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Annual Report 2007





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OJEN MISSION AND OBJECTIVES

MISSION STATEMENT

The Ontario Justice Education Network is dedicated to promoting public understanding, education and dialogue to support a responsive and inclusive justice system.

OBJECTIVES

The objectives of the Ontario Justice Education Network are to:

1. Foster public understanding of the justice system and the challenges it faces.
2. Support and encourage the values of a public, transparent and accessible justice system through research and education.
3. Encourage dialogue between justice system participants and the public.
4. Develop, coordinate and deliver public legal education information and programs to students and others.

OJEN PROGRAM ACTIVITY

Executive Director's Report

Courthouse Visits

In 2006, approximately 55,000 students visited the provinces' courthouses on *Courtrooms & Classroom* visits. An unknown number of additional courthouse visits occurred in courthouses where volunteers continue to deliver *Courtrooms & Classrooms* programming without a designated volunteer responsible for collecting and reporting the number of visits.

Law Symposia and Mock Trials

Justice volunteers complemented courthouse visits with classroom visits and participation in Law Symposia and Mock Trials developed and delivered by local OJEN

Committees. The Law Symposium in Toronto, held during Law Week, had 375 participants from schools in the Toronto public and Catholic district school boards. Mock Trial Competitions or demonstrations were held in Thunder Bay, Sudbury, Sault Ste Marie, London, Kitchener,



Grade 11 students participating in Peel's Mock Bail Tournament, developed by Justices of the Peace.

Ottawa, Barrie, Toronto, Peel, Newmarket, Halton, and Oshawa. These events are coordinated by the local OJEN Committee and rely on the *pro bono* time of lawyers acting as coaches to mock trial teams, and on judges and justices of the peace presiding over the events. Mock Bail Hearings, developed by the justices of the peace in Peel continued this year, allowing grade 11 students to participate in an courthouse advocacy competition.

Institutes for Teachers



Teachers participating in the 2007 Bilingual Ottawa Summer Law Institute.

Summer Law Institutes were held in four communities in 2007: Toronto, Ottawa, Thunder Bay and Sudbury. The Ottawa program was a bilingual program, offering one of the few French-language professional development opportunities for law teachers. Thunder Bay and Sudbury both held Institutes in September, planned by very active local Committees. All four

events were well attended and continue to be highly valued by teachers.

OJEN's Logo

OJEN developed a new logo in 2007, designed to better reflect its collaborative nature and the considerable role that the education, and justice sectors, as well as community organization, play in promoting justice education in Ontario. The new logo marks a new phase of development for the organization.

www.ojen.ca

OJEN's website has underwent considerable changes in 2007, converting to a database-driven format, the website is now searchable by grade level, keyword or subject area. Regional activities are profiled on the site, as are outreach programming initiatives. Opportunities to get involved and events and news are featured more prominently. Since its launch in September 2007, the new OJEN website has averaged 3597 hits per day.



Curriculum Resources

OJEN continues to distribute other educational resources directly to teachers and students through its website and email newsflashes. Three new Landmark Cases were developed and distributed, in print version, to over 200 teachers, and are available online in French and English. The Summer Law Institute materials from all four Institutes have been made available online. The new Equality DVD provides lesson plans for Civics 10, Law 11 and 12 that correspond to video clips of prominent Canadians talking about the first 20 years of section 15 of the *Charter*. The Top 5, summaries of Justice Goudge's annual address to teachers has been translated and distributed. There are over 650 teachers subscribed to the OJEN Newsflash mailing list, receiving an email communication from OJEN every other Friday. Two issues of the newsletter were distributed to 6500 recipients. OJEN launched 'Dialogue' a communication tool that focuses on tips and ideas for enhancing justice education. This bilingual resource was sent to 1000 of the most active Committee members, court staff, judges and lawyers involved in OJEN projects.

