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The People's Law School's Role in Public Legal Education

The People's Law School (PLS) is an independent, non-profit, non-partisan society whose purpose is to provide British Columbians, especially those with special needs, with impartial and reliable information about the laws affecting their lives.

Generally, this need applies to the newer citizens of BC.

Knowledge of these laws enables people to recognize and exercise their lawful rights, fulfill their legal obligations, and perform their duties as participating citizens in a democratic society. In short, the society offers public legal education and information (PLEI) services to the people of BC.

The people at PLS are competent and highly committed to the cause and believe firmly in people's legal education. I'm proud to say I have just completed my second year as a member of the staff at

PLS. Each staff member runs a program that delivers a set of services to the public.

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The Board is working hard to keep up with the changing world we live in and the changing needs of our citizens. We are currently taking stock and making some changes in culture and direction to more effectively and efficiently deal with the needs of clients in the current and future marketplace.

In the delivery of services, PLS uses a number of media to carry its message, such as television, radio, the Web—and of course our publications, which are the cornerstone of PLS.

To specifically reach our youth, PLS offers Justice Theatre, a unique and interactive road show that attends schools throughout the province. The Theatre performs plays. The jury pool, which is comprised of local students, hears and decides issues such as street racing, bullying, and so on.

The programs offered by PLS are well received and consistent in the message they deliver.

PLS funding is obtained primarily from the public sector and we at PLS count the Notary Foundation a close friend and supporter. In return, we provide the province's Notaries with legal publications for their own information and for the information of their clients. Thank you to the Notary Foundation for your support, assistance, and guidance. ▲

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