



# THE ADVISORY

## Highlights of the 2009 Business Plan

### Membership:

- E-Business Capabilities

### Complaints and Conduct Hearings:

- Enhance the Risk Assessment Program

### Public Protection (Assurance Fund):

- Enhanced Assurance Fund claims process

### Professionalism and Competence:

- Complete a review of the first full cycle of the CPD program

## Tributes Come from All Government Levels

The bar admission began with a pipe ceremony and welcome by Chief Marvin Yellowbird, Samson Cree Nation, at the Jonas Applegarth Theatre. Before the Honourable Chief Justice A.H. Wachowich of the Court of Queen's Bench, Koren Lightning-Earle was admitted to the Alberta bar on February 26, 2009. Tributes were also made by:

- The Honourable Mr. Justice L.S. Mandamin, Federal Court of Canada
- Dr. Wilton Littlechild, QC, IPC, International Chief of Treaty No. 6 Confederacy and Regional Chief AFN of Treaties 6, 7, 8 (Alberta), and
- Stanley H. Rutwind, QC, Assistant Deputy Minister of Aboriginal Relations, Government of Alberta

## Your Annual Fees at Work

2009 Annual Fees for Lawyers who are Active Members

Components	2009	2009 (%)	2008	2008 (%)	Change from 2008 to 2009 (%)
Annual Fee (LSA)	\$1,270	34%	\$1,160	31%	9%
Assurance Fund (LSA)	\$665	18%	\$635	17%	5%
Insurance Levy (ALIA)	\$1,800	48%	\$1,900	51%	(5%)
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3,735</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>\$3,695</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>\$40 or 1%</b>

## General Fund, Assurance Fund and ALIA Revenues and Expenses

**REVENUES**  
\$ 32,294K

- Fees – 86%
- Investment income – 14%



**EXPENSES**  
\$ 35,924K

- Public Protection – 55%
- Organizational support – 23%
- Complaints and conduct hearings – 9%
- Professionalism and competence – 6%
- Governance – 4%
- Membership – 3%



## Admission of New Lawyer Makes Justice Accessible in Home Community

By Shirish P. Chotalia, QC, Benchler, Law Society of Alberta

(The following is a summary of her bar admission tribute to Koren Lightning-Earle.)

When my friend Eileen Sasakamoose, a Hobbema, Alberta barrister and solicitor asked me to participate in the Bar admission ceremony of her articling student, Koren Rickie Lightning-Earle, I was struck by the importance of the event.

A young female Aboriginal lawyer was to join the ranks of our noble profession. She was to become a catalyst for positive change in her community. Koren, who graduated from the University of Alberta, follows in the footsteps of her principal who has, for more than 20 years, assisted Aboriginal Albertans with their daily "bread and butter" legal struggles.

Whether it is a will, a criminal case, a family law situation or a case of residential abuse, Eileen Sasakamoose has been there to assist. She has done so without request

for recognition or significant compensation. Koren follows these footsteps into a profession which strives for equality in the search for justice.



S. Chotalia (left) K. Lightning-Earle (centre) and E. Sasakamoose (right)

Today, Koren's admission to the LSA realizes part of the promise of the franchise: through education, dedication and perseverance she enters the forum where she can understand and analyze the law, and counsel her community upon its rights and obligations. In this role, she can defend the best interests of people through sage counsel and guidance. She is the "gold" of her community - her legal counsel and service will be given from the experience and perspective of an Aboriginal woman.