Experiential Mock Hearings

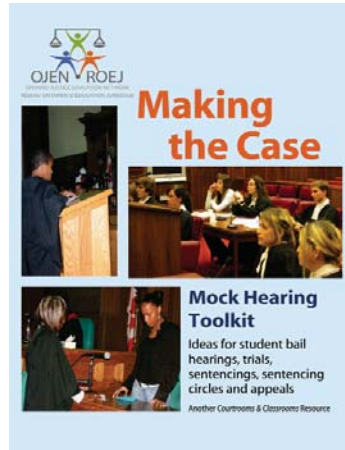
Mock trials and sentencing hearings are a common school activity for students expected to pursue post-secondary education. However, students in each of OJEN's outreach areas often do not have the opportunity to participate in these activities if not enrolled in the university-bound Law classes. OJEN has developed resources and mock hearing scenarios to facilitate these students developing personal advocacy skills, being exposed to the system and seeing themselves in the many careers in the system, through experiential mock hearings. These resources suggest



Youth in the TCHC program celebrate the verdict in their mock trial at Old City Hall.

modifications to typical justice education activities to encourage teachers to leverage students' interest in the law into increased school engagement.

Making the Case – A Mock Hearing Toolkit, is a comprehensive guide to running justice simulations in a community or school setting. The emphasis on experiential, rather than substantive content is designed to make it easier for a student in a Special Education class, ESL class or college or workplace streamed course to have this experience. Evaluation and assessment tools for teachers address the reluctance many new teachers express at undertaking a large mock hearing assignment in the classroom. This approach was successfully piloted with 8 schools in the Toronto area, focusing on students who were struggling in their Law classes, needing to make up credits or enrolled in Civics 10.



Project Templates

As each pilot project was evaluated, an assessment of its success and replication suitability was made. Replication Templates have been developed for 19 projects. These templates are designed to allow a group of volunteers to make a realistic assessment of the time commitment, resources required and impact of a project and decide if it meets the needs identified by their OJEN Committee, teacher or students. Some of these templates have already been used to expand access to these projects. Not only will these templates expand the range of justice education available in each region, but they will also promote similar initiatives in other provinces.

Art in the Courts

OJEN agreed to take over the Grade 5 Poster Contest, at the request of Legal Aid Ontario. Approximately 1000 grade 5 students from 35 schools around the province prepared posters on the theme of 'Freedom' and received recognition for their participation. The Art in the Courts program distributed framed copies of some of these grade 5 posters to courthouses in each region. County Law Associations continue to sponsor posters for their local courthouses. Unveiling events were held, in Ottawa, London, St. Thomas and at the new Family Courthouse at 47 Sheppard Ave in Toronto.

McMurtry Gardens of Justice

OJEN is a partner in this project to develop a public sculpture garden that focuses on the principles of our justice system and invites visitors to the Gardens to contemplate the successes and challenges in the administration of justice. OJEN will partner on the development of an Outdoor Classroom for visiting school groups and on the construction of a student-designed sculpture. In June of 2007 the first of approximately 10 sculptures was installed and the Gardens opened.



The Hon. Roy McMurtry, former Chief Justice of Ontario, and 'The Pillars of Justice'.

OJEN Chief Justices' Award

The Chief Justices Award was given to Kirsten Bucci, a family law lawyer in Thunder Bay who initiated local involvement in OJEN and is responsible for



Chief Justices McMurtry, Bonkalo and Smith present the 2007 Chief Justices' Award to Thunder Bay lawyer Kirsten Bucci.

building enthusiasm and commitment to the range of innovative justice education programs available in that community. The three Chief Justices, including newly appointed Chief Justice Bonkalo, presented the award at the County and District Law Presidents' Association plenary on May 10, 2007. The award was re-presented by Chief Justice Winkler on September 25th at a dinner of

the Thunder Bay Law Association and the Court of Appeal.

OJEN Lennox Award

The OJEN Lennox Award was created, based on an endowment from the Ontario conference of Judges, to recognize of the considerable vision and leadership that Justice Brian Lennox devoted to both OJEN and to the Ontario Court of Justice as its Chief Justice. The award will be given out annually to a group or individual demonstrating innovation in justice education in the East Region.

Charter Challenge

OJEN adopted the Charter Challenge program in the spring of 2007, on a trial basis, as its prior host was disbanded. After a very successful test-run, the program became a permanent part of OJEN programming and was repeated in the fall, with 120 students from 9 schools across the province participating in an online discussion with each other and with lawyer mentors as they prepare appellate factums. The Fall scenario dealt with an election financing application.

