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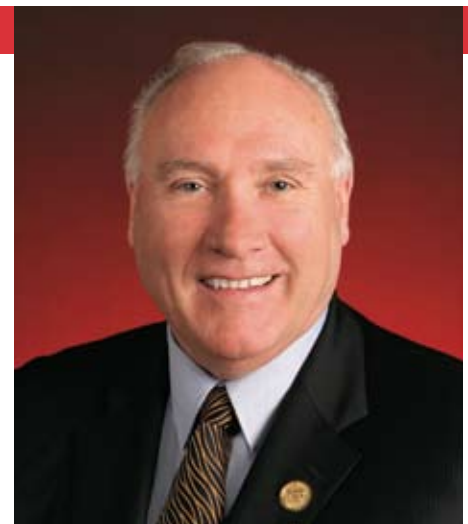


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# Vision, Value, and Verve

## W elcome to “Educating BC Notaries.”

The BC Notary Society has a history of assuring that education for new Notaries and current Notaries is a priority. Our focus is on developing professional members who will serve the public’s notarial needs capably and dependably.

As you will read in these pages, we are now in the first year of our new postgraduate program for training new Notaries at SFU. After nearly 5 years in the making, our Master of Arts in Applied Legal Studies (MAALS) will see its first graduates in 2010.

Our program never would have developed without the vision, the tenacity, and the guidance offered by SFU’s Dr. Rob Gordon.



I remember approaching Dr. G with the idea. I clearly recall his enthusiastic response. “Of course! Let’s get to work on this! Not only is this a good idea, we will have a lot of fun putting this together!”

He was right. What a lot of fun it has been!

In this issue, our Editor Val Wilson has done an excellent job

of presenting the people involved in this endeavour. You will meet many of the SFU faculty members and some of our administrators—and you’ll get a glimpse of what happens within the program.



Rick Evans, Bob Reid, and George Cadman

It really is a pleasure for us to feature our Board of Examiners in the Cover Story. Appointed by the Attorney General, these individuals are charged with the task each year of examining the students on their knowledge of our profession.

The *Notaries Act* sets out that each person who completes our education program and wishes to be commissioned as a Notary in British Columbia must be examined on the duties of a professional Notary.

Legislation defines the various subjects on which our students are to be examined, which include Contracts; Wills and Trusts; Property; Notarial Procedure (General); Notarial Procedure (statutes); and Conveyancing and Practice.

Each examiner must prepare an exam that covers the topic areas stipulated in the statute. Every year, our Notary students write 6 examinations: 2 each day for 3 days. That’s always a stressful time for the students and the examiners.

We are most fortunate to have three dedicated and talented examiners who contribute greatly to our new Notaries’ education and who are committed to meeting the statutory requirements.

Unfortunately, we are now saying farewell to our “Professor Bob Reid” who has decided to retire. A dedicated and capable educator, examiner, and mentor for literally hundreds of our Society’s members, Bob has been teaching our Notary students and setting exams for over 20 years.

Fortunately, Bob’s service to BC Notaries will long be remembered. We trust he will attend our Installation and Awards Luncheons to present the annual Bob Reid Award in Property Law for many years to come. ▲