

Nidus Feature Activities

June 1st, 2014 to May 30th, 2015

LAUNCH OF THE PERSONAL PLANNING REGISTRY

Nidus launched the new online system of the Personal Planning Registry with two major events!

- A **Preview and Demo** for community groups, legal professionals, health care professionals on June 12, 2014
- The **Official Launch for the public** at the Vancouver Public Library on Sept. 15, 2014

Other Registry activities

- 10 demos by request including for the Canadian Bar Association Wills & Trusts and Elder Law subsections.
- Transfer of approximately 5,500 records from the old Registry systems to the new online system.
- 6 webinars - free online demos for all users, held monthly on the first Wednesday.



A warm welcome to lawyers and notaries public who have signed up as Registration Agents!

SEPTEMBER & PERSONAL PLANNING MONTH

Nidus uses September to promote personal planning in BC. Our kick-off public event was held on Sept. 15, 2014 at the Vancouver Public Library. It featured a panel of experts on personal and estate planning and attracted 250 people.

In partnership with **Courthouse Libraries BC**, we organized presentations with **public libraries** throughout the province. Nidus provided posters to help local libraries with promotion to seniors and the public in their communities.

We conducted in-person presentations at Burnaby, Richmond Brighthouse and West Vancouver Memorial Public Libraries for a total of 115 attendees. We introduced other public libraries to webinar technology—8 libraries all over BC hosted webinars.

Additionally, 2 seniors centres also hosted webinars for their members and the public.

6 events, 12 public libraries, 2 seniors centres, 500+ people



From the Law Matters blog:

"The presentation was most helpful, especially the in-depth answers to questions at the end, and lots of new information and instructions on where to find more. Very informative."

"I appreciated being given information from a legitimate source in an environment I trusted. No selling or unwanted advice given! I would be interested in attending similar events."

"This was an extremely useful program. I was unaware of Representation Agreements and ... this workshop provided invaluable information on a topic everyone should be aware of. As a person now retired and feeling the pinch of a lower income, to be able to access this legal information at no charge was most helpful."

PRESENTATIONS FOR SPECIFIC GROUPS

Following are some of the organizations we made presentations to during this period. Thanks for inviting us!

- ★ **Access Pro Bono**, volunteer lawyers and staff
- ★ **BC Association of Social Workers Northern Branch**, online meeting
- ★ **Chinese Seniors Group**, South Vancouver Neighbourhood House (we supported a trained volunteer to present)
- ★ **Clicklaw Contributors**, community organizations and advocates through Courthouse Libraries
- ★ **Council of Senior Citizens Organizations**, delegates meeting
- ★ **Family Caregiver Fair**
- ★ **GF Strong Rehabilitation Centre**, Health Services for Community Living Team
- ★ **Government Information Day**
- ★ **Health & Wellbeing Conference**, Decision Making and People with Developmental Disabilities
- ★ **Island Health Nurse Practitioner Community of Practice Meeting**, online for Vancouver Island & Gulf Islands
- ★ **Lawyers in private practice**, 3 webinars through Courthouse Libraries BC: Overview of Representation Agreements, Best Practices for Representation Agreement Section 9, Update on Margot Bentley & Maplewood Seniors Care Society
- ★ **Nicola Wealth Management**, financial advisors
- ★ **Older Adult Mental Health Team**, Vancouver Coastal Health at West Vancouver
- ★ **Parkinson Society of BC Regional Conferences**, Surrey, Kelowna and Vancouver
- ★ **Punjabi Women's group**, Confederation Seniors Centre
- ★ **Royal Canadian Legion Vancouver**
- ★ **Seniors Outreach Services Society**, Kelowna
- ★ **SFU Gerontology and Continuing Education Programs**, Legal Issues for Death and Dying
- ★ **Spanish Group**, South Granville Seniors Centre
- ★ **West End Seniors Planning Table**

Nidus also participated in the Society of Notaries Public Spring Conference and the Family Caregivers of BC Roundtable.

PARTNERSHIPS

Nidus and the Alzheimer Society of BC have a long-standing relationship to raise awareness and provide support for personal planning. Nidus also works collaboratively with lawyers and as well as with the BC Association of Social Workers (BCASW). In the last year we are pleased to have developed partnerships with **Courthouse Libraries BC**, the **Individualized Funding Resource Centre** (CSIL resource centre) and **Parkinson Society of BC**.

TOTAL EVENTS



NIDUS DISTRIBUTED 9500 MATERIALS AT SPECIAL EVENTS
Including CLE, BCRTA, Memorial Society, Caregiver Roundtable and Notaries Conference



ONGOING ACTIVITIES

Nidus holds free webinars each month and offers information appointments on a weekly basis. We also provide some basic information by email. The number reported for emails is a count of 'sent' responses from info@nidus.ca only.

Webinar	37 ▶	737	Appointment: In-Person	82 ▶	105
Email Info		2558	Appointment: Over-the-Phone	56 ▶	63

TRAINING

Thanks to funding from the United Way, we were able to offer training for volunteers and staff of senior serving organizations in the Lower Mainland at three events. Participants were from:

- 411 Seniors Centre
- Council of Senior Citizens Organization (COSCO)
- Parkinson Society of BC
- Bby Seniors Outreach Services Soc
- Dying with Dignity
- South Granville Seniors Centre
- Caregiver Network
- Nidus volunteers

LEGAL PRACTICE GROUP

Nidus' legal practice group is made up of community and legal experts, many of whom have 20+ years of experience in the development and practice of the legislation governing Representation Agreements, health care consent and adult guardianship. Most recently we have analyzed the Bentley v Maplewood Seniors Care Society case.

NEW RESOURCES, WEB PAGES, MEDIA

Following are a list of some of the resources Nidus has developed and made available through newsletters, the website and media.

- 29 Ask Joanne FAQ posts
- Let's Plan fact sheet
- Photo Gallery added to site
- 3 Newsletters
- Personal Planning in Spanish
- Features in Vancouver Sun, CBC Radio, BCASW magazine
- Refusing Health Care fact sheet
- Nidus Registry brochure

DONORS & FUNDERS

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