Active Citizens

Active Citizens, a new OJEN program for Civics students and teachers was piloted in April of 2007. 100 students from three English and one French school participated in a half day session that exposed them to innovators and social justice activists who are impacting society by getting involved in local issues. Students reviewed cases that have affected society, and learned about the organizations and people who initiated those changes. Students then prepared their own Action Plans for local efforts that could address issues in their schools or communities.



Students in the Active Citizens program meeting in the Law Society of Upper Canada's Barristers' Lounge.

Criminal Code Donation Program

OJEN received and distributed approximately 500 Criminal Codes to teachers and schools. Canada Law Book approached OJEN to donate the

remainder of their 2007 Martin's Criminal Codes, 207 brand-new copies. OJEN facilitated delivering these Codes to every public and Catholic high school in the North West region of Ontario. Constitutional, family and international law text or statute collections, as well as copies of the Annual Practice Guide, were also distributed to schools.

Adopt-a-School

The Adopt-a-School partnership with the Toronto District School Board and the Ministry of the Attorney General completed its second year in June. The partnership was again expanded with 18 schools matched with teams of MAG lawyers in the fall of 2007. The Adopt-a-School model is continuing in other communities through OJEN facilitated matches. Currently 140 schools are matched with a justice sector professional.

Law Day

Law Day events on the theme *Freedom* occurred during the week of April 16-20, 2007. OJEN focused on programs for Civics 10 students and conducted a *Charter* survey of students' knowledge of the *Charter of Rights and Freedoms*. On April 17, the anniversary of the adoption of the *Charter*, over 1000 students answered questions about the *Charter* and its impact on their lives and submitted their responses to OJEN. The results are available on the OJEN website. OJEN continues to work in partnership with the Ontario Bar Association, the Association of French Jurists of Ontario and the Law Society of Upper Canada to coordinate provincial Law Day events.

Justice Education Symposium

OJEN held a very successful Justice Education Symposium in partnership with the LAWS Program at the University of Toronto. The two-day symposium focused on Post-Secondary partnerships in justice education, sharing best practices and promoting expanded activities around the province. The sixty attendees from colleges, universities, high schools and communities groups participated in lively discussion and have proceeded with a number of new partnerships as a result. The Law Foundation of Ontario provided travel subsidy funds for students and Law Faculty staff to attend from around the province.

Regional Committees

The Regional Committees continue to deliver *Courtrooms & Classrooms* programming at various levels across the province. Each Committee is made up of justice sector volunteers and educators in the region. The contribution of these volunteers is often understated, as local activities would not be possible without them. The OJEN office continues to offer centralized support to the Committees through resource development, minor funding of events and the promotion of various events.

OJEN Patrons

With the retirement of former Chief Justice McMurtry and the completion of Justice Lennox' term as Chief Justice, all three of OJEN's founding Chief Justices have now left the offices from which they launched OJEN. In recognition of their vision, and in celebration of OJEN's fifth anniversary, the role of Patron was established. All three founding Chief Justices quickly accepted the new role and continue to be involved in OJEN activities as Patrons. A celebration of OJEN's fifth anniversary was held on October 17th, with attendees from OJEN's past, including former Board members, volunteers, teachers, past staff, student interns, funders and many partnering organizations. The event included an announcement of OJEN's Patrons and a celebration of the accomplishments that have taken place over the past five years.

OJEN is delighted that the new Chief Justice of Ontario, Chief Justice Warren Winkler, and of the Ontario Court of Justice, Chief Justice Anne-Marie Bonkalo, have both enthusiastically become involved in OJEN events, quickly contributing new ideas, promoting OJEN amongst the bar and the judiciary. Together with Chief Justice Heather Forster-Smith of the Superior Court of Justice, OJEN continues to benefit from committed judicial leadership from all three levels of court.

Outreach Activities

OJEN completed its Trillium funded capacity building in various outreach areas and has developed the templates and reporting documents required by the Trillium Foundation grant. OJEN's outreach projects, in contrast to existing programs, focus on the experiences and needs of young people

who do not usually have positive exposure to the justice system at school. Modifying programs, resources and delivery locations to meet the needs of young people who are disengaged from schools, or historically disenfranchised from the justice system, has required looking at justice education from different standpoints.

