

Kamloops Bar, no doubt will prove to be, in light of Justice Hunter's dignity and ability, a most worthy one. It will ensure, in no small degree, the continuing development of the common law in British Columbia.

We, the members of the firm whence Mr. Justice Hunter was appointed, Fulton & Co., are very proud of him and do miss him very much, and will continue to miss him. Good bye to Justice Hunter as a partner and fellow practitioner but welcome to Justice Hunter as a Supreme Court Judge, now one of the many Justices in the free world who form the bastion of our democratic processes.



The Honourable Madam
Justice Mary Saunders

Mary Saunders, Q.C., is one of the new appointees to the Supreme Court of British Columbia. Although born in Vancouver and appointed to the Bench from the Vancouver firm of Campney & Murphy, her character was formed by her upbringing and schooling in Valemont and Merritt; her soul belongs to the interior of the province. She continues to travel back to Nicola Lake where her mother maintains a home and to Kamloops where her brother and his family reside. In fact, Mary was one of the boosters of the Coquillaha Highway to Merritt.

Mary arrived back in Vancouver with her curling brooms to attend the University of British Columbia obtaining her first bachelors degree from the Faculty of Science majoring in mathematics and economics. What the world of science lost, law gained when Mary realized that her gift of being able to have the final word made her a better candidate for the law and she enrolled in the Faculty of Law at U.B.C. Mary established many close and lasting friendships amongst her classmates in her first year section in 1971/72. There exists a not overly flattering photograph of the members of that section taken with Professor Peter Burns, as he then was. Although many of the individuals in this photograph have carved out distinguished careers in the legal profession, none has done so more than Mary. During the three years at law school what astounded her classmates was her ability to achieve top marks [graduating 15th out of a class of 184] without taking any notes. She easily grasped legal concepts and quickly assimilated and understood the issues - all from listening to the lectures. Although some of us still believe she was actually planning strategy for the UBC rink she skipped.

After graduating in 1974, Mary sought a broad range of experience at the Bar. She completed articles, at Farris, Vaughn, Wills & Murphy and after practising with the firm, she went on to Barbeau McKercher as it then was, then to Ladner Downs and finally to Campney & Murphy. At the time of her appointment to the Bench she was practising in the fields of labour and education law and had earned a well-respected reputation in her fields of expertise among the members of the Bar and the industry.

One aspect of her practice and life was that she always was busy; her good nature always had her taking on more commitments than could realistically be done in the time allowed. As a result she was always ten minutes late for appointments; friends and

clients adjusted their clocks accordingly. But Mary was already to take on another good cause. She gave amply of her time to a variety of community and professional tasks and endeavors. She was a member of the British Columbia Police Commission and served on two Royal Commissions of Inquiry into police matters – the Michael Jacobsen and Matsqui R.C.M.P. External Review Committee and served as a member of the Justice Institute. In 1986 she was appointed to the Industrial Inquiry Commission on Forestry and served as a member of the Premier's Council on Native Affairs. Moreover, Mary found time to be instrumental in the formation of the International Foundation of the Arts, an umbrella charity organization which funded four different performing arts associations.

All her activities left little time for tending the roses and garden at her home in West Vancouver. Her friends still wait in vain for the house-warming party Mary promises each year to celebrate the purchase of her house. But Mary remains in close touch with her friends and her family, her mother, her brother, sister-in-law and especially her niece Avery. The judiciary of B.C. has gained a valuable new addition from the UBC Law Class of '74 – Mary joins on the bench fellow classmates, Madame Justices Jo-Ann Prowse, Mary Ellen Boyd and Mary Newbury, and his Honour Judge Schmidt. Mary will bring the same degree of devotion and dedication to being a judge as she expended on her career at the Bar. Her friends wish her well.



The Honourable Mr. Justice
David Vickers

Mr. Justice David Vickers was welcomed to the Supreme Court of British Columbia by a large gathering of friends, family and members of the Judiciary on Friday, January 17, 1992, at Vancouver. A career of almost 32 years of practice and dedicated public service had culminated in an appointment which was universally welcomed.

David Herbert Vickers was born in Montreal, Quebec, on October 14, 1934. His father was employed as a machinist at the giant CPR Angus Machine Shops, until illness forced his early retirement in the mid '40s. His mother worked for the old Red Feather Appeal until 1957, when she and her husband migrated west to British Columbia. David and his new bride, Patricia, were already here, having moved soon after their marriage in 1956.

In those early days in his neighbourhood, economic necessity dictated that most of the local youth, many of whom were third generation Quebecois, should quit school as soon as possible and go to work at Angus, and David is fond of recalling that he was one of only two of his Grade 7 classmates that went on to finish High School.

His first University endeavours were less than successful, however, and he dropped out of the BSc program at McGill after two years. Following a brief stint repairing business machines and working as a claims clerk for a major insurance company, he returned to night courses at Sir George Williams, and earned his BA in English in 1956.

His appetite was whetted for the cut and thrust of public life during those days of Maurice Duplessis' reign. He was active in the campus CCF Club (of which his wife to