



# YUKON LAW FOUNDATION

**Fiscal Year Ending October 31, 2008**

Box 31789  
Whitehorse, Yukon  
Y1A 6L3

# *INTRODUCTION*

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The Yukon Law Foundation was initially authorized in the Legal Profession Ordinance by amendments made in 1975, but was not actually established by the Government of Yukon until 1979. The Foundation now carries on its mandate under the *Legal Profession Act* proclaimed into force on April 1, 1985.

The Foundation receives all its revenue from interest on the trust accounts of the lawyers practicing law in the Yukon and from interest on the Foundation's investments. The money available to the Foundation to pursue its objectives will therefore vary from year to year depending on the amount of client money held in trust in a lawyer's trust account. For the year ending October 31, 2008 the interest paid to the Foundation was \$203,026. For the year ending October 31, 2007, the interest paid to the Foundation was \$310,969.

Individuals or organizations wishing to apply for a grant from the Yukon Law Foundation should communicate with:

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Box 31789  
Whitehorse, Yukon Y1A 6L3  
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Web Site: [www.yukonlawfoundation.com](http://www.yukonlawfoundation.com)

The Board meets a minimum of twice a year for general grant applications (April and early/mid September) and once a year to review scholarship applications.

# ***OBJECTIVES***

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As noted in the Introduction, the Yukon Law Foundation is the recipient of the interest, which banks must pay on the trust accounts of lawyers practicing law in the Yukon. The objectives of the Foundation are to use these funds, as the Board of Directors see fit, for:

- **conducting research into and recommending reform of law and the administration of justice;**
- **establishing, maintaining and operating law libraries for public use;**
- **contributing to the legal education and knowledge of members and the people of the Yukon and providing programs and facilities therefore;**
- **legal aid programs and programs of like nature for the benefit of persons unable to afford the legal services they require;**
- **contributing to the Assurance Fund;**
- **contributing to the cost incurred by the Law Society in relation to proceedings under Part 3 of the *Legal Profession Act*; and,**
- **doing all other things that are incidental or conducive to the attaining of the objects enumerated in the preceding paragraphs.**

# ***ADMINISTRATION AND GRANTS***

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The affairs of the Yukon Law Foundation are conducted by a Board of Directors composed of six members, three being appointed by the Commissioner in Executive Council and three being appointed by The Law Society of Yukon. The Board members serve for a period of two years at a time.

The members of the Yukon Law Foundation Board during the 2007- 2008 fiscal year were:

## ***Appointed by The Law Society of Yukon***

*Chair:* Malcolm E. J. Campbell  
*Board Members:* Lesley McCullough  
Rick Smith

## ***Appointed by the Commissioner in Executive Council***

*Board Members:* Thomas Ullyett  
Michael Reynolds  
Janet Wood

*Executive Director:* Deana Lemke  
Beyond Words Business Services

The Board of Directors meets to consider applications and issues. Decisions of the Foundation are made in accordance with the wishes of the majority of the members present at a meeting. The Foundation presents a record of its financial position at each meeting and grants are considered in light of the revenues of the Foundation and the merits of each application. Applicants who receive grants are required to acknowledge in their grant activities the funding involvement of the Foundation.

# ***PROJECTS ACCEPTED***

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Grants accepted for the fiscal year ending October 31, 2008 are as follows:

## **Associations & Organizations**

- Canadian Bar Association Yukon Branch \$ 5,000.00
- Law Society of Yukon
  - CanLII Levy \$ 7,048.00
- Lynn MacDiarmid
  - Headnotes for Yukon Law Reports \$10,000.00
- Yukon Human Rights Commission
  - Participation in Law Reform Communication  
Consultations related to the Yukon *Human Rights Act* \$ 4,758.00

## **Law Library**

- Law Library Society of Yukon
  - Textbooks \$ 4,357.00
- Law Library Society of Yukon
  - Subscriptions \$31,000.00

# ***SCHOLARSHIPS***

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- A total of 5 scholarships were granted to Yukon students totaling: \$ 15,000.00

# *ACCOUNTING*

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The accounting firm of MacKay LLP was retained to provide an audited Financial Statement for the Yukon Law Foundation for the fiscal year ending October 31, 2008. Those statements are included in this report.

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*Malcolm Campbell*  
*Chair*  
*Yukon Law Foundation*