36,170
PEI Legal Aid	\$ 90,000
Law School Scholarships	\$ 5,000
Legal Assistant Scholarships	\$ 4,000
One-Time Grants	
PEI Human Rights Commission	\$ 17,800
Collaborative Law (Research Project)	\$ 4,000
Maritime Courthouses Book (contribution from PEI jurisdiction)	\$ 3,000

SCHOLARSHIPS

PEI Law Foundation Centennial Scholarships

In 1985, a \$22,000 endowment fund was started in order to offer a scholarship to a deserving Island student attending the Dalhousie Schulich School of Law. In 1992, another \$50,000 endowment fund was started to offer an entrance and an upper year scholarship to Island students attending law school at the University of New Brunswick



Chenchen Yu (right)

2013 Centennial Scholarship Recipients

- The University of New Brunswick awarded the entrance scholarship to Chenchen Yu from Stratford, PE, and the upper year scholarship to Donald Cameron, a third-year student from Bonshaw, PE.
- The Schulich School of Law at Dalhousie University Centennial Scholarship was awarded to William Horne.

Legal Administration Program Scholarships



In 2008, the Foundation began supporting legal administration education programs by offering two \$1,000 scholarships to graduates of the program. In 2013, this amount was increased to four \$1,000 awards.

Katie Carver (left), Paul Kiley, and Angela Jones (right)

2013 Legal Administration Program Scholarship Recipients

- The Holland College Legal Administration Program scholarships were awarded to Katie Carver and Angela Jones.
- The Eastern College Legal Administration Program scholarships were awarded to David MacDonald and Tracey Newson.

CHIEF JUSTICE THANE CAMPBELL LAW SERIES

This year's Chief Justice Thane Campbell Lectureship in Law was delivered by Lesli Bisgould, BA (York University), 1987, LLB (Osgoode–York University), 1990. Ms. Bisgould is a lawyer and adjunct law professor at the University of Toronto, who is also author of a legal text related to animals and the law. She delivered the lecture at UPEI on October 4th, regarding the changes to, and development of, laws relating to animals and animal welfare in Canada.



Lesli Bisgould delivers lecture at UPEI on October 4th, 2013.



CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT—PAUL KILEY

Much of the work of the Foundation in 2013 related to the implementation of its five-year strategic plan. I am pleased to report the following accomplishments:

- Hiring a part-time Executive Director
- Creating a distinct visual identity, including a logo and a website
- Developing a number of core documents, including a grant application package and grant agreements
- Revising the practice of continuous grant application intake by introducing annual submission deadlines for large and small grants
- Scheduling funding decisions to take place once annually rather than ongoing throughout the year

2013 Funding Activity

The Foundation continued its core funding expenditures, totaling \$303,139, in support of law libraries, the Community Legal Information Association, the bar admission course, a family legal aid position, a legal education coordinator, CanLII levy, and legal education scholarships. In addition, the Foundation was pleased to provide one-time grants for some worthwhile projects brought to us by the Human Rights Commission, Collaborative Law, and representing a contribution made to an educational publication on Maritime Courthouses.

In November, 2013, funding was approved for a number of projects set to commence in 2014:

- PEI Family Violence Prevention—Women and the Law workshops
- PEI Association of Community Living—Wills and Estate Planning workshops
- PEI Human Rights Commission—Human Rights Education in PEI Classrooms



Paul Kiley, Chair of the Foundation (third from right), with the 2014 grant recipients

The Foundation also approved an increase of \$20,000 to the annual funding it provides to the Community Legal Information Association in support of the association's ongoing operations.



Invitation for Submissions
2015 FUNDING GRANTS

The Law Foundation of Prince Edward Island proudly provides financial support for projects that promote the advancement of legal knowledge and access to justice for all Prince Edward Islanders. We are now inviting submissions for projects set to begin in 2015 from eligible organizations across the Province. Application requirements and deadlines vary based upon the amount of funding requested.

