



## PROFILE OF A BC NOTARY: COQUITLAM

# Jim Robinson: Continuing BC Notaries' Tradition of Trust



**B**orn in New Westminster, I have spent my entire life living in the Lower Mainland.

After graduating from New Westminster Secondary School in 1968, I was hired by the Survey Department of the New Westminster Land Title Office.

I am very active in a number of sports. My great passions were skiing and tennis—and I gained a good degree of proficiency in both. During a game of flag football in 1967, I injured my left knee, which required surgery.

My dream had always been to join the RCMP. In 1972 my application was accepted and I travelled to Depot Division in Regina for basic training. Unfortunately, in self-defence class I re-injured my knee and was given a medical discharge.

When I got back home, my father, (the late) James L. Robinson Sr., asked if I would be interested in working in his Notary office with him and my brother-in-law Lawrence E. Stevens Sr. After consideration, I accepted his offer. I was able to apply much of the experience I had gained at the Land Title Office and soon obtained my real estate and insurance sales licences.

Following a few years as a conveyancer, I entered the BC Notary

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*From left, Keremeos Notary Lawrence Stevens Sr. with his wife Janice and her brother Jim. James Robinson, father of Janice and Jim, founded the Coquitlam Notary practice that Jim now operates. At right is Princeton Notary Larry Stevens Jr., son of Lawrence and Janice.*

education program and received my Notary Seal on October 18, 1982.

My father and brother-in-law were my mentors. It has been very rewarding to my family to have my father, my brother-in-law, my nephew Lawrence Stevens Jr., and myself as BC Notaries. My niece Lisa Stevens worked at The Society office and for me, and I am thrilled to have my daughter Jennifer with me in my office at this time.

My greatest pleasures in being a Notary Public include the ability to help people and the many great friendships I have developed over the years with my clients and associates. I attend regularly at the homes of people who are unable to visit my office and am on call at the local hospitals and Seniors homes in my community. I have always felt we should avail ourselves to those in need.

I currently enjoy memberships in many associations and clubs including the Rotary Club of Coquitlam; Tuscan Lodge (Masonry); Senior Choir at Como Lake United Church; Coquitlam Chorale Society; and the Vancouver Chapter of the Harley Owners Group. I like to golf and take my dog Sasha for walks. We also camp together.

I have been a member of the Coquitlam Chorale Society for over 12 years and travelled with the group to Ottawa in 2000 for UNISONG. We performed at the Parliament Buildings, the National Arts Centre, the National Art Gallery, and many other venues in our capital city.

Singing with the group gives real joy to my spirit, especially during times when things are not going as smoothly as I might wish they were.

I firmly believe The Society of Notaries Public of BC will continue to grow during this economic downturn and provide the public with the excellent service for which Notaries are known. ▲