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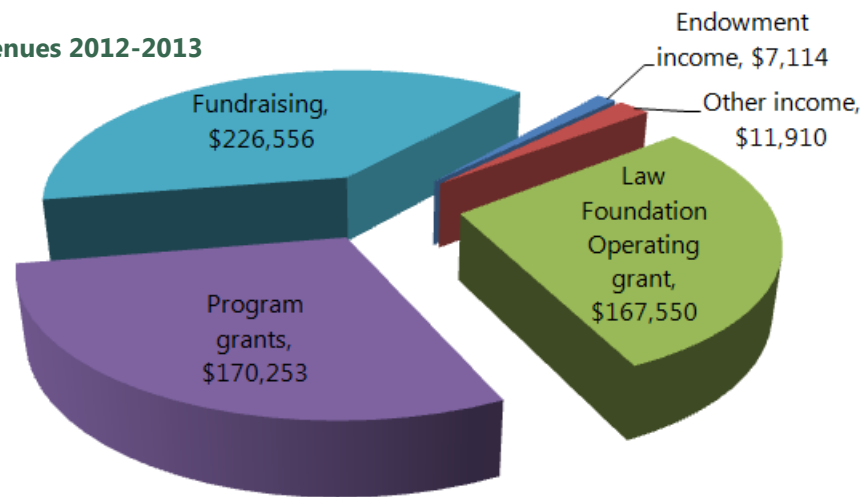
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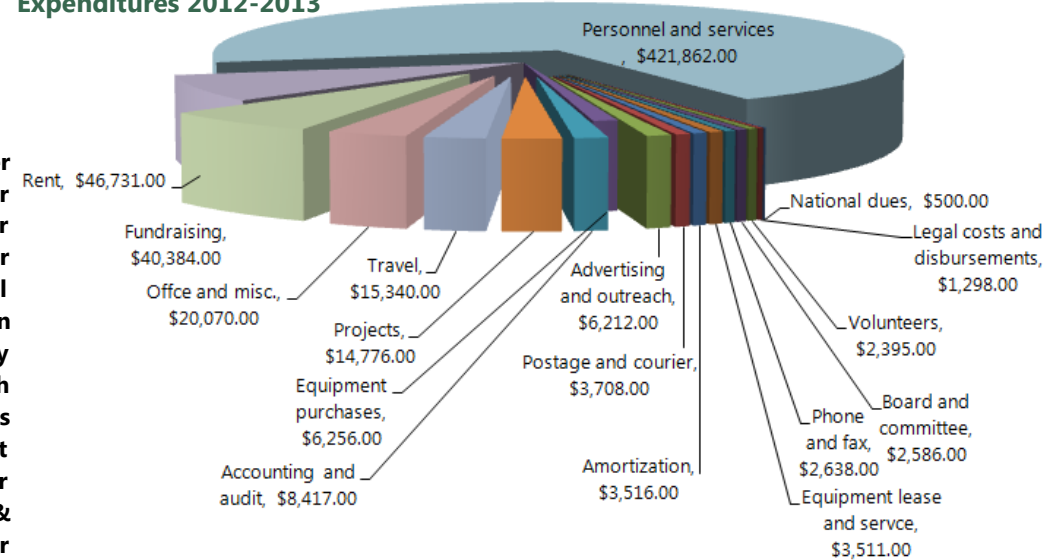
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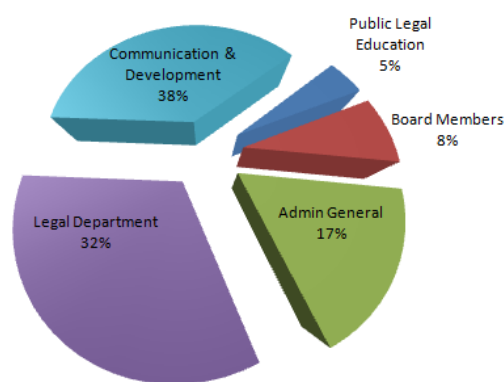
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GOODBYES

A fond farewell to outgoing board and staff: Feri Dehdar, Janet Wilson-McManus, Pam Bhatti, Deanna Ogle, Alison Wolf, Ram Sidhu, Barb Barker, and Adam James. Thank you for all your wonderful contributions!

Volunteer Hours 2012-2013



VOLUNTEERS

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ANNUAL REPORT

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

By Francesca Marzari, President



West Coast LEAF stands for the principle that equality means human rights for all: that we have a right to belong, to lead, to be free from violence, to justice, to participate in the social, political, and economic life of our society.

As President, I am proud to say that this year we were busier than ever in our fight for women's equality.

After two years of research, consultations, and writing, we published our report on the psychological assessment reports used in custody and access cases, and the impact of these reports on women—particularly immigrant women, and women experiencing violence. We are pleased that the government and psychology community are actively discussing those issues.

We co-published a report, along with our colleagues at Pivot and BC Civil Liberties Association, entitled 'Blueprint for an Inquiry: Learning from the Mistakes of the Missing Women Commission of Inquiry'.

In our litigation work, the Supreme Court of Canada agreed with us that marginalized women in Vancouver's Downtown Eastside were entitled to bring their equality claim to court, and that public interest standing should be broadly interpreted to ensure access to justice.

We also advanced the cause of access to justice in numerous forums, through coalition with others, and specifically alongside the CBA, the Trial Lawyers Association and Access Pro Bono, in *Vilardell*, a case in which the BC Court of Appeal found that court hearing fees would be unconstitutional without reading in broader exemptions for middle class families. We believe this decision will mean that more women will have access to justice, especially in family law matters.

As interveners, we were also pleased to contribute to the positive outcome in *Friedmann*, a case in which the BC Court of Appeal confirmed that a landlord's sexual harassment of his tenant is sex discrimination. We are still awaiting the outcome of our intervention this spring in the long awaited challenge to the cancellation of the mother-baby program at the Alouette prison.

All this, and we continue to educate our communities about the need to practice equality every day.

The struggle for equality is one that continues. I look forward to facing next year's challenges and opportunities alongside our community partners, women across BC, and our members and supporters.

Our achievements are the product of their work, together with our dedicated board and staff.



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2012-13 HIGHLIGHTS

EVENTS AND GATHERINGS

West Coast LEAF Presented Dicken's Women with award-winning British actor Miriam Margolyes

2013 Equality Breakfast with author, actor, and activist Carmen Aguirre

LAW REFORM

2012 4th Annual CEDAW Report Card

Blueprint for an Inquiry: Learning from the failures of the Missing Women Commission Inquiry

Supporting Mothers or Shutting Them Out: Results of a Court Watch

Troubling Assessments: Custody and Access Reports

Submissions and letters to key decision makers

Consulted with 300 older women to explore their concerns around law and public policy

PUBLIC LEGAL EDUCATION

12 Family Law workshops to 220 participants

2 Transforming Our Future to 45 participants

54 No Means No, Power Play, and **Youth in the Workplace** workshops to 1057 youth

LITIGATION

SWUAV v AG at the Supreme Court of Canada

Friedmann v MacGarvie

British Columbia v Moore

Vilardell v Dunham

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