

# Camosun College

## School of Business Awards 2006

The BC Notaries and Notary Foundation of BC Award is presented to one or more students enrolled in the Camosun College Legal Office Assistant Program. The award celebrates academic excellence combined with demonstrated leadership abilities.



Victoria Notary William Brown presented awards to Samantha Hunt (left) and Carla Bridger.

## Capilano College

### Award Winner **Lynne Slessor:** *One Year Later*

One year ago, I was enrolled in my final semester of the 2-year Paralegal/Legal Assistant Diploma Program offered at Capilano College.

Following a 6-month practicum at MBM Intellectual Property Law LLP, I was hired as a paralegal in the firm's litigation department.

A "boutique" style firm, MBM specializes in intellectual property where the focus is protecting our clients' intellectual assets, including patents, trademarks, copyrights, and industrial designs.

My job entails tasks such as preparing court documents, file management, legal research, preparing documents for examinations for discovery, and much more. A good portion of my day is spent working with other paralegals and lawyers in the litigation department. I do, however, have some interaction with the patent and trademark agents at our firm.

Although our firm specializes in intellectual property, I often apply knowledge I obtained from other courses I took in the program. In addition to intellectual property law

and litigation procedures, occasionally I find the need to refer back to material learned in Torts, Corporate Procedures, Contract Law, Legal Research, and Legal Drafting, to name just a few courses that prepared me for my job as a paralegal.

I enjoy working at MBM for many reasons. Most important, the staff members are friendly and the office has a pleasant atmosphere. Our firm is modelled on a corporate structure that follows a business-based philosophy of providing quality service to our clients, while working as a team.

Our Vancouver office currently employs seven paralegals, all of whom have graduated from the Paralegal/Legal Assistant Program at Capilano College. When I started as a practicum student, it was comforting to know that the paralegals who were working there had been in my very shoes. They offered encouragement when I was learning something new.

Although I love a good challenge, I chose not to be employed while enrolled as a full-time student. I knew my course load would be intense. The



program was very demanding, which kept me driven to focus and succeed.

I was delighted to be chosen to receive an award from the Notary Foundation of BC in December 2005. I am appreciative of the money I received from the Foundation, which was helpful in paying my tuition fees in my final semester. I wish to thank the Notary Foundation for its assistance to me and for its ongoing support of the Paralegal/Legal Assistant Program at Capilano College.

Lynne Slessor