For more information, or to obtain application forms, please visit our website at www.lawfoundationpei.ca or contact Sheila Lund MacDonald, Executive Director, at slm@lawfoundationpei.ca

Looking Forward

The Foundation looks forward to a busy 2014/15 with efforts focused on continuing with the implementation of the strategic plan. These activities will include:

- Ongoing outreach to the community to increase awareness of the Foundation
- Site visits to grantee operations
- Evaluation of services and programs funded through the Foundation
- Exploration of opportunities for collaboration on multi-year projects with other funding organizations

Acknowledgements

The Foundation recognizes the departure of Shauna Sullivan Curley, Q.C., as the Attorney General's representative on the Board. On behalf of the Board, I wish to thank Shauna for her excellent contribution to our work. I also wish to express my appreciation to my fellow Board members for their generous commitment: Patsy MacLean (Secretary-Treasurer), Gary Scales, and John Maynard. Finally thanks are due to the Foundation staff; Lisa MacKay, Financial Officer, and Sheila Lund MacDonald, Executive Director, for their work throughout the year.



Staff of PEI Human Rights Commission, Tom Hilton (left) and Brenda Picard, meet with LFPEI Governor Patsy MacLean (right) to discuss a project

Respectfully submitted, Paul Kiley, Chair
Law Foundation of Prince Edward Island

APPENDIX “A” FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Financial Statements of

**THE LAW FOUNDATION
OF PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND**

Year ended December 31, 2013



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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Members of The Law Foundation of Prince Edward Island

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of The Law Foundation of Prince Edward Island which comprise the statement of financial position as at December 31, 2013, and the statements of operations, changes in net assets and cash flows for the year then ended and a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations, and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

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 comply with ethical requirements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers the internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our qualified audit opinion.



Basis for Qualified Opinion

The Foundation derives part of its revenue from interest on lawyers' trust accounts, the completeness of which is not susceptible to satisfactory audit verification. Accordingly, our verification of these revenues was limited to the amounts recorded in the records of the Foundation and we were not able to determine whether any adjustments might be necessary to interest income, excess of expense over revenue, and cash flows from operations for the year ended December 31, 2013, current assets as at December 31, 2013 and net assets as at January 1 and December 31, 2013.

Qualified Opinion

In our opinion, except for the possible effects of the matter described in the Basis for Qualified Opinion paragraph, the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of The Law Foundation of Prince Edward Island as at December 31, 2013 and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations.

BDO Canada LLP

Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island
January 28, 2014

THE LAW FOUNDATION OF PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND

Statement of Financial Position

December 31, 2013, with comparative figures for 2012

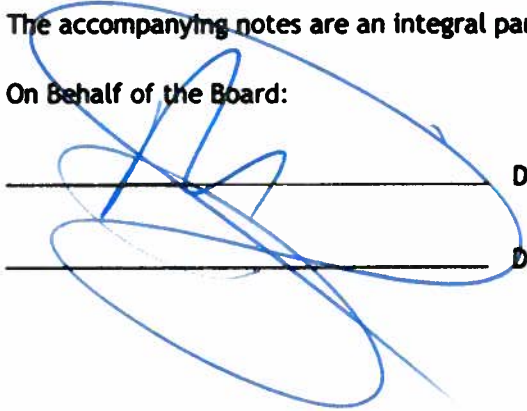
	2013	2012
Assets		
Current assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 50,085	\$ 12,758
Investments (note 2)	2,185,312	2,477,948
Accounts receivable	8,341	5,185
Accrued interest receivable	2,415	6,351
	<u>2,246,153</u>	<u>2,502,242</u>
Restricted investments		
- Scholarship Fund (notes 2 and 3)	129,224	128,918
	<u>\$ 2,375,377</u>	<u>\$ 2,631,160</u>

Liabilities and Net Assets

Current liabilities:		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 4,004	\$ 21,298
Net assets:		
Internally restricted (note 3)	119,201	121,786
Unrestricted	2,252,172	2,488,076
	<u>2,371,373</u>	<u>2,609,862</u>
Commitments (note 7)		
	<u>\$ 2,375,377</u>	<u>\$ 2,631,160</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

On Behalf of the Board:



