



## 25th Anniversary *of the Opening of the* **Centre for Education, Law, and Society**

**T**he Centre for Education, Law, and Society is a research centre at Simon Fraser University's Faculty of Education.

The Centre improves the legal literacy of children and young adults through a program of teaching, curriculum development, research, and community initiatives. The BC Notaries Foundation was one of the Centre's donors instrumental in establishing the Centre's founding endowment.

The Centre for Education, Law, and Society (CELS) was established in 1984 and given formal approval by the Board of Governors in 1994.

Its central purpose is to improve the legal literacy of children and young adults through a program of teaching, curriculum development, research, and community initiatives. Law-related education encompasses an understanding of law, its role in society and its impact on the individual; the relationship of law, its

role in society, and its impact on the individual; the relationship between law and citizenship, issues relating to social justice, and fundamental human rights, conflict and dispute resolution; and school law, policies procedures, and culture.

CELS works primarily with teachers and prospective teachers, school administrators, and educational and legal organizations to help fulfill its mandate. Projects range in scope from research into social responsibility and benefits, to consultation with a school for "at risk," court-referred youth, to conferences on topical legal issues. Projects vary from year to year, depending on identified needs, the Centre's priorities, and funding.

The Foundation was acknowledged by Wanda Cassidy, PhD, Director of CELS, and Dean of Education Paul Shaker, PhD, at a recent ceremony celebrating the 25th Anniversary of the opening of the Centre. ▲



*Paul Shaker*



*From left: Wayne Robertson, Executive Director of the Law Foundation of BC; Daphne Morrison, Program Director of the Law Foundation of BC; Tim Pringle, Executive Director of the Real Estate Foundation of BC; and Wayne Braid, Secretary and Executive Director of The Society of Notaries Public of BC and Executive Officer of the Notary Foundation*