



## ANNOUNCEMENT

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Dear friends and colleagues,

It is with much regret that I advise of the impending closure of the Canadian Research Institute for Law and the Family. After 31 years of producing important and innovative interdisciplinary research into family justice systems, the experiences of separating families and the impact of the law on families, the current funding climate is such that, despite the kind continuing support of the Alberta Law Foundation, we can no longer meet our annual budget and our operating reserve will soon be exhausted.

Since our inception, the Alberta Law Foundation has generously provided the Institute with an operating grant sufficient to cover the majority, but not all, of our annual expenses. Accordingly, we have relied on funding from governments and government agencies, post-secondary institutions, other law foundations and contracts from public-serving organizations to make up the shortfall. Over the past ten years, however, the availability of funding from these sources has diminished while competition has increased. Not only are grants and contracts harder to obtain, the revenue from those we do receive has been diminishing, and we are unable to meet our operating costs as a result.

We will close at the end of August this year. We have adjusted the time frames of our work in progress to ensure that all of our ongoing projects will complete before that date.

We are exceptionally grateful for the support provided by the Alberta Law Foundation and by organizations including, but by no means limited to, the Department of Justice Canada, Health Canada, Alberta Family and Social Services, Alberta Justice, Yukon Justice, the Federation of Law Societies of

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Canada, the British Council, the University of Calgary, the Alberta Law Reform Institute, the University of Toronto, the City of Calgary, the Calgary Police Service, the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, the Ontario Ministry of the Attorney General, the Solicitor General of Canada, the National Crime Prevention Centre, Status of Women Canada, the British Columbia Law Foundation and the Law Foundation of Ontario. Without their generosity and support, the accomplishments and contributions of the Institute to multidisciplinary research on law and the family would have been significantly impoverished.

The University of Calgary and the Canadian Legal Information Institute have agreed to house those of our research reports, papers, articles and other publications over which we maintain intellectual property rights in an indexed, searchable form that will ensure they will continue to be available to academics, judges, lawyers and the public for the foreseeable future. All of these materials are available at the Institute's website, [www.crilf.ca](http://www.crilf.ca), for unrestricted download, reuse and republication, without the necessity of our consent, and will remain so until our contract with our internet service provider expires in September.

We extend our special thanks to the University of Calgary, with which we have been privileged to maintain an association since our founding, to the Alberta Law Foundation, its executive director Deborah Duncan and its chair Darlene Scott QC, to all of the past and present directors of the Institute who have been so generous with their time and industry, and to the past and present staff of the Institute who have been the indispensable foundation of our work.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'JP Boyd', located below the text 'Sincerely,'.

John-Paul E. Boyd  
*Executive Director*