Director

Director

THE LAW FOUNDATION OF PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND

Statement of Operations

Year ended December 31, 2013, with comparative figures for 2012

	2013	2012
Revenue:		
Interest - lawyers' trust accounts	\$ 138,376	\$ 139,882
Interest - bank account and investments	82,608	90,948
Interest - scholarship investment	2,415	1,599
Gain on sale of investments	4,527	28,613
	<u>227,926</u>	<u>261,042</u>
Expenses:		
Advertising	1,963	-
Bank charges and interest	75	60
Computer and software services	7,586	-
Conference travel	3,269	2,674
Insurance	850	850
Office	2,588	623
Professional fees	5,160	1,155
Rent	2,652	2,400
Salaries	8,000	8,000
Secretarial and Executive Director services	33,045	1,000
	<u>65,188</u>	<u>16,762</u>
Excess of revenue over expenses before the undemoted	<u>162,738</u>	<u>244,280</u>
Other expenses:		
Grants (note 4)	339,943	311,101
Unrealized loss in fair value of investments	61,284	42,786
	<u>401,227</u>	<u>353,887</u>
Excess of expenses over revenue	<u>\$ (238,489)</u>	<u>\$ (109,607)</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

THE LAW FOUNDATION OF PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND

Statement of Changes in Net Assets

Year ended December 31, 2013, with comparative figures for 2012

	Internally restricted scholarship	Unrestricted	2013	2012
Balance, beginning of year	\$ 121,786	\$ 2,488,076	\$ 2,609,862	\$ 2,719,469
Excess of expenses over revenue	(2,585)	(235,904)	(238,489)	(109,607)
Balance, end of year	\$ 119,201	\$ 2,252,172	\$ 2,371,373	\$ 2,609,862

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

THE LAW FOUNDATION OF PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND

Statement of Cash Flows

Year ended December 31, 2013, with comparative figures for 2012

	2013	2013
Cash flows from operating activities:		
Interest received	\$ 223,427	\$ 230,919
Grants paid	(339,443)	(311,101)
Cash paid to suppliers and employees	(82,983)	(8,668)
	<u>(198,999)</u>	<u>(88,850)</u>
Cash flows from investing activities:		
Proceeds on sale of investments	469,101	428,930
Purchase of investments	(232,775)	(377,550)
	<u>236,326</u>	<u>51,380</u>
Increase (decrease) in cash	37,327	(37,470)
Cash, beginning of year	12,758	50,228
Cash, end of year	<u>\$ 50,085</u>	<u>\$ 12,758</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

THE LAW FOUNDATION OF PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND

Notes to Financial Statements

Year ended December 31, 2013

1. Nature of operations and summary of significant accounting policies:

(a) Nature of operations:

The Law Foundation of Prince Edward Island was formed to fund legal education, legal research, and law reform; to edit and print the decisions of the Supreme Court and Provincial Court of Prince Edward Island; and to aid in the establishment, operation and maintenance of law libraries in Prince Edward Island.

(b) Basis of accounting:

These financial statements have been prepared using Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations.

(c) Revenue recognition:

The Foundation follows the deferral method of accounting for contributions.

Unrestricted investment income is recognized as operating revenue when earned. Investment income from the Law Foundation Scholarship Fund is recorded in that fund when earned.

(d) Financial instruments:

Financial instruments are recorded at fair value when acquired or issued. In subsequent periods, equities traded in an active market and derivatives are reported at fair value, with any unrealized gains and losses reported in operations, other than financial instruments related to the restricted scholarship. In addition, all bonds and Guaranteed Investment Certificates have been designated to be in the fair value category, with gains and losses reported in operations, other than financial instruments related to the restricted scholarship. Changes in fair value of financial instruments related to the restricted scholarship are recorded directly in net assets. All other financial instruments are reported at cost or amortized cost less impairment, if applicable. Financial assets are tested for impairment when changes in circumstances indicate the asset could be impaired. Transaction costs on the acquisition, sale or issue of financial instruments are expensed for those items remeasured at fair value at each statement of financial position date and charged to the financial instrument for those measured at amortized cost.

THE LAW FOUNDATION OF PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND

Notes to Financial Statements

Year ended December 31, 2013

1. Nature of operations and summary of significant accounting policies (continued):

(e) Use of estimates:

The preparation of financial statements in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations (ASNPO) requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements, and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from management's best estimates as additional information becomes available in the future.

