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Behind the Scenes

Welcome, members of the BC Association of the Appraisal Institute of Canada. Each quarter, you will receive a copy of *The Scrivener*, compliments of The Society of Notaries Public of BC.



Many thanks to our dynamic Cover Story personality, Dr. Rob Gordon, Director of SFU's School of Criminology, for facilitating the theme articles his faculty members have kindly written for this issue of *The Scrivener*.

At the recent Elder Law conference in Vancouver, I chatted with seniors' advocate Pearl McKenzie* who has served on federal and provincial task groups on violence against women and the Health Care and Care Facility Review Board. A founding member of BC CEAS (BC Coalition to Eliminate Abuse of Seniors), she was on the Joint Government/Community Working Committee that met for 3 years to develop recommendations for the adult guardianship legislation.

I asked Pearl to share her professional impressions of Dr. Gordon.

I think very highly of Rob. He is a genuinely good person and a lot of fun to work with. I met him in 1986, at the first elder abuse forum in BC to focus on legal and advocacy issues. He has been a generous friend and teacher—answering my questions and introducing me to people who have helped me in my work.



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Rob has earned an international reputation for his work on adult guardianship legislation, crime, and young offenders—but not too many people know how supportive he is of frontline workers. He has encouraged and supported many others who work with seniors. In this way, Rob quietly improves services and makes a real difference in the quality of life for many older people in British Columbia.



In this issue, *CSI aficionados* will be fascinated by the work of forensic entomologist Dr. Gail Anderson—real-life counterpart to “Bug Guy” Gil Grissom—in the \$34-million Centre for Forensic Research at SFU.



Special thanks to Arvin Asadi for his outstanding images of the SFU campus. His excellent article reveals the School of Criminology from the student side.



And we are delighted to have the venerable private investigator Ozzie Kaban join us as a contributing author to “Beyond *CSI*.” ▲

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