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Leta Best: Enjoying the Challenge of Work Well Done

Upgrading her skills has always been a high priority for Leta Best.

She has been active in the accounting field for 36 years and passed her exams to become a BC Notary in 1976. Self-employed since 1968, Leta devotes her time to directing and managing her two legal services corporations, Frank L. Kitto Registry Services and Leta Best Notary Public.

Leta was the first woman to establish her own Notary practice in Victoria. Since 1998, she has been practising with Notary Sabrina Hanousek. It is interesting to note that of the approximate number of 300 BC Notaries, 58 percent are women.

Always taking the time to give back to her community, Leta has devoted her expertise to the United Way of Victoria for many years. She is actively involved in Zonta, an international association whose local chapters are dedicated to

helping women better themselves and find job opportunities.

Leta is a member of the Status of Women Committee of the Zonta Club of Victoria where she has been a member since 1981. She also held the office of Zonta President for two terms. In Zonta International, she has served as Area Vice Director, Lieutenant Governor, Governor, International Director, and International Chair of Public Relations and Communications.

Leta is also a Trustee for the BC Land Surveyors Foundation.

She has received the Canadian Woman Entrepreneur of the Year: First Place for BC in the category of Lifetime Achievement. To be eligible for this award, you must be in business for at least 20 years and be a beacon for others to follow. Leta certainly qualifies on both counts.

She currently serves as a Governor of The Notary Foundation, President of The Society of Notaries Public of British Columbia, and a Director on The Society Board; she has chaired the Education, Membership, Finance, Research and Development, and Magazine Committees.

Leta has two children. Gary, 35, is married with three children. Elizabeth, 34, works in Chicago for a software company. She is part of a team that maintains virtual library data bases for 1200 Web-based library systems.

Leta works hard to succeed in all of her endeavours. She provides a strong role model for the young women of today. ▲