(f) Cash and cash equivalents:

Cash and cash equivalents include cash on hand, balances with banks and short-term deposits with original maturities of three months or less. Interest earned on these investments is reflected in the statement of operations as interest income.

THE LAW FOUNDATION OF PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND

Notes to Financial Statements

Year ended December 31, 2013

2. Investments:

	2013 Cost	2013 Market	2012 Cost	2012 Market
Bonds and certificates:				
Provincial	\$ 1,348,678	\$ 1,659,393	\$ 1,355,652	\$ 1,837,686
Commercial	200,663	203,187	100,000	100,247
Municipal	438,250	451,956	438,250	463,934
Federal	-	-	197,466	204,999
	\$ 1,987,591	\$ 2,314,536	\$ 2,091,368	\$ 2,606,866

Investments consist of fixed-interest bearing instruments. The investments bear interest at 1.60% to 4.30% and mature at various dates to September 2022. As at year end, the carrying value of investments approximates the fair value.

Bonds and certificates - maturity profile	Market Value	% of total
Within one year	\$ 245,259	10.6 %
Over one to five years	1,201,945	51.9 %
Over five to ten years	867,332	37.5 %
	\$ 2,314,536	100.0 %

3. Net assets - internally restricted:

	2013	2012
Law Foundation Scholarship Fund	\$ 119,201	\$ 121,786

The Law Foundation Scholarship Fund was set up to provide financial assistance for a deserving law student(s) to attend a university of his or her choice. In the current year, this investment earned \$ 2,415. (2012 - \$ 1,599.), which was calculated using the effective interest method, and \$ 5,000. (2012 - \$ 5,000.) in scholarships were paid out.

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Notes to Financial Statements

Year ended December 31, 2013

4. Grants:

	2013	2012
Association of Canadian Law Foundations	\$ 500	\$ 500
Bar Admission Course - NS component	26,170	34,614
Best Interests of the Children in Custody and Access	-	3,750
CanLII Levy	3,000	3,000
Community Legal Information Association	30,000	30,000
Continuing Legal Education	10,000	10,000
East Coast Environmental Law	-	(2,000)
Law Library	134,969	84,027
Law Scholarships	5,000	5,000
Legal Aid Lawyer - Summerside	90,000	87,000
Legal Assistant Scholarship	4,000	2,000
National Arts Law Conference	-	1,500
PEI Human Rights Commission	17,800	11,000
Strategic Planning	1,704	40,710
Other grants	16,800	-
	\$ 339,943	\$ 311,101

5. Related party transactions:

The Foundation utilizes facilities and personnel of The Law Society of Prince Edward Island. During the year, \$ 2,652. (2012 - \$ 2,400.) was paid for rent and \$ 9,000. (2012 - \$ 9,000.) was paid for salaries and secretarial services. These transactions are in the normal course of operations and are measured at the exchange amount of consideration as established and agreed to by the related parties.

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Notes to Financial Statements

Year ended December 31, 2013

6. Financial instrument risks:

Interest rate risk

Interest rate risk is the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in market interest rates. The Foundation is exposed to interest rate risk arising from the possibility that changes in interest rates will affect the value of fixed income denominated investments.

Credit risk

Credit risk is the risk that one party to a financial instrument will cause a financial loss for the other party by failing to discharge an obligation. The Foundation maintains its cash in bank deposit accounts which, at times, may exceed federally insured limits.

Market risk

The Foundation is exposed to fluctuations in equity markets on its long-term investments.

7. Commitments:

In 2008, the Foundation entered into a seven year commitment with the Legal Aid Program of PEI to cover a significant part of the cost of establishing an additional family legal aid lawyer position in the Summerside office of PEI Legal Aid. The initial grant in 2008 was for \$ 75,000. This amount increased by \$ 3,000. increments for the following five years to the 2013 total of \$ 90,000.

