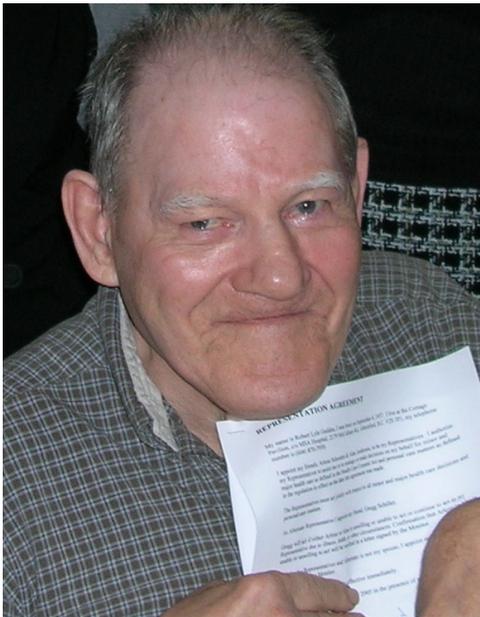


First of all, Thank you!

Please watch our [Thank You video](#) at the [Nidus celebration website](#).

Last month, we celebrated Personal Planning in B.C. by hosting a virtual celebration. We posted stories and messages about personal experiences with Nidus, Representation Agreements and Personal Planning, as well as pictures and videos from our history. We are thrilled with your participation and have decided to keep the site up and add to it regularly. Please share your experience with others. When people contact us about personal planning, we invite them to visit the celebration site to get inspired. Send your story to info@nidus.ca.

Bob's Story



One of the goals for our celebration was to share examples of the difference Representation Agreements have made in the lives of B.C. adults. Bob is a 74 year old man under adult guardianship in British Columbia. In Bob's case, this means the Public Guardian and Trustee manages his financial and legal affairs. In 2005, Bob made a Representation Agreement for health and personal care which helped him regain some control of his life. Watch Bob's Story to find out more about Bob's efforts to get out from under adult guardianship. Bob wants other adults to learn from his experience. Please help us share [Bob's Story](#).

The Nidus Guide to Personal Planning

When adults start the process of personal planning, their first concern is to determine which legal document fits their situation. Nidus has prepared a Guide to Personal Planning — [Stay in Charge of Your Life](#).

The Guide offers an introduction to the topic and prepares you for determining your path to personal planning. The Guide is currently available in PDF format on our website.

Be sure to let family, friends and professionals in your network know about this resource. Please send us feedback on how you are using the Guide at info@nidus.ca.

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Registry tip

Remember to register your completed documents. The Registry lets you keep track of your personal planning information and documents.

Read the Registry fact sheet on [How to Register](#).

Challenge of the month

Identify at least two people you would appoint in a legal document to assist you in managing your affairs if you had a serious illness or injury.

Challenge your friends and family to also come up with two people they would want to appoint.

Training for staff and volunteers of community organizations

Nidus is holding a workshop in November for staff and volunteers of community organizations.

If you work with a seniors organization or an organization that assists people with chronic illness and are interested in learning more about how you can help your clientele and members with their personal planning needs, please email info@nidus.ca for more information on fees and registration.

Website News

Congratulations to all of you at Nidus that work so hard to keep us up to date. I am very impressed with your web site and the information available regarding the most recent changes (Sept. 1). Thank you for making it accessible both for professionals who have the privilege of assisting others and for those who wish to make personal plans.

— Kim Sayer, Social Worker, Residential Care

Legal Forms

Nidus has prepared a set of standard legal forms for Representation Agreements. These forms are designed to meet the requirements of the Representation Agreement Act and are based on common set-ups and Nidus' hands-on expertise.

The instructions for signing and witnessing are included with the forms. After you complete your form, be sure to register it with the [Nidus Personal Planning Registry](#).

If the standard form does not fit your situation, Nidus can help you obtain a custom form.

To learn what is and is not covered by the standard forms and to review the available set-ups, [CLICK HERE](#).

Health Care Consent Fact Sheets

Nidus has completed two fact sheets on Health Care Consent. One fact sheet outlines the procedures for consent if you are determined incapable.

The other fact sheet provides additional information about consent and your rights as a 'capable' patient. Thank you to [Community Living B.C.](#) for its grant to help us produce this resource.

