In my first year as President of JES, I have witnessed the hard work our staff and volunteers have put into our domestic and international programs, marking our 25th anniversary with great success.

Since 1989, the Society has helped over one million youth across BC learn more about the justice system, an impressive achievement that is a testament to the scope of the organization and the dedication of those working here.

Our programs in British Columbia have continued to thrive this year. The Justice System Education Program hosted almost 700 groups, a total of over 19,000 individuals this year at our courthouse locations. The Court Information Program for Immigrants assisted over 800 clients, providing approximately 2500 referrals. Parenting After Separation (PAS) and PAS Finances successfully held sessions in Victoria and multiple Greater Vancouver cities, helping parents deal with the parenting and financial issues that arise during separation.

This year we had to say goodbye to Marylou Leung, our BC programs manager who retired in the spring of 2015, and Annette Russell, our Northern Native PLE coordinator. The Society is extremely grateful for their many years of dedicated service.

Online resources provided by the Society were used by more than 500,000 people this year, and our numbers continue to grow. Our top three sites, after the Society’s own, were Families Change, Small Claims BC, and Victims Info. The fastest growing website this year was LegalRightsForYouth.ca, which provides age appropriate information for youth with legal needs. The Society also produced new legal information videos for Parenting After Separation, Cyber Safe, and Youth and Gangs. We have now produced over 200 videos that cover a broad range of legal topics.

The international program had a successful year of providing training to criminal justice workers in El Salvador, Honduras, and Guatemala. The program called “Strengthening Anti-Crime Capacity in the Northern Triangle,” was funded by the Department of Foreign Affairs, Trade and Development. Participants were trained on crime scene investigation, case management and investigation. The international team trained over 1000 justice system employees in Central America to strengthen their capacities.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our hard-working and dedicated Executive Director, management and staff, Board of Directors and our many generous funders, donors, and volunteers. None of our work would be possible without your significant contributions to this organization. Because of you, the Justice Education Society of BC can continue to improve the legal capabilities of British Columbians and those abroad for years to come.

Mr. Justice Peter Voith
President of the Board
Our Law Day events in April were a huge success, including the “Girl Guide Arrest” for girl guides and their parents in Kelowna and the trial of the Big Bad Wolf in Victoria, presided over by the Honourable Judge Lander (ret).

The annual “Take Our Kids to Work Day” in November was celebrated across many of our courthouse locations, with special events held in Vancouver and Kelowna.

Our “Take a Kid to Court” fundraising campaign proved to be successful this year, with over $52,000 being raised to support the Justice System Education Program.

CyberSafeBC.ca was launched in May. This site helps kids (ages 10 – 14) to play safe in the digital world. We co-presented the site with the RCMP at the BC Crime Prevention Symposium.

Our Youth Criminal Justice Act website received promotion at the National Criminal Justice Conference in April and at the Crime Prevention Symposium, resulting in increased usage by police and professionals.

We thanked Annette Russell for her many years of service to the Northern Native Public Legal Education (NNPLE) Program. During the year, we were pleased to have been invited to an Elders Open House with several different Elders representing Metis, Lheidli T’enneh (local traditional territory) Gitxsan and others. These Elders actively engaged with students, sharing traditional cultural practices/knowledge, and requested ongoing engagement with JES and the NNPLE Program.

The Parenting After Separation (PAS) program continued this year with 74 sessions held in Port Coquitlam, New Westminster and Richmond. PAS helps equip parents with positive communication tools and resources to solve problems that arise during the separation process with ex-spouses and children.

Parenting After Separation Finances continued sessions in Vancouver, Port Coquitlam, and Victoria. This voluntary workshop helps parents learn strategies for dealing with financial issues that arise during and after separation.

“Thank you all so much for your time today and for your willingness to be involved in the programming for the grade 9 students today. All of you responded immediately and enthusiastically to my requests for help today with the various sessions. I so appreciate the opportunity to work with all of you.”

JSEP: Testimonial from teacher to speakers

“I appreciate and value the opportunity to participate in such a program. This program represents and exemplifies that early intervention is essential in guiding and enlightening young people.”

– Presenting Lawyer

699 groups served by JSEP, comprised of 19,407 people
72 mock trials held
630 speaker sessions
835 clients served by the Court Information Program for Immigrants (CIPI)
2491 referrals provided by CIPI
894 participants in NNPLE
It is important for people to understand their legal rights when it comes to things like driving, working, health, contract disputes, and so much more. When things take a turn for the worse, everyday activities may become legal problems. The Justice Education Society helps British Columbians with everyday legal issues.

Over the last year, through our services, websites and publications, we helped more than 400,000 British Columbians to address their legal issue. Here are a few highlights:

**Over the last year, LegalRightsForYouth.ca was the fastest growing JES website, with almost 30,000 users.** The site provides age-appropriate information for youth with legal needs. Topics cover: family, crime, renting, working, driving, etc. Last year, new topics added included: mental health and financial help.

JES has produced more than 200 legal information videos that cover a broad range of topics from resolving conflict out of court to courts of BC. This year, we introduced new videos for: parenting after separation, cyber safety, youth and gangs.

With staff in BC’s busiest courthouses – Surrey and Vancouver – this program provides in-person assistance and phone support for British Columbians with criminal, family and civil matters before the court. This past year, the program expanded to provide assistance in English, Mandarin, Cantonese, Punjabi, Hindi, Spanish and Portuguese. Learn more at CourtInformation.ca.

