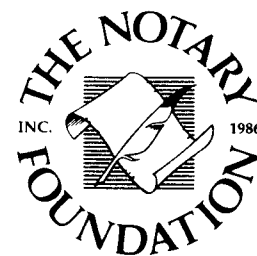


Larry Stevens *Skillfully Serves* The Society and His Community



Born in Vancouver, Larry Stevens grew up in the east end and North Burnaby.

He met his future wife Janice when they attended Burnaby North High School.

After high school, Larry joined a Canadian chartered bank and worked for eight years at branches in BC.

His mentor was his father-in-law, the late James L. Robinson Sr., a Notary Public for the District of Coquitlam and President of Brunette Agencies Ltd., a real estate and insurance agency.

One day in 1969, after Larry had expressed some dissatisfaction with his work at the bank, his father-in-law said, “Why don’t you quit that bank and come to work for me? I’ll give you \$100 a month raise.”

It took a few days of thought but, in accepting his offer, Larry and Janice say they made one of the best decisions of their young lives.

Larry became a conveyancer. He began to learn the real estate profession and spent the next seven years at night school and UBC, taking the Urban Land Economics course.

During that time, Larry expressed an interest in becoming a Notary Public, but was told there was no possibility of another Seal being placed in Coquitlam. One day in December 1976, his father-in-law, a member of The Society’s Board of Directors, called to say that the

Board would assign Larry a Seal in Port Coquitlam—if he could be ready to sit for the exams in four months. The rest, as they say, is history. Larry practised in Port Coquitlam until 1994.

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In 1994, wishing a slower pace, he transferred his Seal to Princeton. In 2001 their son, Lawrence E. Stevens Jr., became a Notary Public and took over Larry’s practice. Larry then transferred to Keremeos, where he continues to practise.

When asked to talk about the most satisfying aspect of his practice, Larry says it is the positive feedback and referrals that he receives from his clients—particularly when former clients’ offspring attend his

office because their parents recommended Larry for their conveyance work.

He served on the Board of Governors of the Notary Foundation from its inception until 1994 and again from 2003 to the present. He enjoys working on the Finance Committee to help maximize the income of the Foundation within a conservative portfolio of investments.

Although the highlight of Larry’s career is his 24 years of service on the Board of Directors of The Society of Notaries Public of BC, he is “most proud of seeing our son being sworn in as a Notary Public in 2001 and seeing him become a successful member.”

Through Larry’s involvement with the Foundation, he became involved with the Coquitlam Public Library Board and served as its Chair in 1993. At present, he is a member and Past President of Princeton Rotary Club and serves on the Board of Variance for the Town of Princeton, the Princeton General Hospital Foundation, and St. Paul’s United Church, Princeton.

Married for 42 years, Larry and Janice have worked together since Larry became a Notary Public; they have three adult children and four grandchildren. The couple enjoys golf, motorcycling, and travel in their motor home. During the Winter months, they spend a little time in the Palm Springs area.

“I look forward to continuing to serve The Society and the Foundation for some time to come,” says Larry. ▲