



**CITIZENS** *for* **PUBLIC JUSTICE**

## **CPJ: A rose by any other name**

Over nearly a half-century, the work of CPJ has been publicly known under different names and carried out through a variety of organizational and corporate structures. Changes were made over the years primarily to comply with tax rules, particularly as they apply to registered charities.

These are the ways we have been known:

*(Details can be found on the following pages)*

- Christian Action Foundation (1959-1972)
- Committee for Justice and Liberty (1961- 1982)
- C.J.L. Foundation (1963-2005)
  - C.J.L. Foundation, operating as Citizens for Public Justice (1982-1993)
  - C.J.L. Foundation, operating as Public Justice Resource Centre (2000-2002)
- Citizens for Public Justice (1993 – 2005)
- CJL Foundation (1999 – ongoing)
  - CJL Foundation, operating as Public Justice Resource Centre (2003-2005)
  - CJL Foundation, operating as Citizens for Public Justice (2006 – ongoing)

The CJL Foundation  
operating as CPJ.

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## I. EARLY HISTORY

### **Christian Action Foundation (1959-1972)**

Much of the inspiration for CPJ's formation came from Alberta, where a small group of Christians had launched the Christian Action Foundation in 1962. It pushed for Christian action in politics, labour and education, energized by the vision of a radically different society based on Gospel values.

### **Committee for Justice and Liberty (1961- 1982)**

The Committee for Justice and Liberty was the Ontario counterpart of the Christian Action Foundation, with both organizations joining forces in 1972. The name can still be found, for example, in a precedent setting case of the Supreme Court of Canada (Committee for Justice and Liberty v. National Energy Board, [1978] 1 SCR).

## II. RECENT HISTORY

### **C.J.L. Foundation (1963-2005)**

#### *Corporate Structure*

The Ontario organization, Committee for Justice and Liberty, was officially incorporated as the C.J.L. Foundation in 1963, the date we celebrate as CPJ's birthday. It received charitable status in 1968. This Ontario corporation ceased operations in 2002, when its activity was taken over by a new, federally incorporated corporation called CJL Foundation (notice there are no periods in the name). C.J.L. Foundation was formally dissolved in 2005.

#### *Operating Names*

The name "C.J.L. Foundation" was the legal name of the corporation. At different times in its history, however, C.J.L. Foundation operated publicly using two different names. These operating names were as follows:

#### **C.J.L. Foundation, operating as Citizens for Public Justice (1982-1993)**

In 1982, the name Citizens for Public Justice (CPJ) was adopted and used as the operating name of C.J.L. Foundation.

#### **C.J.L. Foundation, operating as Public Justice Resource Centre (2000-2002)**

For a time C.J.L. Foundation operated under only its legal name, but in 2000 it began using the name "Public Justice Resource Centre" to help create a public presence for its educational work. The Public Justice Resource Centre name was taken over by the new federal CJL Foundation in 2003.

### **Citizens for Public Justice (1993 – 2005)**

In 1993, a separately incorporated non-profit organization was created under the corporate name "Citizens for Public Justice." The purpose of this new corporation was to engage in non-partisan advocacy on public policy issues. During this period of time, C.J.L. Foundation and its successor, CJL Foundation, restricted their activity to charitable educational work. As of the end of 2005, Citizens for Public Justice ceased its operations and transferred all of the rights to the material that it had published previously, and the use of the name "Citizens for Public Justice," to CJL Foundation (the federal corporation) for its use.

### III. CURRENT NAME

#### **CJL Foundation (1999- ongoing)**

##### *Corporate Structure*

As mentioned above, a new federal corporation was incorporated as “CJL Foundation” in 1999 and was registered as a charitable organization in 2002 (Charitable Registration # 89438 3512 RR0001). CJL Foundation started operating in 2003, taking over the work of the older Ontario corporation, C.J.L. Foundation. As of January 1, 2006, CJL Foundation will address public policy issues, as necessary, within the limits permitted to it, and in accordance with the legal requirements imposed upon it, as a registered charity.

##### *Operating Names*

CJL Foundation has also operated, and will continue to operate, publicly using an operating name that is different from the corporate name under which it was incorporated. These operating names, by which CJL Foundation has been and will be known publicly, are as follows:

##### **CJL Foundation, operating as Public Justice Resource Centre (2003-2005)**

The federal corporation operated publicly using the name “Public Justice Resource Centre” until the end of 2005. This operating name was registered in Ontario as a business name of CJL Foundation.

##### **CJL Foundation, operating as Citizens for Public Justice (2006 – ongoing)**

CJL Foundation is operating, as of January 1, 2006, as Citizens for Public Justice. CJL Foundation has registered in Ontario this operating name as a business name of CJL Foundation.

### IV. the CATALYST

In 1978, C.J.L. Foundation began publishing the *Catalyst for Public Justice*, which replaced the old *C.J.L. Newsletter*. In 1982, *Catalyst for Public Justice* started to be published under the name *Catalyst*, and was published by C.J.L. Foundation operating as Citizens for Public Justice. In 1993, the then new corporation, Citizens for Public Justice, began to publish *The Catalyst*. As of January 1, 2006, *the Catalyst* is being published by CJL Foundation, operating as Citizens for Public Justice.

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