

New Treasurer

Robert M. Dick, Q.C.

Robert Martin Dick, Q.C. was born in Vernon, B.C. many more years ago than he cares to admit. He spent his childhood in Vernon and graduated from Vernon Senior High School before heading off to UBC for his B.A. and L.L.B. While at UBC Bob met and married Maureen Dilworth and that union produced two children, Robert Dilworth Dick, now 25 and Katherine Grace Dick, now 22. Maureen convinced Bob that Prince George would be a good place to raise children and make a lot of money. She was partly right. His kids are good kids. Bob articulated at Wilson, King & Company in Prince George and was called to the Bar in 1967. He practised at Wilson King & Company continuously from 1967 until 1983 when he became a Bencher. Although his name is still on his office door his partners have taken to calling him "Bob Who".

From his earliest days in law Bob has been very active (one might say "hyperactive") in civic and professional affairs. His Curriculum Vitae includes 26 different organizations which have had the benefit of his boundless energy. Most of these have had the good fortune of having Bob serve them in an executive capacity. He was, for example, a founding Director of the UBC Law School Alumni Association, a founding director of the Prince George Oldtimers Hockey Association, Chairman of the Design Advisory board for the City of Prince George, and Prince George City Solicitor. For many years he has been heavily involved in the affairs of the Law Society and the Canadian Bar Association, details of which are reported below.

Despite his hectic schedule Bob still enjoys time for leisure activity. He is an avid golfer and has made the pilgrimage to St. Andrews. The calibre of his game however is such that he felt the need to attend a golf school in Arizona last winter. It didn't help and he continues to use his high handicap to fleece his opponents. Bob seldom has to buy the drinks. He scored a hole-in-one a couple of years ago and won a trip for two anywhere in CP Air's (as it then was) world. Bob and Maureen flew to Hong Kong for dinner and breakfast and then came home.

"Doctor Hook" as he is known also plays a pretty **mean** game as a defenseman in the Prince George Oldtimers Hockey League. He has removed the palms of his hockey gloves to make it easier to hold opposing players without being detected. Although he lines up on defence Bob spends most of the time hanging around the opposition blue line hoping his goalie will stop the two-on-one and pass him the puck. He now wears his ankle protectors backwards so that it hurts less when he is hacked by his own goalie on those rare occasions when he skates near his goal.

Bob still manages to find time for his family. Both of Bob's children now live in Vancouver and he is able to see them frequently since he now spends more time in

Vancouver than in Prince George. Maureen is very active in Sweet Adelines and Bob is her biggest booster. Some time ago, at Bob's urging several of his partners reluctantly agreed to attend a Sweet Adelines concert. At the end of the evening they were calling for encores. Maureen also travels extensively with Sweet Adelines and as a result Bob and Maureen meet each other at the Vancouver Airport more often than they meet at home.

Although his partners will continue to miss Bob they are heartened by the knowledge that this is his final year in the big City.

C.T.F. Hughes

The Big City

As a person who has worked with Bob Dick and witnessed his years of service to the bar outside his home town, I was asked to supplement this article with a view of that part of your new Treasurer's career. I was astonished to learn that Bob actually finds time to do things in Prince George. Most of us thought he maintained his principal residence in Vancouver and only travelled to Prince George to make money.

Long ago Bob decided there was more to practising law than client development so he decided to get involved in his local bar association. He ended up as President of the Caribou Bar Association. Once bitten he was consumed by a lust for a service to the profession.

Realizing that Prince George was not really the centre of the province, he successfully sought election to the Provincial Council of the Canadian Bar Association where he served for the maximum term of six years. He took an active role in the CBA subsections (becoming the chairman of the Professional Services Committee) and was elected to the Executive Committee for three years.

Having exhausted this method of depriving his firm of billable hours, Bob became a Bencher for the Country of Caribou in January 1983.

Upon becoming a Bencher, he became involved in many committees including the Committee to Amend the Supreme Court Rules, the specialization Committee, the Planning and Professional Services Committee, the Law Society's Centenary Committee and the Finance Committee, to name just a few.

He was the chairman of the Insurance Committee and steered the Law Society through the turmoil of the insurance crisis. Once he had resolved this problem, he took on the chairmanship of the Professional Standards Committee. As well he has been a member of the Law Society's Executive Committee for many years and latterly, the Treasurer's Committee.

Not being satisfied with his Law Society contribution, he also found time to serve a number of terms as a Governor of the Law Foundation and as a fund raiser for the Angelo Branca Memorial Fund and the CBA's Law for the Future Fund. He was a founding director and continues to be an active Executive Committee member of the UBC Law School Alumni Association.

Some who do not know him well describe Bob as being a very picky person. This is not true: he is merely a perfectionist, as any Bencher or Law Society employee who has had the misfortune of dropping a participle or misplacing a modifier will tell you.

Bob is one of the few solicitors who have served as a Bencher in recent times. Evidence of his drafting skills and attention to detail can be found in almost every document approved by the Benchers since 1982.