



Remembering
Neil Matheson, QC
1940 – 2020

Neil started with Harper Grey in 1967 and practiced at the firm for more than 50 years.

Over the years Neil's litigation practice covered virtually every area of the law (sometimes over the course of one week!). In his early days, it was not unusual for Neil to handle a motor vehicle trial in the morning, a family dispute in the afternoon and be seen in criminal court the next day. Later in his career, Neil's experience and skills were sought in some of the province's most complex cases in the areas of construction, engineering and aviation law.

Neil was a gifted legal strategist and feared trial advocate; few could match his legal cunning and cross-examination skills. In 2008 he was bestowed the honorary title of Queen's Counsel, recognizing his exceptional legal skills and contributions to the legal profession.

Neil was a quiet man who led by great example. While a private person by nature, Neil was a source of strength for many, both inside and outside the firm, as a leader, advisor, mentor and friend. Many counsel and judges remember Neil as a kind and patient mentor. Neil was also an avid member of the Vancouver Gyro Club where he served two years as President, as well as serving as Governor of District 4 of Gyro International from 2004 to 2005.

Our firm owes much to Neil. He was part of a small group, including Harvey J. Grey QC, Arthur M. Harper QC and Donald Easton, who were instrumental in establishing "Harper Grey" as one of the province's preeminent law firms. Neil played a key role in building our firm and his influence continues.

Our thoughts are with his wife Susan, daughters Catherine and Gillian, extended family and friends.

Thank you Neil, we will miss you.