

shadow—observe the day-to-day activities of Phyllis and her staff as they helped clients. Senad says he found that experience really helpful.

Even though a Notary Seal was not available in Vernon, he took the final notarial exams. His plan was to move to Vancouver to take a Seal there, if he could not find one close to the area where he and his family were living.

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***Dispute among different parts of the former Yugoslavia, intolerance, and civil war brought difficult times for Senad's family.***

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Senad received another significant phone call, this time from Armstrong Notary Daniel McKenzie, who was planning to retire. The two made arrangements; Senad started taking over Daniel's practice May 1, 2001, in the District of Armstrong/Spallumcheen.

Senad is glad he stayed in this community—the community that invested its support and help to him and his family. Although he lives in Vernon, which is 25 km from Armstrong, he spends most of the time in Armstrong, a small and friendly city. Along every street, he sees familiar faces. Senad feels at home in Armstrong.

The beautiful Okanagan Valley, where Armstrong sits, gives opportunities for various outdoor activities all year around. Senad enjoys taking long walks in local parks, swimming in the lakes, and playing tennis with his daughter Sanda. This winter his family is planning to do some cross-country skiing.

Music is Senad's other passion. He used to be a DJ in his high school. His collection of records, tapes, and CDs spans classical to rock music.

Senad enjoys each day working in his Notary office. Every day brings

something new . . . a new acquaintance, a new challenge. For him, the most rewarding aspect of being a Notary is to see a satisfied client.

"A client can feel right away if we are honest and sincere," says Senad. "There is no such term as a 'difficult' client. We create them if we are too busy meeting all kinds of deadlines. By listening and having patience, many problems can be solved; most are not at all related to the business part of our contact with our clients."

Senad has offered his help to the Vernon and District Immigrant Services Society. He is also involved in an innovative program called BC Internationally Trained Professionals Network, which is funded by the Department of Canadian Heritage through the federal Voluntary Sector Initiative. The Vernon and District Immigrant Services takes part in this program. The goal of this initiative is to lobby governments and regulatory bodies to consider their policies in terms of immigrants. Those interested may access their Website through [www.bcitp.net](http://www.bcitp.net).

Even before starting his notarial practice and especially now, Senad offered assistance to people with legal issues in the area of former Yugoslavia. Giving the right advice and having the right connections can solve a lot of problems. As a BC Notary, he is able to create documents in his own language (Powers of Attorney, affidavits, etc.), and do notarizations.

Senad married in 1990 and his daughter was born in 1991. His sister is an agrologist in Kelowna, a town fairly close to Armstrong.

The most important aspect of Senad's life is the well-being of his family with whom he spends a large part of his free time. They like to travel to see different places. Until now their visits have been inside Canada, except for one trip back to the "old country." They are planning some international travel, as well. They have friends and relatives all over the world. Finding time to do everything is always the challenge. ▲

## Editor's

The magazine appreciates the ongoing and always interesting contributions of **Dr. Bernard Hoeter**, a former Secretary of The Society of Notaries Public.

FYI: in his Spring 2003 article (Vol. 12, No. 1, page 15), the typo gremlins changed a word. This sentence is correct: "The word 'mentor' originates from Greek *mythology*."

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### Marine Matters



Daniel McKenzie

Powell River Notary **Leanne Rebantad**, Associate Member of UINL, is our Cover Story personality for the first issue of the New Year. The editorial is shaping up nicely, with articles on the *Streams Act*, foreshore leases, and delivery of offshore yachts.

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