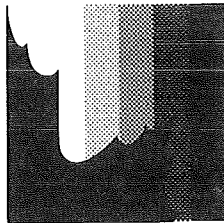


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CANADIAN ENVIRONMENTAL LAW ASSOCIATION



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INTRODUCTION

The Canadian Environmental Law Research Foundation (CELRF)

The Canadian Environmental Law Research Foundation (CELRF) is a non-profit, charitable corporation founded in 1970 by a coalition of scientists, environmentalists, and lawyers who believe that the law can be used to protect and enhance our environment. They are convinced that environmental quality can be encouraged through the implementation of existing legal remedies and through the development of legal reforms. They know that preservation of the environment depends upon the involvement and support of the public in environmental issues and decisions and this means participation.

Such participation must not be defined solely in light of government objectives. By presenting alternatives to the public on environmental issues CELRF uses due process to involve people, to decrease alienation, and to work to enhance our environmental quality of life. To this end CELRF sponsors legal research projects and provides information on environmental civil liberties to citizens who have environmental problems. If extra-legal procedures fail to solve the citizen's problem then the Foundation may refer the complainant to the Canadian Environmental Law Association.

The Canadian Environmental Law Association (CELA)

The Canadian Environmental Law Association, founded at the same time as CELRF, works closely with the Foundation on its environmental objectives.

Most of CELA's projects with the exception of litigation activities, are sponsored by CELRF.

In less than three years CELA has progressed to the point where it is recognized as an extremely effective ombudsman acting on behalf of citizens concerned with their environmental rights. Fraser Kelly says that CELA

"is now coming of age as one of Ontario's more effective pressure groups - in the best sense of that term... (CELA has) done a great deal to extend environmental law and prod government agencies at all governmental levels."
(Toronto Star, October 15, 1973)

CELA has been effective and merits support. It is, after all, the largest, most effective, and only national environmental legal organization in Canada.

Public Support

In their brief history, CELRF and CELA have achieved a high degree of credibility and a remarkable amount of public support. For example, Honorary Directors of the Canadian Environmental Law Research Foundation include:

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Because the Canadian Environmental Law Association carries out CELRF objectives and actively pursues the legal resolution of environmental problems, CELA is frequently in the public eye. Considerable encouragement for CELA has come from many sectors: government critics use CELA as a source of information and the government finds that CELA plays a constructive role in developing public support for creative legislation.

Citizens support us because we fight on their behalf, sometimes when no one else will, within, of course, the obvious limitations of our budget. We have attempted to make the business sector aware that we understand the polycentric nature of the pollution crisis. We recognize that there