Pilot projects undertaken as part of these outreach efforts were identified and developed in locations with high need, existing OJEN Committees, involved judges and lawyers, and strong community partners. By building on these ingredients, OJEN was able to focus on quality justice education and efficient use of volunteer and staff resources.

OJEN's 'At-risk'- Youth Outreach

In the debates over the term 'at-risk' and the factors that put people at-risk, OJEN has elected not to adopt another definition. While the criteria used by our partners – community groups, school boards and the courts – to define these young people as 'at-risk' may vary, they all similarly identify the justice system as an obstacle to their own success in some regard.

Given the very broad category of young people who may be caught by that term, there is a virtually unlimited demand for innovative justice education programs. In particular, in the Greater Toronto Area, a focus on Priority Neighbourhoods and rising concerns about youth gang activity over the last few years, have intensified the demand for justice education programs and the interest of lawyers and judges in participating in mentoring and role-modeling relationships. OJEN now has strong program templates and ongoing programs in the following areas:

- Justice 101 programs in social housing communities
- Justice Education programs for Fully Expelled Students
- Town Hall forums responsive to critical incidents in schools or communities
- Personal advocacy opportunities for young people in court-mandated community programs
- Youth-Police dialogues

OJEN's Immigrant Youth Outreach

A number of services for immigrant youth are delivered through schools. ESL (English as a Second Language) teachers and Settlement Workers in Schools have been supportive and acted as prime liaisons between the education sector and existing services for immigrant youth. Workshops integrate civic understanding with language acquisition in ESL classes and address the barriers to full civic participation experienced by immigrant youth. ESL students in the Peel region conducted a mock trial, taking their new knowledge of the justice system and converting it into personal experience as they advocated for others and took on the roles in a court proceeding. OJEN's Immigrant Youth outreach programs in 2007 included:

- Parkdale Community Centre
- ESL Workshop Templates
- Peel District School Board collaboration with Settlement Workers
- Active Citizens: Youth Engagement on Social Justice Issues (English)
- Central Commerce Employment Law Workshop

OJEN's Francophone Youth Outreach

Many Francophone youth do not have positive exposure to the justice system because of both perceived and real barriers to French language delivery of justice education. Many teachers do not know about program opportunities and perceive the Court system to be an Anglophone institution. Very few law textbooks and legal resources on the internet are published in French. Although each Ontarian has the right to a trial in French, many courthouses do not have full-time bilingual staff. All of these factors tend to decrease the opportunities for justice education for Francophone youth.

As a result of its partnership with AJEFO, OJEN's Francophone Program Manager is based in Ottawa and provides local support to the OJEN Committee in the East Region, as well as to all Francophone teachers in the province. Francophone outreach programming and new resources includes:

- French Summer Law Institute for Teachers
- Charter Challenge in French
- Active Citizens: Youth Engagement in Social Justice Issues (French)
- Bilingual Great Debate

- Justice Sector Capacity inventory
- Trousse d'audiences simulées – Défendre sa cause
- Arrêts faisant autorité (12 cases available)
- Manuel salle d'audience et salle de classe

OJEN's Aboriginal Youth Outreach

The Circuit Court Justice Education Program continues to connect local teachers with the lawyers and judges flying-in to remote northern communities. The court's visit to the community now includes an educational opportunity for students to learn about the justice system and to interact with justice sector professionals. A sentencing initiative at



Justice Patricia Hennessey and Wasse-Abin teacher Chris Mara discuss an Aboriginal sentencing scenario with students.

Wasse-Abin Wikwemikong High School took place in November 2007, bringing judges, lawyers and restorative justice coordinators into the high school to discuss sentencing principles and the *Gladue* decision. A follow-up session at the courthouse allowed students to use this knowledge by conducting sentencing submissions.

OJEN continues to develop curriculum resource to meet the needs of Aboriginal students and, significantly, to facilitate education about Aboriginal justice issues in more Ontario classrooms. New resources include the Mock Sentencing Circle template, the Ipperwash Inquiry Landmark Case Package, the Summer Law Institute's Aboriginal law sessions and the profiling of Métis rights issues at the first-ever Thunder Bay Institute for Teachers.