APPENDIX "B"

**FIVE -YEAR GRANT FUNDING AND
PROJECT OVERVIEW**

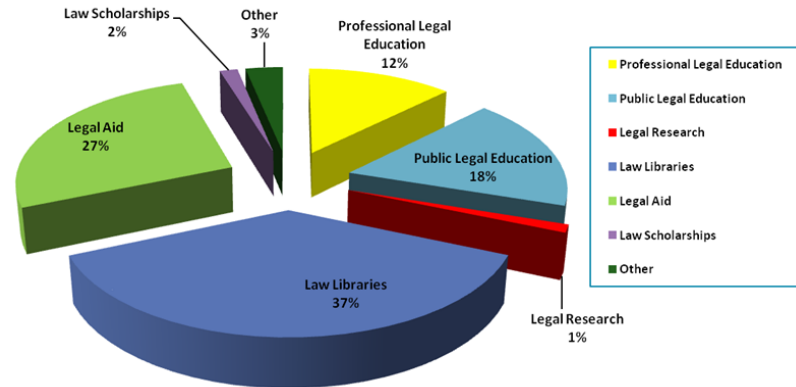
SNAPSHOT 2009--2013

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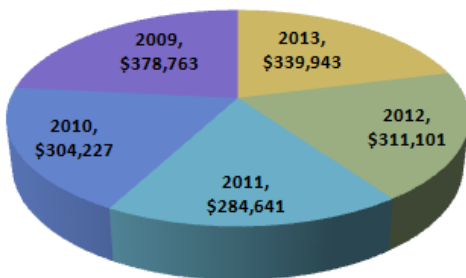
- Public and Professional Legal Education
- Legal Research
- Law Reform
- Law Library Services
- Promotion of Legal Aid

The Law Foundation of PEI has provided **\$1,618,675** in grants over the last five years (2009--2013). The annual dollar amounts vary with interest rate fluctuations and the amount of funds available to the Foundation for distribution. Some grants awarded are for single or multi-year projects while others are for continuous programs.

Grants Awarded by Area - 2009-2013



Annual Grants Awarded 2009-2013



Annual Grants Awarded 2009--2013	
2013	\$ 339,943
2012	\$ 311,101
2011	\$ 284,641
2010	\$ 304,227
2009	\$ 378,763
TOTAL	\$1,618,675

Grants Awarded by Area 2009--2013

Category	Total
Professional Legal Education	\$ 202,909
Public Legal Education	\$ 284,716
Legal Research	\$ 19,569
Law Libraries	\$ 603,334
Legal Aid	\$ 431,000
Law Scholarships	\$ 25,000
Other	\$ 52,147
TOTAL	\$1,618,675

CONTINUOUS PROGRAMS

Law Libraries

Law Libraries

The Law Library in Charlottetown at the Sir Louis Henry Davis Courthouse, and the Law Library in Summerside at the Prince County Courthouse are funded entirely by the Law Foundation.

2013	\$134,965
2012*	\$ 84,027
2011*	\$ 83,265
2010	\$133,788
2009	\$167,285

*A funding surplus was utilized which reduced funding requirements for the year indicated.

Professional Legal Education

Bar Admission Course: NS Component

Funds were allocated to cover the cost of this mandatory course for students being admitted to the PEI Bar.

2013	\$26,170
2012	\$34,614
2011	\$25,669
2010	\$16,170
2009	\$20,929

Continuing Legal Education

Funds were allocated to share the cost of the Legal Education Coordinator's contract with the Law Society of PEI.

2007-2013 **Annual \$10,000**

Public Legal Education

Community Legal Information Association
Support was provided for day-to-day operations, including managing a lawyer referral service, toll-free legal information line, and providing public legal education literature.

2009-2013 **Annual \$30,000**

ENDOWMENT FUNDS

Lectureship in Law

Chief Justice Thane A. Campbell Lectureship in Law

In 1991, an \$85,000 endowment fund was started to provide a law lecture series throughout the province of Prince Edward Island. The University of Prince Edward Island is entrusted with administering this lectureship held on a regular basis.

Law School Scholarships

Law Scholarships

Contributions provide for the annual awards given by the Law Society/Law Foundation of PEI to deserving Island students.

2009-2013 **Annual \$5,000**

Centennial Scholarships

In 1985, a \$22,000 endowment fund was started to offer a scholarship to a deserving Island student attending the Dalhousie Schulich School of Law.

In 1992, another \$50,000 endowment fund was started to offer scholarships to two deserving Island students attending law school at the University of New Brunswick.