In BC last year, more than 60,000 people used the JES websites: SmallClaimsBC.ca or SupremeCourtBC.ca to get help with a civil lawsuit. These websites provide live help, email support and expert assistance, along with a virtual assistant to help navigate users to the right information and videos about court processes.
The International Team dedicated its efforts in the year 2014-2015 to delivering the DFATD funded program “Strengthening Anti-Crime Capacity in the Northern Triangle – Phase II”. This $2.5 million project began in January 2014 and is due to complete in June 2015, having delivered significant results in enhancing the efficiency and effectiveness of prosecutors, police, judicial and intelligence authorities in combating serious crime in the three “Northern Triangle” countries of El Salvador, Honduras and Guatemala.

The project delivered JES’ core training in Crime Scene Examination, Case Management and Investigation and Oral Trial Training together with a holistic program to enhance local capacity to use advanced techniques of investigation such as Criminal Analysis and Mapping, Wiretap, Surveillance, Forensic Video and Bloodstain Pattern Analysis. This project also began a process of supporting regional cooperation in combatting crime through interactive seminars in ballistics and fingerprints as well as knowledge exchanges between the countries in the region in criminal analysis, major case investigation and management and surveillance. Support was also extended for the first time to Justices of the Peace who deal with the vast majority of less serious cases, playing a vital role in freeing the court system to deal with serious and organised crime.

As this project reaches completion, three projects were approved by DFATD’s Anti-Crime Capacity Building Program for the period of 2015-2017. JES’ work in the Northern Triangle will continue under a $2.1m project “Combatting Gangs and Criminality in Central America”. JES will also begin work in partnership with local institutions to support the criminal justice system in two new countries of operation. In Panama, JES will implement a $1m project to strengthen anti-crime capacity in the country which is currently in transition from an inquisitorial to an adversarial criminal justice system. In Guyana, JES will work with its local partners to implement a $750,000 program to strengthen the criminal justice system in the capital, Georgetown.

JES continues to benefit from the dedication of its International Team which includes staff, experts and volunteers. It is their dedication which makes these results possible and JES extends its thanks to them all.

JES will begin work, in partnership with local institutions, in two new countries: Panama and Guyana.

- Bridget Petherbridge, International Programs Manager

**Strengthening Anti-Crime Capacity in Guatemala, El Salvador and Honduras**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Training courses</th>
<th>60</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Trainees by gender:</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Women</td>
<td>1,064 people trained</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Men</td>
<td>1,212</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Core areas:</td>
<td>46.6%</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Special methods:</td>
<td>53.4%</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>568 Men</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>496 Women</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Honduras 36.9%</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>El Salvador 38.5%</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Guatemala 24.5%</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

82.5% of trainees increased their knowledge from the course
82.8% of trainees reported knowledge and skills will be useful in their jobs
97.1% of surveyed trainees have applied knowledge and skills in their daily work
92% of trainees had not received training from any other agency
Forensic Video in Honduras Used as Scientific Evidence

2014 was the first year that FVA results produced by JES trained analysts were presented in court as evidence. This was key in convicting five Mara gang members who shot taxi driver Nelson Aníbal López. In October JES FVA expert Brett Hallgren trained 13 new analysts in the command and control centre of the National Police in Tegucigalpa, Honduras. The vision of the centre, known as “Ciudades Inteligentes” or “Intelligent Cities,” was to provide precise information to display police patrol resources and to collect information to aid judicial processes. By spring, the analysts processed 70 cases of homicides, 31 of which had been referred to the Public Ministry.

The Impact of Major Case Management in El Salvador

JES has continued its work with a team led by Oscar Torres Medina, the Chief Prosecutor of the Specialized Anti-Homicide and Anti-Gang Unit of the Public Prosecutor’s Office in El Salvador. JES has worked with Torres since 2012 to tackle the management gaps in El Salvador’s complex investigative structure. The local model has focused on establishing a command triangle and a practice of regular briefings to achieve a teamwork-focused approach.

2014 saw tremendous achievements by Torres and his team with 135 warrants issued, 100 arrests carried out and a remarkable 44 homicide convictions achieved as part of a criminal gang investigation. “It has been a record-breaking year” said Torres, “We used to be happy when we sentenced one or two suspects in a case. To sentence 44 people is something incredible.”

The Attorney General presented Torres with an award of excellence for his work and the results his Unit has achieved. Torres modestly pointed to the gold pin he had received, “I am very humbled by this award. It is a reward deserved by all of the prosecutors in this office. I am very satisfied that we have applied major case management successfully.”
### Justice Education Society

**Simplified Financial Statement**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th></th>
<th>Total</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td><strong>Revenues</strong></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>BC Funding</td>
<td>793,551</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>International Funding</td>
<td>1,542,409</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Subtotal</strong></td>
<td>2,335,960</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Expenses</strong></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>BC</td>
<td>734,919</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>International</td>
<td>1,569,336</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Subtotal</strong></td>
<td>2,304,255</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Excess/Deficit</strong></td>
<td>31,705</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Thank you for another great year!

Thank you to our funders:
- Department of Justice
- DFATD - Department of Foreign Affairs and Trades Development
- Status of Women Canada
- City of Vancouver
- Law Foundation of BC
- Ministry of Children & Family Development
- Ministry of Justice
- Judicial Council of California

For more information visit www.JusticeEducation.ca