FUTURE PLANNING

OJEN continues to develop the *Courtrooms & Classrooms* program as local Committees plan and facilitate justice education for a greater number of students each year. Additionally, OJEN continues to expand its focus to address the needs of teachers and to promote wider access to justice education. In order to ensure quality programming while also expanding in areas of need, OJEN's Board of Directors adopted a strategic plan to guide the organization based on the following Goals, Strategies and Priorities.

GOALS

1. To continue to develop and promote justice education across Ontario, providing support to regional volunteers, educators and members of the justice sector
2. To cultivate an environment within the justice sector and within the education sector that values and prioritizes justice education as important to civic responsibility, respect for public institutions, professional aspirations, and society-wide involvement in education
3. To promote public legal education as an important *pro bono* responsibility for the legal profession
4. To deliver quality programming that meets the expectations of teachers and justice sector volunteers in both official languages
5. To develop more inclusive programming and resources through outreach to marginalized communities
6. To strengthen the Network by facilitating information and resource sharing

7. To evaluate existing justice education activity, assessing the need for support and program development
8. To preserve and enhance OJEN's positive reputation with educators, the public and the justice sector
9. To achieve organizational stability that allows for continued growth and responsiveness to good ideas without overtaxing staff and Board resources
10. To create a level playing field for educators and students seeking access to justice education

STRATEGIES

OJEN will continue to deliver its *Courtrooms & Classrooms* justice education program focused primarily on high school aged students through schools or other appropriate organizations.

OJEN will use a community development methodology of providing staff and resource assistance to initiate programs, cultivating a strong volunteer base with careful evaluation and replication strategies. Once a program has established community connections and initial success, OJEN staff will move to disengage from direct programming where appropriate and provide centralized support when needed.

To catalyze and/or support collaborative activity across the province, OJEN will bring focus to justice education activity through communication, collaboration with OJEN Network partners and dissemination of classroom resources and best practices.

OJEN will carry out its programming by working with geographic communities or communities of interest to maximize its minimal staff resources and utilize its broad base of justice and education sector volunteers.

OJEN will analyze the results of its Province-wide Survey to develop avenues for greater support of existing OJEN activities as well as long-term plans for growth. This survey will form the first phase of a more comprehensive evaluation framework that will become a regular component of OJEN's mandate.

OJEN's programming with targeted communities, supported by the Trillium Foundation funding, will continue to develop and eventually be integrated into OJEN's existing model of facilitating and supporting local activity.

OJEN will develop its funding, internal organization and staff resources as programming expands to ensure ongoing sustainability.

PRIORITIES FOR THE NEXT THREE YEARS

- OJEN will have solidified and refined its programs to ensure sustainable justice education activity on local levels across Ontario that is inclusive of the province's diverse communities and furthers the justice education work of Network partners
- OJEN will be the primary place that judges, lawyers, teachers and others turn to for news, opportunities and resources linked to justice system education in Ontario
- Teachers and educators will continue to identify OJEN materials as being reliable and of high quality
- OJEN volunteers will identify their involvement with OJEN programs as a positive aspect of their work or volunteer commitments
- OJEN will have established a communication strategy

- OJEN will have diversified its funding sources
- OJEN will remain financially and administratively stable
- OJEN will have conducted both a survey and a qualitative assessment as part of its Evaluation Framework and will have established a method for ongoing evaluation



Former Chief Justice Patrick LeSage, Chief Justice Anne-Marie Bonkalo, Chief Justice Warren Winkler, Chief Justice Heather Forster Smith, Former Chief Justice Roy McMurtry, and Former Chief Justice Brian Lennox, gather during OJEN's fifth anniversary celebrations.

GOVERNANCE

Directors Appointments

At the Ontario Justice Education Network's fifth annual general meeting, November 21st, 2007, the following were directors of the Corporation:

John Kromkamp, *appointee of the Chief Justice of Ontario*

Justice Fran Kiteley, *appointee of the Chief Justice of the Superior Court of Justice*

Justice Nancy Kastner, *appointee of the Ontario Court of Justice*

Ann Merritt, *appointee of the Deputy Attorney General of Ontario*

Ginette Plourde, *appointee of the Deputy Minister of Education*

Lorne Sossin, *appointee of the Law Foundation of Ontario*

Allan Hux, *appointee of the Ontario History and Social Science Teachers' Association*

