

BRITISH COLUMBIA LAW INSTITUTE Strategic Plan

2023 - 2026

Better Laws. Plain and Simple.

OUR PURPOSE

Bringing collaborators together to clarify and improve the law, develop just and innovative solutions, and increase access to justice.

CONSTITUTIONAL PURPOSE

- a) promote the clarification and simplification of the law and its adaptation to modern social needs,
- b) promote improvement of the administration of justice and respect for the rule of law, and
- c) promote and carry out scholarly legal research.



BCLI intends to focus on these strategic priorities from 2023 to 2026:

Lead collaboratively in current and emerging law reform issues

- Increase engagement of both legal and community experts in our work
- Strengthen networks and coalitions for effective law reform
- Encourage the inclusion of expertise based on lived experience
- Engage impacted communities in data gathering and data representation
- Expand awareness of our work, such that it is cited broadly by courts, governments and community groups
- Ensure our law reform activities reflect equity, diversity and inclusion

Ensure law reform recommendations support consistency with the *United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples* (UNDRIP)

- Build appropriate relationships with First Nations and other Indigenous peoples and communities in BC
- Develop expertise regarding UNDRIP and support its implementation
- Support implementation of the Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act by undertaking strategic research
- Support Indigenous laws and governance
- Share approaches with other jurisdictions undertaking similar work

Advance the development of elder law reform

- Continue to prioritize elder law reform as a significant pillar of our work
- Lead elder law reform efforts through the Canadian Centre for Elder Law
- Support current and future proposals for elder law reform and community engagement initiatives

Increase flexible, sustainable funding

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- Diversify funding sources
- Source funding that supports equity, diversity and inclusion in our work
- Increase unrestricted funding; decrease reliance on project funding grants
- Secure predictable, multi-year revenue
- Be a sought after workplace with high staff engagement
- Work as a dynamic and diverse team, incorporating equity, diversity and inclusion practices

