

On the Front Cover

Bruce I. Cohen, Q.C.

by J. J. Camp

Bruce waited until 1940 to be born, knowing that in 1986 he would become the youngest Treasurer of the Law Society of British Columbia. He embraced Judaism at birth knowing it would make him the first Treasurer of Jewish persuasion, notwithstanding any claim by Harry Rankin, Q.C. Finally, having arranged for his hair to turn prematurely grey at twenty-nine, Bruce gave himself plenty of time to perfect the "Treasurer's Look".

He took his schooling in Vancouver and at U.B.C. In 1966 he obtained his LL.M. from the University of California at Berkley.

He was articled to the late George S. Clark at Ladner Downs and, for his sins, has become permanently ensconced at that firm. His election to Treasurer coincides with the firm's 75th anniversary. At Ladner Downs he is known, as elsewhere, for an unusual combination of diplomacy in expression and unequivocality in judgment.

Bruce has maintained a very active practice in addition to, over the years, administering or ministering to Ladner Downs, the Law Library Foundation, the Legal Education and Training Section of the Canadian Bar Association, the Bar Admission Course, the Professional Legal Training Course and the Continuing Legal Education Society. He has been a Bencher since 1977. As well, he has been a part-time instructor at U.B.C. Law School. Fearing loss of readership, I will not attempt to encapsulate the myriad of special endeavours within the legal fraternity which have benefited from Bruce's involvement.

Outside the legal community, Bruce has acted as President of the Cerebral Palsy Association of British Columbia, and President of the B.C. Branch of the Community Planning Association of Canada. He has also served on the U.B.C. Alumni Association Board of Management and the U.B.C. Law School Alumni Association. He has for many years been on the Board and the Executive of the Beth Israel Synagogue.

Bruce is peripatetic. He can be seen, usually late at night, roaming the sidewalks within a five mile radius of his home in Shaughnessy.

Bruce married Cecille some years ago. Their daughter, Lori, is in third year at U.B.C., their daughter Tracey is in 1st year at the University of Toronto, and their son Kevin is at Eric Hamber High School.

He needs our best wishes and support for perhaps his biggest endeavour to date, being Treasurer of the Law Society for 1986.