Pat Hatt, *appointee of Community Legal Education Ontario*

Marion Boyd, *appointee of the Law Society of Upper Canada*

Sherry Cameron-Stobie, *appointee of Legal Aid Ontario*

Renee LaPointe, *appointee of OJEN*

Angelo Bolotta, *appointee of OJEN*

New Term Appointments

The following terms expired at the fifth annual general meeting of members:

Legal Aid Ontario appointee: Sherry Cameron-Stobie

Law Society of Upper Canada appointee: Marion Boyd

At-large member appointee: Angelo Bolotto

Sherry Cameron-Stobie has indicated her willingness to sit for a second term and her appointment has been confirmed in writing by Legal Aid Ontario. The Law Society of Upper Canada has appointed Janet Minor. Angelo Bolotta has also agreed to sit for another term.

Officers of the Corporation

Chair: Justice Fran Kiteley

Treasurer: Pat Hatt

Secretary: Vacant

Executive Director: Sarah McCoubrey

Signing officers of the Corporation:

John Kromkamp

Pat Hatt

Lorne Sossin

Sarah McCoubrey

Meetings of Directors

Since the conclusion of the fourth annual general meeting, the Board of Directors has met four times:

January 29, 2007

April 10, 2007

September 18, 2007

November 21, 2007

Charitable Status

The Corporation has continued its charitable status.

Directors' and Officers' Liability Insurance

The Corporation carries Directors' and Officers' Liability Insurance with Trisura Guarantee Insurance to a total limit of \$1,000,000.

Board Standing Committees

Board Standing Committees were revised during the course of the year. The Standing Committees, as restructured, and the Committee membership are as follows:

Organization & Development Committee

Committee Chair: Justice Fran Kiteley
Marion Boyd
John Kromkamp
Julie Matthews

Funding Committee

Committee Chair: Pat Hatt
Gail Sinclair
Ann Merritt

Programs Committee

Committee Chair: Allan Hux
Angelo Bolotta
Lorne Sossin
Ginette Plourde
Justice Nancy Kastner
Renee LaPointe

Communications Committee

Committee Chair: John Kromkamp
Elise Brunet
Sherry Cameron-Stobie

Audit Committee, 2007

Pat Hatt
Sherry Cameron-Stobie

**The Executive Director is an ex-officio member of all Standing Committees, with the Program Managers directly supporting the Communications Committee*

THE NETWORK

Network Participants

At the Ontario Justice Education Network's Fifth Annual General Meeting, the following were represented on OJEN's Network:

The Chief Justice of Ontario
 The Chief Justice of the Superior Court of Justice
 The Chief Justice of the Ontario Court of Justice
 The Deputy Attorney General of Ontario
 The Deputy Minister of Education
 The Chair of the Law Foundation of Ontario
 The Treasurer of the Law Society of Upper Canada
 The Federal Minister of Justice as represented by the Director of
 Innovations, Analysis and Integration Directorate
 The President of the Advocates' Society
 The President of the County and District Law Presidents' Association
 The President of the Ontario Bar Association
 The Chair of Legal Aid Ontario
 The President of the Ontario History and Social Science
 Teachers' Association
 The Executive Director of Community Legal Education Ontario
 The Executive Director of the Association of Community Legal Clinics
 of Ontario
 The Ombudsman of Ontario
 The Education Director of the Canadian Civil Liberties Education Trust
 The Institute for Catholic Education
 The Ontario Principals' Council
 The ESL/ELD Resource Group of Ontario
 Ontario Federation of Indian Friendship Centres
 The Ontario Council of Agencies Serving Immigrants
 Ontario Council of Law Deans
 L'Association des juristes d'expression française de l'Ontario
 The Ontario Business Educators' Association

The Chief Justice of Ontario, the Chief Justice of the Superior Court of Justice, the Chief Justice of the Ontario Court of Justice, the President of the Advocates' Society, the President of the County and District Law Presidents' Association, and the President of the Ontario Bar Association are all mandated as Network participants by the Corporation's By-law. All other Network participants are appointed by the Board.

Network Meetings

The Network met on two occasions since the last annual general meeting, March 7, 2007 and October 17, 2007 with high attendance and participation of its members at each. At the March meeting, Network members heard from three guest educators about the challenges of justice education in the classroom. At the October network meeting the role of lawyers involved in *pro bono* justice education activities was profiled with particular focus on OJEN involvement from a number of OJEN Network Members. Network members discussed strategies for sharing best practices.

