

Meet the Board of Governors: Susan Davis

Born in Williams Lake, Susan spent her childhood with her seven siblings in a sawmill camp near 100 Mile House.

In her teens, her family moved to Vanderhoof, where she graduated from high school.

Living in Sidney, BC, after marrying and having two children, fate decided Susan should become a Notary Public. Having a number of years' experience working in law offices and a BC Notary office, she made application to The Society of Notaries Public to take the educational program.

At the time she was studying to become a Notary, Susan was introduced to Laurie Salvador, who would become her long-time business partner. Susan wrote her Statutory Examinations in 1986, achieving the highest marks in the province, which made her the first recipient of the coveted Dr. Bernard Hoeter award.

In June 1986, Susan and Laurie formed a partnership in Sidney. Together they built up a practice that is very respected in the community—and very busy. In 2000, Susan sold her interest in

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the partnership to Lisa Ehrlich, who now practises with Laurie. Currently a Roving Notary, Susan is based in her home office.

Susan's community involvement has evolved over the years. When her children were young, she was involved in their pursuits, from taking part in a cooperative preschool to being a Beaver and Cub leader and serving on various committees related to her children's sports activities—as well as volunteering as a timer at swim meets, running a concession at rowing regattas, etc.



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Susan and her husband Dan enjoy their two wonderful grandsons, their family and friends, travelling (their destination list is lengthy!), motorcycling, and gardening. ▲

Festive *Tomato* Soup



Ester Chiu

Ingredients

1 can (1.36 litres) pure tomato juice
6 cloves fresh garlic, minced
1 tablespoon margarine or butter
15 whole canned mushrooms, sliced
1/2 cup milk
3 tablespoons sugar
1 bunch fresh parsley or cilantro, diced
Gin (to taste)

Directions

Sauté garlic in margarine or butter.

Add sliced mushrooms.

Pour in tomato juice; simmer to a boil.

Add sugar, milk, and parsley; simmer another 5 minutes or so.

Before serving, add a small amount of gin (depending on your taste).



The 12-member Board of Governors of the Notary Foundation of BC is comprised of:

- eight members of the Board of Directors of The Society of Notaries Public of BC;
- one representative from the Attorney General's office in Victoria;
- two Directors-at-Large, appointed by the Attorney General; and
- the Executive Officer.

The eight members from The Society are elected by the Directors of The Society from among their ranks, for a three-year period.

Current Governors

Leta C. Best: Chair

William G. Anderson

Susan Davis

Christopher W. Dupuis

Laurie Salvador

Ken Sherk

Larry Stevens Sr.

George J. Tanco

Robert Adamson: AG's representative

Jennifer L. Harry: Director-at-Large

Eleanor Sleath: Director-at-Large

The Governors of the Foundation have the responsibility of guiding the Foundation in its mandate to disperse the funds generated by interest on Notaries' Trust Accounts for the following purposes.

1. Legal education
2. Legal research
3. Legal aid
4. Education and continuing education for Notaries and applicants who have enrolled to become BC Notaries
5. Establishing, operating, and maintaining law libraries in BC
6. Contributions to the special fund established under the *Notaries Act of BC*

G. W. (Wayne) Braid, Executive Officer of the Foundation, is responsible for administration of the office, staff, and the diverse investment funds of the Foundation.

The Board of Governors meets quarterly to consider applications for funding from various organizations and to set policy, review the Foundation's financial status, and provide direction for the administration of the Foundation.

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10 MILLION

8 MILLION

6 MILLION

4 MILLION

2 MILLION



* Contribution to date from the Notary Foundation of BC to the Legal Aid Society of BC.

Source: Interest earned from Notaries' trust accounts (the Notaries Act of BC)