



Chris Tollefson is the ELC's founding Executive Director. In this role, he oversees ELC operations and also teaches in the Clinic. A former President of the Sierra Legal Defence Fund, he has extensive experience in forestry, aboriginal and public interest environmental litigation. Chris has been a professor at the UVic Faculty of Law since 1992 and is one of Canada's leading environmental law scholars.



Legal Director **Calvin Sandborn** teaches the ELC Clinic and supervises the cases and projects of ELC students. As former counsel to West Coast Environmental Law Association and the Forest Practices Board, Calvin is one of BC's most experienced public interest environmental lawyers. He has successfully litigated many high-profile cases (particularly in the areas of forestry and endangered species) as well as instigated broad law reform.



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Holly Pattison is Program Administrator for the ELC. She is responsible for the administrative and financial management operations in support of the Clinic and Society and acts as the administrative liaison between the Society, the Clinic and the Faculty of Law. Holly has extensive law firm experience and is also a writer and photographer.



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Working toward a British Columbia where local communities, environmental groups and First Nations have the legal tools to advocate effectively for the restoration, conservation and protection of our ecosystems

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Training the next generation of Canada's public interest environmental lawyers



The **Environmental Law Centre Society** is a non-profit society that operates the ELC Clinic at the University of Victoria, Faculty of Law.

Home of Canada's first environmental law clinical program, the ELC attracts some of the country's best and brightest aspiring public interest environmental lawyers.

For over a decade, the ELC has worked for community groups, conservation organizations and First Nations across British Columbia building legal capacity to tackle today's complex environmental challenges.

It is a strong advocate for environmental law reform, provides vigorous representation to clients before courts and tribunals, and is actively engaged in public legal education and outreach on environmental issues.

Today's ELC students are tomorrow's lawyers for the environment.

The Environmental Law Centre Clinic

is a public interest environmental law program at the University of Victoria's Faculty of Law that offers students the opportunity to provide ELC clients legal representation, advocacy services and advice. Students receive training in client interviewing and counselling, negotiation, case development, file management, media relations and professional responsibility. Students may also enroll in an intensive stream clinic course that spans two consecutive semesters (Fall and Spring).

The ELC at work

- Initiated an innovative partnership with First Nations to build capacity to co-manage coastal resources
- Drafted a model *Global Warming Solutions Act for BC* to fight climate change
- Halted a plan by a major forest company to spray pesticides on First Nations land within the Great Bear Rainforest
- Forced a major overhaul of how government responds to freedom of information requests from environmental NGOs
- Investigated legal strategies to support sustainable food production and agricultural practices

For more information on these and other ELC cases visit:

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Our mission:

- ✿ Inspire and educate students by providing hands-on advocacy experience and direct exposure to the challenges and rewards of public interest environmental law;
- ✿ Engage and collaborate with local communities, environmental groups, and First Nations through the provision of timely legal information and effective *pro bono* legal representation;
- ✿ Advocate for reforms to environmental laws through thoughtful, scientifically sound, and pragmatic legislative proposals;
- ✿ Enhance access to justice by producing high-quality academic research and participating in administrative and court proceedings.

The ELC functions at arm's length from the University and raises its own operation and program funds. We gratefully acknowledge the Law Foundation of BC for its continued project support and the Tula Foundation that funds our core operations. The Clinic would not be possible without this support.

