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Kamloops lawyers recognized

Fred Kaatz and David Dundee receive awards



Joy-Ann Lee photo
Fred Kaatz (left) receives his
award from LSS Board member
David Crossin, QC

Fred Kaatz

Fred was born in Winnipeg and grew up in Beausejour, Manitoba. He joined the RCMP at age 18 and was a member from 1960 to 1966, during which time he was a member of the Musical Ride for 2 years.

After leaving the RCMP, he attended Mount Royal College in Calgary to obtain his university entrance. He then completed an undergraduate degree at SFU, and his law degree at UBC in 1972. He articulated with Long Miller Falconer & Long in Vancouver and was called to the bar in 1973. In 1974, Fred moved to Kamloops and joined the Crown office. From 1975 to 1999 he was a partner at Mair Jensen Blair. Since then he has been a sole practitioner.

Most of Fred's practice is in criminal law. He spent a number of years with the provincial Crown office and approximately 10 years as Standing Agent for the AG of Canada. He has been doing criminal defense work for the past 20 years. He also does some civil litigation, forest practices law, school law, environmental law, labour law and coroner's counsel work. On average, he handles about 75 to 100 legal aid files per year.

In 1965, Fred married Pat and they have two sons and one grandchild. His wife is an RN who is actively involved in the community, having served on the school, hospital, Kamloops Symphony, and art gallery boards, as well as city counsel for a number of terms.

Fred says his involvement with Pat's community experience was, and for the most part still is, merely peripheral as escort and "errand boy."



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David Dundee (left) receives his award from LSS Board member Larry Goble.

David Dundee

David Dundee was born in Regina, Saskatchewan, raised in Kitimat, and educated in Toronto and Vancouver.

He received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Honours English in 1978 and a Bachelor of Laws degree in 1981, both from UBC. David was called to the bar in 1982 in Vancouver. Since then, he has practiced family law—exclusively so for the last 14 years. He is also a family law mediator.

Before coming to Kamloops in 1994, David had a general law practice in Prince Rupert. He now practices with Paul & Company, a small firm of 4 lawyers, all of whom do family law and two of whom are also family law mediators.

David has been chair of the Kamloops Family Law Subsection of the CBA, BC Branch for 7 years. He serves as chair of the CBABC *Family Relations Act* Review working group. He is a member of one other task force and three CBABC committees, including the Legal Aid Committee. He has contributed to the Continuing Legal Education Society, once as co-chair, twice as presenter, and has acted as contributing editor for the CLE Family Practice Manual. He has also volunteered for the Salvation Army pro bono legal advice program.

David believes legal aid is essential to the operation of a fair and democratic justice system.