Year	Scholarships Awarded	
	DAL	UNB
2013	\$3,000	\$3,500
2012	\$2,700	\$3,500
2011	\$2,700	\$3,500
2010	\$2,650	\$3,500
2009	\$2,650	\$3,500
TOTAL	\$13,700	\$17,500

PROJECTS AND SERVICES FUNDED

Public Legal Education

PEI Human Rights Commission

Funds were provided to hire contract staff to act as a liaison for the implementation of a Public Education Outreach project involving the delivery of education on human rights principles in PEI schools.

2013	\$17,800
2012	\$11,000
2011	\$ 9,000

Collaborative Law

Funds provided for research related to resolving disputes through an interdisciplinary collaborative process serving low-income families involved in high-conflict situations.

2013	\$4,000
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Maritime Courthouses Book

A contribution was made to the publication of a book on courthouses in the Maritimes intended to create greater public awareness of the functioning of the legal system and the role the Court has played within this system.

2013	\$3,000
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Access to Family Justice Think Tank

Funds were provided to assist the Community Legal Information Association and the PEI Advisory Council of the Status of Women to host and facilitate a workshop on access to family justice and report on the findings.

2011	\$6,100
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Community Legal Information Association Best Interests of the Children in Custody & Access

Funds were allocated to hire a coordinator for this course.

2011 and 2012	Annual \$3,750
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Community Legal Information Association Separation & Divorce Expo

Funding was provided to cover the costs of hosting the Expo which provided information about and exposure to available services for those who are separating and/or divorcing.

2010	\$9,700
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PEI Human Rights Commission

Funds were allocated to hire a summer student to research Internet outreach effectiveness, to research and prepare a publication entitled *Employer's Guide to Interviews and Hiring* and to revise fact sheets about the grounds for discrimination.

2010	\$7,500
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Canadian Legal Information Institute (CANLII)

Contributions were made to the levy paid by the Law Society of PEI to support a legal database maintained by the Federation of Law Societies of Canada.

2009-2013	Annual \$3,000
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AIDS PEI

Funds were provided to research and produce two publications providing information on clients' rights related to dealing with discrimination and the obligation to disclose status.

2009	\$13,616
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PEI Human Rights Commission

Funding was provided to hire a summer student to research aspects of the Human Rights Acts; to prepare a publication entitled *Know Your Rights in PEI*; and to develop Fact Sheets on *Accommodation and Undue Hardship*.

2009	\$7,000
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Community Legal Information Association Self-Help Project

Multi-year funding was provided to implement recommendations from *A Study of Self-Represented Litigants in the Supreme Court of PEI, 2008*. This included creating publications and an implementation plan for a Law Courts Information Centre.

2008-2009	Annual \$25,500
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Legal Research

East Coast Environmental Law

Funding was provided to conduct an environmental law workshop and to produce a summary publication each year. In 2011, it was entitled *Environmental Assessment: Legal Toolkit*, and in 2010, *The Coast*.

2011	\$ 9,000
2010	\$10,569

Professional Legal Education

Legal Assistant Scholarships

Funds were provided for two scholarships.

2013	\$4,000
2009-2012	Annual \$2,000

Collaborative Law PEI

Funds were provided for three Collaborative Interdisciplinary Training workshops for lawyers, mental health professionals, and accountants. The focus was to consider ways that these three groups can work together on issues to create a positive, collaborative approach.

2011	\$13,357
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Conferences

National Arts Law Conference

2012	\$1,500
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Promotion of Legal Aid

Family Legal Aid Lawyer

A seven-year agreement (total commitment of \$590,000) with PEI Legal Aid was reached to support an additional family legal aid lawyer position in the Summerside office. The contributions began in 2008 (\$75,000) and include an increase of \$3000 for each year of the agreement.

2013	\$90,000
2012	\$87,000
2011	\$84,000
2010	\$81,000
2009	\$78,000

Collaborative Law PEI Pilot Project

Funding assisted two collaborative law lawyers to meet with self-represented litigants on 15 court files with the goal of reaching an agreement and entering a consent court order.

2010	\$(3,000)*
2009	\$14,000

*Funding surplus returned to Foundation

Other

Contributions were made to various, smaller projects, including an annual \$500 donation to the Association of Canadian Law Foundations starting in 2010, and \$2,433 to various projects in 2009.

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