

On The Front Cover

Jack J. Huberman has been the Executive Director of the Continuing Legal Education Society of British Columbia for the past six years. He was born and raised in Calgary, but came to Vancouver in time to attend King Edward High School before it burned down. He has been setting fires in education ever since.

His first career choice was clinical psychology, and he completed a Bachelor's and a Master's degree in that field at U.B.C. After one summer as a psychology intern at what was then known as Essondale, Jack decided he would be better off in law school, which he finished in 1966, having gone through the rather unusual experience of twice having his brother as a teacher. Brother David gave up teaching soon afterwards.

Jack practised law with Meredith and Company for five years (having articulated there), and then for varying periods with Robson, Alexander and Guest, with Shrum, Liddle, and on his own. His preference was for solicitor's work, but he did have the pleasure of one Supreme Court trial — a 12 day battle before (and sometimes with) Gregory J. Despite his ultimate success, Jack has stayed clear of the courtroom ever since.

Jack has always been very active in Bar affairs. He was a founding member of the Professional Services Committee of the B.C. Branch (now called the Members' Services Committee), and served also on the Joint Legal Support Services Committee, and the Public Legal Education Committee. He is a past Secretary of the Business Law section, and chaired the Law Office Management Section. He has also served on the CBA National Law Office Management Committee, the National CLE Committee, and the Curriculum Committees of both B.C. law schools.

Jack is highly regarded by the CLE community both in Canada and the United States. He is currently on the Executive Committee of the Association of Continuing Legal Education Administrators (the principal association for CLE professionals in North America). One of the reasons for the outstanding achievements of CLE in British Columbia under Jack's leadership has been his desire to find the best, most innovative ideas from the major CLE providers in North America and then adapt them for use here.

Jack lives in Vancouver, and with his wife Evelyn, raises three young girls. He is also on the Executive of the Shaughnessy School Consultative Committee, chairs the school board of the Beth Israel Hebrew School, and spent eight years on the Board of Directors of the Jewish Community Centre.

When Jack became Executive Director in 1979, CLE was housed on the UBC campus. There were seven employees, no switchboard, and a book storage room in a closet under the stairs. Times have changed: there are now thirty employees, scores of courses each year, and thousands of registrants, and Jack thrives on the corresponding challenge of combining law, education and business management. The bar of British Columbia enjoys an excellent CLE program — one that clearly bears the mark of this dedicated servant.