

New Treasurer

B. W. F. McLoughlin, Q.C.

Brian William Ferriman McLoughlin was born October 4, 1927 in Victoria. He attended St. Michael's School and Oak Bay High School where it is reputed he lost some of his innocence and most of his hair.

After graduating from U.B.C. Law School he articulated with Lawrence & Shaw where he has remained since his pre-Sputnik call to the Bar in 1950.

In 1970, when he was 43 and many of his contemporaries were staving off ulcers, nervous exhaustion and mid-life crises, Brian took up high-speed formula auto racing. He began with Formula V, winning a championship in Edmonton in October, 1972 after he and his wife chipped ice from the frozen track. He progressed to Formula Ford, and then to the much larger and faster Formula Atlantic which he raced until a serious crash in 1982 left him hobbling around the courts on a variety of crutches and canes. His partners and his insurance company have been breathing sighs of relief since he abandoned his racing career.

During Brian's racing days, it is said that he hired articulated students on the basis that they would attend every Saturday (Bar admission exam days excepted) at the race track with a stopwatch acting as "corner man" during practice runs.

As one of Vancouver's leading counsel, Brian is known as being highly competent, aggressive and stubborn. Apparently he was aggressive and stubborn even before he became competent.

The story is told that one of his partners, who was filling in for Brian during a vacation, had occasion to telephone opposing counsel. The poor fellow on the other side informed the partner that he had referred the case to another lawyer and was disposing of his practice to go into another line of work. He said that life was too short if all he had to look forward to was "stubborn, unrelenting bulldogs" (or words to that effect) like McLoughlin.

We hasten to add that Brian's professional attributes are tempered by gentlemanly grace and impish good humor (and it is as often as not directed at himself).

Those who have practised with Brian at Lawrence & Shaw (where he is referred to affectionately as "Big Mac") are familiar with his insistence on high ethical standards and proper decorum. He is a firm believer in black shoes *and* socks in Court, and has gone to great lengths to keep the faith. On the rare days when Brian has come unprepared, many an unsuspecting associate and the odd partner had been stripped of their black shoes and socks at 9:50 a.m. and left to cool their heels, as it were, until Brian's return at the end of the day.

Despite the date of his birth, Brian steadfastly insists that he is 49, relying on the deeming provision in the Statute of Benny, 12 Geo. VI, Chapter 1. At this young age

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he has accomplished much. He has been a Bencher since 1973, sitting as Chairman and member of a myriad of committees. He has been active on committees of the Canadian Bar Association. Outside the legal arena he has served as president of both the B.C. and Canadian Cerebral Palsy Associations.

Brian is proud of his profession and respectful of the duties of lawyers to society and actively discharges those duties.

When he is not racing cars, practising law or being a Bencher, he retreats with his family to property near Comox where he raises filberts. The nearest telephone is at a filling station on the highway. During these periods, clients and colleagues trying to contact him are politely told that Brian cannot be reached because he is at the Nut Farm.

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