STAFF

Executive Director

Sarah McCoubrey remains the Executive Director of OJEN.

Executive Assistant and Financial Administrator

Nadine Demoe has continued in the position of Executive Assistant and Financial Administrator throughout the year.

Program Managers

Meghan Meisters continued as Program Manager, with responsibility for Aboriginal youth outreach, until the end of her contract in June 2007. Sarah Pole took maternity leave in January and Jennifer Curran was hired to replace her in the position of Program Manager with responsibility for at-risk youth outreach. Julie Kon Kam King continued as Program Manager position with responsibility for immigrant youth outreach. Danielle Manton continues as OJEN's Francophone Program Manager, in a position that is a partnership with AJEFO. She devotes 50% of her time to OJEN activities. Andrea Sobko was hired in September 2007 and has taken over responsibility for Aboriginal Outreach. She has also taken on many curriculum resource development projects, making use of her education background.

Students and Other Staff

OJEN hosted two summer interns from the LAWS program. These Grade 10 students, Peter Tran and Brian Nguyen, completed three week placements, assisting with OJEN programming and providing a youth perspective on new initiatives. Michelle Newton, a student in the George Brown Community Worker Diploma program, completed her eight-month placement at OJEN. Claire Ezzeddin, a McGill law student, did a *pro bono* placement at OJEN for the month of August as a component of her summering term at McCarthy's LLP. Justin Chan, a University of Ottawa law student, was hired for the month of July to focus on post-secondary program research.

Other staffing needs have been filled on a contract basis.

Space

OJEN continues to inhabit office space provided by the Law Society of Upper Canada at 393 University Avenue, Suite 501. This space has been conducive to the staff changes and reorganization undertaken over the year, facilitating collaboration, committee meetings and internships. In addition to the office space, OJEN has storage space in the 130 Queen Street West LSUC location.

FUNDING

The Law Foundation of Ontario continues to provide core funding for OJEN, supporting the *Courtrooms & Classrooms* program, as well as the administration of the organization. OJEN's relationship with the Law Foundation of Ontario is very positive, supporting collaboration and integration of justice education initiatives.

The Trillium Foundation three-year capacity building funding continued until September of 2007. As a result of this grant OJEN piloted 36 new justice education projects and, based on evaluation and participant feedback, will continue with 29 of these project models.

Ontario Conference of Judges donated an endowment to provide for the OJEN Lennox Award over the next ten years.

The Ministry of the Attorney General contributed \$25,000 towards the development of OJEN's Justice and the Media resource.

In the fall of 2007, OJEN was the recipient of a donation made on behalf of speakers at two law-related conferences. The Society of Adjudicators and Regulators gave a thank you card with a donation to OJEN to each of the speakers at the Conference of Ontario Boards and Agencies on November 06. A similar acknowledgement was made at the Combating Hatred Conference held on November 11. OJEN appreciates the generous gesture and the opportunity to link justice education activities with these two prominent events.

OJEN acted as trustee for a United Way of Greater Toronto grant to a student-driven group, TICTOC, at a local high school. As Trustee, OJEN assisted the young people to ensure proper financial record keeping and reporting.

The Law Society of Upper Canada provides significant support of OJEN through its donation of office space, computer and telephone equipment and support, and facilities. These contributions have allowed a small organization to operate with relatively few operational difficulties.

Other in-kind support is provided by Network partners, including use of facilities in Osgoode Hall, translation of resources, distribution of educational resources and other in-kind contributions as required.

AUDIT

**ONTARIO JUSTICE EDUCATION NETWORK /
RÉSEAU ONTARIEN D'ÉDUCATION JURIDIQUE**

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

MARCH 31, 2007

AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Members,
Ontario Justice Education Network /
Réseau Ontarien D'Éducation Juridique

We have audited the statement of financial position of Ontario Justice Education Network / Réseau Ontarien D'Éducation Juridique as at March 31, 2007 and the statement of operations and net assets for the year then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the organization's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we plan and perform an audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation.

In our opinion, these financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the organization as at March 31, 2007 and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles.

