

West Coast LEAF's Role

What West Coast LEAF *Does*:

- ✓ Plays a broad role in promoting women's equality through law reform, education and litigation.
- ✓ Facilitates workshops about such things as equality for non-lawyers, women and girl's rights in the work place and in relationships and other topics via our Public Legal Education programs.
- ✓ Makes submissions to government on laws and policies affecting the rights of women in BC
- ✓ Intervenes in cases that have the potential to change the law for the better or that might take away existing rights.
- ✓ Relies on lawyers and advocates calling to let us know about cases that are about equality and human rights That may benefit from West Coast LEAF's intervention.
- ✓ Usually intervenes when a case goes to appeal because this is the stage of proceedings in which interveners can have most impact.
- ✓ acts as a "friend of the court" and makes arguments on how a particular law impacts women's equality in substantive ways.
- ✓ offers legal information about equality rights
- ✓ always eager to hear stories of discrimination in order to advance our law reform work.

What West Coast LEAF *Doesn't* do:

- ❖ West Coast LEAF is not a law firm and does not represent the interests of an individual plaintiffs or defendant
- ❖ We do not offer legal advice
- ❖ We do not offer legal representation
- ❖ We do not offer direct services or advocacy for individuals

- ❖ We do not investigate complaints against psychologists, social workers, or any other government bodies.
- ❖ We are not a Lawyer referral service and can not refer a lawyer to meet your needs. We can however provide you with appropriate contact information of those who provide lawyer referrals.