The following fact sheets are available in the Information Section of the website under Health Care Consent, at these links:

[Health Care Consent Fact Sheet — if you are incapable](#)

[Health Care Consent Your Rights and the Law](#)

Pathways Video

Which path will you take?



Health Care	Personal Care
Legal Affairs	Financial Affairs

Nidus has produced a video as an introduction to personal planning. Using John and Mary as an example, it walks you down the different paths that individuals can take in personal planning, depending on their life circumstances — for example, if you are planning for the future or need help today. Find out which legal document(s) they made as they followed their individual paths. [What is your Pathway to Personal Planning?](#) is available under the Self-Help Section of the Nidus website.

Thanks to the [Notary Foundation of B.C.](#) for the grant to provide this public legal education resource.

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Nidus in the news

Nidus will be participating in a 14 part series by *the Province* Newspaper called 'Boomerangst: What does the aging of the boomers mean to you, your family and your community?'

The series features a special resource site called: [bcseniorhelp.com](#). It will run from October 16th to 31st and will deal with numerous issues, including: transportation, housing, caregiving and the coming surge of Alzheimer's disease. Nidus will be answering questions on personal planning.

B.C.'s new Public Guardian and Trustee



Catherine Romanko has been appointed the new Public Guardian and Trustee of British Columbia after serving as the Deputy

Public Guardian and Trustee and Director of Legal Services since December 2001. Nidus congratulates Ms. Romanko on her new role and looks forward to continuing our working relationship with the Office of the Public Guardian and Trustee of B.C.

Jay Chalke, Former Public Guardian and Trustee, was appointed in August as Assistant Deputy Minister, Justice Services Branch, Ministry of Attorney General; we wish him well in his new position.

Representation Agreement named as one of the best policies in the world

The Representation Agreement Act of British Columbia will be presented at an upcoming conference to be jointly held by the [Essl Foundation](#) and the [World Future Council](#) in Vienna, Austria. A Scientific Advisory Board to the World Future Council — consisting of eleven leading European experts from the disability rights movement, academia, human institutions and foundations — has chosen the Representation Agreement Act as the best policy in the world for recognizing the right to support in personal decision making and avoiding guardianship. Our province's policy is unique in its recognition of the capacity of all people to direct their lives.



The World Future Council recognizes Nidus as the leading expert on the B.C. law and system, and as the organization which has been the main driver behind the creation of the Act. Nidus and the Representation Agreement will be featured in a Bulletin issued by the World Future Council and promoted as an example of best policies at the upcoming conference in January 2012, which Christine Gordon, Nidus' Board President (featured on left), has been invited to attend.

Support Nidus

As we strive to promote and facilitate personal planning for all British Columbians, Nidus also needs *your* help. As a small, non-profit, charitable organization, we are thrilled to be recognized worldwide as the leading experts on Representation Agreements. We want to share the benefits of that expertise with more people. With your help, Nidus will be able to improve access to personal planning resources. For example, Nidus is currently working hard to launch the new Personal Planning Registry online. If you can help, please make a donation to Nidus through [CanadaHelps.org](#). You will receive a tax receipt for your donation. Thank you, we appreciate your help and support.



You can also send your donation by cheque or money order to:
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- Nidus is a non-profit, charitable organization.
- Nidus is a Latin term for nest: a symbol of safety, support and self-development.

Other news

- Congratulations to the [Notary Foundation](#) on celebrating their 25th Anniversary.
- Congratulations to the [Community Legal Assistance Society \(CLAS\)](#) on celebrating their 40th Anniversary.
- The Jewish Seniors Alliance of Greater Vancouver will be hosting their fall symposium, "Seniors Care in Crisis?", on October 30th from 1:30 to 4:00pm. Visit their website for more information: www.jsalliance.org
- The [411 Seniors Centre](#) is looking for volunteers to fill positions for Reception and Information and Referral. For more information contact Jemma Templeton, 604.684.8171 ext 227 (Monday to Friday from 9:00am to 4:00pm).

Personal Planning:

[Pur-suh-nl plan-ing]

verb – the act of making one or more legal documents that authorize your personal supporters to help you manage your affairs or make decisions on your behalf if you need assistance due to illness, injury or disability:

Carla is gathering information about personal planning because she is aging and concerned about maintaining her independence.

Personal planning is different from estate planning in that personal planning is about making arrangements for while you are alive, whereas estate planning is about making arrangements for when you die.