Cowperthwaite Mehta
Chartered Accountants

June 19, 2007
Toronto, Ontario

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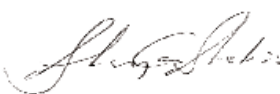
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

AS AT MARCH 31, 2007

	2007	2006
ASSETS		
Current assets		
Cash	\$ 14,602	\$ 54,054
Accounts receivable	13,841	4,464
	<u>\$ 28,443</u>	<u>\$ 58,518</u>
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		
Current liabilities		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 20,991	\$ 2,300
Deferred revenue (note 3)	–	51,521
	<u>20,991</u>	<u>53,821</u>
Net assets		
Unrestricted	<u>7,452</u>	<u>4,697</u>
	<u>\$ 28,443</u>	<u>\$ 58,518</u>

Approved on behalf of the Board:

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ONTARIO JUSTICE EDUCATION NETWORK / RÉSEAU ONTARIEN D'ÉDUCATION JURIDIQUE

STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS AND NET ASSETS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2007

	2007	2006
REVENUE		
Grants (<i>note 4</i>)	\$ 538,071	\$ 424,898
Registration fees	7,315	8,394
Art in the courts/Chief Justices' Award	1,700	5,230
Printing cost reimbursement	–	16,742
Other	722	1,461
	<u>\$ 547,808</u>	<u>\$ 456,725</u>
EXPENSES		
Personnel	\$ 414,192	\$ 317,546
Publication and production	61,038	39,806
Meetings, conference and regional network development	24,081	43,099
Programming	17,226	3,146
Organizational development	15,302	5,813
Office and general	9,123	12,048
Corporate	4,091	6,965
Program reference materials	–	28,382
	<u>\$ 545,053</u>	<u>\$ 456,805</u>
EXCESS OF REVENUE OVER EXPENSES FOR THE YEAR	\$ 2,755	\$ (80)
Net assets, beginning of year	4,697	4,777
NET ASSETS, END OF YEAR	\$ 7,452	\$ 4,697

see accompanying notes

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

MARCH 31, 2007

1. THE ORGANIZATION

Ontario Justice Education Network / Réseau Ontarien D'Éducation Juridique is a not-for-profit organization incorporated under the Canada Corporations Act without share capital.

The organization is dedicated to promoting public understanding, education and dialogue to support a responsive and inclusive justice system.

2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The accounting policies of the organization are in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles. Outlined below are those policies considered particularly significant:

Revenue Recognition

The organization follows the deferral method of revenue recognition. Under the deferral method, grants received in the year for expenses to be incurred in the following year are recorded as deferred revenue.

Donated materials and services which are normally purchased by the organization are not recorded in the accounts.

Property and equipment

Property and equipment are expensed to operations in the period of purchase.

Use of Estimates

The preparation of these financial statements requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amount of assets, liabilities, revenues and expenses. These estimates are reviewed periodically, and, as adjustments become necessary, they are reported in the period in which they become known.

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3. DEFERRED REVENUE

Deferred revenue is composed of the following:

	2007	2006
The Ontario Trillium Foundation	\$ nil	\$ 44,158
The Law Foundation of Ontario	nil	6,053
Toronto Catholic District School Board	nil	950
Deferred revenue, end of year	<u>\$ nil</u>	<u>\$ 51,521</u>
Continuity of deferred revenue for the year is as follows:		
Deferred revenue, beginning of year	\$ 51,521	\$ 18,399
Add cash received from grants in year	486,550	458,020
Less grants recognized in year (note 4)	(538,071)	(424,898)
Deferred revenue, end of year	<u>\$ nil</u>	<u>\$ 51,521</u>

4. GRANTS

Grants recognized in the year were as follows:

	2007	2006
The Law Foundation of Ontario	\$ 456,053	\$ 387,398
The Ontario Trillium Foundation	82,018	37,500
	<u>\$ 538,071</u>	<u>\$ 424,898</u>

5. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

The organization's financial instruments consists of cash, accounts receivable, accounts payable and accrued liabilities. It is management's opinion that the organization is not exposed to significant interest, currency or credit risks arising from these financial instruments. The fair value of these financial instruments approximates their carrying values.

6. INCOME TAX STATUS

The organization is exempt from income tax in Canada as a registered charitable organization under the Income Tax Act (Canada).